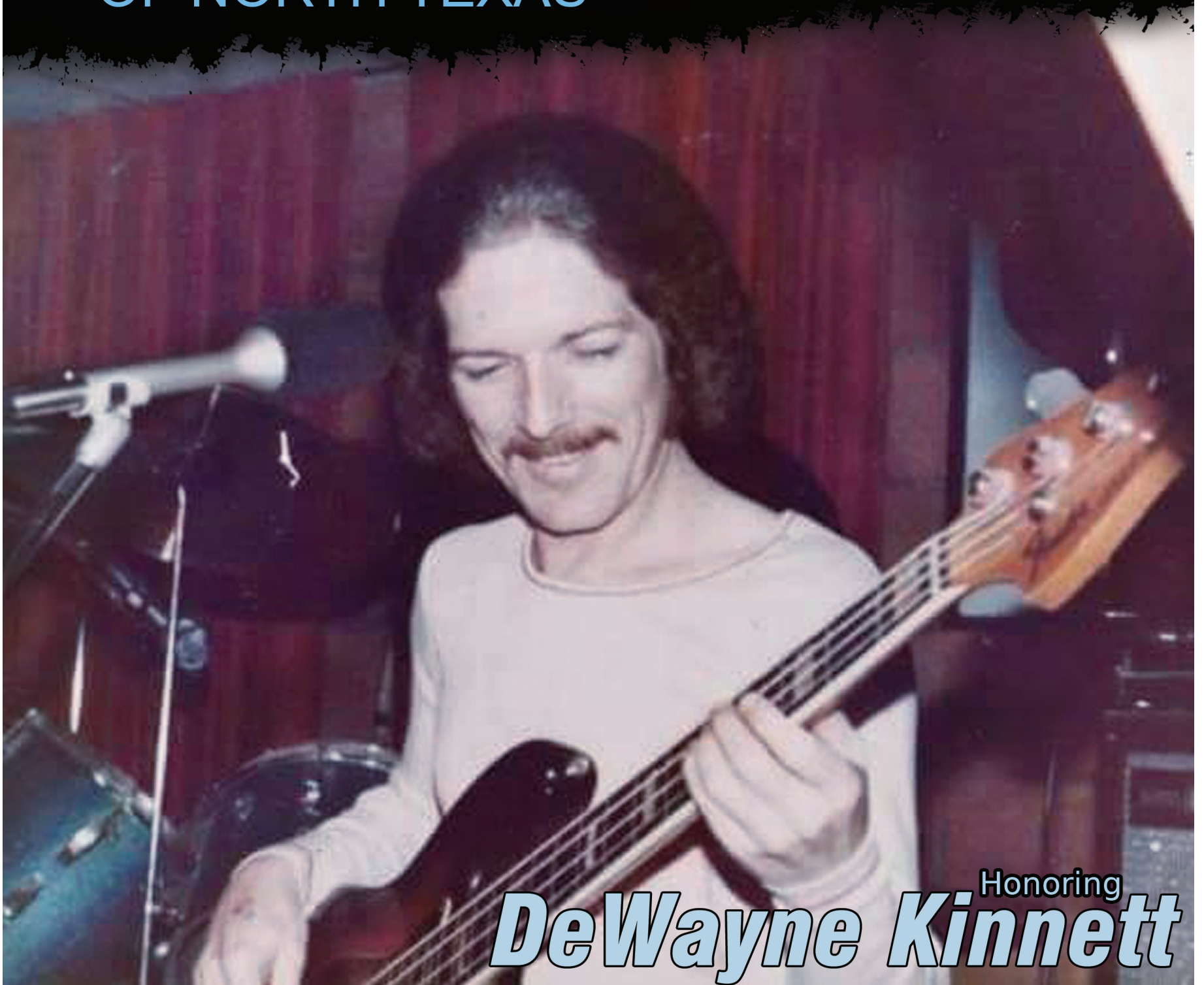


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# THE HUB OF NORTH TEXAS

So much is happening in Wichita Falls that it's hard to even keep up with it all. Downtown is exploding with art and renovation, businesses are popping up all over the place, and the music scene is better than it has ever been. The Hub is in it's infancy but growing at a surprising pace and we couldn't be happier to be a part of this exciting movement that Wichita Falls is experiencing. However, amidst all of the good that is happening we have lost a local legend and one of the greatest humans and musicians this city has ever seen. Dewayne Kinnett left us this month and will be dearly missed. It was difficult to pick a picture of DeWayne for the cover of this issue. Personal feelings pushed toward a modern photo, the way we most recently remembered him, but the old, grainy pic of him doing what he loved to do won out. We love you DeWayne, and we will never forget the nostalgic conversations.....

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# What's Happening

**August 5-6, 12-13, 19-20**  
The Little Mermaid  
7:30pm Wichita Theatre

**August 6**  
Farmer's Market  
7:30am - 1:00pm  
Downtown 8th & Ohio

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**August 6-7**  
Gun & Knife Show  
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**August 11**  
Sounds of Speedway  
The Forum

**August 12-13**  
Denim and Diamonds  
Roger Creager  
Doors 7pm Show 10pm

**August 13**  
The Iron Horse Pub  
Pink Floyd Tribute  
with A.A. Bottom

**August 13**  
End of Summer Wine Walk  
Frank & Joe's, GypsyUncorked,  
Ganache Cupcake Lounge

**August 19**  
The Iron Horse Pub  
Erick Willis

**August 20**  
Farmer's Market Salsa Day  
7:30am - 1:00pm

**August 25-28**  
Hotter'N Hell Hundred

**August 27**  
Farmer's Market  
7:30am - 1:00pm

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# Caleb Villa of V Custom Bowties

V Custom Bowties is a Wichita Falls based company that was founded in 2015 and is quickly making a name for itself. We sat down with the creator and driving force behind the company and found that he was just as bold and confident as his ties. We love supporting local and it's always a bonus when it's top quality.



**How did you get into creating custom ties?** I started with the bow ties about a year and a half ago. I always wore bow ties and just wondered what it would take to make them. My grandma could sew and I figured maybe I could come up with something with her help and I tried a few things and came up with my own recipe.

**So just by experimentation?** Exactly. Just some trial and error and making some terrible ones.

**Do you create completely custom ties?** Yes. I'm getting into doing more ties for pets. I use a third party to print fabric of cotton and even silk, but satin is my most used fabric. I can put a picture of yourself or whatever you would like. Even a piece of pizza. One ad I'm wanting to do is me wearing one of my cat and my cat wearing one of me.

**You sell online?** Etsy, Ebay, and then my own online E-commerce store. I do most of my business online but I plan to start pushing more locally. They make great gifts, like Father's day, holidays. Good for proms.

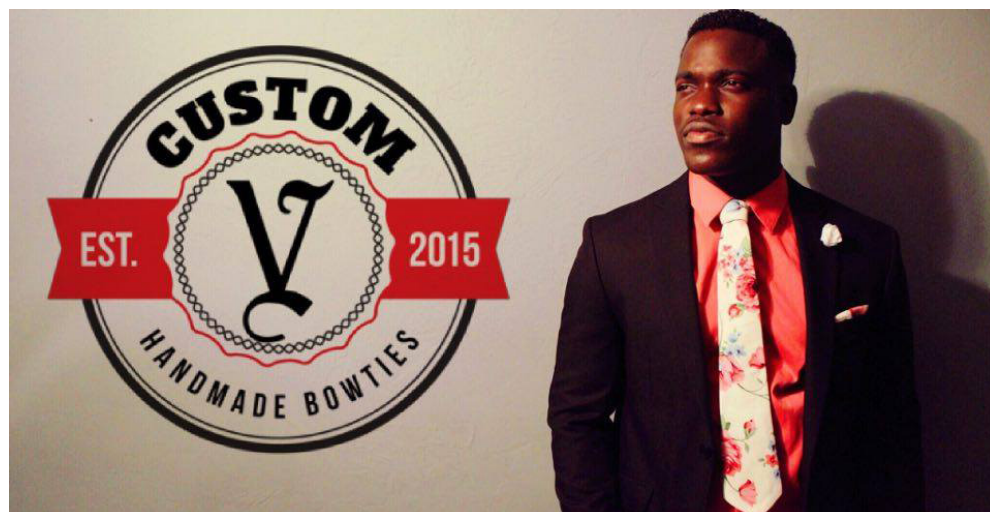
**I can think of so many times that custom neck ties would be great, like weddings.** I've done a few weddings so far. I did five neckties for a wedding recently with all the same print and I'm waiting to receive the photos and I'll use them to start advertising for weddings locally.

**I saw that you have a lot of super hero designs made up. Do you keep a lot of a certain kind in stock?**

Well, most ties are

made to order and if it's not a completely custom tie and I am able to get the fabric locally I can usually **have** it ready next day depending on the order size. For the completely custom jobs I have about a two week turn around.

**Do you have any particular design that is a hot seller?** Well, most recently it has been Star Wars. I even had an order for a Darth Vader glow in the dark tie.





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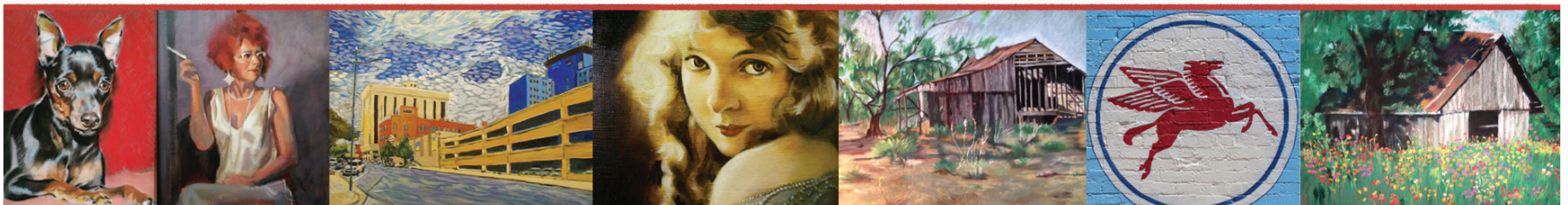
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Frank & Joe's, GypsyUncorked, and Ganache Cupcake Lounge are teaming up for an End of Summer Wine Walk! There will be lots of Sangria, food, and cupcakes. Make sure to purchase your tickets online ahead of time as space is limited. Come celebrate the end of summer with a Sangria Wine Walk from Frank & Joe's Coffee House to GypsyUncorked and finishing up at Ganache Cupcake Lounge. Each location will have a different Sangria and signature food pairing. So, get all of your friends together and save the date for this amazing event! A limited number of tickets will be available and must be purchased in advance. Tickets go on sale August 1st. The event will take place on Saturday, August 13 from 7 to 9pm. [www.squareup.com/store/the-gypsy-kit](http://www.squareup.com/store/the-gypsy-kit)

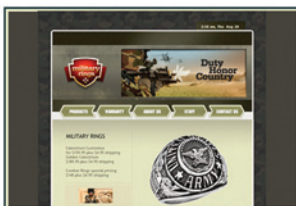


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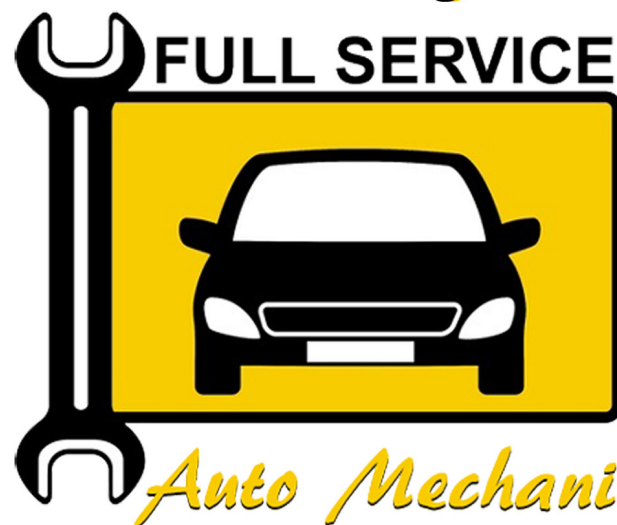


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# - DeWayne Kinnett -

Come in, grab an instrument, sit down and talk music. It's what every musician wants to do with their day and DeWayne Kinnett made that possible for years in Wichita Falls. Dewayne Kinnett was the owner of a small instrument store in an alley off of Kemp in Wichita Falls called Music Express. Whatever you were fiddling with Dwayne had a story about the piece, the history and a summary of the guy who was trying to sell it. You weren't just buying something unwanted and used... you were buying a slice of Wichita Falls musical history. The walls of Music Express read like a personal diary of North Texas' tuneful past with pictures of bands like Zeke and The Shadows, AA Bottom, Bi-gloo, Obscene Jester, Pantera and Bowling for Soup. When you came to his store you felt the musical presence from more than the guitars on the walls.

DeWayne grew up and attended school in Burkburnett, TX. In the late 70's he started his own record store on Ave H and Kemp. DeWayne also worked at McCartney's and Great Neck Guitars, along with owning his own music store. His son, Dee Kinnett, let me know his love for all bands, including Dio. Dio? " He loved all types of music country, metal, blues, R&B.... I go in a room and he'd be listening to (Iron) Maiden," Dee rehashed.







Dewayne Kinnett left us around 8PM on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at his home with his family there “holding his hand... it was about as peaceful as you could hope for,” Dee wrote when he broke the news to us.

There was a memorial at the Cowboy Church and, of course... we had to throw one last jam for him. Musicians that knew him from 15 to 75 years old gathered at Texas Night Life to pay their respect through music. Musicians of all genres respected him. Mike O’Neill, Shasta Shaw and the Rockers, Larry Lange and the Texas Troubadours, Ben Shaw and many other veterans to the music scene gave their all for an afternoon of fun music in Dewayne’s honor. Dee stated that everyone there basically said the same thing about his father. “Every single person says he was one of a kind, the most genuine person they ever met. He never met a stranger,” Dee reiterate.

There were no strangers at Texas Night Life Sunday July 10th. Just a group of people gathering to pay respect to one the finest music lovers around this part of Texas.

by: James Cook



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# Michael Kately

**How long have you been playing guitar?** I've been playing now for about 7 years. I started in 2008 in August. I got my first guitar when I started going to college in east Texas.

**Who do you consider your top influences?** I grew up with a lot of Motown. My mom used to sing to me all the time, Motown, old school stuff. Current artists that I really like, I learned a lot from John Mayer, a lot of guitar playing, melodies, and just a lot of feel from that guy. My influences go back to blues roots. People like B.B. King, Hendrix, Buddy Guy, Clapton, the list goes on, but mainly I feel that Mayer was my primary influence.

**Favorite local venues?** I am absolutely in love with Iron Horse Pub. There's something that you get from that place that you don't just get anywhere. It's the love that make you feel comfortable there. I love the 8th Street Coffee Shop. I would say that those are the two venues that I feel most attached to.

**Didn't you used to work at Iron Horse?** I worked at Iron Horse off and on about four to five years.

**You're not from here originally, right?** Where are you from originally and what brought you to Wichita Falls? I was born in Louisiana and grew up in Rockwall Texas. What brought me here was college at MSU. I previously got injured at my last college in east Texas and that's what landed me here in Wichita Falls.

**What inspires you to write?** For one I feel that it's a God given ability, it's a talent. It's been really difficult for me not to write and not to sing. I think what influenced that was a lot of hurt and pain in my life and the only way to really get it out was through music. I grew up in choir and in school and church singing and it just came natural to use singing as a way to get those emotions out.

**What's your stage set up consist of?** I play right now in a band called Downtown Royalty and we just recorded our first EP. For my rig, I play a regular Fender mexi Strat, nothing too incredibly special in my line up. A tuner pedal, SD1 overdrive from Boss, an SP Compression pedal which I'm very impressed with by Xotic, and just a wah pedal and delay. That's my basic rig. I run it through a Vox AC Custom 15 with a replacement alnico blue speaker.



**How did Downtown Royalty com about?** Well, I used to open up for a group called The Band of Brothers and everybody that I play music with now were in that band. I used to open for them acoustically which was my first music experience here in Wichita Falls. The drummer and bass player are brothers and the guitarist Mark Forehand, who is also a singer/songwriter joined to form this band (Downtown Royalty). We mostly do original music and it's a lot of fun. I love writing.

**Do you still play many solo gigs?** I dedicate as much time as I possibly can towards the band, writing and playing with those guys but I want to also start doing more solo stuff pretty soon.

# BLANK LABELS



Each member of this quintet is an amazing musician in their own right and usually when you get alphas together there is major conflict, yet these five have managed to plant humility in the middle of everything they do. Bryson Lawrence leads this crew of prodigies with his powerhouse melodic vocals, yet manages to dig from his soul the most delicate of harmonies. Daniel Boyd brings energy and mesmerizing guitar leads while, new comer, Ian Clark spins the listener into euphoria with a barrage of synth and key resonance. Laying the foundation for this melodic carnival is Mackey Divine (youngest of the local, musically legendary, Divine family), and rock solid drummer and founding member, Ricci Amador. The group is on the verge of releasing a five song EP which they recorded at Fort Worth Sound, produced by Bart Rose. In a recent video interview with The Hub, Blank Labels shared the evolution of the band and plans for the release of their highly anticipated EP.





“If it looks like a taco and smells like a fish, it’s got to be a tasty dish. Eat Me!” Most would agree that Fuzzy’s Taco Shop’s menu is as creative and unique as their slogans and logos. A small time taco shop that started in Fort Worth on Berry Street near TCU has used their catchy marketing and delicious menu to reel in customers at an astounding rate. The original Berry Street location looks as bold and fun as every other Fuzzy’s you have seen. Red, green, and yellow walls are covered in fish logos and local decor. They have truly mastered the art of branding, and have done it in a fun and personable way. Then enters Brian Dixon, newest manager of the Wichita Falls

Fuzzy’s location. In just a couple short months Brian has taken that local vibe the franchise puts off to a whole new level. With one wall near the bar dedicated to local art and live local music every Friday and Saturday, Fuzzy’s is quickly becoming a Wichita Falls hot spot. A meeting with Brian and bar manager Samantha Key revealed some of the vision and direction of the new and improved Wichita Falls Fuzzy’s. They shared that they were inspired by the vibes of Austin and Deep Ellum which led to hosting concerts on the back patio. DJ MF Maniac is the resident DJ every Friday night while a diverse stream of bands fill up the calendar’s Saturdays. The new bar area was put in this past January which features window ordering from the patio area so that you never have to leave the music to order another margarita. It also houses the pop art inspired wall mural that was painted by local artist, David Fowler. Samantha added that the goal of all the bartenders is to serve up a good time and ensure that the atmosphere stays light and fun. Another fine feature of the new Fuzzy’s is “The Fish Tank” which is a private party room accessorized with a stage and flat screen televisions which make it perfect for anything from business presentations to fantasy football parties. If you have not been to Fuzzy’s in a while stop by for lunch or some live music. They have some of the best happy hour specials in town with a rockin fun atmosphere to match.



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# JOHN WILSON

We caught up with John Wilson just moments before he took the stage to sing the national anthem in front of the hundreds that gathered at the 4th in The Falls festivities this past July 4th. We didn't have long but managed to ask him a few quick questions.



**Been singing long?** Roughly 30 years.

**You sing classical style? Any professional training?** Yes and I've had the same vocal coach for about 12 years. Her name is Rachel Kapelski.

**At what events do you frequently sing?** I sing for the hockey team throughout the season and I have the privilege of singing at various military events, for disabled veterans, and the downtown street festival.

**How did you get chosen to sing the national anthem for the 4th in The Falls event?** I had the privilege of doing a 9-11 tribute at Iron Horse Pub several years ago for Danny and John and I've been able to work with them on various other events. This is like the 4th time I've been able to do this event.

**Do you ever get nervous singing the national anthem in front of large crowds like this one?** Absolutely, I'll just speak before singing and ask everyone to join me, and I pray a lot.

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# AMBER WHITE

“Life is music”, says Amber Leigh White, who, in 1991 pulled out of the driveway in Edna, TX, with her baby girl and began ... her journey to write and sing the songs of her heart. She worked three seasons on a West Texas movie set called Alamo Village in Brackettville, TX, (the place of John Wayne’s “Alamo”), Amber cut her writer’s teeth on the Wild West, writing and singing with other country entertainers growing



up with young talent. With a bunch of songs and crazy dreams, Amber packed up her little Grand Am and headed to Nashville, TN in 1994. “Work, work, work!” The best words to describe that time when she was crafting her career as an artist, in a place where no one knew her name. Amber and her daughter Jordyn began a long climb to survive on the Nashville music scene, beginning with writing and performing in a group called “The Young Writers”, where she met and worked with Blake Shelton for the first time. In the past 20 years, Amber has held several solid publishing deals, the most notable resulting in a break to record for Dreamworks Records with her own true story, “Easy

Lovin’ You”, about her teenage pregnancy.



After the label closed in 2004, due to merger, Amber was once again searching for a music home. She continues to write and publish with “some of the most talented people of her life”, many of whom have become good friends, including Blake, Luke Bryan, and Jake Owen. Notable songs she co-wrote are “You Make Me Want To” with Luke Bryan and “One Like That” with The Voice finalist Gwen Sebastian. Along with part-time studio work, raising a family, cosmetology school, and the start-up of a small business, Amber pursues her dream at songwriter nights and other small shows. Now signed with Dune Grass Music Publishing, she is recording songs close to her Texas roots and finding her audience again. “Never too late, and thankful for every mile” is how she feels at this point as she looks ahead to what comes next.

Amber has been busy this year. “Float” is the debut single from White’s album *Straight Lines*, which was released in mid-April. The record was written and produced by White and, according to her website, “infuses Nashville inspiration with her small-town Texas roots and warm humanity.” The singer-songwriter wants to inspire those who have been through life’s highs and lows, both with her music and her financial support: She’s planning to give away 10 percent of all revenue from her music and merch sales to women’s charities. She also just wrapped up a very fun music video for her new single. You can easily find it with a quick YouTube search.

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