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November is The Hub's sixth month anniversary. This publication is an accurate reflection of this city. We are growing so fast it is difficult just to keep up. We grew so fast in October that we had to add four pages and are planning to add 4 more. Wichita Falls is growing just as fast. If you think there's nothing to do in this town then you need to follow us around for a month. We are blown away!

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**Fri, Nov 4 - Tuna Blues Band
featuring Jason Brown
with Blue Light Special**

**Sat, Nov 5 - Def Legend
"Def Leppard Tribute"
with Cherry Bomb
"Joan Jett Tribute"**

**Fri, Nov 11 - Seth James
with Jessica Murray
CD Release show
James Cook as support**

**Fri, Nov 18 - Annual Outlaw
94.9 Birthday Bash
with Mike McClure,
and Chance Anderson**

**Sat, Nov 19 - Killdevil
with Kicked to the Curb**

**Wed, Nov 23 - Erick Willis,
with Elaina Kay Band**

**Thurs, Nov 24 - Food Bank
Fundraiser
James Cook and the Audacity
with Downtown Royalty**

**Fri, Nov 25 - Queen for a Day
Reunion, JT & the Double D's**

**Saturday, Nov 26 -
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What's Happening

November 3

-Stick's Place
Tim Maloney & Company

November 4

-Iron Horse Pub
Tuna Blues Band
featuring Jason Brown
with Blue Light Special

November 4

-Backdoor Theatre
Improv Nights
on the dinner stage

November 5

-Iron Horse Pub
Def Legend
(Def Leppard Tribute)
Cherry Bomb
(Joan Jett Tribute)

November 5

-Stick's Place
Mr Meaner

November 6

-Wichita Falls Youth Sym-
phony Orchestra
Akin Auditorium, MSU
campus. 3:00-4:00pm

November 11

-Iron Horse Pub
Seth James with Jessica
Murray CD Release show
w/ James Cook

November 12

-Memorial Auditorium
Wichita Falls Symphony
Orchestra featuring Julie
Albers, cellist

November 13

-Texas Nite Life
Benefit for Lauren and
Mikayla. Various artists

November 13-15

-Iron Horse Pub
Annual Outlaw 94.9
Birthday Bash with Mike
McClure and Chance An-
derson

November 18

-Wichita Theatre
Elf Jr., The Musical 7:30

November 14

-Iron Horse Pub
Killdevil with
Kicked to the Curb

November 14-15

-Wichita Theatre
Elf Jr., The Musical 4:00

November 23

-Iron Horse Pub
Erick Willis w/ Elaina Kay

November 24

-Iron Horse Pub
Food Bank Fundraiser with
James Cook and the Audac-
ity & Downtown Royalty

November 24

-Stick's Place
Armadillo Flatts

November 25

-Iron Horse Pub
Queen for a Day Reunion
w/ JT & the Double D's

November 25

-Denim and Dia-
monds
Kevin Fowler

November 26

-Iron Horse Pub
Family & Friends of
AA Bottom w/ Bigloo

Ganache Cupcake Lounge

Live music every Fri-
day 8:30pm

Frank & Joe's Coffee House

Live music every Fri-
day 7:00pm

Denim & Diamonds

Ladies Night on Sat-
urdays
\$0.50 domestics until
10:30pm

Whiskeyta Club

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Lonesum Dove

-Texas Boneyard Band
first Friday of each
month
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Wednesday
-Scott K Taylor's Jam
Night every Sunday

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In the middle of October we posted a photo of the new signage for the Mustang Bar (formerly known as Toby's Bar) on The Hub Facebook page and the wave of rage and disappointment was overwhelming, so we went straight to the source to clear up so many of the questions and concerns that were shared. Manager and longtime Toby's employee, Christine Dillard, shared the details concerning the name change and plans for the future. Many worried that Toby's would be turned into a "yuppie college bar". First of all, if everyone that complained online would attend regularly, then it's safe to say that your every whim would be catered to. If you went there "all the time" 2 years ago, then what difference should it really make to you now? Regardless, everyone can rest assured that the biggest changes on the horizon consist of adding a "bar food" kitchen (which sounds like an improvement) and MAYBE switching places with the pool tables and shuffle board along with some minor decor upgrades (which are desperately needed). SO WHY THE NAME CHANGE?? The business sold in early June, but the previous owners did not want to sell the name with the business, so the name had to change. When you are the closest bar to a university, doesn't it kinda make sense that you might want to cater to that demographic? Along comes Mustang Bar. Mustang Bar plans to bring back that live music atmosphere that was once great at Toby's. So log off of Facebook and go see for yourself. Make Toby's great again! I mean, make Mustang Bar great!!!! You can still call it Toby's. Just go have a great time.



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...Antuan Simmons.....

Antuan Simmons, American poet, is a Wichita Falls native and entrepreneur. He has recently developed a t-shirt line that promotes literacy and is about to release his fourth book. His books are available on Kindle. A poet for 14 years, Antuan is an advocate for literacy and worries that books are losing relevancy in our society. This is what moved him to create his two popular shirt designs, "American Poet" and "Read". When asked what made him want to get into poetry, Antuan answered that he was sitting at Hastings one day reading poetry and thought to himself, "I can write better than some of this". He felt that he had the talent to write and he just started working on his writing skills. You can occasionally catch Antuan around Wichita Falls hosting a poetry event or performing a public reading of his personal poems. Antuan is looking to do more collaborations and will also be doing some joint reading performances with Ben the Poet, another talented local writer.



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Meals On Wheels has 58 routes with 326 volunteers every week and serves up to 850 meals a day with nobody on a waiting list. However, ten thousand baby boomers are retiring every day in the United States, so the need is growing in communities all across our country . It’s safe to say they could use a larger kitchen and more volunteers.

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RED DIRT CORNER with James Cook

KEVIN FOWLER

Kevin Fowler is a beloved Texas Country musician who brings it with every show and every album. His latest 'Coming to a Honky Tonk Near You' just dropped on October 21st and it's already swept the state with great reviews. Fowler had time to talk with me during his intense radio promotion and let me know more about the album, his new videos and the Texa-fication of Dierks Bentley.

First thing I'd like to talk about is actually the last track on the album... "The Sellout Song." I know Zane Williams dished that out and I wanted to know how you came about it?

I heard him do that for a song swap we were doing at Billy Bob's



in Ft. Worth. I asked him, "Are you gonna cut it?" He said, "Nah, I ain't gonna cut it" so, I said, "Well, let me do it. If anybody can get by with it...I can." You should go check out that video. It's your one and only chance to see me in skinny jeans.

A lot of people are going crazy over the latest video you released for "Texas Forever." How did you come across that gem?

Man, that's just the best Texas song I've ever heard. I did not write that song. My buddy, Trent Willmon, who produced the record with me showed me a demo. It gave me chills and I said, "That is a Texas hit." If you haven't seen the video for that you should check it out because we sent out a film crew and shot all the things that make Texas great, which are the places and the people. I'm really proud of that video.

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Speaking of “Texas Forever”, you recently made Dierks Bentley an honorary Texan. What brought that on?

I just texted him and told him I was going to the show that night. He said if you're coming, get up and do a song. So we did “100% Texan.” The band learned it real quick during sound check and we did it in front of a full house at Woodlands in Houston. I took it upon myself to make him an honorary Texan. I brought him some Whataburger and Buc-ee's. What's more Texan than Whataburger and Buc-ee's?

Kevin Fowler will be live in Wichita Falls Friday November 25th at Denim and Diamonds.



TOYS FOR TOTS



5k and Family Fun Run

When: December 3rd @ 2pm

Where: In front of Wichita Theatre
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CLINKERS

Clinkers began 3 years ago come March. They specialize in custom hand painted glassware. That's where they started, but then decided to host painting parties as a fun addition to the company. There are now about 3 paint parties per month including some kid's events. The paint parties are usually hosted at Whiskeyta, Ganache, or The Gypsy Kit. Clinkers recently got a retail space at The Loft Market Place and will soon start holding parties there. Because of this new space they have been able to expand their custom retail items and were able to pick up 10 new retailers in the past month. Clinkers is growing rapidly and are always looking for new artists!

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TIPS AND TALES FROM OUTBACK

with Johnny Divine

Greetings to all who love creating music and to all who love the magical world of the recording studio. Whether you are the one performing the music or engineering the project, you know too well how listening back to all of your hard work is one of life's great moments, or should be. What we hope to do in each issue of The Hub is to offer helpful tips to bring out the best of your recording experience and to share stories of other's experiences whether they're funny, eye-opening, or even disastrous.

I've owned and operated Outback Studios for twenty-four years now and have had an infatuation with recording music since the mid-sixties. My time spent in Texas and California surrounded by recording equipment from the days of reel-to-reels through cassettes and into the digital world has allowed me to work with such artists as Jeff "Skunk" Baxter of Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers to Gary P. Nunn of Texas music fame to our own Mike O'Neill and his amaz-

ing guitar playing. During thousands of studio sessions I have stockpiled quite a collection of studio stories from those personal experiences and even some interesting stories from famous recording stars. I've also accumulated many tips which can truly make you shine when the recording light comes on!

That reminds me, Tip #1: you definitely want to be at your BEST when recording. In tune, healthy, and well rehearsed! Your efforts are being captured and they will follow you around relentlessly! Hopefully your music will be heard over and over again so I'll wager you'll want to record your very best and NOTHING LESS. Let's get started...



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The World's LITTLEST Skyscraper — a story of honest deceit —

This is the story of Wichita Falls world famous attraction, “The Littlest Skyscraper” told by Jan and Mike Saville. Jan and Mike own the consignment boutique, Hello Again, located in the building which is now the only entrance to the skyscraper. They are the keepers of this architectural phenomenon and storytellers of the rich history behind the Worlds Littlest Skyscraper.



The building now holding the entrance to the Littlest Sky scraper was originally built in 1906 by a man named Augustus Newby. Mr. Newby was in the railroad business so he wanted to be located close to the tracks and the depot square which was just down the alley. After a while, he rented out some of the buildings space to oil men. There were seven or eight oil men working in the building each having their own desk representing a different oil firm. One of those men was JD McMahon. Mr. McMahon owned an oil drilling company and had a number of construction men working for him. By 1912 Burkburnett explodes into Boomtown. That brings and influx

of humanity because millionaires are being made over night. People are racing to seek their fortune and many found it. But that puts some real strain on infrastructure. Burkburnett essentially didn't exist so they were working and living out of tents up there. Wichita Falls is the county seat and becomes the most logical place for commerce to now take place. There is a new need for

housing and office space of which we had neither. So there are a lot of small neighborhoods that were built to provide the housing need for the oilmen and their families, but no immediate solution to the lack of office space. Mr. McMahon had an idea to solve the office space problem. He approached some investors. You can imagine how this conversation might have gone. He might have said something like, “We have all of these people coming in who are in need of hundreds of office spaces. Money is flowing like crazy. I could have my construction crew build a high rise building and we'll have it leased in no time and we'll all be getting rich.” Well, the investors liked the idea.

The building they were expecting to get is measured at 480 feet tall. Mr. McMahon raised \$200,000, which is roughly 3 million dollars in today's money, and he put his men to work. Upon completion the investors looked up at the building in bewilderment and Mr. McMahon is nowhere to be found. He's gone with the money and no one knows where he has disappeared to. There most likely would have been a lynching if they had found him. So, they wanted to sue, but in those days there was no courthouse in town and they had to wait for the roving magistrate to come around. When the roving magistrate gets to town the investors then plead their case before the judge and the judge rules against them because the plans they had been provided by Mr. McMahon and the ones they had approved were not in feet but were in inches. Therefore, the building is in fact 480 inches tall just as the plans described.

Many people were so angry they called for it to be torn down, but because of their desperate need for office space, the building was actually leased out as work space. After the depression came it did go out of service. It then caught fire causing the roof and the floors to cave in. The building encountered even more damage by a tornado causing bricks to fall from it and it stayed boarded up for decades. It is now owned by a partnership, The Littlest Skyscraper, LLC. They are the ones who put the building back together again; reroofed, installed new floors, and put in the staircase. The skyscraper did not originally come with a staircase instead, it came with a ladder. The floor dimensions are 10X16. By definition it is a skyscraper.

When a building occupies more vertical space than it does horizontal space it is considered a skyscraper. The name “Worlds Littlest Skyscraper” came to be by a man named Robert Ripley of “Ripley's Believe it or Not”. At the time he would report about the bazaar and unusual in a syndicated column that ran in newspapers across the country. Mr. Ripley picked up on the story of the skyscraper not long after the building was completed and wrote about it in his column. It was in that column that Mr. Ripley declared it “The World's Littlest Skyscraper”, and that title has stuck.

The building gets visitors from around the world daily. Floors 2 and 3 can be rented and utilized. The top floor is reserved for visitors complete with a display of charts and pictures of what the building use to look like and how it compares to other skyscrapers around the world.



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It's been a journey since 1999, when the inaugural organization was formed and started by the founding father, Mr. Tony Vellano, and the rest of the founding Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame. From humble beginnings in Schenectady, NY to Amsterdam, NY, and then in November 2015 the announcement was made of the move to the iconic First Wichita Building in downtown Wichita Falls. Big Blue was to become home to the only brick and mortar Hall of Fame & Museum just for Professional Wrestling, and all of wrestling.

As the move to place over 800 items of history, weighing 28,000 pounds, to their new home began, Albert Moving (a local warehouse storage and moving company) hauled the precious cargo just as it should be for 1800+ miles to its destination.... Wichita Falls, TX!!

712 8th Street, Suite 100 was not quite ready when the truck arrived so all the mannequins, shelves, and display cases were unloaded at Big Blue while all the precious items and memorabilia were stored in locked vaults in Albert Moving's warehouse until the call was made that said, "We're ready!"

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That's when the work really began. The first floor annex of Big Blue started coming to life with pictures and posters telling the story of what has become true Americana... Professional Wrestling. The over 100-year-old ring that was built for the Polo Grounds in upstate New York finally found a home. Our old building in NY did not have room for it so now it was being brought back to life as we set it up for the world to see again. In our first six months of being open to the public here in Wichita Falls, 15 countries and 46 states have blessed us with visitors to the Hall of Fame and Museum. Fans from all over and, of course, fans from right here in Texoma that enjoyed nights at the 4-H Barn have come in and relived all those many years of memories. From Skandor Akbar to Danny Hodge, The Sheik to Jack Brisco, Terry Funk to David Von Erich... the names, the stories of watching TV with your Grandma & Grandpa, Mom & Dad.... It's what we did, and whether you believed or not, or liked it or not, those memories are forever in our minds. Now at 712 8th Street, Suite 100, Wichita Falls, TX you can relive a few of those special memories, too.

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CITY CREEPS

The music of City Creeps is abrasive, not too complicated, not too serious, but ultimately determined to emit intimate energy to their audience. When asked what style of music they would call it, Dru Gid, guitarist, said it would best be described as “garage punk”.

Dru, along with Sierra Maag on drums, and John Farmer, bassist, all call Wichita Falls their hometown.

Dru and Sierra are cousins, but grew up more as brother and sister. When Sierra was a young teenager Dru moved away for about ten years and toured the southern states with bands in the do-it-yourself (DIY) circuit,

which simply means leaving out the big record companies, booking agents, and managers, and putting the business in your own hands. When he moved back they reconnected as if he had never left. According to sources, John is “secretly famous”. Although he is originally from Wichita Falls, he spent quite a stretch living in Austin



recording with many other artists and playing with the band What Made Milwaukee Famous, who toured with the Smashing Pumpkins. He also is a big advocate

of DIY services, such as printing his own vinyl records and silk screening shirts.

City Creeps officially formed when Dru had the 8th St. jam pad. He would hold DIY house party type concerts there with the help



of other local artists, and Sierra would be hanging out with him at the shows. One day after a few drinks at the Iron Horse Pub, she suggested that they should jam together. Although she never had played drums before, he saw she had some real potential. So he gave her some rhythm and technique suggestions and she just took it and ran with it. Now, a year and a half later, she hammers out beats like a pro.

When John moved back to town he was looking for people to put together a group. He got a jam session going with Dru and Sierra, and they all knew right away that this was going to be something special. The jam session turned into a songwriting session. City Creeps were born.

Their favorite places to play are the small, intimate rooms like the jam pad in Fre-Mar Valley, where Dru and Michael Hayes hold DIY shows. They feel that if the room is too big it creates too much distance between the music and the listeners. When you see a concert here, everybody has a front row seat, and the energy coming from the stage is injected directly into the veins of the audience.

When I stopped by to conduct this interview, Michael was engineering a City Creeps recording session, laying



down the tracks to the first song they wrote together. The garage punk sound is what they aim for- not too tight, not too loose, but heavy and dirty. With John ripping out riffs on his '79 Rickenbacker and belting out vocals, Sierra pounding out rolls, and Dru grinding out the guitar rhythms it was an experience to see, hear, and feel.



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