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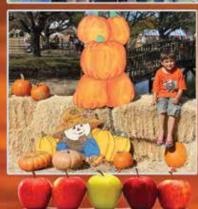
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Phil Houseal

Hye Cider

Hye, Texas is growing up. The sleepy one-block town on Hwy 290 between Fredericksburg and Johnson City has awakened to a lot of growth in the past few years with vineyards starting to pop up around the town. The latest addition to Hye's growth is Hye Cider. Phil has the scoop on one of America's favorite traditional beverages.



Betty Sharp Losing Things Good and Bad

Ever wonder where your cell phone is hiding? Perhaps that other sock when doing laundry? We have filled our lives with the accouterments of a technological life but still have to use our primitive wetware (brains) to remember where we put it all. It's going to get way beyond tying a string around your finger.

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Allyce's Attic Shouda Been a Cowboy

So what constitutes a "real" cowboy? Its a tough question these days with the Nashville "hats of the week" producing artists from Pennsylvania that wear a hat, try to affect a country accent and have never ridden a horse. Of course Hill Country residents know what real cowboys are and it takes more than a hat, a drawl and pickup truck to make the cut.



Dana Armitstead

LatinX- Passport to a Brighter Future

LatinX is an outreach program that seeks to educate children using role models of scientists, writers, doctors - even Supreme Court Justices. Using a program both innovative and fun, LatinX introduces children to the tools that can bring about a bright and more prosperous future. Dana Armitstead, Joyce Humble, and Jeanette Ruark tell us what is coming up.



Joe Herring The Immigrant's Gift

Immigration's a hot topic these days and Joe reminds us that every community in Texas at one time was founded and built by immigrants. In Kerrville, we were particularly lucky to have a founding father that brought not only prosperity to the region but built many of the educational and social structures we enjoy today. Who is this immigrant? Read on . . .



Greg Forest

Irene Van Winkle - Busiest Woman in Print

Fake news? Not! Its not often that you find a magazine singing the praises of a journalist working for another periodical.

Unless you have been living in a cave, you have probably seen Irene Van WInkle at almost every news-worthy event in the Hill Country. When it comes to documenting what's up in Central Texas, Irene is without peer. Read more about our treasured literary resource.....



Dalis Allen

Kerrville Folk Festival & SWRFA Updates

The festival may be over Dalis is still burning the midnight oil out at the Ranch. Without the fall festival to work on, Dalis is focusing on the upcoming Soutwest Regional Folk Alliace Conference in Austin in September.



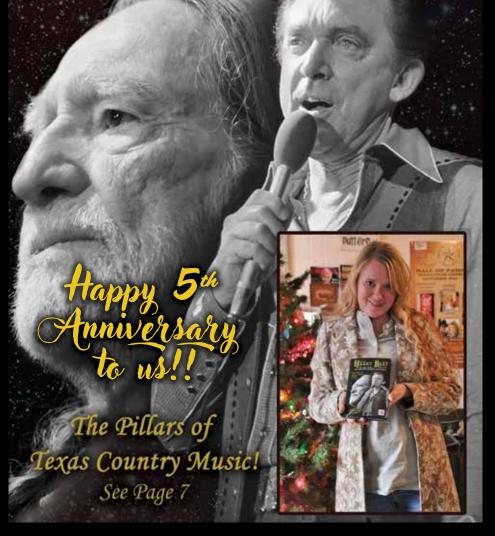
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think 90's is better than 100's......the lawn still isn't impressed. If the temperatures didn't get you then how about this was the first Kerrville Folk Festival since 2011 that it did not rain. At all. No kayaking in the campgrounds, no show cancellations. We liked that last part a lot.

great Festival We had a and plan to do it again in 2019. We are not however having the Fall Music Festival in 2018 but will be back with a fall event as well in 2019.

In July we had our annual Music Camp for Teens a collaborative effort with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Texas. The faculty is a team of artists that have played the Kerrville Folk Festival and work with 50 - 70 teens to find their voice, through song, poems, stories and/or playing an instrument. Many have never been on a stage before and by the end of the camp they are all excited to share what they have written onstage.

They also get to go on a canoe trip which is also a new experience for most of them. The teens that have passed the age of 17 are all so attached to being at camp they have become counselors. This is a fabulous bridge for the young folks attending for the first time. The camp is an important part of the lives of all involved. You can help to sponsor a teen to the camp by calling the office at 830/257-3600.



And in keeping with the talk of temperatures I am heading to Taos NM where it is already in the 50's and high 40's at night!!!! Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance, a Festival I have wanted to go to for years. Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines, Shake Russell & Michael Hearne, John Fullbright, Michael Martin Murphey, Walt Wilkins and The Mystiqueros to name just a few..... http://bigbarndance.com/

The Southwest Regional Folk Alliance Conference, another great music happening which I am privileged to coordinate is happening in Austin September 26 - 30, 2018. There are showcase and panels/seminars, open mics and lots of friendly conversation. If you can't make the whole event just come on Friday or Saturday night for the Official Showcases. Eight juried artist performing for a \$15 cover charge. Go to www.swfolkalliance.org for more details.

The next Music at the Mansion Concerts for 2018 in Kerrville are September 14 with Walt Wilkins, Susan Gibson, Michael Hearne In The Round; October 12 with Harpeth Rising and John Gorka AND November 30 with Mike Blakely and Ken Gaines. These concerts are held in the Schreiner University Junkin Campus Ministry Center. To find out if tickets are available contact Deborah Scott at (830)792-7355

Also in November is Fischer Festival in Fischer Texas. Another great Festival that features all Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Award Winners on their Friday night line-up. Including the six 2018 New Folk Award Winners in the round too! Rich Krueger, Mac Leaphart, Sarah Morris, Ben Bedford, John R. Butler, Helene Cronin. Go to http://www.fischerfest. org/ to see the full schedule for 2018.

You can't just qo wrong coming out to these events. Hope I see you there.

Thanks for reading about the Kerrville Folk Festival and other great music events in the Heart Beat of the Texas Hill Country!

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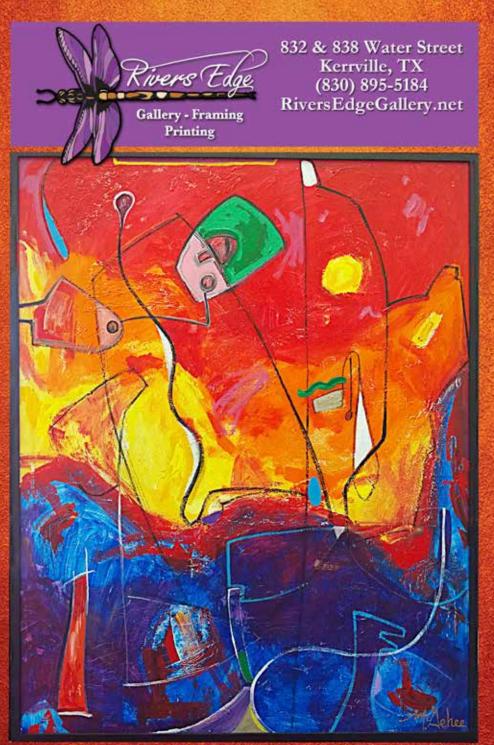
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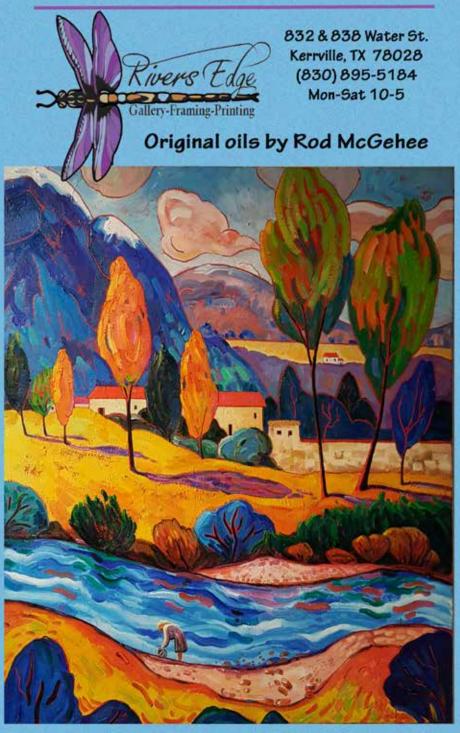
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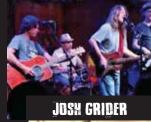
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In the early days of our community, a young immigrant moved to Kerr County. He had little formal education. His life was not an easy one: he lost his parents when he was young, and was on his own at 16. Though he lived here most of his life, he always spoke with a slight accent.

He loved Kerrville and Kerr County and his actions proved his feelings for our community.

The immigrant was a hard worker, and he was smart. His business acumen was phenomenal. He was not trained in business; his father had not been a businessperson; he was never an apprentice, learning from a mentor. Still, he was a gifted businessman, with an eye for value, and he was an excellent merchant. He built a great fortune,

His customers liked him, and his community trusted him: they elected him to several public offices, including county treasurer.

Late in his life, after providing for his large family, he gave a lot of his wealth away, in gifts large and small, mostly benefiting the community of Kerrville and our neck of the Texas Hill Country.



He donated lands for schools, churches, and camps. He donated money for a road building fund. He donated money to bring the railroad to Kerrville.

The gift which has touched the most lives was his gift of a school on the outskirts of Kerrville, a preparatory school for boys.

The immigrant first had the idea for the school before World War I. He announced his plan: he would donate \$250,000 to establish the school, with the provision work on it could not begin until the war was over and at least a year had passed from the signing of the peace treaties.

In those days \$250,000 was an enormous amount of money, much greater than it is today. In the years after the announcement about the school, the immigrant added to his gift; the total he gave for the school eventually added up to a little over \$550,000.

It wasn't until 1922 that construction on the school began. Three buildings were erected: a three-story main building, a dormitory, and a headmaster's house. The architectural style of the buildings was described in the *Kerr-ville Mountain Sun* as "English Colonial," a style "which is specially adapted to the rugged surroundings and has the further advantage of being very homelike."

When the cornerstone was dedicated, the immigrant was there.

In September, 1923, 95 years ago, the school opened its doors to students. Again, the immigrant was there for the festivities.



That immigrant, of course, was Charles Schreiner; the school he started was Schreiner Institute, which is known today as Schreiner University.

Immigrants helped build our community, our state, and our country.

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Kerr County LatinXRole Model Fair

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Come tour learning stations which include stand-up cutouts of the role model as well as interactive activities created to teach children about the life, education and career of each

SEP 15 • Kendall County 1st Hispanic Heritage Festival

Comfort Downtown Pavillion | 10 am - 1 pm

SEP 16 • Diez Y Seis Fiesta @ Hill Country Veterans Center

411 Meadowview Lane Kerrville TX | 10 am-1 nm

SEP 28 • Kerr County Hispanic Heritage Festival

Schreiner University - Robin's Lewis Pavillion | 10 am - 1 nm

NOV1 • Dia de los Muertos

Schreiner University | 6 pm - 8 pm



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LatinX

Community Outreach Celebrates Role Models

by Dana Armitstead

Positive role models diminish stereotypes and validate the unique strengths of the LatinX community. The Kerr County LatinX Community Outreach Project is presenting children with role models who have made an impact as scientists, writers, activists, doctors and on the US Supreme Court.

The project presents a Role Model Fair that is interactive and fun. Between four and eight learning stations, each with a stand-up cut out of the role model and activities, teach children about the life, education and career of each.

Passports are stamped as children visit the learning stations. Once completed, the passports are presented at a final station for a small reward. Books about the role models are displayed and a bibliography is offered to parents. These books will then be available in a prominent display at the Butt Holdsworth library to encourage continued education.



Off to a Great Start

The Kerr County LatinX Outreach had its first huge success through a partnership with Schreiner University Latino Engagement group at the Dia de los Ninos celebration in April of this year. Despite the blustery wind at the outdoor event, about 50 passports were completed by children.

The next event was through a partnership with the Notre Dame Catholic school for Cinco de Mayo. The event was tremendously successful as over 135 students, Kindergaretn through 8th grade participated.

What is LatinX?

LatinX is an inclusive term that encompasses people with origins in Mexico, Central and South America. It is a gender neutral term, so it includes people of regardless of their gender indentity.

Fall Fairs and Beyond

Six events are scheduled for the fall 2018 in Kerrville, four of which are open to the public. Most of the events are scheduled during Hispanic Heritage Month.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans to the group's heritage and culture.

September 15 - Kendall County First Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival 10 a.m -1 p.m. - Comfort Pavillion

September 16 - Diez Y Sies

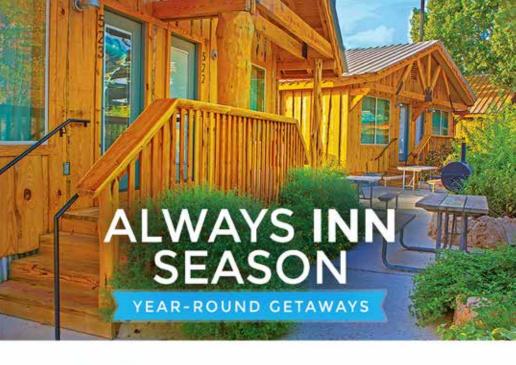
10a.m. - 1 p.m. Hill Country Veterans Center

September 28 Kerr County Hispanic Heritage Festival

10 a.m. -1pm Schreiner University Robin's Lewis Pavilion

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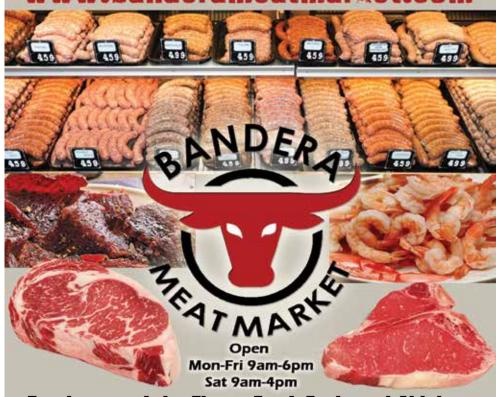


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Likewise, chloride and chloramines are also toxic. No argument about that either. I am blessed to garden in the country with clean well water. There, my gardens almost always are lush and rich. For the first time, I also have a garden in the city. My frustration levels have elevated with my city garden because no matter what knowledge I apply to benefit my city garden plants, they are really struggling. Wilty leaves, weak, thin stems, and the produce tastes bland.

I was visiting with a farmer recently and we discussed the problem. He asked "Do you water with city water, or are you watering from a rain barrel?" He did not need to explain, because the obvious cause of the miserably dilapidated plants hit me like a ton of bricks.... the chlorine, chloramines, flourines (all bad Halides) are poisoning my plants. They are miserable!

He then asked, "You aren't drinking that stuff are you?" (meaning "citified" water). I said no, I NEVER drink it. I'm super careful to filter out the chlorine, chloramines, and fluorides, among other nasty components from the water I drink and cook with. He said with a fatherly look, "If you don't drink the stuff, then why are you letting your plants drink it?"

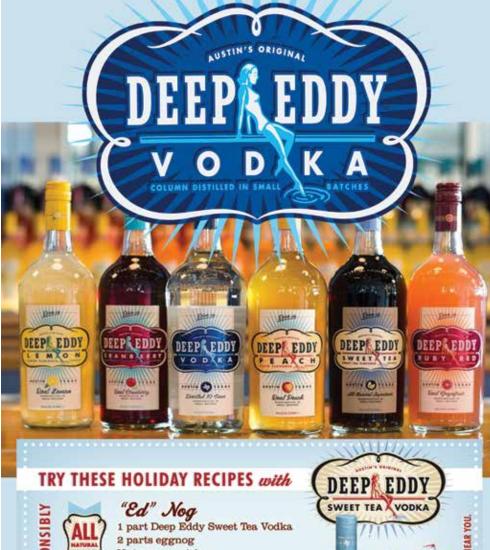
I then thought about the couple of city chickens I am "allowed" to have to produce eggs for me....even they are getting filtered water.

Sometimes the obvious is "hidden in plain view."

Well, I stopped using toxic water on my plants. I started collecting water in a rain barrel, and yes, I even bring clean water from the ranch, hoping to quickly purge my garden of the nasty chemical soup I was formerly applying. I also mixed some "diatomaceous earth" with "calcium bentonite clay" and even added some "charcoal dust" into my soil, knowing that in time, the good additives would help detoxify the soil.

It only took a few weeks to see a noticeable difference in the health of my plants. The tomatoes have become vibrant with lots of lasting bloom-set, and I finally have some good looking fruits beginning to grow. The leaves of my other plants have greened up, and the overall look of the plants appear to indicate good health. In my opinion, plants produce better when watered with rain water over city water. I learned something!





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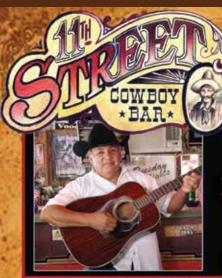
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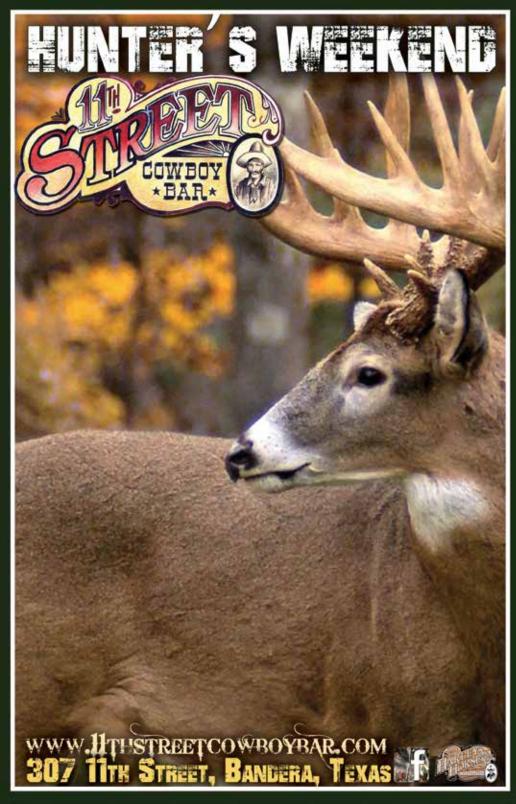


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I've lost my keys, my temper and my heart. At times I've lost my marbles. Certainly, I've lost opportunities, my wits and my nerve. Not to mention money, glasses and concert tickets I carefully put someplace so I'd know where they were, and then they weren't.

There's a physics principal that states it's impossible to know simultaneously the exact position and exact speed of anything. I understand that because when I put my keys in one place, the little devils move at high speed to another place. Ergo quantum physics explained. And don't get me started on lost pounds because they always come back at high speed and there's no pinpointing their new location in reference to their old location.

Vacations are a prime time to lose things both material, such as phone chargers, and fears, such as expecting the worst or "awfulizing." Sometimes its good to lose your inhibitions on vacation, although I'm not suggesting losing your conscience and respectability simultaneously. There's a difference between enjoying tubing on the river because you no longer care about looking bathing suit perfect (good for you!) versus acting like a jerk while tubing (bad for you and everyone else!).

Most people want to lose stress on vacation, but then obsess about the fastest route and how many activities they can stuff into a week. That voids the best stress busters--enjoying the "getting there" and "being in the moment". I had to explain this to friends as I planned my first driving trip alone outside of Texas in thirty years. I got advice on driving 500 miles a day, the fastest route through St. Louis and zipping in and out of fast food/gas station franchises on the interstate. Not my idea of a enjoyable trip.

I was traveling to Chicago to see family but also wanted a quiet drive, seeing the country and escaping daily routine. "Making time" on interstates while whizzing by orange burger outlets wasn't a concept that added adventure or fun. Then again, I would be alone and I'm older now, so how much adventure and fun could I stand?

In my younger days, I drove my pickup from Texas to the Appalachian Trail to Pittsburgh to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, back to Texas, and from Texas to Colorado. I wasn't by myself, however. I had a giant canine guard, mostly Rottweiler. Lone females driving a pickup with a gun rack across the back and a 101-pound dog on the front seat were pretty safe even without cell phones.

Now I'm older, drive a Subaru, and neither of my dogs are willing to travel politely. Although I love paper maps, learning to use my phone GPS was one common sense solution. I did gather maps and travel magazines, which thankfully still exist, but having GPS helped me lose "awfulizing." What was the worst that could happen? If I got lost, so be it. Every road led somewhere else eventually. If I had gas, I could handle it.

What I didn't count on was losing the charge in my phone, then two phone chargers and pieces thereof. That experience strengthened my belief that objects purposefully move themselves at high speed while snickering at humans trying to locate them. You may think I'm losing my marbles again but be honest. How many times have you lost something, searched everywhere, replaced it, and later found it exactly where you had previously looked? I tell you, it's a plot.

I lost my phone charge while driving, not realizing how quickly GPS would eat it up. I dutifully recharged the phone overnight but in the wilds of backroads Missouri the GPS gave up the ghost. I soon came across a hamlet with a post office and little else. The lone postal worker was fun to talk with and I learned that this was one of the few U.S. post offices that lacked plumbing—no bathroom. That wasn't a lot of fun but it added to the adventure and I got good advice on the best roads to take toward Hannibal.

I know you're wondering why I didn't plug my phone into the car portal and recharge. That might have worked if I had found the portal. Seriously, I thumbed the Subaru booklet, checked the dashboard high and low, looked everywhere so I thought, but no portal. Since I had lost my fear of traveling alone by this time, I just settled in and enjoyed the drive the old-fashioned way—no technology aid.

I made it early evening to Hannibal, Mark Twain country along the Mississippi River, which I needed to cross to get to my hotel in Quincy, Illinois. Signs pointed the way downtown but there were no bridge crossing signs. Downtown Hannibal was devoid of stores and closed down for the day. No gas stations in sight and the tank was getting pretty low. My maps weren't much help because this area wasn't detailed.

Then, I spotted firemen washing their trucks outside their station. Luckily, they hadn't lost their sense of humor or patience and listened to my plight. One asked me if he could look in my car, flipped open the arm rest, removed the DVDs and uncovered the portal which had been hiding there all along. "Where's your car charger?" I said. After they stopped laughing, one fireman insisted on giving me an extra plug that fit on the end of my charger and into the portal. Who knew? Not me!

None of those Missouri firemen are likely to read this so they'll never know that the next night I carefully tucked the car charger away in a safe place. I couldn't find it the next morning. Why didn't I leave it in the car? Beats me. Guess when I did find it? Back in Texas

while cleaning out my purse, I discovered the little critter had hidden itself inside the lining. On purpose, I know. I also lost a regular charger cord on that trip somewhere between my car and hotel room. It just walked off on its own.

I may have lost my wits a few times on this trip but it turned out to be a great vacation because I lost "awfulizing" about what might happen. I just accepted the moment when something did happen. That's the secret to not losing it entirely and enjoying yourself.

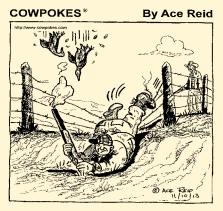
If you want to lose yourself in the fantasy of quitting your job and opening a Hill Country shop, read Susan Wittig Albert's "Witches' Bane." Set in a fictional town near Austin, it's a perfect Halloween read. If you bet you can spot the killer you'll lose, but you will win an appreciation of how hard it is to run a one-person retail shop.

Lost treasure movies just for fun are "Romancing the Stone" (1984), "National Treasure" (2004) and "Time Bandits" (1981). A classic movie about losing one's conscience and moral values to overwhelming greed is "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)." Humphrey Bogart never got better than this except for "The African Queen" in which he causes Katherine Hepburn's character to lose her inhibitions.

"The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" is famous for a particular bit of dialogue. You might be able to use it to your advantage when you can't find those concert tickets you carefully hid away. "Tickets? We don't need no tickets. I don't have to show you any stinkin' tickets." But I wouldn't bet on it because I think you'll lose. Best to take the advice of the Federales in the movie: "Why don't you try being a little more polite?"



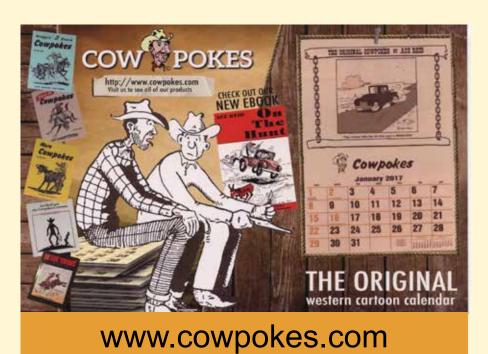




"Boy--that's what I call shootin'!"



"Jake, I thought that game wuz over last year!"



When you live in a place that calls itself, by decree of the Governor of the state of Texas no less, The Cowboy Capital of The World, it sets a standard you feel obligated to uphold. Not a day goes by in Bandera that visitors don't ask, "Where are the cowboys?" Or, having cornered a suspect, voice the question, "Are you a real cowboy?" If I'm a little cranky, I sometimes answer, "What's your definition?"

For lots of folks it's the outfit, the jeans, the boots, the spurs, the hat. You do see plenty of the outer trappings in town and all throughout the Hill Country, but not everyone who wears the outfit can walk the walk or ride the ride.

There's an old saying, "Don't call him a cowboy until you see him ride." As a horsewoman of many decades, this definition appeals to me. As far as what they're riding, heck, we've got cowboys who not only throw a leg over a horse, they also ride Texas longhorn cattle and even camels! If it's got hair, cowboys will try to ride it, so this definition works.

Of course riding's not the only thing cowboys do. The real duties of cowboying are a lot grittier and often not for sensitive ears. Caring for livestock of all kinds, birthing, doctoring, shoeing, building and maintaining fence among other, sometimes heartbreaking, chores are not for most folks. Nor are the backbreaking hours.

Are you shaking your head and grinding your teeth that I'm forgetting a whole segment of "cowboys". I would never forget the cowgirls.

Bandera has a rich history of cowgirls and is commemorating a current crop with a calendar and postcards featuring local cowgirls. We even have a World Champion barrel racer raised in our midst, Callie DuPerier Apfell, whose

accomplishments in the rodeo arena granted her a spot right up there with the male rodeo stars on the Courthouse Monument, like Toots Mansfield and Scooter Fries. Many credit the number of rodeo World Champions, all from Bandera, for our designation as the Cowboy Capital of the World. Now we can count a cowgirl along with the cowboys for our claim to fame

So we've talked about the outfit, whether or not they can ride, and the rodeo champ factor in determining the credibility of a real cowboy. Some years ago I wrote a short booklet titled, The Real Deal - or Real Cowboys Write Poetry. It was a tongue-in-cheek attempt to define the term "real cowboy" by using the art form called Cowboy Poetry. Yes, I used the words "art form" to describe this subset of poetry.

Cowboy Poetry and its first cousin, storytellin', have a long and rich history and tradition and there are a number of local entertainers who write and perform it. With roots buried in the unlikely traditions of Irish and English folk ballads, it also owes its strong cadences to a form of song called "negro hollerin" that came out of the plantation fields. In fact, cowboy poetry came out of the widely divergent cultures that contributed to the very nature of the cowboy himself and those iconic cattle drives, so much a part of the image of real cowboys.

Bandera has a legitimate tie to those old cattle drives as a staging area for the Great Western Trail. We have murals and historic plaques and an entire little park dedicated to this chunk of cowboy lore. Interestingly, the cattle drives, so romanticized and celebrated in novels, TV and movies, only lasted about twenty

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Shoulda Been a Cowboy continued

years. Historians bookend the period from 1866 - 1886. How powerful is an image that only lasted twenty years that it still has a hold on mankind?

Bandera welcomes visitors from around the world. They come seeking our wonderful country western music and venues, our restaurants, shops, dude ranches, relaxed western lifestyle, and . . . cowboys (and girls)! They seek out this icon of American history because the cowboy is one of the last remaining hero figures. And we increasingly need heroes in this world.

I don't know if we've gotten any closer to the definition of what makes a real cowboy real, but if you come to believe in him and what he stands for, I think he'll be pleased. Come met him in Bandera.





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Even though I usually write about one Gary Nicholson was joking about getting woman in Texas music, I must write about songs to her about food and parties. two right now! Both women have new albums out on Alligator Records, based in Chicago. Both are Texas women with national and international followings. Marcia Ball has about 30.000 likes on her FB page, and Shemekia Copeland is listed at 28,000. At time of counting. I see patterns and synchronicity everywhere; these two women can be talked about in the same conversation...and column.

Both are in my book on the women of Texas music, and Marcia is the bridge between my first book on Texas Songwriters and my second book on the women. Marcia was born in Louisiana, but chose Austin soon enough (on a road trip to California) to become Freda and the Firedogs in the Cosmic Cowboy Scare (thanks Fromholz). Shemekia is daughter to the Houston-based Texas Twister, Johnny Copeland. He was a founding board member of my music foundation in 1987, lending his performer support. And he was an interview in my first book.

Ah, I love this tapestry of patterns that show up in my musical journey. Marcia's album. "Shine new

Bright" is getting lots of airtime on Sirius XM Bluesville, a channel I have on when I drive.

I heard her interview and her stories about the songs. She gave Shelley King, Carolyn Wonderland and Gary Nicholson shout outs, and she talked about her band members, her co-writing, and her philosophy. On her new album: "It is a ridculously hopeful, cheerful record."

She joined Alligator Records, created by Bruce Iglauer, in 2001 with her album "Presumed Innocent." She went on to receive 10 Blues Music Awards, 10 Living Blues Awards, 5 Grammy nominations and the 2018 Texas State Musician recognition. In her interview she reported that

Then she proceeded to sing one. Marcia is amazed, as we all are, at the 5 decades of music that are part of her life. She started with piano lessons at 5. This tall gracious women does not carry her wounds in public or share her hardships; she lifts us up.

A Brue Iglauer aside: at the Memphis Blues Awards in 1986. Willie and BB King were co-hosting. I wanted to interview them. Then Sam Phillips showed up at a party. I innocently asked him to speak to me, we turned on my tape recorder and talked. Later that night he took me to hear Jerry Lee Lewis at Hernando's Hideway. Bruce asked me later, "How did you get that interview." "I just asked as he walked by," I replied. Maybe the red leather pants helped?

Shemekia was playing Monterey Bay Blues Festival in Monterev when I interviewed her the first time. She rocked out on the spot Jimi burned his guitar. That interview was years ago. Now I listen to her talk about her new Alligator album, "American's Child," and I hear some new perspectives. She said, "In this climate it's important to speak the truth and say what's true." Then on her album she takes on social justice. Worth a close listen, even as you move your body to the rhythm.

Yes, both women will move you...heart, mind and body. -KH

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Last year, while my hubby and I were watching the NFL Draft on TV, an announcement was made that next draft would be in Arlington Texas, home of the Dallas Cowboys. I immediately added "Attending the NFL Draft" to my bucket list.

My other half replied, "Your bucket list has become a wash tub!" Towards the end of February this year, there was an announcement during the local news, that volunteers were needed to work the NFL draft in April. By the end of the night I had talked my cousin Sherry as well as friend Melissa into signing up with me. One week later, our background checks were completed.

"Customer Service and Security Training" was the week of the draft. Seated on the front row, I was distracted by a backpack between the stage and us. Mental note: "Don't trip over it when class is over!"

The bag turned out to be needed for the security portion to see if the class noticed its presence and let someone know. Melissa did and won a prize! Three days later we reported to the volunteer tent and were issued our NFL volunteer red t-shirt, windbreaker and cap. What are the odds of meeting someone in line from the town next to one's hometown over 1700 miles away? I did. Next were our assignments. Sherry was sent to the Red Carpet. Melissa and I headed to the fan interaction area with our lead, Joe.



"I need two people who can throw a football," he said. Not us. "I need two people to run alongside the fans doing the dash." Not us. We finally found our home at the Super Bowl Trophies display. Six and a half hours after arrival, our shift was over with no break—the entire time on our feet and in the hot sun. Most volunteers elected to go home and rest up their feet for Day 2. I couldn't. Remember – attending the NFL Draft was on my bucket list.



I had free tickets for the 1st round of the draft six rows from the top of the nosebleed section. I was in envy of the fans in the VIP sections that were just a few feet away from the stage and players being drafted who were specks for me. But I was there!

It seemed like I had just fallen asleep when the alarm went off for Day Two. My feet were reminding me they were not the same feet that worked to Germany eight hours in heels over twenty years ago. Melissa and I worked an event coaching fans on how to use the special goggles which made them feel like they were on the sidelines of an NFL game. Sounded easy and was inside with A/C – a relief to my sunburned arms,

Of course the goggles would overheat or I couldn't find my laser point – Melissa was always close by to rescue me. I met hundreds of fans representing all thirty-two teams. The shift went by quickly and I was once again ready to be a fan the rest of the afternoon and night. Melissa's common sense took over and she headed home. I found my cousin and I soon had passes for later that night back in the nosebleed section.

Short crisis – I forgot my jersey to change into – \$14.99 later, I was in a Gronkowski T-shirt. To kill time until the draft, we visited the displays of locker rooms, uni-



Carlotta with NFL Commissioner Roger Goddell

forms and helmets. While posing in front of a Patriots helmet, a gal in New England garb approached me. She offered us tickets for the draft and unlike ours; these were in the Patriots fan section a few feet from the stage!

Soon we were looking up at the poor souls in the nosebleed section - and not only night two but day three as well! We received foil pom poms and inflated cheer sticks, got to meet a couple of retired players and Commissioner Goddell, be on the big screen TV several times and even trash-talked with fans of other teams! Life couldn't have been any better for this sports fan! Check! next on my bucket list... err..... wash tub?







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entertainers. Now offering lunch. Drop by the Facebook page for menus and special events. 108 W Austin St. (830) 683-3366 As I was looking through one of my recipe index card boxes, I came across a lot of recipes from friends and family...in their handwriting. This kind of nostalgia will be lost on future generations as they copy and paste and forward recipes to their friends and family. I came across a delicious casserole from one of the residents who lived in the retirement community where I worked. She was a proud Texan and she loved to share this recipe for Lone Star Chicken. Of course if you have left over turkey from your Thanksgiving dinner, you could easily substitute turkey for the chicken.



CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

4 cups cooked diced chicken (or turkey)

2 cans cream of mushroom soup

1 cup sour cream

½ cup Pace picante sauce (medium)

2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese

2 cups grated cheddar cheese

4 cups corn chips (Fritos)

DIRECTIONS

Combine chicken, soup, sour cream, picante sauce, mix well. Spoon half of the mixture into a lightly greased 9x13 casserole dish. Top with one cup of each of the cheeses and 2 cups corn chips. Repeat layer.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot.

Finally, here is a easy creamy chicken soup (or that leftover turkey) for a night you don't have a lot of time to put together something for dinner.

EASY CREAMY CHICKEN SOUP

1 can cream of chicken soup - 1 ½ cup milk - 1 cup diced chicken or turkey 18 oz can or whole kernel corn, drained - 2 Tbsp finely chopped pimento In a medium saucepan, combine the soup and milk, blend until smooth. Add the chicken and corn. Heat, stirring occasionally. Season to taste. Garnish with the pimento. Serves 5.



Another recipe in her own writing I found was from a military wife whose husband worked with mine. If you have a ham for your holiday meal you could put to use that good ham bone! This is a hearty soup good with a crusty garlic or French bread.



BEAN & MACARONI SOUP

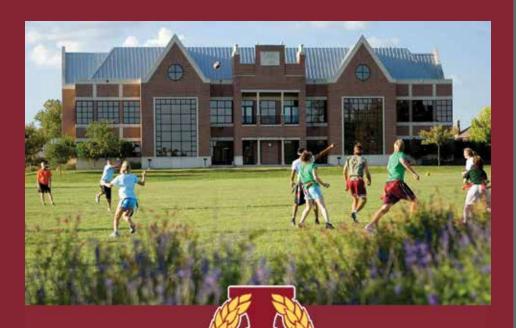
INGREDIENTS

1 Ham bone
4 quarts water
2 medium onions chopped
2 chicken bouillon cubes
2 stalks of celery, diced
Salt & Pepper to taste
2 medium carrots, sliced
1 cup dried navy beans
1 cup dry macaroni
2 Tbsp olive oil
1 small bay leaf
1 Tsp Accent Seasoning

DIRECTIONS

Cook ham bone & beans in water in a covered pan on low approximately 1 hour. In a skillet sauté the onions & garlic in the olive oil. Add to the soup stock. Add remaining ingredients to the soup stock except the macaroni. When the beans and vegetables are thoroughly cooked add the macaroni and cook until tender. If necessary add more water. Serve with parmesan cheese sprinkled on top. Enjoy!

Let me hear if you enjoy these recipes: jilu@indian-creek.net



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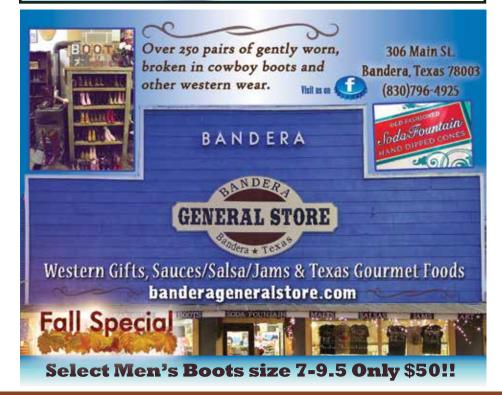


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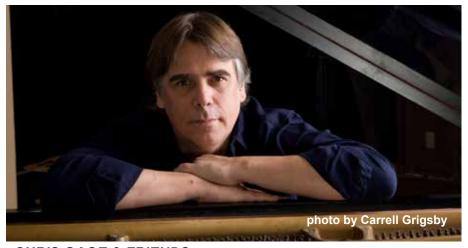
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CHRIS GAGE & FRIENDS Kerrville Folk Festival by Rand McCullough

Chris Gage - The Best Friend A Song Ever Had

It has been a couple of years since I have seen Chris Gage play at Donn's Depot deep in the heart of Austin but I caught his act on the Threadgill Stage on May 22 during the Kerrville Folk Festival. The festival is a world renown venue for song writers, usually falling into the folk/country genre.

The show was billed as Chris Gage and Friends. Chris has been hitting the Stage at KFF for decades. He told me the first time he played there was in 1994 with Jimmy Dale Gilmore.

His pals came out one at a time including Austinites Micheal Samuels on harmonica followed by Oliver Steck on trumpet. These guys were vaudevillian comedians as well as great musicians performing antics on stage like the 'talking trumpet' having a conversation with Chris and choreographed dancing that was hilarious. Beth Galliger, also from Austin graced the stage for a few

songs with her sweet melodic flute playing.

Eventually other singer/songwriters accompanied Chris bringing their own unique qualities to the performance starting with Butch Morgan from Devine Texas



wife, appeared with her guitar and played some of her originals as well as a song by the late Jimmy LeFave who obviously had been a close friend of theirs. Ben Jones, Chris' mate from England who has a high tenor voice that would humble a Bee Gees fan played a few of his originals as well as a Chuck Berry tune. While between numbers Ben paid tribute to Chris by adding "he's the best friend a song ever had".

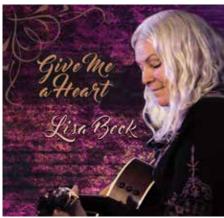
And that my friends, is something I can personally attribute to him. He is a total badass in the studio.

The show, running two hours long went by fast....and just like lifeit was over way too soon.

QUICK CD REVIEMS







Rand McCullough
"Kerrville"
Review by Greg Forest

Lisa Beck
"Take It Back to Texas
Review by Greg Forest

Rand McCullough moved to Kerrville from Austin recently and loves being out of the husle and bustle of Austin - at least enough to title this 2-CD/25-song release after his new home town.

If you have been following the reviews here, you already know that Mc-Cullough is one of the most prolific singer-songwriter out there and this new offering proves it.

The set contains songs both old and new. Rand went into his vault and reworked a number of songs from previous releases - adding great new players and remixing for comtemporary ears. One of the players found on many of the cuts is surprise - Chris Gage (see facing page).

A bittersweet cut that is still on my set list decades later is "I Do Like That" with dearly departed tenor Tim Garon. Other personal favorites you should lend an ear to are, "Going Up," Apocalyptic Love Song," "Shattered World," "Louisiana Rain," and "Tunnel of Light."

The Limstoners are on the web at reverbnation.com/thelimestoners and you can friend them on Facebook.

Art & Lisa are Central Texas treasures when it comes to great writing and vocals. This is Lisa's first solo album and it holds to the high standards of Art & Lisa's previous releases.

The CD contains a dozen songs - all penned by Lisa. With production duties covered by monster guitarist Jon Inmon, who called in other Texas luminaries like Lloyd Maines and Susan Gibson, this CD is a ear-pleasing sonic jewel.

I would categorize this as a country flavored Americana album although genre-wise its a moving target at times.

There is a winsome steel guitar weeping on "Don't Kiss Me Like That" contrasting with back beat blues on "Tr-yin' to Figure You Out," and folk flavored ballads like, "Give Me a Heart," and "Save in Your Arms". There is a shout out to the Hill Country with, "These Texas Nights," displaying the best of that Texas sound.

All the songs reflect strong songwriting skills that Lisa has been honing for years. Check out Lisa's performance calendar and updates at artandlisa.com and be sure to friend her on Facbook.



t's not often I get a chance to write about one of my favorite topics - writers.

In these days of "fake news," there are many journalists that still do their jobs writing articles by going to locations, interviewing the participants and writing about events without bias or opinion. Much like Joe Friday on Dragnet, real journalists reach out with a "Just the facts, Ma'am" attitude. We have one such journalist that works hard every day to deliver "real news" to Hill Country readers - Irene Van Winkle.

It is often said of her that she just seems to be everywhere, covering one event or another, camera and notepad in hand, right in the middle of everything.

Irene has walked a long path to bring her to the Texas Hill Country and West Kerr Current.

Irene was born in Austria following her family's escape from Ukraine during WWII. Landing in Boston, then settling in New York on the Lower East Side, the family started their climb up the ladder after moving to Pelham Bay in the Bronx.

She recently visited Ukraine to reconnect with family history and

her heritage. Prior to the trip, she had helped support the We Stand relief project and met with Ukrainian wounded heroes and patriots and was deeply moved.

Irene has always been an avid reader, although as a young girl she didn't know that she would wind up with a career in journalism, both print and other media.

"I imagined it would be so cool to just be able to express thoughts, ideas and paint pictures with words."

Irene's first published piece dates back to high school days - publishing a poem, the title of which she no longer remembers, but she does recall the pride in seeing her words in print for the first time. She then went on to perform one of her poems at Marymount Manhattan College.

Her first venture into the world of professional writing started when she became an editorial assistant at Peterson Publishing in New York. Although the job didn't require a lot of writing, her time there honed her skill set and gave her a view of what professional writing was all about.

Luckily for Central Texas, Irene married a Texan and moved to the Hill Country to have proximity to her husband's family.

After several years in local radio and television (broadcast and sales), she decided she wanted to get into serious journalism, and went to work penning articles at the now defunct Kerrville Mountain Sun until 2004.

In 2005 Irene found a more permanent home when she started working at West Kerr Current, taking over the job vacated by Rosa Lavender.

Since that time Irene has been all over the Hill Country covering every kind of event imaginable - accidents, County Commissioner meetings, Chamber mixers, floods, fires, murders, veterans' issues and even birthday parties for local centenarians.

Accolades? How about this? The Texas Historical Commission selected Irene for their 2008 Award of Excellence in Media Achievement.

Another project close to Irene's heart is her sesquicentennial history series marking the 150th anniversary of Kerr County. To date she has written 470 histories (and counting) of the area, covering founding families, places and events that molded Kerr County into what it is today.

Kerrville has some recognition as an artist's town, so try to keep in mind that writing is also an art, and with Irene Van Winkle, you are reading the work of a master. Thank you Irene!



Irene in Ukraine in 2016

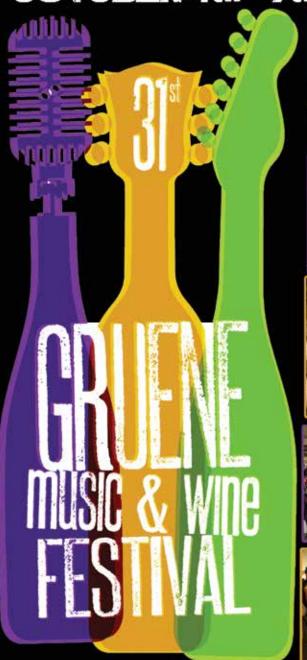








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As visitors toast the wines, ales, and whiskeys pouring from tasting rooms running through the Texas Hill Country, there are those who thirst for a different style of quench.

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"No one was doing cider, no one was doing this kind of product," said Cherry Graham of Hye Cider Company. "We saw the potential, and with the passion and knowledge we had, we wanted to embrace that."

Her interest in the alcoholic arts started in high school, when Cherry and her friend Brian Came couldn't buy beer, so they started making it. Six years ago the pair applied their brewing expertise to making cider, starting with test batches in the kitchen. They perfected the process enough that two years ago they formed "the home team" of Hye Cider Company, along with Cherry's husband, Travis Graham.

"Basically, we're nerds," she said.

Technically, the crisp, clean drink these nerds create is not cider, which is made exclusively from fermented apple juice. Since they add honey during fermentation, their

product is a cross between cider and mead.

The apples are raised by a small group of farmers in Washington State, who work with the Grahams on achieving the flavor profile they desire. They then use as many locally sourced ingredients as they can, including rainwater, herbs from the greenhouse, and "copious amounts" of honey from Pops Honey Pot in Stonewall.

The result is light, evanescent drink with 8.5-9% alcohol. a level between beer and wine. While Thus was born Hye Cider most ciders on the market are very sweet, Hye Cider also has a lighter, dryer profile, by design. Since the taste is more open ended, the brewers can add flavors, such as bay leaves, dry hops, and fresh herbs.



"People are looking for more subtle, nuanced depth of flavor," Cherry said. "You don't find that with overly sweet shot-style ciders. Especially with the herbal nature, these lend themselves to craft cocktails. This was an opportunity to meet all of the palate needs. Cider is a versatile product."

Their flagship brands are Hye Stylin' (dry), Hye Note (sweet), and Hye Bae (bay leaf), served straight from the tap into glasses, or bottled and capped in 750 ml growlers from the tap as it is ordered. All their ciders are unfiltered, unpasteurized, and all natural, with no agents or additives, allowing them to retain the healthy benefits of the local honey.

For now, production is kept small intentionally, with distribution is limited to "greater Hye." The goal is to create a consistent tasting cider, and let production grow organically.



"The most common reaction we get when people first taste it is, 'this is actually good!'" Cherry said. "My response is, well, don't act so surprised."

That sense of fun is as essential part of the product as the apple juice and honey. The Grahams and their crew want to create a place for people to hang out, sip the cider, and enjoy each other's company. Their Rocky Road location is a casual, informal setting decorated in a fun 50s vibe, with communal spaces, picnic tables, and an open air atmosphere. Chef Kyle Hopper runs his food truck Brick and Mortar on site, serving up flat breads, paninis, salads, and "anything that pairs well with cider."

"We are not a normal business," Hopper noted. "We like to say we are just a trailer away from a commune." While that is a joke, it emphasizes the relaxed atmosphere the company cultivates.

"The reason people should come out to Hye is the opportunity to be themselves," Cherry said. "To let loose, meet people in the community, talk, and hang out. We want people to have fun. We don't want people to feel like they need to be on their best behavior."

Cherry likes to hold fun family events, tied to "strange holidays"—National Junk Food Day, National Lasagna Day, and even a made-up Squirt Gun Day.

"It's a lot like summer camp," she said. "We definitely are a little different."

"A lot different," Hopper added.

"Yes, we wanted to open a cider company," Cherry said. "And, yes, we are running a business. But we also want to have fun. We want the customer to feel a part of that family. We want everyone who sets foot in the door to have a say in what we do. Their opinion matters. We want to please all palates and make everyone welcome."

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A CONSERVATION NOTEBOOK by Homer Stevens

Back before promoting Jim Stanley's Hill Country Ecology subsequently getting on rant regarding the general topic of over grazing abuses that seem to inadvertently occur due to uninformed new residents, the spring topic was to be Spanish Oak trees or Texas Red Oak. Kathy and I had made the drive from Medina to Utopia circling back through Tarpley to Bandera observing the fall color provided largely by the distinctly red fall leaves of the native Spanish Oaks. Although there are at least seven other species of Oak that are relatively common this area, Spanish Oak is probably second most abundant after the Evergreen Live Oak.

One of the better references. "Native Texas Plants", Wasowski's says that "Spanish Oak in its pure form is found west of Kerrville on the Edwards Plateau. North and east of there it is probably genetically mixed with Shumard Red Oak. Spanish Oak is more drought-tolerant, as well as smaller and shorter lived. also more likely to be multitrunked. Around Austin I've seem beautiful specimens with attractive white patches on the trunks. leaves are usually more slender than those of the Shumard, but not always."

It was the original intention to treat the Spanish Oak and Shumard Oak in separate articles, but since several of the outside sources insist on including them together, both will get coverage. It is also significant that several of the better nurseries offer Shumard in place of Spanish Oak, and some offer both varieties. It is difficult not to recommend the Spanish Oak to Hill Country residents because there are so many older trees scattered around the hills, and they contribute immensely to the special fall beauty of the area. However, they are very susceptible to oak wilt, will split and fall over for no good reason, and are

the lesser choice of all the oaks for a barbecue or fire wood. The Spanish Oak wood seems to decay rather rapidly after the tree is cut.

The Shumard Oak is credited with being a more East Texas species, but seems to adapt to the Hill Country reasonably well. Sources indicate that this variety is somewhat less susceptible to oak wilt disease, this being the reason that nurseries seem to favor the Shumard species. Here on The Farm there is only one Shumard Oak specimen, and is certainly one of the most beautiful trees on the property. Great care was taken in its planting something over 30 years ago. This was just prior to pouring the concrete slab between the game room and the swimming pool. Five 2' diameter x 2'deep holes were pounded in an almost solid limestone rock base with four holes being on each corner and one in the middle. The planting bed was then filled with commercial potting soil, and the small, less than 2' tall tree planted in the middle of a circle of limestone boulders. Currently this tree is very tall with an over 60' canopy. It provides shade for almost the entire slab where many weddings have taken place. This particular tree probably has good root depth due to the holes that were pounded out for the original planting preparation, but it is easy to see the evidence of the wide spreading shallow root characteristic most our native Hill Country trees because of hairline cracks in the concrete slab.

Thus far these roots have not surfaced sufficiently to cause humps or buckling in the slab. There is evidence that the Shumard and Spanish Oaks do not readily cross pollinate because on the north end of the Shumard is a Spanish Oak that was dug up out in the pasture and transplanted. The Shumard produces few to no acorns, and the Spanish Oak has prolific acorn production.

Because of its value for shade in the summer and beautiful fall color, Spanish Oak and or Shuamard Oak are wonderful additions to any landscape. However, there are few endeavors of any kind that aren't facilitated by using knowledge and thought processes. These oak species are very good

choices for planting on the west side of a home because they provide shade in the summer and shed their leaves in late winter to allow sunlight to come through. Planting closer that 50 feet from a building might not be a good idea because a three foot tree in 30 years or so will endanger the structure. Care should also be taken in locating water and sewer lines within 20 feet of the base of the tree because the large shallow roots will eventually not only crush these utilities, but can lift up concrete slabs.

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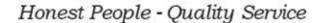
Stan is also a gifted luthier and does expert repairs - especially on vintage instruments and amps.

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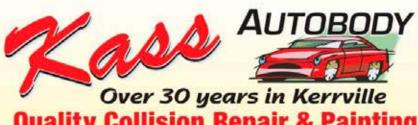
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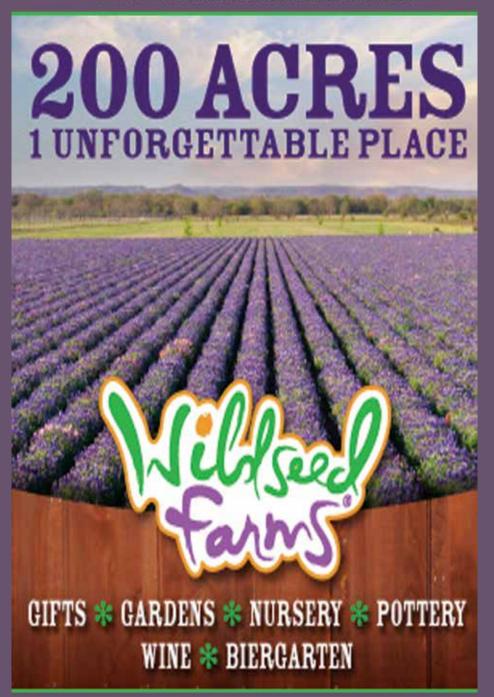


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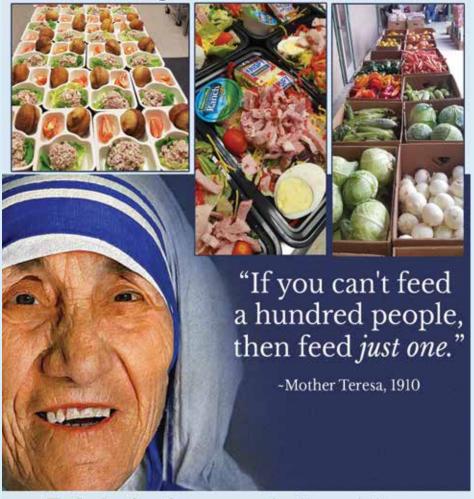


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Javelina Harley-Davidson, our Texas Hill Country HOG Chapter, and countless Volunteers.

The Airmen Trainees are then treated to a sit down Thanksgiving lunch before dispersing to enjoy the afternoon. Included in the activities is a video gaming bus, an area to watch a football game on a big screen, a live local band and above all, the opportunity for each of them to call home to their families. It's truly one of the most amazing events we have the privilege to be a part of. This past year we hosted more than 250 Airman Trainees from Lackland Air Force Base, had over one hundred volunteers and one hundred and nine motorcyclists participate in the escort ride.

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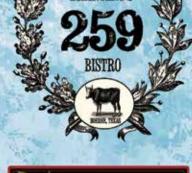
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If you prefer a more subdued atmosphere, head on over to Krause's Café and Biergarten, Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que, or McAdoo's Seafood Company - all offer fantastic fare. Also, no trip to New Braunfels is complete without stopping into Texas' oldest bakery, Naegelin's. They've been using the same family recipes since 1868, proving there's no need to mess with perfection!



The historic district of Gruene was once an old cotton gin town until it was devastated by fire, the boll weevil, and The Great Depression. Its buildings were shuttered for many years until an architectural student discovered them in 1974. This started its rebirth and today, it's a charming area that rightly proclaims a spot on the National Register of Historic Places

Gruene is home to Texas' oldest dance hall. Gruene Hall, which has seen its share of notable performances over the years such as George Strait, Willie Nelson, and Garth Brooks. The collection of photos that adorn its walls pay tribute to this amazing history.

The Gristmill Restaurant now occupies what's left of the former cotton gin building and offers spectacular dining views of the Guadalupe River, in addition to fantastic burgers, Texas-sized onion rings, and my personal favorite, "Gruene beans". Also, check out Gruene's best kept secret, Gruene Lake Village. This newer area offers boutiques, spas, fine dining at The Gruene Door Restaurant, a wine bar, and a martini lounge.

Wimberley is a thriving arts community with unique shops and galleries, live theater, Wimberley Glass Works, and the Cypress Creek Reserve Rum Distillery. It's also home to Wimberley Zip Line, where you can get a bird's eye view of the Wimberley Valley. Nestled in the scenic back roads of Wimberley is one of its best kept secrets. Bella Vista Ranch. Here, vou can tour their olive orchard and sample their oils, imported Italian balsamic vinegar, jam, and wine.

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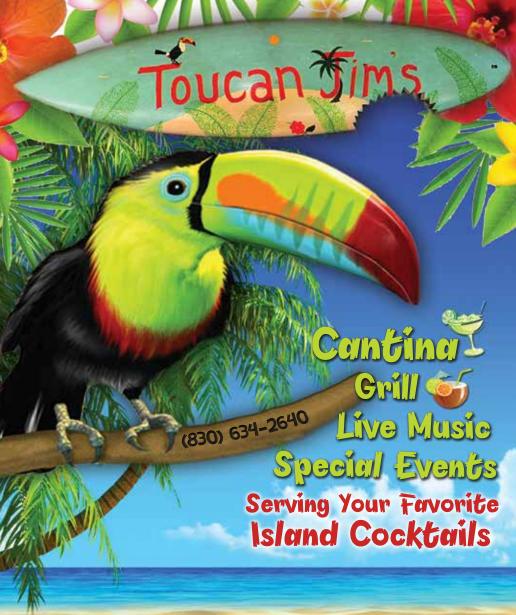


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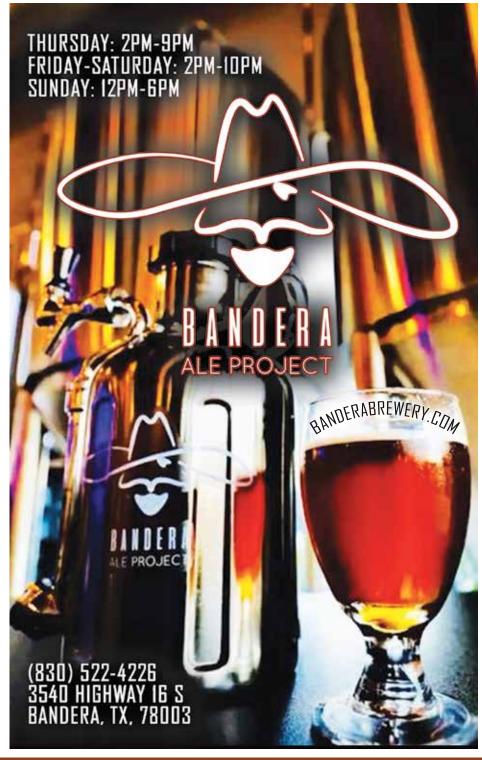
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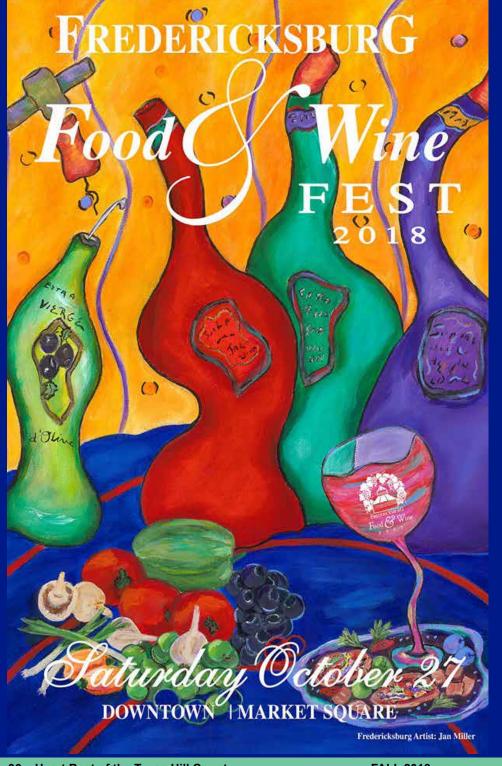


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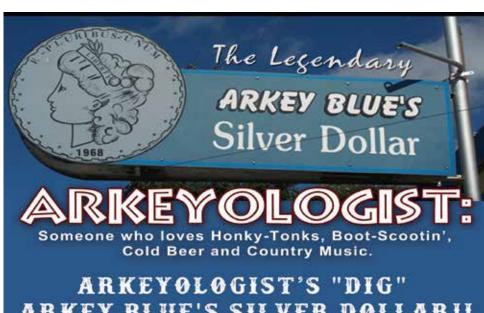


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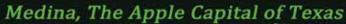




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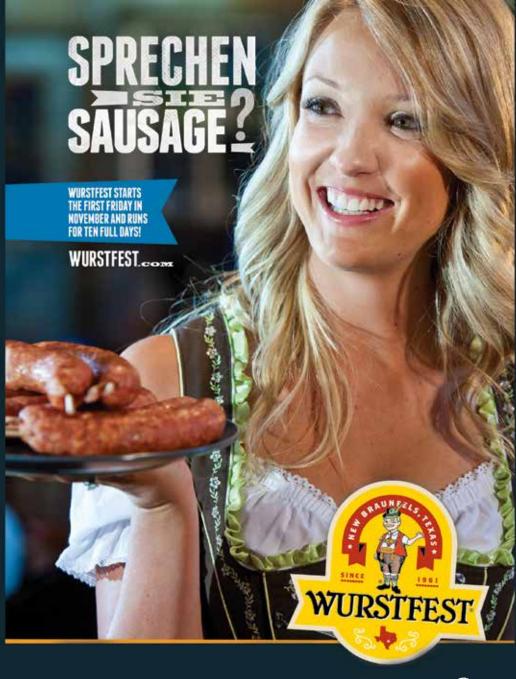
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