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Chelsey Pirkle



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It is HOT out there! But the beer is cold and the music is good, so check out the "What's Happening" page (pg.5) and go see live, local music and support local venues.

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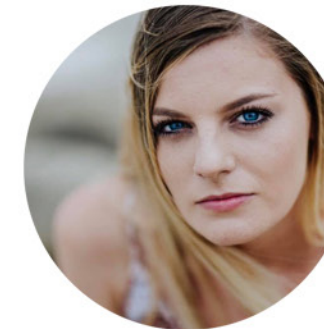
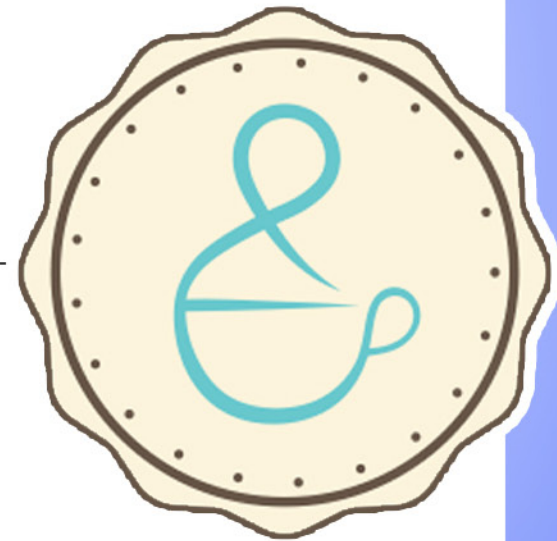


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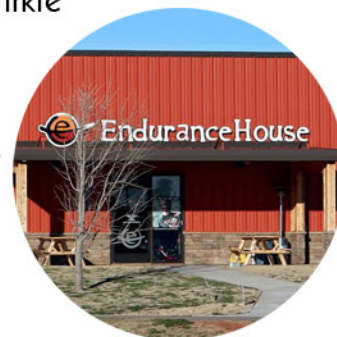
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# AUSTIN BIKE ZOO

The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture is adding a creative, artistic element to the 36th Annual Hotter'N Hell Hundred. From August 24-26, 2017, The Austin Bike Zoo will be making multiple appearances across Wichita Falls, including at the big ride

The Austin Bike Zoo was born as a collaboration of collective imagination between bike-builders, puppet-makers, and performers. Wichita Falls residents and visitors will be able to experience a menagerie of giant, playful, interactive hand-built creatures including butterflies, a praying mantis and a bald eagle.

The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture will also be bringing Art Bikes back for this year's Hotter'N Hell Hundred. Get ready to help us create a temporary public art installation to show the thousands of cyclists and their families the creative side of Wichita Falls. More information about how to enter your Art Bike can be found on the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture's website: [www.wichitafallsarts.org](http://www.wichitafallsarts.org).



"The amazing creatures from the Art Bike Zoo are brilliant indicators of how the arts and engineering work together. We are thrilled to be able to bring these art-creatures to our community so children and their families can see another example of creativity."

Executive Director  
Margie J. Reese

The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture exists to: strengthen and distinguish arts and culture in Wichita Falls; spark individual ingenuity; building enduring bonds among diverse communities; position the city as a regional center for arts activity; and to make the arts more accessible throughout our community.



For more information contact the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture at (940) 500-4451



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**August 4 - IHTBD w/  
From Parts Unknown**

**August 5 - Seth James w/  
The Indications**

**August 11 - Texez Mudd w/  
Hellen Bach**

**August 12 - Chet Stevens w/  
Downtown Royalty**

**August 18 - Dirty River Boys w/  
Randy Summers Band**

**August 19 - Alan Fox Band w/  
Alive by Surprise**

**August 22nd - Special  
Duelling Piano's Show  
with "Killer Keyz"  
from 7pm till 9pm.**

**August 25 - Maylee Thomas w/  
Under the Influence**

**August 26 - No Limits**



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# What's Happening

## August 1

Tim Maloney&Friends  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

## August 2

Voice Of Addiction  
Immediate Amnesia  
@ Stick's Place

## August 3

Mark Murphy @ P2

## After Hours Artwalk Downtown 7-9pm

## August 4

Armadillo Flatts  
@ Texas Nite Life

Improv @ Backdoor  
Theatre 7pm \$10

Texas Boneyard Band  
@ Lonesum Dove

Brandon Rhyder  
@ The Warehouse

It Hurts To Be Dead  
From Parts Unknown  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Improv Night  
@ Backdoor Theatre

## August 5

Leddit Ride  
Red Marsh  
@ Stick's Place

Seth James  
The Indications  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Sarah Swanson Art Show @  
Ganache

## August 8

Silver Dollar Blues Band @

Silver Dollar **August 10**

Ashmore @ P2

## August 10

11th Street Saints  
WFMA Live at the Lake

## August 11

Dillon Pirkle  
@ Ganache

Texez Mudd  
Hellen Bach  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Armadillo Flatts  
@ Texas Nite Life

## August 12

Killdevil  
@ Stick'sPlace

Chet Stevens  
Downtown Royalty  
@ Iron Horse Pub

## August 15

Tim Maloney&Friends  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

## August 16

Anthony Castillo  
@ Highlander 7:30pm

## August 18

Mick Jason  
@ Ganache Cupcake  
Lounge

Dirty River Boys  
Randy Summers Band  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Armadillo Flatts  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

Randall King  
@ The Warehouse

## August 19

Alan Fox Band  
Alive By Surprise  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Deep In It @ Stick's  
RIP  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

## August 22

Special Dueling Pianos  
Show  
With Killer Keyz  
@ Iron Horse Pub

Silver Dollar Blues Band  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

## August 25

Romeo Whiskey  
@ Stick's Place

Armadillo Flatts  
@ Lonesum Dove

Maylee Thomas  
Under The Influence  
@ Iron Horse Pub

## August 26

No Limits  
@ Iron Horse Pub

## August 29

Tim Maloney And Friends  
@ Silver Dollar Saloon

Frank & Joe's  
live music  
every Friday 7:00

Open Mic  
with Michael Hayes  
first and third Tuesday  
@ Gypsy Uncorked

**7-9AM Specials**  
**\$1.50 domestic longnecks**  
**\$3 Fireball**

## Pool Tables & Darts

Aug 2 Voice Of Addiction  
Immediate Amnesia

Aug 5 Leddit Ride  
Red Marsh

Aug 12 Killdevil

Aug 19 Deep In It

Aug 25 Romeo Whiskey

## \$2 Tuesdays

\$2 Domestic Longnecks and Wells all night  
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Open mic every Friday  
@ 8th St. Coffee House

Open Mic every Sunday  
@ Mustang Bar

Live music every Friday  
@ Frank & Joe's

Texas Nite Life:  
Live music on Friday &  
Saturday nights  
9:00pm

Iron Horse Pub:  
Dru Gid's open jam  
1st & 3rd Wednesday  
Bryson Lawrence's open mic

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tions, and TBD.  
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and see a show!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sarah Swanson art show August 5th, 6-9pm**

**August 4 & 25 Music To Be Announced**



**August 11  
Dillon Pirkle**

**August 18  
Mick Jason**



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# HAYLEY'S MUSIC

A new music store has recently emerged here in Wichita Falls, and I had the opportunity to sit down with Jason Byas, the manager of Hayley's Music.

Jason has been in the music scene here for a long time, having played in groups such as Seventy Times Seven in the early 90's, and in bands with members of Bowling For Soup. He was also employed by McCarty Music for several years in the late 90's, and more recently was an English and Journalism teacher at Old High.

When his friend, Dr. John Haley, decided to open a music store, he bought the building next to his eye clinic on Kemp Blvd and asked Jason to run it. Since McCarty's had closed and Music Express owner DeWayne Kinnett passed away last year, and Great Neck Guitars has shut down, he saw an opportunity to offer our town a fresh new place to sell quality instruments, p.a. gear, drums, and provide music lessons.

Jason likes the laid back feel of the store, where people can come in and play and not be accosted by those 'pushy sales people you might find at the large chain stores'. And he is pleased with the caliber of his music teachers Kristin Mask, Donovan Hickman, Kelly Jackson, Mike Ramos, and David Hamilton.

He said he feels like Wichita Falls needed a new place to buy some quality instruments and gear such as Gibson, Fender, Gretsch, Seagull, and Art & Luthier as well as some unique and high-end instruments like Martin, Taylor, and Les Paul.

Haley's Music is also an official Tama and Gretsch drum dealer, and they offer p.a. gear, p.a. rentals, and installation, including brands like QSB, JBL, EV, and Peavey.

Jason invites you to stop by Hayley's Music at 1907 Kemp Blvd and visit with him and Dustin Fike, play around on some great instruments, pick up some strings and sticks, and get all the gear you need to get you and your band set up to play your next gig.

*~Tim Maloney*

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Jason Bycs of Hayley's Music



**Kemp at Maplewood**

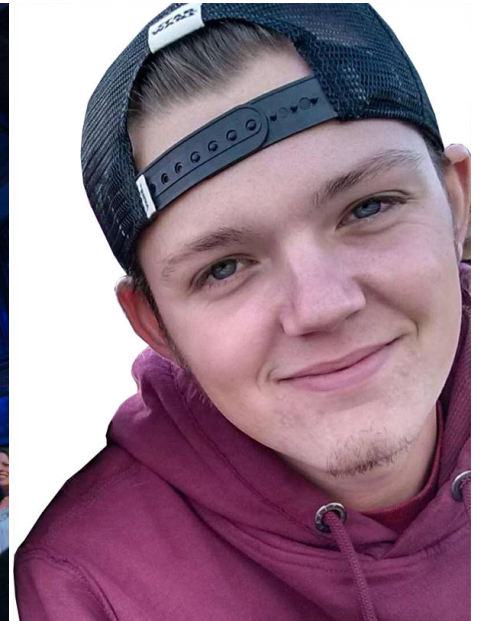
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# WILLIAM SHULTZ

William Schultz grew up traveling the globe; the typical life of a military brat. However, for an aspiring photographer, this is an ideal raising. William was able to see things through the lens of his camera that most of us have only seen online. He was always fascinated with photography. He reminisced, "As a kid, my grandparents would get me cameras from goodwill or anywhere they found one. I'd just shoot whatever. I would volunteer to shoot at all family functions." He won a photo competition in middleschool, which really fueled his passion but it was the music festivals he attended in England that turned his focus toward music photography. He explains that "capturing the moment and that connection between a band and the crowd" is exciting for him.



William has been in Wichita Falls for three years as a student at Midwestern State University. He can be found around town every weekend shooting live events for The Hub. He is a talented photographer and we are proud to have him on our team.





# Kim Ward

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Kim Ward has had many accolades in her career as an artist, and her work is exquisite, yet she is “basically self taught and has never taken art lessons.”

“Like many artists I had a very difficult childhood, so art and reading were my escape methods,” she explained, “I was from a real poor family, so all I had was pencil and paper.” Once she graduated high school, she also graduated from pencil to paint.

“I enjoy the tactile nature of oil paint,” Kim said with a smile. “I like the luminosity of oil paint and the creamy texture. I like to push the paint around. It is almost like bending it or twisting it. I have to allow the piece to develop itself, and then I start to find tune things.”

“It is a process,” she mused, “I have an idea in my mind. I might be influenced by a different artist, or technique. I am fascinated by shadows and reflections and texture. I am interested in the process of layering colors. It is almost a game. How did they mix those colors to get that effect?” But she isn’t limited to just oil paint.

“I enjoy acrylic paint because it is so fast,” she said, “There are so many different mediums that you can work into the paint. Things to make it thick or thin, like sand and polymers. You can thin acrylic paint out so you can use it like watercolor. And by layering you create a lot of depth in a painting. That is how you create reflections, like a stainless steel bowl of water.” “Every day I to try and bend it to my will,” Kim said, “I am in a Zen state when I am creating art.” Some of her influences are Andrew Wythe and Vermeer and Monet, but she is also inspired by local artists. “It is like a little mind game—like tickling the brain to see what is behind their art. Every artist has validation, and there is something about their art that I find fascinating. All of our local artists have something that they can contribute, and that is why not everyone likes vanilla,” Kim said. One of her murals is on display at the Wichita Falls Municipal Airport. The mural is about the famous Jenny airplanes, and the pilots who flew them. It is historically accurate and it all happened in the Call Field Airport almost







100 years ago.

“Everyone should join the Kemp Center for the Arts and the Wichita Falls Art Association. We need to reach out and pull in all the artists and be part of a community,” she stressed, “We are all up in our heads so much, and we need to talk to each other and bounce ideas off of each other.” Kim paints in the 7th Street Studio and her art can be viewed there and at the Wichita Falls Art Association. She participates in shows all over the region and her art is in many private collections.

-Cindy Kahler Thomas



**Resident Artists:** J. Bradford M. Karyl Barbosa  
 Mary Jane Roberts Judy Braddy Jackie Phillips Sharon Norton  
 Ronda Morgan Kim Ward Arianna Kirk Marion Helmick  
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— Featured Artist: Mary Jane Roberts



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Mary Jane has been a resident at Seventh St. Studio since it's inception almost 2 years ago. Her medium of choice is pastel and she studied pastel under Daniel Greene

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# FRANK & JOE'S

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Frank & Joes Coffee House opened a year ago in Parker Square and has already become the place to get fresh coffee with a laid back atmosphere. A mother and daughter team, Carol Murray and Jessica Edwards, started to put together their business plan 6 years before they opened the coffee hot spot.

“I have a love affair for coffee, and I was tired of standing in line for 18 minutes to get my coffee,” Carol said.

There were three factors that they wanted their business to emulate. The first one was to honor the city and the history of the city, hence Frank Kell and Joe Kemp. The cities founders are the namesake of the coffee house. There are even portraits of the gentlemen in the building.

The second thing they wanted to do and be known for is “really fresh coffee”.

“I learned that our competition could have their coffee in a warehouse up to a year,” Carol said. “I wanted us to have really fresh coffee and that would be an improvement from our competitors coffee. We get our coffee roasted every week, and if you have really tasted fresh coffee, it doesn’t compare to other coffees”.

They have 2 coffee roasters that cost \$16000 a piece. “We have a large staff of 30 people. When you go to a competitor they push a button. We have a very manual process that is hand created. We don’t grind the bean until you order it,” Carol said. “We have the quality, and we do have a large staff to keep things moving.”

The third thing that they wanted to do is support area non-profits.

“We built that into our business plan,” Carol explained, “for every espresso and drip coffee, we donate ten cents to a worthy nonprofit. That adds up to about \$1200 a quarter. We change nonprofits every quarter, and the team decides collectively on what will be the next nonprofit. P.E.T.S. is the nonprofit that we are working with now.”

“In terms of a business plan, that is what it is all about,” added Carol.



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“Another fun thing is that we named some of our coffees after Wichita Falls,” Carol said.

They have The Pavilion, with a nod towards Lake Wichita’s past. They have one named 8th and Ohio, and they have one named 1889, which is the year that Wichita Falls became officially incorporated.

“We are a lot like Frank and Joe,” Carol said with a smile. “Jessica is like Joe Kemp because he was the visionary, and I am like Frank Kell, with him being the numbers guy. I think that is why we make such a great team. She has a lot of creative skills and is an artist.”

The shop likes to use local items wherever they can. They get their wine from the Wichita Falls Vineyards and Winery. The pastries are from local bakeries and the odds and ends that they sell are all from local artisans and businesses.

Jessica and Carol have also branched out by acquiring the Primp and Blow Salon located in Parker Square.

“I think both of our concepts are big city concepts. We are proving that big city concepts work in Wichita Falls,” Jessica said.

-Cindy Kahler Thomas

AUGUST 2017

**SILVER DOLLAR SALOON**

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Aug 1 - Tim Maloney & Friends  
 Aug 3 - Dannie Carson  
 Aug 4 - Tuna Blues  
 Aug 5 - Miyagi  
 Aug 8 - Silver Dollar Blues Band  
 Aug 10 - Randy Summers  
 Aug 11 - Mr Meaner  
 Aug 12 - To Be Announced  
 Aug 15 - Tim Maloney & Friends  
 Aug 17 - Dannie Carson  
 Aug 18 - Armadillo Flatts  
 Aug 19 - RIP  
 Aug 22 - Silver Dollar Blues Band  
 Aug 24 - Randy Summers  
 Aug 25 - 8 Minute Fall  
 Aug 26 - Erick Willis  
 Aug 29 - Tim Maloney & Friends  
 Aug 31 - Scott Taylor

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# 15 Celebs You'll Be Shocked to Know **Don't Booze It Up**

When most people think about the lives of celebrities, champagne-soaked parties usually come to mind. What, with all of the parties and after-parties, it's not crazy to think that all celebrities get their drunk on most days of the week. However, a surprising amount of celebrities don't drink, which is actually pretty cool. Here's just 15 celebs that might surprise you.

## 1. Bradley Cooper

Bradley Cooper became sober at 29, telling GQ magazine of his substance abuse, "If I continued it, I was really going to sabotage my whole life." "I don't drink or do drugs anymore," he told People recently. "Being sober helps a great deal ... I remember looking at my life, my apartment, my dogs [when I was still using], and I thought, 'What's happening?'"



## 2. Russell Brand

The comedian, who is outspoken about his recovery from drugs and alcohol, celebrated his tenth anniversary of being sober in December 2012 with this message: "10 years clean today. Thanks for all your messages of love. Anyone can get clean, one day at a time."



## 3. Matthew Perry

The former "Friends" star hasn't drunk since entering rehab in the late '90s for an addiction to Vicodin. He told ABC News, "The thing that I'm most proud of in my life is that if a stranger came up to me and said, 'I can't stop drinking. I can't stop drinking. Can you help me?' I can say, 'Yes, I can help you.'"



## 4. Eminem

After battling addiction to drugs and alcohol, Eminem got sober several years ago. "You gotta remember I hadn't recorded a song sober in seven years. So it took me awhile to even feel like I could record a song sober ... I don't know the last time I shot a video sober, without drinking or taking anything. It's been years," he told Vibe.



## 5. Jennifer Lopez

"I think that ruins your skin. Of course, during celebratory toasts, everybody's like, 'You can't toast with water!' So I'll toast with alcohol and just take a sip," she told InStyle.



## 6. Keith Urban

Urban has been sober for ten years. "The truth is that I wasn't even aware of where it was at in my life and how it was just going to come down and take me down like it did. I was probably in such a state of denial that I consciously wasn't aware of it."



## 7. Gerard Butler

Butler quit drinking 19 years ago and recently went to rehab for a prescription painkiller addiction.



## 8. Tobey McGuire

"I don't think it's a secret that I've been sober since I was 19. It's in half of the articles done about me," he told People.



## 9. Rob Lowe

Rob Lowe has been sober for just around 25 years, telling Piers Morgan in an interview that he enjoyed rehab. "It was great. I loved it. Because I was ready. Problem is, people go into rehab and they're not ready," Lowe explained. "You want to get sober for your parents, you want to get sober for your job, you want to get sober for the cops, you want to get sober to protect your image. A lot of good reasons, by the way, but unfortunately, the only thing that works is that you have to want to get sober for you. So, I was ready."





### 10. Kat von D

The tattoo artist celebrated ten years of sobriety this summer, tweeting, “Today, marks my anniversary of sobriety! Yay for not being a drunken a\*\*hole!! :)”



### 11. Robert Downey Jr.

RDJ has been clean and sober about 14 years. “I think of myself as someone who has no desire, use for or conscious memory of that life,” he told Playboy. “And yet I don’t shut the door on it, and I don’t pretend it didn’t happen.”



### 12. Tim McGraw

Tim McGraw gave up drinking for his daughters. “I think it’s a personal choice — when it gets to the point where you think it’s affecting you adversely and it’s affecting your relationships,” the country star told Ellen DeGeneres. “It’s time to make a change, and I thought it was.”



### 13. Ben Affleck

Ben Affleck says his rehab stint in 2001 helped him change his life for the better. “Simple as this, I quit drinking. It’s really not that big a deal. It has no real bearing on anything else in my life,” he explained to The Mirror. “Your lifestyle changes at a certain age. Like me, a lot of my friends are married with kids. When you are in your 20s and you’re not married with kids, you’re having fun. But when you’re in your 30s and you’re not married and don’t have kids, you begin to develop a Peter Pan complex. As you grow older, you have more responsibilities and you have to step up to them.”



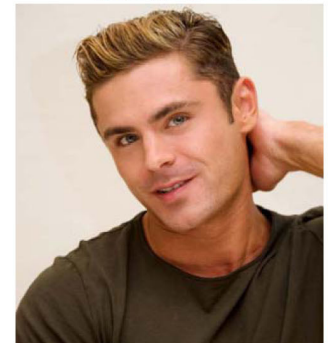
### 14. Andy Hurley (of Fall Out Boy)

When he was 15, Hurley immersed himself in the hard-core punk scene in Milwaukee, and when that wasn’t enough, he would travel to Chicago to play or hang out with similar bands. That was when he was inspired to become straightedge — meaning he wouldn’t take drugs or drink alcohol — and he is a vegan.



### 15. Zac Efron

“Baywatch” star sought help for an addiction in 2014. Efron went to rehab in 2014 and admits that, though his alcohol addiction is his “never ending struggle,” he’s able to cope by attending AA meetings.



**Hotter N Hell**  
**8.25.17**  
7-8:30  
*Music by Anthony Castillo*

Art  Art

The poster features a watercolor background in shades of orange and yellow. At the bottom, the word "Art" is written in a cursive font on either side of a circular logo for "9th St Studios".



# Chelsey Pirkle

**Chelsey Pirkle was a barista at Frank & Joe's, a smiling face that welcomes you and takes your order. She was good at what she did, helping people feel welcome and making their coffee. Not unlike the thousands of other people around you every day. Not unlike you; doing what you do and doing it well. Smiling and pretending that you're happy. Chelsey had dreams, not unlike you. She had dreams of traveling and pursuing her art. Some thought she was crazy. We think she's a role model. Meet Chelsey Pirkle.**

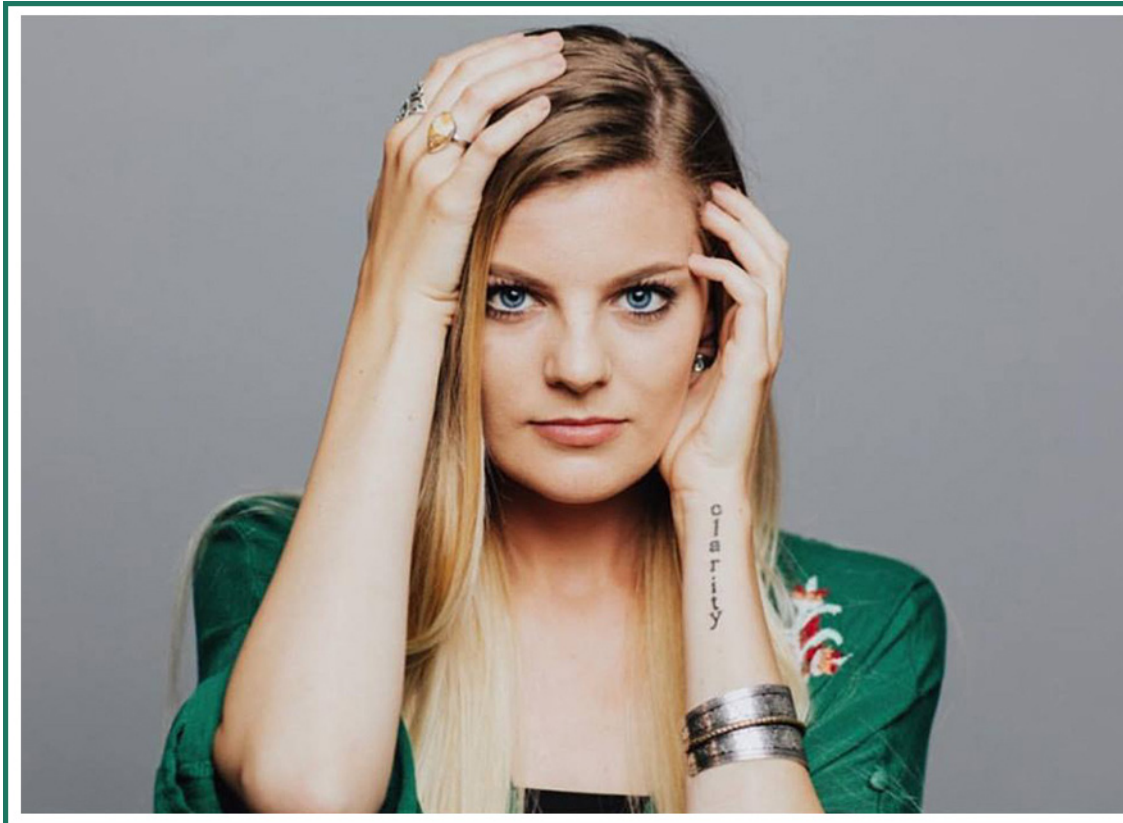
The name is Chelsey Pirkle. Most call me Chels or Chel. The moment I picked up a coloring book, along with map colors, I fell in love. I found myself discovering the joy that came with creating something in my image. The way you feel and see the colors reflecting the beauty of a memory, or rather, the ability we have elab-

orating one's imagination. How we imagine it would look like if we splashed a little color on the blank sheet of fine paper. Lines were in the way, however, as a young girl they somewhat guided me, giving me structure. The more time I spent creating, the more these lines became irrelevant. I learned the beauty in letting go of control, and allowed my imagination and creativity to paint through me. As art is a surrounding nature in all of our lives, it has been much more to me; my day to day inspiration. Simple, but beautiful moments that occur. Like a bird leaping to fly for the first time, or a wave meeting the shoreline as if it hadn't before. Ongoing life is art and that's why so many try and capture it within words; the imagery of what we feel. It's in our nature. I started painting and drawing at a very young age. Most of my paintings have been given throughout my family but for many years I tried to hold my them captive. Merely sheltered until the day I realized the ocean does not belong to me, just like the bird that makes eye contact was only there to give me

a glimpse of hope. Inspiration and creativity are not mine to keep but important to share. Let this "about me" section not be about me, the artist, but simply about the art. It's about you, the very reason I create is to hope that the colors and the inspiration touches your heart, giving you that glimpse of hope. Colors of love. The art of life and people. Focus on the present, cherish the people, the memories, the encounters, nature, and the flowers. That is my story; being myself, doing life the way it was meant to be lived, unique and purposeful. Growing each and every day, spiritually, physically, and mentally. Most importantly,

love one another. Love is powerful. It's free and everyone deserves to be, and is, loved. Some just need to be reminded that from time to time.

**You recently decided to just pack up and hit the road. What prompted such a drastic, spontaneous decision?** I was comfortable where I was and I suddenly felt a tug on my heart. Unsure what the tug meant or why I felt like a shift was about to take place in my life. I just did what I always did, go to work make everyone coffee, and on my days off, painted and continued



to work on the book I've been writing. I started to have these dreams of this river and saw a group of individuals. The dreams were back to back. The group of individuals in my dreams continued to tell me to go to California. No way, I thought. The last dream I had I was standing in front of a mirror giving myself excuses as to why I couldn't. When I woke up, I knew that the tug on my heart was to head to California. I felt a strange feeling of new beginnings and opportunities. The more I thought about it and continued to write, the more it made sense. I was writing about dreamers and leaving your comfort zone and I was comfortable. I needed to step out of my own comfort zone, so I did and I will never regret doing so. The encounters I've had, the moments of freedom, and the moments of struggle have all been worth it. I continue to grow and learn. I can see more clearly than I have before. Learning to go with the current is much more peaceful than fighting the waves. Some say I'm brave, some say I'm crazy. I think im just walk-



ing out my own journey, just living life, not in the way the world tells you, you should.

**Can you share any of your encounters with us?** I was painting in a random park, on a random day. I imagine this day felt a little blue and a little purple mixed with some pure white (see “Crossing Paths” below). Three young boys playing tag, running around being boys. The moment they had spotted me painting near a shaded tree I was suddenly surrounded with questions and conversation.



As the colors mixed it seemed to have been the highlight of their day. One went on to talk about how his dad “used to” be an artist and how he would watch his dad paint and draw growing up. Earlier in the same random day in Colorado I had hiked up the seven falls to sit on a rock and write in my old worn out journal for a solid hour or so. As I looked down to see the city so far and so small at the bottom, all my worries belittled before my eyes. A moment of appreciation for the valleys in my life. I never asked why that young boy’s dad didn’t consider himself an artist anymore. Maybe it was that he had drifted from what he loved and it was a matter of a child’s perspective. As I continued to paint we continued talking about growing up and dreams. It was about that time for me to get back on the road, to continue on to the next encounter that awaited me. The

painting remained in Colorado with the three precious boys. One was off to share the story with his father; to inspire him to return to the artist he once was. The other two may have found a new interest in painting. The painting they now carried was a reminder, always to stay humble in your success. When you grow up remember the encounters you have and the people you’ve met. When you encounter valleys in your life appreciate them, for it creates character and growth. Never let anyone tell you that your dream is not possible, and don’t let the growth process drift you from your true self.

**Some say I’m brave. Some say I’m crazy.  
I think I’m just walking out my own journey.**





# TIPS AND TALES FROM OUTBACK

with Johnny Divine (Outback Studios 940-613-8436)

If you don't mind, this month's article may be a little shorter than usual! I am in California on vacation and I don't have much to say. Imagine that!

I started my vacation with a Paul McCartney concert in Oklahoma City on Monday, July 17th. All I can say about that is, "Wow!" The next stop was Winslow, Arizona, where I was obligated to stand on a corner. Then on to Flagstaff, Arizona for some much needed rest and a visit the next day to the Grand Canyon, which, by the way, "Don't weigh nothin'!" according to guitarist Mike Franklin.

Heading into California flooded my memory with many memories of the years that I lived in the Golden State. On the top of that list are the friends that I made out here. There were so many folks from all walks of life that shared music with me, life with me, and friendships that will never die. California is where I met my wife and where my first son was born. Now, is that special or what?

Next were the musical artists that I was able to see without having to travel very far. Some as close as a three minute walk from my Huntington Beach apartment. Let's see, there was Bob Dylan, Leo Kottke, Jim Keltner, Adrian Belew, Jesse Winchester, The Band, Randy Newman, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Joe Pass, Andre Segovia, Jaco Pastorius, Bonnie Raitt, Hirth Martinez, Jesse Colin Young, Pat Metheny, Leon Redbone, Jesse Ed Davis, Warren Zevon, Johnny Copeland, Mose Allison, Ry Cooder, John Hiatt, Richard Thompson, Los Lobos, Eric Clapton, T Bone Burnett, Dr. Demento, Martin Mull, Shuggie Otis, Albert Lee, Gene Clark, The Roches... well, you get the idea. It still amazes me.

And lastly, for you musicians that think about moving to one of our nation's music capitals, run this by your travel plans. I was reminded of a story that I heard shortly after moving to the "promise land". The Hollywood Musician's Union wanted to spread the word about the number of musicians that hit LA on average. It stated that 1600 new musicians move to the Los Angeles area every year! One thousand and six hundred

musicians with countless dreams! Wait! I'm sorry, that's 1600 new musicians a month!! That's getting close to 50,000 musicians a month! Wait! I must apologize again-that's 1600 new musicians a day!!! You do the math! I'm going to leave you with that and get back to my vacation. Thank you.

-Johnny Divine



Some exciting things have been happening for local punk band It Hurts To Be Dead since we ran their cover story in May. I caught up with the band- Kevin Gilmore, Nick Thornton, and Sean Snyder- to get the skinny on what's happened since then.

They have been in negotiations with some movie and filmmakers to possibly feature their music, but nothing has been confirmed to date.

What is a sure thing is the release of their 5-song EP, *Old Habits And Die Hards*, due to be released in late summer or early fall. It was recorded at 12 Forward Sound in Deep Ellum and is co-produced by Josh Fleming of The Vandaliers and John Pedigo of The O's.

Although It Hurts To Be Dead may be classified as a punk band, Kevin says the music on this record reaches across the borders of different genres such as garage type rock and alternative styles which shows the diversity of their music.

You can catch a sneak preview of the songs from *Old Habits And Die Hards* on August 4th when IHTBD will be at Iron Horse Pub with From Parts Unknown, the psychobilly band out of Dallas.

~Tim Maloney





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Mark Pinson and his wife, Valerie, have always had a passion for being involved with pastimes that keep them active. Valerie has been a runner for years and Mark has always been engaged with sports, like BMX and baseball. Valerie and Mark recognized that the city needed a place where everyone could come together, talk, and organize fitness; a hub where like-minded people could get together to discuss running, biking, and swimming and do it as a group. “She wanted a shoe store, and I wanted a bike shop,” Mark reveals about the origins of their store, Endurance House.

Valerie’s a runner and has been her whole life. She recognized that Wichita Falls didn’t have a specialty running store. With Endurance, they are able to put you on a treadmill and monitor your running in order to get you a shoe that best fits you and your feet. Mark has ridden on the BMX tracks for his entire life and their combined passions led them to this.

The store opened its doors October of 2015 and has since been a hub for athleticism in Wichita Falls. The fame of the store quickly rose with their work with the Runners Club. Participants would come into the store weekly for runs and as they shopped for shoes, they were enticed by the store’s selection of bicycles. Bicycles led to interest in swimming, and swimming into triathlons.

They began hosting open water swims earlier this summer, and once a month they put buoys out at Lake Arrowhead. This, along with peoples’ new passion to run and bike, has started the desire for triathlons. “Since we’ve opened the store, I’ll bet we’ve added 50 or 60 new triathletes,” Mark informed. They also had a spring triathlon at Castaway Cove. The swim began at the Lazy River, followed by a 12 mile bike ride, and then, a 5K run. Their ultimate goal is to get the sport into Lake Wichita. On top of that, they also encourage running with the “Couch to 5K” program, which prepares runners to meet the goal of running 5K without stopping.

The Pinson family continues to stay fit together. Mark and Valerie took up triathlons when the center opened, and they now compete three or four times a year. Plus, this year you can catch the entire family, which includes their twin boys (11 years old), barreling through the 25K at this year’s Hotter ‘n Hell 100. It’ll be a busy day for them because they will also have a booth for Endurance House at this year’s Expo. So go check them out there, or at their storefront location at 5007 Taft Blvd in Wichita Falls.

*-James Cook*



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# Wichita Falls Art Association

Have you heard about the burgeoning art district downtown? Well it all started with the Wichita Falls Art Association Gallery.

The gallery came to being as Jensen Gallery in the Holt Hotel on the corner of 8th Street and Ohio Street. Brad and Donna Jensen opened it in 2010, but a year later, they had an elderly relative that needed help, so they packed up and left town. However, Brad still had another year on his lease.

Two board members from The Wichita Falls Art Association came up with the idea to run the gallery for the second year of Brad's lease to try the waters and see if they could make it work. It was decided that the gallery would hang only its own member's art, and that there would be a small hanging fee to offset the cost of rent, utilities and other cost incurred with running a business. The individual artists could sell their work from the gallery, and there would be no commission taken from any sale. Also, the gallery was to be manned by members volunteering their time.

It took a few months to get the members onboard, but the board members persisted. Soon the gallery became a success.

In 2012 the gallery opened officially under the name Wichita Falls Art Association Gallery. Before obtaining the gallery, the association had 37 members. With the added bonus of the opportunity to show their work all year, the membership went up to over 100. Soon the members started



renting painting studios downtown, and then one of them opened a multi-artist studio one block away, called the Seventh Street Studio. And yet another enterprising member opened a studio next door to the WFAA Gallery named The Lily Pad.

These three entities organized the After Hours Art Walks in 2016. By 2017 the idea had spread. New galleries and businesses wanted to join in. They lined up a trolley for every first Thursday through October to take the visitors to all the stops on the route. Each participating venue would have art on display, or have live music, or sometimes both. The Yard got involved, too. The Yard is on Ohio Street between 7th and 8th Streets, making it centrally located. Even food trucks were brought in to feed the masses! Rain or shine, artists fill the Farmer's Market to show off their art

and sell it to the crowds that frequent the art walks. The After Hours Art Walk will continue through October.

The gallery is right in the thick of things. Hundreds of patrons have visited it during the art walks. This year Art & Soul took place in the heart of this burgeoning new art district. The WFAA Gallery alone had almost 900 people come and view their offerings. The gallery has an eclectic mix of art ranging from traditional to modern, so there is something for everyone. Every month there is fresh art, so it is never boring.

Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join the art association. There is a \$35 membership fee and, with this, you can show your art with the association in any show they have. This includes The Kemp Center for the Arts, the Home & Garden Show, and usually the Wichita Falls Museum of Art. Because of their location, the gallery takes part in almost all downtown events, which gives the artists and their art great exposure.

For the last 5 years, the WFAA has also hosted a Photographic Exhibition, and this year it opens on August 1st. Photographers from all over the United States will have their photographs on display. The show is judged, and there are cash prizes. For this show, the photographers do not need to be members of the Association. The exhibit will be at the gallery through August.

The business hours of the WFAA Gallery are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located at 600 8th Street and the phone number is 940-343-7507.

-Cindy Kahler Thomas



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