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Artist-Lecture Series presents Bill Strickland
7 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, Akin Auditorium

After growing up in Pittsburgh's inner city, Bill Strickland founded a jobs training center and community arts program to give disadvantaged kids and adults opportunities for a better future. He is the author of *Make the Impossible Possible*. He also founded the Grammy-winning MCG Jazz, an organization to preserve, present and promote jazz. Admission: \$20 general public; \$18 senior citizens, active-duty military, and MSU alumni; free to MSU students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets available at the Clark Student Center Information Desk. For more information, call 940-397-7500.

Speakers & Issues Series presents Amanda Danning, artist and forensic sculptor
7 p.m. Thursday, October 4, Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU Texas

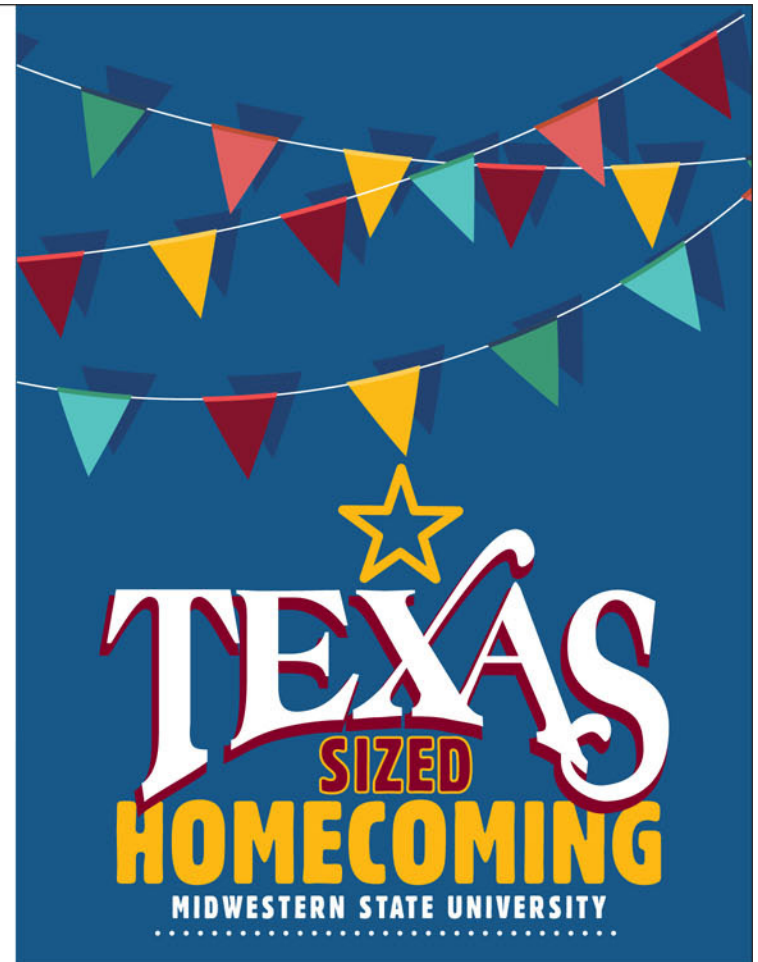
Danning has achieved recognition as an artist and forensic sculptor, in part, through her consulting work with the Smithsonian Institute. Her facial reconstructions have been the subjects of exhibits at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., the National Buffalo Soldier Museum, and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Her work has also been displayed on programs shown on the History Channel and the National Geographic Channel. Contact Sally Henschel at 940-397-4731 for more information.

MSU Texas Theatre presents *Dracula* by Steven Dietz
7:30 p.m. October 4-6 & October 11-12; 2:30 p.m. October 7 & October 13
Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre

The play is based on Bram Stoker's novel of the Transylvanian vampire and those who want to stop him from taking new victims. General admission tickets are \$10. Price is \$8 for pre-college students, senior citizens, and military. MSU students, faculty, and staff will be admitted free. For more information or for season ticket or group ticket information, call the box office at 940-397-4393, the publicity office at 940-397-4399, or the Department of Theatre at 940-397-4670.

Music Series at Akin Presents the Miró Quartet
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, Akin Auditorium

The quartet – Daniel Ching, violin; William Fedkenheuer, violin; John Largess, viola; and Joshua Gindele, cello – have served as the quartet-in-residence at The University of Texas Butler School of Music since 2003. Each of the musicians teaches classes at UT and conducts master classes at universities and conservatories around the world. General admission tickets are \$23-25 and may be purchased by contacting the music department at 940-397-4267, or visiting fineartstickets.mwsu.edu.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- > **ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC & MAVERICK'S 12TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**
 \$5 unless on meal plan 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Sunwatcher Plaza

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

- > **MSU TEXAS FAIR** 6 p.m. Nocona Trail Parking Lot
- > **MUSTANGS MADNESS** 9 p.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

- > **MSU Historical Tours** 2 & 3 p.m. Begins at Hardin
- > **Bonfire T-shirt Exchange Ends** 5 p.m. CSC 194
- > **FISH FRY** \$9 unless on meal plan 5-7 p.m. Sikes Lake Center
- > **Cardboard Boat Race** 6 p.m. Sikes Lake
- > **Homecoming Torchlight Parade** 9 p.m. Begins on Comanche Trail (Daniel Building)
- > **PEP RALLY & BONFIRE** 9:15 p.m. Nocona Trail S. Parking Lot

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

- > **Mustangs Stampede 5K & 1-mile Fun Run** 9 a.m. D.L. Ligon Coliseum
 Late registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
 \$35 includes T-shirt and breakfast.
- > **Men's Soccer vs. Okla. Christian** 1 p.m. MSU Soccer Field
- > **Homecoming Parade Pre-party** 2:30 p.m. Sunwatcher Plaza
- > **Homecoming Parade** 3 p.m. Begins on Council Dr. (Akin)
- > **Tailgate Party & Competition** 5 p.m. Memorial Stadium West Parking Lot
- > **FOOTBALL VS. TARLETON STATE** 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium



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OCTOBER 2: TWOFER TUESDAY

OCTOBER 3: WINESDAY WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 4: AFTER HOURS ARTWALK

OCTOBER 6: CIDERS ON THE PATIO PARTY 5-8PM

MUSTANG MADNESS 3-7PM

OCTOBER 9: TWOFER TUESDAY

OCTOBER 10: WINESDAY WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 16: TWOFER TUESDAY

OCTOBER 17: WINESDAY WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 20: SPIRITS ON THE PATIO PARTY 5-8PM

ZOMBIE DISCO 9PM-?

OCTOBER 23: TWOFER TUESDAY

OCTOBER 24: WINESDAY WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 27: MUSTANG MADNESS (HOMECOMING)

OCTOBER 30: TWOFER TUESDAY

OCTOBER 31: WINESDAY WEDNESDAY

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The Road Map Of Life

“If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will take you there”. George Harrison said that almost twenty years ago. Is that ever true! Of course, in this life, if you know where you’re going, then you must have some sort of knowledge that most of us are lacking.

I remember a time when all I wanted to do was play guitar and have fun, but reality starts to seep in and things start to head in directions that aren’t on the map. Next thing you know, I was learning carpentry and paying rent. Then came car payments and utilities. Although I was working plenty and paying bills, I did manage to find an opening in my life to pursue a bit of a dream in my late twenties.

As a young boy, I had lived a few years on the island of Crete in the Mediterranean Sea and longed to be near a big body of water again. There’s nothing like having a coastline nearby. I packed up and severed a few ties in Texas and headed to California. I was back to playing guitar for most of my living, but then reality stepped in again! There were still car payments and rent, which was quite a bit higher than it was in Texas, but, hey, I was living in Huntington Beach only four blocks from the Pacific Ocean. No man-made air conditioning and sleeping in an ocean breeze is something everyone should try.

Along with the day to day expenses, I leaned into carpentry again. It was actually a great job because the weather in Southern California is so nice most of the year and I love working with wood. There I was, moving along with life, perfect weather 360 days out of the year, playing music about twenty days out of every month and enjoying hitting a few nails with a hammer about three days a week, and in walks a woman. And I married her. And we had three sons—something I never expected to do was have kids. Especially three kids! Somewhere in the mix of things, I moved back to Texas when my dad’s health started failing. Fortunately, I had over eight more wonderful years with him. And to this day, I still have my sweet mother.

Now, back in Texas for about 35 years, I find myself still heavily involved with music and still remodeling homes. My California wife is now

my Texas ex, but my friend and mother of my three children, so very important to me still. My three sons, Mathew, Jimi, and Mackey, have been the greatest blessings in my life. If I had known how wonderful children could be, I would have taken the fatherhood route a lot sooner!

I thought I was settled in and content with what life had given me and contemplating retirement, when yet another major turn on life’s highway came my way. Of course, it involved a woman. Ann. This time I’m a Senior Citizen, as Ann is, and we’ll have to be happy with blending our children and not adding any more, unless they are grandchildren. We still work, but plan on retiring soon. If these changes aren’t enough, as I write this, I’m surrounded by cows, chickens, pigs, goats, and farm dogs. And maybe an occasional rattlesnake. If I ever did any planning, I definitely did not plan on rattlesnakes!

So here I am, wondering, “How did I get from playing guitar to feeding pigs and dodging rattlesnakes?” To try to answer that, I go from a wonderful quote by George Harrison and turn to rocker Jon Bon Jovi for one of my favorite quotes, “It’s okay to map out your life, just be sure to use a pencil”. Is that ever true!

Happy trails!



-johnny divine

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Oct 31 - Grim Reefers, Skeksis

Nov 1 - Johnny Cooper, Justin Ross

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Alex Temblador Returns Home To Launch Her First Novel In WF

In years past, creative and/or visionary individuals often fled Wichita Falls shortly after high school graduation, vowing never to return. When Alex Temblador, 28, graduated from Wichita Falls High School, she moved to another community to find opportunities for her talents and passions. She earned her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of Central Oklahoma, did captions and subtitle editing in LA, and then moved to Dallas to become a freelance travel writer. She's been published in Fodor's Travel, Shermans Travel, Matador Network, Oyster, Amuse (VICE), Intrepid, Culture Trip, Texas Lifestyle Magazine, and has an article about Wichita Falls coming out in Texas Highways next year.

Now Alex has completed her debut novel, and will be returning to Wichita Falls for the book launch party on November 3rd at 9th Street Studios. Her book, *Secrets of the Casa Rosada*, will be published on October 31, 2018, by the largest U.S. Hispanic publisher, Arte Publico Press, based in Houston Texas.

The HUB had a chance to ask Alex about her book and her creative journey:

Can you tell me a little about your career as a Travel Writer, and what inspired you to branch into Fiction for Middle Readers?

"I was actually a creative writer long before I became a travel writer. While studying for my MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Central Oklahoma, I began working on *Secrets of the Casa Rosada* for my thesis. With writing this book, I was trying to explore my Mexican heritage and identity and I did so through the main character, a teenager, who is learning about the same thing throughout the novel. While I've been writing novels since high school, I didn't realize it was my pas-

sion until I took a short story writing class in undergrad and decided that writing would be my destiny.

I didn't become a travel writer until 2015. I happened upon a freelance gig with Oyster.com, a website owned by TripAdvisor, writing hotel features for 2.5 years. From there, I branched out into writing travel articles. It was so much fun to write about travel that I started pushing myself to be primarily a travel writer. Today, I travel about once or twice a month on press trips to places all around the world and return home to write travel articles about my adventures.

It has long been my goal to be a novelist and I hope to have book 2 and 3 and 4 and 5... and so on... coming out soon."

Why is it important to publish diverse stories about diverse communities?

"With diverse books like mine, I see two things happen: On one hand, it gives young Latino and Mexican or

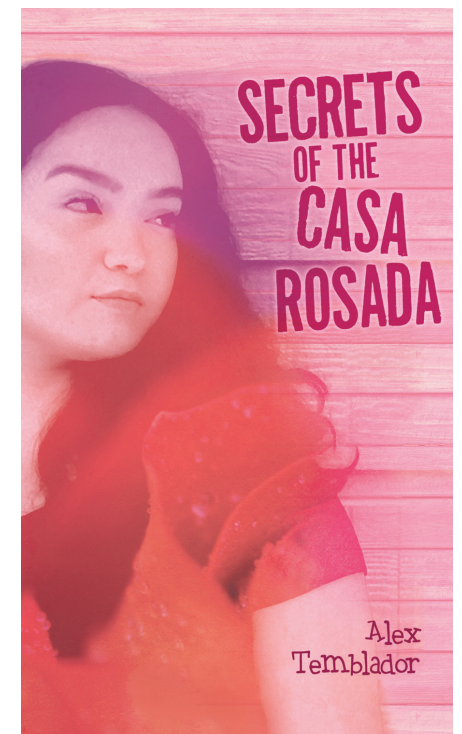


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Mexican American kids a book with main characters in which they can identify. If you look at the publishing industry, this is such a rare phenomenon. Books help us to dream big and without diverse stories, diverse communities don't have anyone to look up to in the literary world. They deserve to have their stories told and deserve to read their history and culture in a published work. It shows that the literary world values them and that their culture is important.

Secondly, I believe books and stories can help bridge the gap in cultural literacy. Books induce imagination and empathy and, with a novel like mine, I hope that non-OCTOBER 2018

Latinos have the opportunity to learn about a new culture at the same time the main character does and come to realize they have a lot in common with families of diverse backgrounds. The more we bridge the gaps between us, the better we can live together."

Why is important for you to return to your home town of Wichita Falls to launch your book?

"I'm returning home to launch this book because I want to show Wichita Falls that you can be creative and successful, and that our community is producing people who go for their dreams. Maybe my book or story can inspire a young kid in high school

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or a retired adult to go for whatever passion or dream that seems so unattainable. Plus, I'm pretty proud of what downtown Wichita Falls is doing, building a happening destination in an area that was never a place to go to while I was growing up. I want that spirit at my book launch because it reminds me that despite the odds, we can succeed."

The book launch event will be held November 3rd from 7pm to 9pm at

9th Street Studios. There will be refreshments provided by the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture, a short reading by Temblador, books for sale, and an author signing. Books can be preordered on Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, and Books a Million online. Alex can be reached at alextemplador.com, Twitter and IG @alextemplador, FB writer page: <https://www.facebook.com/alextemplador/>.

-Amber Scott

River Bend Nature Center sent locals "Over The Edge" of Big Blue to raise money. photo: David Barnard





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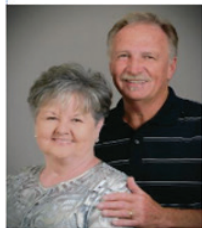


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Meet Melanie Montgomery. Melanie is the youngest person to complete 100 miles in the annual Hotter 'n Hell Hundred-two years in a row! But what is even more remarkable is that the Barwise sixth grader has ridden in it for the last five years.

Melanie told me that she rode 25 miles in her first HHH when she was seven years old on a tiny BMX bike with training wheels. The next year she rode 63 miles, and the year after that she went 75 miles. But the last two years she completed the full 100 miles.

She has updated her bicycle a couple of times since she first rode, upgrading first to a blue Fuji, and now she rides a Specialized Amira bicycle. And she rides it competitively throughout the year.

Melanie has ridden in twenty bike rides this year alone, and has collected an impressive number of medals. Summertime is the busiest. Since school started she has slowed down a bit, but has a lot of rides coming up in the next two months. The next one will be the Paluxy Pedal the first weekend in October in Glen Rose, Texas. On the 13th,

she has the Spirit Of Survival Bike Ride in Lawton, Oklahoma, and on the 20th in the Holy City Bike Ride in the Wichita Mountains. Then she gets two weeks off before the Nov. 3rd Dallas Bike Ride for which she is a ride ambassador. The 17th is the last bike ride of the year at the Denton Turkey Roll.

Melanie has the complete support of her mother Patricia and her father Robert, and 7 siblings, and they are very proud. I asked Patricia if the Olympics may be in Melanie's future and she said, "We get asked that question a lot from other people we meet at these bike rides, but for the time being we just want to keep it fun. We don't make her ride. It's something she enjoys and is good at it. If she decides to try when she gets older, then yes."

You can follow Melanie on her Facebook fan page Melanie 'Monkey' Montgomery.

I predict that one day in the not-so-distant future this charming young lady will be the youngest rider to win the Hotter 'n Hell Hundred race. You heard it here first.

~ tim maloney



Youngest Rider To Complete The HHH Melanie Montgomery



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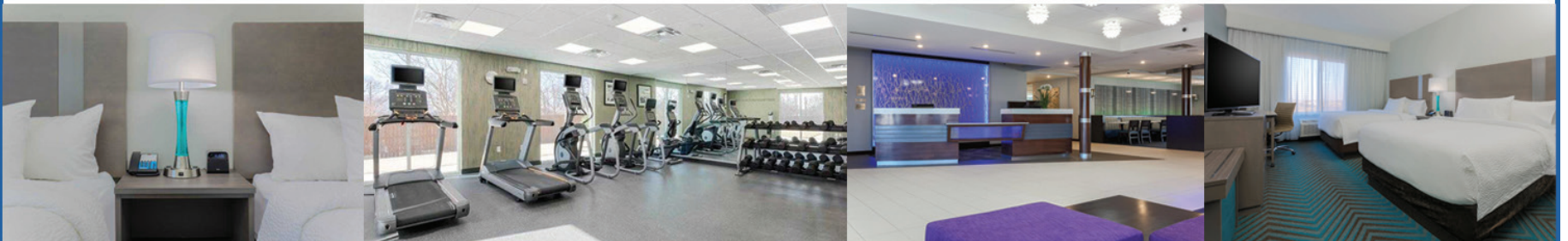
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Oct. 12 - Tim Maloney and Friends
Oct. 13 - Jerry Audley
Oct. 19 - Tyler Stokes
Oct. 20 - Ride for Love:
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Oct. 27 - Killdevil Monster Masquerade
Oct. 31 - RIP Monster Bash
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-North Texas Troubadour Songwriter Roundup
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-\$2 Tuesday with Harvey and Tim @ Stick's Place

-Open Jam @ Old Town Saloon

October 3

-Open Jam @ The Iron Horse Pub

October 4

-Open Mic @ Gypsy Uncorked

October 5

-Ross Shifflett, Gannon Fremin and CCREV
@ The Iron Horse Pub

-Open Mic @ 8th St. Coffee House

October 5-7

-LARSONfest Music Festival @ Stick's Place

October 6

-Gawdsmack, Fool Fighters @ The Iron Horse Pub

-Race Rutledge @ Texas Nite Life

October 9

-Open Jam @ Old Town Saloon

-\$2 Tuesday with Harvey and Tim @ Stick's Place

October 10

-Open Mic @ The Iron Horse Pub

October 11

-Open Mic @ Gypsy Uncorked

October 12

-Green Beard, Ladykiller, Big Find @ The Iron Horse Pub

-Dru Gid performs at Grey Matters Art Show @ 9th St. Studio

-Tim Maloney and Friends, Kathy & Kelly's Retirement/Birthday Bash @ Stick's Place

-Comedy Night @ Half Pint

-Open Mic @ 8th St. Coffee House

October 13

-Deep In It, Everything In Between @ Iron Horse Pub

-Race Rutledge & the Texas Knights @ Texas Nite Life

-Jerry Audley @ Stick's Place

-RIP @ Fubar Saloon (Lawton, OK)

-Clint Vines and the Hard Times @ P2

October 14

-Mark Forehand Unplugged @ Mustang Bar

October 16

-\$2 Tuesday with Harvey and Tim @ Stick's Place

-Open Jam @ Old Town Saloon

October 17

-Open Jam @ The Iron Horse Pub

October 18

-Open Mic @ Gypsy Uncorked

October 19

-Kyle Park, Randall King @ The Boulevard Night Club
-Walkin' Johnny, Clint Vines and the Hard Times @
The Iron Horse Pub

-Tyler Stokes @ Stick's Place

-Open Mic @ 8th St. Coffee House

-Rocky Horror film viewing @ Half Pint

October 20

-Dru Gid, James Cook acoustic show @ Mustang Bar

-Strait Shot, Garth Crooks @ The Iron Horse Pub

-Armadillo Flatts @ Silver Dollar Saloon

-Race Rutledge & the Texas Knights @ Texas Nite Life

October 21

-Mark Forehand Unplugged @ Mustang Bar

October 23

-Killer Keyz @ The Iron Horse Pub

-Open Jam @ Old Town Saloon

-\$2 Tuesday with Harvey and Tim @ Stick's Place

October 24

-Open Mic @ The Iron Horse Pub

October 25

-Open Mic @ Gypsy Uncorked

October 26

-Hub Haunted Halloween Party @ Half Pint
w/ Downtown Royalty & DJMFManiac

-Read Southall @ The Boulevard Night Club
-Shane Mercer @ Silver Dollar Saloon
-Open Mic @ 8th St. Coffee House

October 27

-Los Muertos @ 9th St Studios

-Zach Cornell @ The Yard

-Bruce Lyons' Sidewalk Jam @ Bruce Lyons
Guitars

-Killdevil's Monster Masquerade @ Stick's Place

-Race Rutledge and the Texas Knights @ Texas
Nite Life

-Hellen Bach, midnight showing of Rocky
Horror @ Half Pint

-Ninety To Nothing, BLC @ Iron Horse Pub

-Armadillo Flatts @ Whiskey River (Gaines-
ville, TX)

October 28

-Mike O'Neill, Teresa Burney, Larry Lange 70th
birthday party and jam. All musicians, bands,
genres invited to play @ Stick's Place

-Mark Forehand Unplugged @ Mustang Bar

October 30

-\$2 Tuesday with Harvey and Tim @ Stick's
Place

-Open Jam @ Old Town Saloon

October 31

-RIP's Monster Bash @ Stick's Place

-Grim Reefers, Skeksis, Skinhook @ The Iron
Horse Pub

ART

October 4

-Artwalk Season Finale! @ Downtown

-Sculpture Garden After Dark @ The Kemp

October 4 - October 26

-Mystery Art Gallery Exhibit @ The Kemp

October 7

-Sunday Hours (12:30 - 4:00 PM) @ The Kemp

October 9

-Memories in the Making @ The Forum

October 11

-Mystery Art Fest: Artist Reception @ The
Kemp

October 14

Sunday Hours (12:30 - 4:00 PM) @ The Kemp

October 16

-Memories in the Making @ The Forum

October 18

-Mystery Art Fest: Mystery Spirits @ The Kemp

October 21

-Sunday Hours (12:30 - 4:00 PM) @ The Kemp

October 23

-Memories in the Making @ The Forum

October 25

-Mystery Art Fest: Gallery Talk with Steve
Hilton @ The Kemp

October 26

-Mystery Art Fest: Art Auction @ The Kemp

October 28

-Sunday Hours (12:30 - 4:00 PM) @ The Kemp

October 30

-Memories in the Making @ The Forum

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-Advanced Youth Art @ The Kemp

October 6

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Club @ WF Public Library

October 10

-Advanced Anime and Manga @ The Kemp

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-Toddler Time @ WF Public Library
 -Chess Club @ WF Public Library
October 11
 -Advanced Youth Art @ The Kemp
October 12
 -Make and Take Crafts @ WF Public Library
 -13 LEGO Club @ WF Public Library -Celebrate Franken-reads Month with Franken-movies @ WF Public Library
October 15
 -Youth Drawing @ The Kemp
 -Maker Monday – Franken-makers @ WF Public Library
October 17
 -Advanced Anime and Manga @ The Kemp
 -Toddler Time @ WF Public Library
 -Chess Club @ WF Public Library
 -October 18
 -Advanced Youth Art @ The Kemp
October 20
 -Studio Saturday @ The Kemp
 -Franken-stories for the Family @ WF Public Library
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 -Youth Drawing @ The Kemp
 -Maker Monday – Franken-makers @ WF Public Library
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 -Advanced Youth Art @ The Kemp
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October 27
 -Nailed It - Frankenstein Edition @ WF Public Library
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 -Maker Monday – Franken-makers @ WF Public Library
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 -Toddler Time @ WF Public Library
 -Chess Club @ WF Public Library

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October 16
 -2nd Annual CMN All-Star Game @ Sunrise Optimist Softball Complex
October 20
 -Zombie Crawl @ Downtown
 -Oktoberfest @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 -Ride For Love benefit and poker run for Debra Menasco and Bucky Devrow- sign up 10 a.m. at Red River HD, last bike in 2:30 p.m. @ Stick's Place
 -Zombie Fest @ Big Blue
October 26
 -Hub Haunted Halloween Party @ Half Pint w/ Downtown Royalty & DJMFManiac
October 27
 -Om Brew: Yoga at the Brewery! @ Wichita Falls Brewing Company
October 27-28
 -Wichita Falls Force Hockey Team @ MPEC

THEATER

October 5
 -Clue, The Musical on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -'night, Mother on the Main Stage @ Backdoor Theatre
 -Redd Volkaert & Bill Kirchen @ Royal Theater
October 6
 -Clue, The Musical on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
 -Lone Star Troubadours @ Royal Theater
October 11
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
October 12
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
October 13
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
October 18
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
 -La Bella Vida @ Royal Theater (Archer City)
October 19
 -Clue, The Musical on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -'night, Mother @ Backdoor Theatre
 -La Bella Vida @ Royal Theater
October 20
 -Clue, The Musical on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
 -La Bella Vida @ Royal Theater
October 26
 -Jim Hall and Friends – Halloween Spooktacular on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -Improv Show @ Backdoor Theatre
 -La Bella Vida @ Royal Theater
October 27
 -Aladdin Kids @ Wichita Theatre
 -Jim Hall and Friends – Halloween Spooktacular on the Dinner Stage @ Wichita Theatre
 -La Bella Vida @ Royal Theater
October 28
 -Aladdin Kids @ Wichita Theatre-High School Musical @ Wichita Theatre
 -Clue, The Musical @ Wichita Theatre
September 28
 -North Texas Rising V.2 @ Wichita Theatre
September 29
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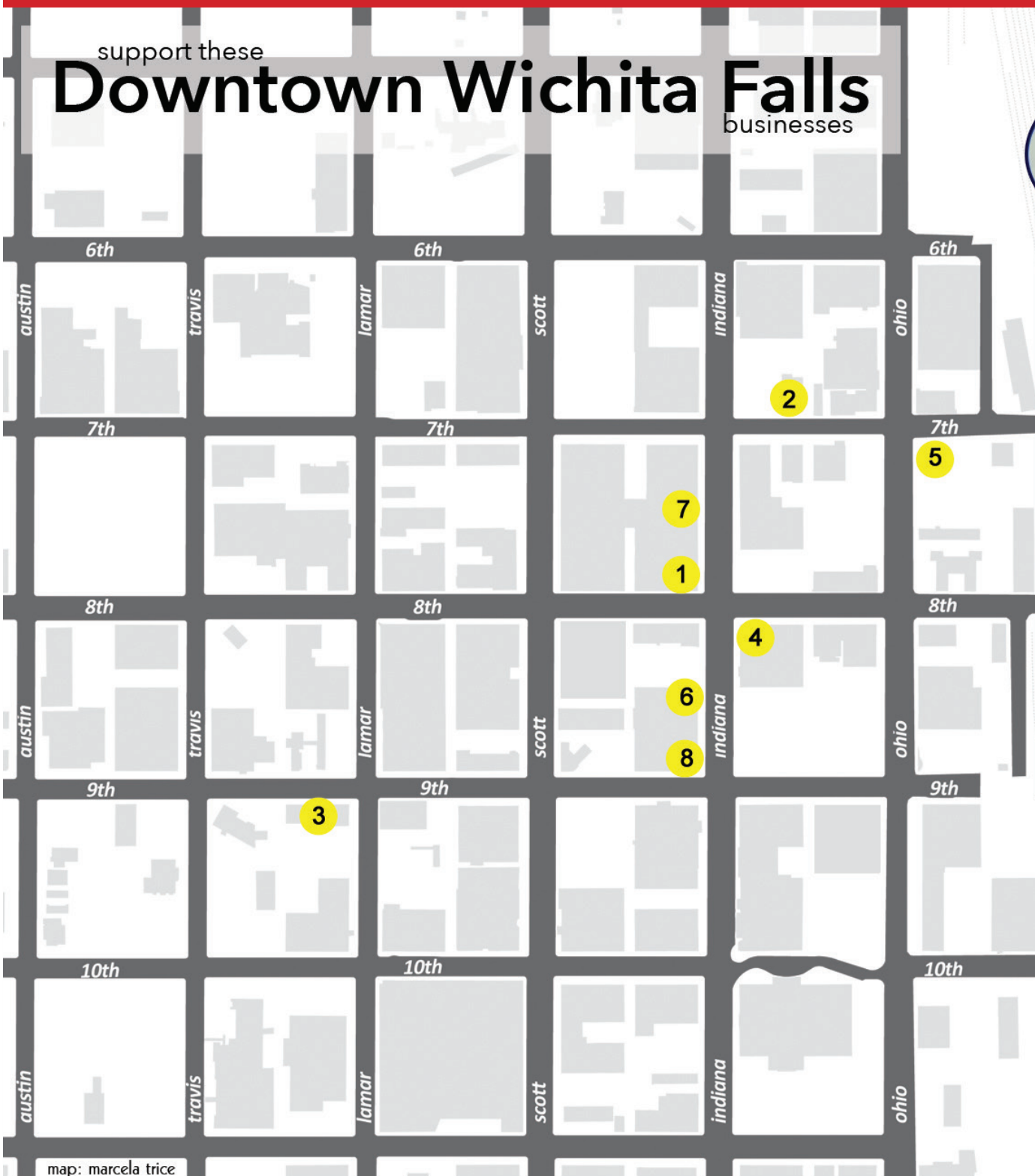
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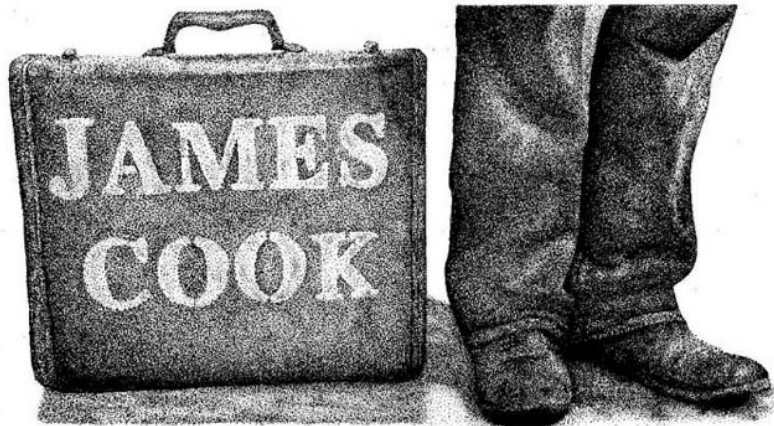
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BECKY RAEKE

In two very short years, a relatively unknown local insurance agent went from writing contracts to not only owning one of the hottest arts and music venues in Wichita Falls, but also facilitating multiple events and participating on boards that make big decisions for local entertainment and reshaping of downtown.

I first met Becky Raeke at the grand opening of her arts haven, 9th Street Studios. The event was a massive success, as has every event she has thrown there since. The space contains five rental spaces, which sold out almost immediately, as well as a large commons area used for special events and an outdoor patio area where several live music events have taken place.

The structure, located on the corner of 9th and Travis, was purchased by Becky's family in 1992 and was used to house an upholstery business. "I grew up there, sweeping and pulling staples," reminisced Becky. It was a successful business that many people still remember today. However, the family grew and evolved into the Farmers Insurance Agency that is currently ran from the lower floor. But that large empty space overhead was calling out to Becky, and her mother Linda. They knew there was great potential upstairs.

"It all started with us wanting to do something with

the space upstairs." At first, she thought that putting in some apartments would be a great fit for the space but, as you can imagine, the expense involved in creating 5 apartments in an old building was astounding. She soon had a chance run in with an artist that had just moved to Wichita Falls and was looking for a project of his own. "Stephen pushed us to take that next step," Becky recalled. Stephen, being a creative person in his own right, was very skilled in structure renovation and, in a short amount of time, made Becky's vision a reality. In October of 2016 9th Street Studios was open to the public, and Becky Reake was just getting warmed up.

The instant popularity of the new entertainment venue opened several doors for Becky and her vision. She was invited to be on the newly formed planning board for the After Hours Artwalk. Within the first few meetings she was unanimously voted on to head of the committee. Under her leadership, the Artwalk, which not only supports local art but also increases revenue to locally owned downtown businesses, is just this month completing its second successful season.

Her extraordinary success with downtown events, and the relationships gained along the way, landed her a position with Downtown Wichita Falls De-

velopment as the merchant relations liaison. This opportunity allows her to pair local artist with businesses to further the growth of downtown aesthetics and events.

This opportunity is not being wasted. Becky says, "when I meet artists I make a mental note of their gifts and try to use them in the future." This especially rings true with 9th Street Studios resident artists. She tries to use them for local art projects. Examples would include the recent Hotter'n Hell 100 bike art project, After Hours Artwalk open houses, and the annual Los Muertos Festival.

If you didn't make to last year's Los Muertos Festival, you need to make the effort to go this year. It boasts a 20-foot-tall seated skeleton couple, professional mariachis, and art and music everywhere to celebrate life and family. Becky explains the idea, "My best friend Alicia owns a property across the street. We talked about doing an event for a while and decided to take the plunge." Alicia is a Mexican native and has the connection to the local Mexican community and keeps the event true to the culture, while Becky provides the artists to create the colorful visuals and on sight logistics. Together, they create a celebration of life events that welcomes all ethnicities each October.

Raeke seems to have an endless supply of ideas. The 9th Street Studios float for last year's Christmas parade was, without a doubt, one of the most unique and artistic. She plans on participating again this year. She doesn't hesitate to credit her family and friends that have helped her along the way.

With all of her involvement, all of her dedication and sacrifice for the arts, and her great successes in the art world, Becky insists that she is not an artist. Her vision is to spread the arts and orchestrate unions that will improve Wichita Falls art and business. To me, that in itself is art.

-david fowler



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Becky on stage at her 9th Steet Studios location



Becky leading the charge on the Afer Hours Artwalk trolley. photo by....Becky
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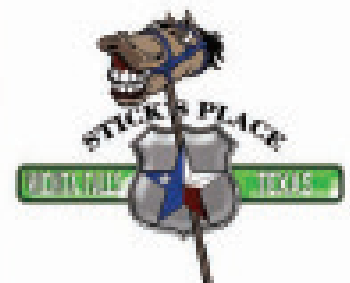
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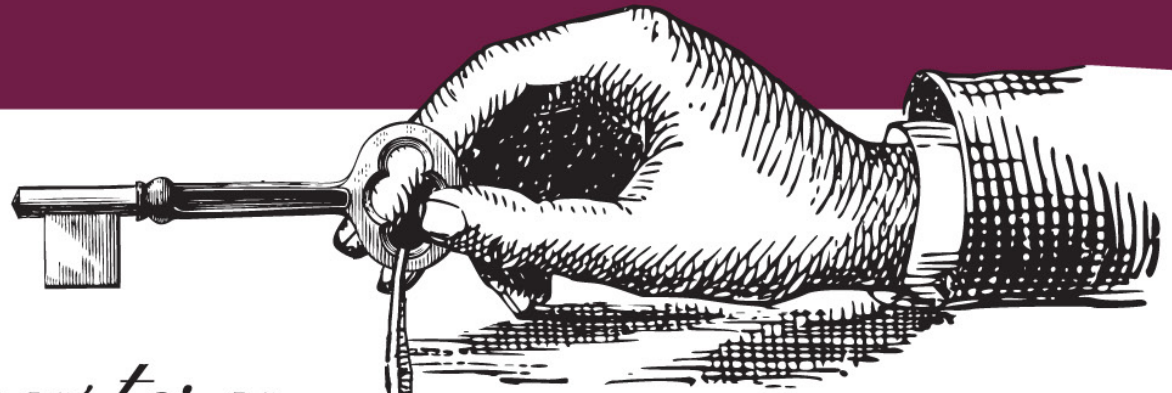
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MARGIE REESE

Just by walking into Margie Reese's office, you can tell that she is a creative person. In one corner of her office, guitars are hung from the ceiling to the floor. All types of art grace the walls, from tapestries to sculptures, and of course, a portion of the Don't Fence Me In project is installed on one wall. This project brought adults and children from all over the city to paint fence posts which were then displayed for everyone to see. That is one of things that Margie does—she spreads the arts to all corners of the city.

Margie is the Executive Director of the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture. The WFAAC works with the city to disperse money put aside to enrich the arts in Wichita Falls. She welcomes and encourages all arts organizations, teachers, artists or anyone else that wants to enhance the arts in Wichita Falls to come visit. The alliance exists to be a service to the arts and art organizations in Wichita Falls, according to their website. The alliance is behind art camps for children, informational classes for artists and many more things.

Margie is all about the arts, in fact, she is an artist herself “on the theater side of things.” She was a costume designer. However, when she became a young mother, she found that she “had a hard time balancing being at home with the baby and really digging into the theater.”

Even though she had “a couple of theater degrees and had taught theatre at a college the schedule of a theater person

became too complicated. I knew that I wanted to stay in the arts, but I needed to work in an area that would help me feel like I was bringing the arts to more people and including more people in arts activities,” she explained. Margie had good reason to want to spread the arts especially to children that

everywhere I live can have access to the arts. I have done that in Dallas in Los Angeles and in small villages in West Africa, and I believe that is part of my journey to Wichita Falls is that kids get to play. They get to pretend. They get to paint and dance and sing. That's my life's work—that is what gets



have no access to it. Margie wanted to take part in the arts when she was young. She wanted to dance, but segregation wouldn't allow her to participate in the way she wanted too; or the way her mother knew she wanted to because she couldn't change society.

“I have made it my life's work to make sure that children

me up in the morning! Our kids getting to express themselves,” she said passionately.

“I am not a flamboyant or glamorous person, but for me that is why I am on this earth. I had a chance to see what the arts could do in my life. I had a chance to see beauty by creative thinkers all over the world. I want the children to push themselves and cel-

brate who they are, and I think that is what the arts do for kids. I want them to make movies about that, paint pictures about that and draw on the sidewalk with chalk knowing that they are being an artist when they are doing those things. To this, I devote my life,” she said.

The things that the alliance has achieved since its conception almost 3 years, Margie credits to her board of directors. “When I arrived, the alliance had a small board, and they had people that believe in the arts already; and those same people are my guiding stars. They support me, and they encourage me,” she said with a smile.

“I think one of the most important achievements has been galvanizing the artists in the city, so that they can understand that without their talent and without their energy, there can be no alliance,” Margie stressed. She has helped artists to feel valued and work together. She has helped organizations to collaborate and is very proud of that. “I feel proud that we have a cultural system in Wichita Falls now. When you see new murals popping up, when you see the After Hours Art Walks getting bigger and bigger, and when you see more and more kids in summer programs, it just makes you feel good,” she said with a smile.

“I am glad I am leaving a legacy, and I'm not done by any means. You know you want to believe that you are leaving a positive legacy from all the paths that you have taken in life, and for this particular one, I believe that the

best is yet to come. I want people to know that I am serious about the arts. It is my 110 percent focus, and I am serious because arts build communities. It can make one community distinct from another one, and the arts help people to get to know each other,” Margie said.

“When we did the fence project, it brought people from all over the city together, and they were all doing the same thing differently. The fence project was a community conversation, and I am so proud we did that project. I think it told a story that there is only one Wichita Falls. The fence was there to say that with hard work we can get to know each other, and we can build a new future for our community. What I want people to know about the alliance is that the alliance is an organization that belongs to everybody,” Margie explained.

“Everyone can create something, and everyone has idea; and the alliance is the place that encourages people to bring their ideas to life. I want artists to know that they can come here and participate and take classes on how to sell their art. I want school children to know the name of the alliance as an advocate for them. Teachers can come to the alliance and get help teaching science and math and language arts. And I want the business community to know that we are a credible and accountable and resourceful. We want the alliance to be that place for creativity. And it could be as simple as using our



website to see what is happening at the Kemp Center or see what the Wichita Falls Art Association is doing,” she said. “If I had to give any last words, it would be Support the Arts,” Margie insisted, “Buy a ticket to go to the theater. Go to a

gallery and buy a piece of art that speaks to you. Go see the ballet or go to a museum. Get up, go see, go do, go participate in them in whatever form you are interested in—Go!”

- Cindy Thomas

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I've browsed most of the antique shops in town at one time or another over the past year, but it was only recently I stopped into Found Images at 824 Travis Street, across from 9th St. Studio. I was amazed to see the selection of artwork, statuettes, Mexican folk art, and antiques about the place.

Catherine Miles and her brother Jon have had this store here for the last 25 years. Interestingly enough, when I asked Cathy about the antique store she told me that she is a manufacturer mostly. "We make lamps, lamp shades, pillows, bags, some clothing, and tee shirts," she said. "We've been doing this for 30 years. Some of our products have been in movies and commercials. We had a lamp in 'Ace Ventura-Pet Detective', a lamp shade with a ski image was in a Nyquil commercial during the winter Olympics, Farrah Fawcett wore one of our shirts in a made-for-tv movie, and a little boy wore one of our shirts in the movie 'Blank Check'."

But there is more to Cathy's resume than a manufacturer. "I'm a photographer, too. I graduated from MSU with a photography, print making, and sculpting degree."

"I'm also a picker. I buy and re-sell. We pick up things at art shows, wholesale shows, antique and vintage shows. We are known as the store that's never open because we travel a lot, but we're trying to spend more time here at home."

She is currently preparing to make a trip to Round Top, Texas from October 2 through the 6th, to the biggest antique and art show in the country. Cathy says she will be set up at Marburger Farms selling her wares, things she picks, and dealing with designers from all over the country. "Everyone should check this out," she says. In addition, she will have some artwork at the alumni show at Midwestern on October 9, and a display at the Kemp Center For The Arts starting November 1st called 'Pink', featuring all women artists from Wichita Falls.

Yes, Cathy and Jon are very busy people, but if you are around 9th and Travis you may want to stop in to see all the wonderful things they have in their store. Maybe you'll get lucky and find them there. ;)

~Tim Maloney



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5:30 Fury
6:15 Singular Alloy
7:00 Coalition
7:45 Beyond The Down
8:30 Pvt Wilhelm
9:15 Skinhook
10:00 Suspence
10:45 Trigger The Dead
11:30 Brazos River Outlaws

Saturday, October 6-

12:00 Empty Angels
12:45 Cellar Door
1:30 Gypsy Railhead
2:15 The Indications
3:00 Jaguar
3:45 Clint Vines
& The Hard Times
4:30 Killdevil
5:15 BLC
6:00 AA Bottom
6:45 RIP
7:30 Everything In Between
8:15 Downtown Royalty
9:00 Robert Paulson
9:45 It Hurts To Be Dead
10:30 OddFellas
11:00 Leddit Ride

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12:40 Shane Mercer
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The creative minds of the WFPS chose last year to take part in this popular community art show by adding their own literary art form into the mix. In 2017, the members of the poetry society were tasked with choosing a piece of work from the Mystery Art exhibit as the basis of their poem. This so happened to fit perfectly with the program of that month, conducted by Dr. Lynn Hoggard, on ekphrastic poetry. Ekphrastic poetry is defined as “a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art.” The definition by the Poetry Foundation (poetryfoundation.org) goes on to say that, “through the imagina-

tive act of narrating and reflecting on the ‘action’ of a painting or sculpture, the poet may amplify and expand its meaning.”

Members of WFPS took to the NorthLight Gallery to view and ponder on the various pieces of art donated to the Mystery Art



Roberta Sund, Cynthia Archibald, and Lynn Hoggard

Fest. With more than three hundred different pieces of art from which to choose, narrowing down a subject proved difficult but fun. Each poet then had to develop their ekphrastic poem to be submitted in the monthly contest.

During the week, Dr. Hoggard agreed to conduct a poetry panel with a presentation on the ekphrastic style in which members of the society including Sheri Sutton, Roberta Sund and Nick Schreiber discussed various aspects of how their poems were written and how they chose their subject. Over the weekend, the collaboration culminated in a workshop where members of the communi-

ty interested in poetry could come and engage with the society members and hear everyone read their own poems.

everyone from the community is welcomed to attend and learn about this literary artform. The society members will again write an ekphrastic poem. However, this year, they will be in the form of the trimeric. The trimeric has no rules on line length, meter or rhyme, but it is strict in its line order. The trimeric has four stanzas. The first stanza has four lines and the next three stanzas have three lines, totaling thirteen lines. With this form, the first line of the second, third and fourth stanzas are repeated from the first stanza.

To expand on this collaboration, the trimeric poems written by the society members will be framed and hung in the West End Studio from the 22nd of October through the 11th of November. Each poem will identify the mystery art piece for which it was written. These poems will be displayed to showcase the amazing literary talent of the society members in Wichita Falls. The poems will not be for purchase.

The community poetry workshop in collaboration with the Mystery Art Fest at the Kemp Center for the Arts is a fun and educational way for the WFPS to engage with the community. WFPS was founded in 1931 as a member of the Poetry Society of Texas. Early in its existence, members met monthly in the homes of the members. However, the mem-

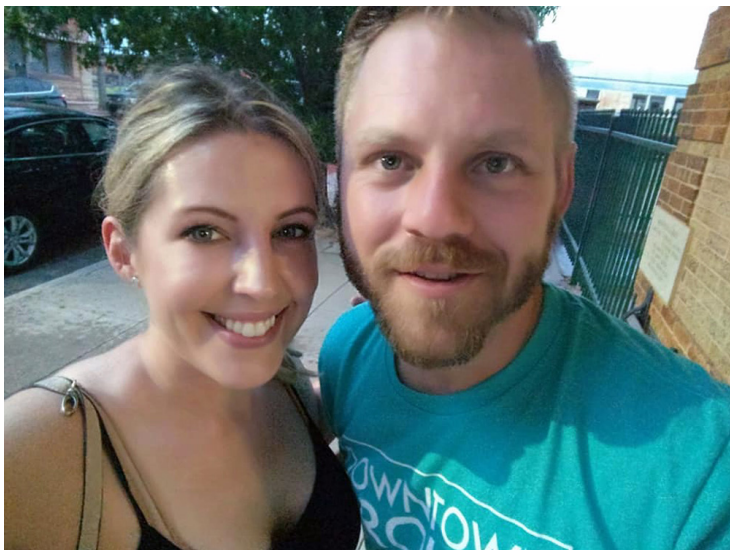
bership grew too large through the years and meetings were moved to the Women's Forum of Wichita Falls. With the opening of the Kemp Center for the Arts, the WFPS became a member of the Kemp Center and meetings were moved to the Texas Room at the Kemp.

The stated purpose of the society is to study the myriad forms of poetry, the works and lives of poets, and to encourage the writing and performance of poetry by members of the society. The 1987-88 Poet Laureate of Texas, Ruth Reuther, was a member of WFPS. Several current members are published poets and have won numerous state and national poetry awards. The society conducts a monthly contest for those desiring to compete in a variety of poetic forms.

Monthly meetings are held at 2:00 PM on the 3rd Saturday of each month beginning in September and running through May. There is no December meeting but the society normally holds a Christmas luncheon on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Visitors are cordially welcomed at all meetings.

The meeting programs are conducted by a different society member and feature different poetry styles or forms each month. For example, society member Cynthia Archibald directed a program on Book Spine Poetry in September while member Daryl Halencak spoke on the haiku this past May. Other recent programs included the calligram, villanelle and Vondelet Sonnet.

Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to commit to the purposes of the society. Membership dues are \$25.00 annually, payable at the September meeting. Dues are prorated for members joining later in the season.



Nick Schreiber with his wife

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Members also have the option of joining the Poetry Society of Texas and competing for cash awards in the PST Annual Awards. PST members may also enter and compete at the national level, in the National Association of State Poetry Societies.

To join, or for additional information, please contact WFPS President, Nick Schreiber at nschreiber@slatx.us. You can also contact us through our website (wfpoetrysociety.com) and peruse it for additional information. The website is updated periodically with contest winners and other news.

-nick schreiber

Wichita Falls Art Association 5th Annual Photography Exhibition

Downtown comes alive for the After Hours Art Walks and so will the Wichita Falls Art Association Gallery on October 4th, the last AHA of the season. The association is hosting its 5th Annual Photographic Exhibition with photographs from its members and nonmembers alike. The show is open to the public, and is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“We look forward to this show every year,” said WFAA President Paula Savage, “Photographers from as far away as the Metroplex and Oklahoma City bring their art to this annual exhibition. We are expecting up to 150 individual pieces of photography in the gallery and they must fall into one of 5 categories.” The categories are as follows: Land, Lake or Cityscapes, Animal, People, Still Life, and Manipulated Imagery.

The winners of the show will receive cash prizes totaling \$1,750, so the competition will be fierce. “Prize money has increased significantly from last year, and the quality of work at this annual show is exemplary,” said Paula.

This year there will be an added component to the exhibition.



There will be a pop-up show of high school students' photography. Many of the area schools will be encouraging their students to bring in their best work. Winners of the students show will receive gift certificates, and Best of Show will receive a membership to the association, and a certificate that allows him/her to show two pieces of their art at the gallery in the month of November.

The judge, Earl Nottingham, chief photographer for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, has agreed to judge both the adult show and the pop-up show.

The gallery is located in the Historic Holt Hotel on the corner of 8th and Ohio Street. “If you haven't made it in to check out the art, now is the time,” Paula said, “The art is changed out every month to keep it fresh. Of course, this month it will be all photography, but the other 11 months of the year there is an eclectic mix of art from glass work, pottery, fiber art, drawings, paintings, sculptures and, of course, photography.”

According to Paula, the WFAA was founded in 1949 and is a nonprofit organization that is 100% operated by volunteers. The gallery facilitates the artists to sell their individual art. The gallery does not retain a percentage of sales, thus allowing the artists to keep the full amount of each sale.

The association has run the gallery since 2011 with it opening under the name of Wichita Falls Art Association Gallery in 2012. The WFAA is dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the North Texas area. Their mission is to promote local artists and to encourage interest and appreciation in the visual arts. The association provides a medium in which the public can view various forms of art by local artists.

All levels of artists are welcome to join the association and encouraged to show their art at the gallery, as well as, other shows and venues the members participate in throughout the year. The association has over 100 members to date.

-cindy thomas



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