

THE HUB OF NORTH TEXAS

Fall is just around the corner and the calendar is packed with fun and exciting things to do in the Wichita Falls area. Several CD release parties are scheduled this month by your favorite local musicians and planning has already begun for upcoming holiday events. In this month's issue we officially welcome James Cook as a permanent content contributor with his own section called Red Dirt Corner. We have thoroughly enjoyed the research that went into the Bloody Marys of WF story and look forward to discovering the city's margaritas next month. It can be difficult getting such important information out there for you guy's but we are up to the challenge.

Thank you to www.kellynottingham.com for allowing The Hub to use these amazing photographs of Marcus. Funky retro Monkey nailed the wardrobe.

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**September 9** Art After Hours art walk Downtown/7th & Ohio at 6pm

**September 9** Blank Labels CD Release Party w/ Allegheny Drive Iron Horse Pub at 9pm

**September 10** Back in Black (AC/DC tribute) Hellen Bach at Iron Horse Pub

**September 10** Bingefest 2016 TONS of entertainment 12pm - 2am - \$5

**September 10** Mullet Boyz Silver Dollar Saloon at 8pm

**September 10** Oktoberfest Kegs & Eggs Ganache at 10am-12:30pm **September 10** Grand Opening Mason Street Outlet 10:30 - 5:30pm

September 11 Broken Tap Opening Cowboys Game 3:25pm - \$1 beer & 1/2 price shots with each touchdown

**September 12-17** Texas Oklahoma Fair MPEC Fairgrounds

**September 15** Sounds of Speedway: Copa Kings The Forum at 7pm

**September 15** Texoma Gives

**September 15** Braden Shoutard Gypsy Uncorked @ 8pm **September 17** Halfway to St. Patrick's day Iron Horse Pub concert with FallsTown Saints

September 17 Pat Green will perform one hour after the conclusion of the Sheppard Air Show September 17-18 Sheppard Air Show

**September 22** Luke Walker Cd Release Party The Maplewood 8-10pm

## September 22

Gary P Nunn concert , live auction, adoption event. benefiting Texas Pit Crew and Emily's Legacy Rescue. Lonestar Tequila Bar 8pm - \$10

**September 23, 24, 25** Top of Texas Market MPEC Exhibit Hall B

**September 24** Grand Opening Celebration 9th Street Studios

**September 24** B.W. Lyons Guitars Sidewalk Jam 914 Scott Ave **September 24** Gypsy Pub Crawl 5-11pm.

**September 24** Poetry reading with Ben the Poet @ Frank & Joe's

**September 28** Palette to Palate: Kathryn Leitner The Forum 6:30-8:30pm

**Ganache Cupcake Lounge** Live music every Friday 8:30pm

**Frank & Joe's Coffee House** Live music every Friday 7:00pm

**Denim & Diamonds** Ladies Night on Saturdays \$0.50 domestics until 10:30pm

Whiskeyta Club Free Appetizers every Friday @ 5:30pm. Drink Specials 3-8pm. Door Prizes 6-8pm.

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop** DJ MF Maniac every Friday night.

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# Luke Walker

Luke Walker's private studio is nestled deep in downtown Wichita Falls. So deep that it would be impossible to locate without his guidance. It's a sanctuary for him to escape and find the music deep within. He let us in and shared his love affair with music, what inspires him, and what he's learned along his journey.

I started with piano when I was about seven years old.



My mom thought it would be a good idea to have me and my sister take lessons. I hated it. I dreaded the lessons and the drills at home. When I finally got old enough to tell them that I didn't want to take piano lessons anymore they let me stop and it wastn't too much longer after that I picked up a guitar for the first time. Because of my piano background I took to it really quickly. From then on I couldn't put it down. My dad had a vintage Ovation that he gave to me once he notice that I was really taking to it. I was about 13 years old with a really nice guitar to play. Growing up my mother sang in

> the choir at First Baptist Church and she's a great singer. We'd go on road trips and she would tell me to take the low harmony and tell my sister to take the high harmony so I was always singing. I wrote my first song when I was nineteen years old. It was about that time that I started

hitting a bunch of the open mic's. Iron Horse Pub was my main one.

## Who inspires you?

Ryan Adams, Radiohead, and stuff like that. I could relate

to their lyrics and their vocal capabilities. It all just kinda started building over time.

# You lived in Austin for some time though, didn't you?

I moved down to Austin in 2010 and I had no idea what I was in for. Wichita Falls is small compared to Austin and I got pretty depressed for the first six months or so. I doubted my decision for the first few months but what kept

me sane was writing. Some of the favorite songs I've ever written was during that time. It was therapeutic. I didn't know anyone there but I just wanted to go. With irony and realization came knowldge and understanding. Doors opened, and life didn't stop. Enjoyment occured and fruitfulness showed itself.

# How long have you been back in Wichita Falls?

Two months. I've been work-

ing on this new recording project ever since I moved back. What brought be back to Wichita Falls was the necessity of recording this project. I feel like I can focus



more here. There are a lot of distractions in Austin.

# Tell me about the current recording.

I did all the instrumentation on this project, the keys, the guitar, the vocals, djembe, and I also used drum loops. My cousin did do some bass on the project. There will be a CD release party Saturday, October 22nd from 8-10pm at The Maplewood. It will be a listening party and I'll play some live.

# 9th Street Studios

The art scene in Wichita Falls is booming and on October 1st we welcome the latest in great spaces. 9th Street Studios is opening their doors this month and throwing a grand opening party on October 1st. Owners Becky Raeke and Linda Deason along with manager Stephen Taylor have a clear vision of this amazing space and are excited to share it with the community. There are 6 private studio spaces. Five will be rented out by the month while one large and very well lit area will be reserved for day use. The commons area is huge and contains

a stage on one end and a comfortable kitchenette and dining area at the other which will be utilized for events and a meeting or relaxing area for tenants. Another great feature is they will have a completely stocked dark room for film photographers to use! Find out more at

www.9thstreetstudios.com or email StephenDeanTaylor@gmail.com 940-235-5700









# Parkway Grill 2719 Southwest Pkwy

The Parkway Bloody Mary does not make a great first impression. Dressing consists of a salted rim and a lime wedge drowning at the bottom of the glass. The flavor is very good (and spicy) and it is easy to drink. Some veggies would help it out. It is very well priced. Great atmoshpere, food, and a lot of TV's to watch the game. \$5.00 & only \$2.75 on Sundays

# Don Jose's 2601 10th St Rear House

Served in a tropical glass with a lime wedge. Great flavor and perfectly spiced! It doesn't come with olives but they are available upon request. It's a tad too small and naked at it's price point to ease the pain of your hangover... They have great margaritas and great mexican food. The bar area boasts multiple TV's with music and sports options. Price: \$5.99

# Brickhouse Tavern Sikes Senter Mall

Presentation is what one would expect from a good Bloody Mary. Celery, olives, a wedge of lime, made with Zing Zang, and at a great price! Enjoy the classic or their signature version, The Brewer's, which is made with Jagermeister, Left Hand Milk Stout, and bacon. The Brewer's has some kick to it. Fun atmosphere and great food options. Price: \$3.50 Brewer's: \$6.50

# Fuzzy's Taco Shop 2611 Plaza Pkwy #305

Hands down the best presentation. So many options. You can choose 16 ounces and 18 ounces with the standard vodka version or the Bloody Maria with tequila and a jalepeno. Both versions come with olives and optional salted rim. Fuzzy's has a fun atmsphere with local art, music, and a patio area to enjoy the upcoming fall weather. Price: \$8.00 .. ouch....

It was an enjoyable process hitting the town and discovering the wide range of local Bloody Marys. With so many options and flavors each stop was fun and delicious. Keep in mind that bartender makes a big difference in drinks and that flavor may vary slightly at each location based on who is mixing it up. There were more places that were on the list to try but we just couldn't make them all, although we enjoyed trying.

Stop the Presses!!! Last minute addition so big that it won't fit on these pages! Flip to page 10 and gaze your eyes upon photographic evidence of what was believed to be mere myth. The Grandaddy of all Bloody Mary's has been discovered!



# Stick's Place 311 E. Scott Ave

Stick's wins the day mixing up Bloody Mary's that dreams are made of. Salted rim, lemon and lime with 4 olives and made with Zing Zang. The bacon verson comes with 2 slices of bacon and mixed with Bacon brand vodka. For half the price it's understandable to go for the regular version which is also amazing! The best part? They will serve you one as early as 7am! That's hard to find. Sunday's: \$2.50 reg \$5.50 Bacon Mon-Sat: \$3.50 reg \$6.50 Bacon

# Iron Horse Pub 615 8th St

Love the Iron Horse Pub. There's always something going on there and it's a Wichita Falls staple in the community. Their version of the beverage presents well with olives, lime, and a salted rim. Solid flavor that stands out from all others. Not for the weak, this Bloody Mary has some kick to it for sure. Pool tables and plenty of room to move around. Great patio and always great people. Price: \$5.50

# Whiskeyta 3709 Gregory St

Optional salt and spice, this is a great Bloody Mary. Delicious and garnished with a slice of lemon and lime. Six, yes six, olives slain by plastic swords and the happy hour price puts the Whiskeyta Bloody Mary at the top of the list. Great flavor and a great bargain. Light food options, classy atmosphere, and the best restrooms. Friday happy hour even has free food and giveaways! Price: \$6 Happy Hour 3-8pm: \$3

# At Home That's right, homemade

Best bang for your buck. Buy a jug of Zing Zang, some cheap vodka, celery, and a jar of olives. When you need it most, just mix it up half and half vodka to Zing Zang, (less booze if it's just for leasure) leaving room for a splash of olive juice and the veggies. You don't have to leave the house and can get more for your money, just the way you like it. It's simple and there for you when you need it. Price: varies based on dressing.



# Marcus McGee

He's a man on the move, but The Hub recently caught up with Marcus McGee (aka DJ MF Maniac) at The Deep End, a barcade that he frequents, mostly because it's filled with his personal arcade collection. His contagious grin and suave swagger fills whatever space he is in with positive energy and today was no exception. As I walked into The Deep End the sound of chatter and laughter immediately pointed me in the direction of Marcus. He was spending his few spare minutes between appointments hanging out at the Deep End bar catching up and cutting up with friends and business associates. DJ, artist, and entrepreneur, DJ MF Maniac is not planning on slowing down any time soon.

## How did you get involved with The Deep End?

Michael Hitt of WDE (Waste Deep Entertainment) and his crew were making an open entertainment venue and I wasn't really a part of it at first. With my DJ carreer it was hard for me to have the time to make the meetings but whenever he was opening I had this one lone arcade at my house and it was Marvel Super Heroes, and I was like "you have all of this space, do you want me to bring my arcade up here?". I just wanted to move it out of my house. From there I just started buying arcades and was suprised that people were actually playing them. People were here listening to metal and playing Ms. PacMan. So we just kept adding games and was like "we got something". Let's do a bar/arcade. Let's do a barcade.

# How long have you been doing this?

We've been doing games for about six months now and it's all word of mouth. On Saturday nights we usually have live music. All the way from rap shows from local artists to metal to rock, variety shows. We do comedy shows as well. We still do art nights, dabbling with that and people come out and paint.

# Speaking of art, you are also an artist. Correct?

Art is really my first passion, right next to DJing. I really wanted to do comic books back in the day. I didn't have the funding to go to school so I just dabbled on the side and just learned by myself and basically I do comic book form. Like, half comic and half anime style. Black and white, because it I color them it doesn't come out as I see it so I stick to black and white. I've done a couple of businesses around down. I did Sakura's logo and the piano bar logo and I also did The Deep End's logo. So I still do a lot of free lance work with my art.



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## And what about your DJing?

I've been doing that for about 15 years. I started about 2002 doing it in my house. The S Lounge, it was Shogun's Japenese restaraunt but at night it was The S Lounge and that's where I kinda got my start. I started with records, tons of records, and for all the newer stuff it was just an Ipod. People couldn't believe that knew how to sync it. It was the old Ipod, the old classic, you'd have to reel it and let it go and people were amazed that I could do that. Coming from there to where technology is it got a lot easier, but I still stick to vinyl. I love vinyl.

# Are you resident DJ anywhere now?

Fuzzy's Tacos now. My original home was Toby's Bar. I was there for about 5-6 years. Now there is new ownership and we are talking about a new contract with them, but as of right now The Deep End, Fuzzy's Bar, Stage West. I've done Lonestar a couple of times. I do private gigs, weddings and stuff. My first gig was a wedding. They asked "have you ever done a wedding?" I said "no, never tried, but let's try it". It was the first two hundred bucks I ever made.

Marcus has been a part of the local music scene for nearly a decade, contributing to bands such as Dr. Feel Good and Bad Badgers. He also volunteers as a Texhoma Ghostbuster. The Texhoma Ghostbusters, among other things, volunteer their time encouraging kids with special needs and doing what they can to benefit various charaties. Marcus and two other gentlemen dress up and arrive in full Ghostbuster attire, including vehicle, for charitable events to help draw awareness and entertain. You can keep up with some of their good deeds via Facebook. facebook.com/texhoma.ghostbusters

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**Gourmet On The Fly** Wichita Falls Regional Airport

The stories sounded too far fetched even though the sources seemed reliable, much like a Big Foot sighting or Nessy. However, our interest was peaked and we wanted to find out for ourselves, so off we went. To the edge of town we drove with equal parts eagerness and doubt. I won't lie, I felt like a child again, embarking on an adven-



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ture somewhere between imagination and reality. We arrived to a beautiful bar area with additional seating overlooking the tarmac. It was very nice and I felt at ease. As I began to inquire of the beverage....err......meal.... uh, the myth, whatever your want to call it, a smile crossed the face of little miss friendly behind the counter. At first I didn't know what to make of it as she slipped away through the door behind her. Then, as a choir of angels announced her return there is was! The stories were all true! This beast boasts a cheeseburger slider, a large chicken strip, 3 onion rings, slice of bacon, and 3 stacked skewers of vegetables including okra, pickles and tomatoes. A new feature that has come available is flavored vodkas such as Bakon and Effen cucumber for a small additional charge. Find a friend and get over to the airport to experience this for yourself. You can thank me later. Or heck, you can take me with you! They also have a delicious breakfast, brunch, and lunch menu but if you're going for the Bloody Mary you'll have to settle for gazing upon your neighbors plate because this will fill you up.

16oz. price: \$7.50 weekdays \$5.50 Sat-Sun 32oz. with the fixins price: \$22

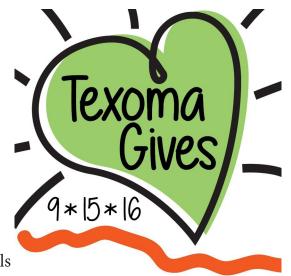
# let your love flow

Texoma Gives Day is 16 hours of online giving for nonprofits in our 24-county area of TexomaThursday, September 15 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



The Kitchen serves the Wichita Falls community through Meals on Wheels, the Red Door and Green Door Senior Centers, and Kid's Cafe. Meals on Wheels delivers to more than 850 seniors, home-bound and

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disabled in Wichita Falls daily, Monday through Friday. But what about Saturday and Sunday? Let's have lunch on weekends too! Through Texoma Gives donations to Meals on Wheels, we can provide lunch every day of the week. In 2017 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary of providing for the basic need to be fed a healthy lunch. It's more than just a meal to us and to our clients. It is the human contact, relationships, and the opportunity for many to be able to live independently in their homes.

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# RED BERT CORNER with James Cook

# Red Dirt Legend: Brandon Jenkins

To know Red Dirt is to know Brandon Jenkins. Throughout his 20+ year music career he has been a mainstay on festival and listening rooms stages throughout the US and Europe, had multiple hits on the influential Texas Music Radio Charts and written hits for others. We spoke and had a Q & A with Brandon about his latest music, his upbringing and the origins of Red Dirt.

# How did The Flag come about?



"Like everyone else, I been sitting and watching the news, seeing all the insanity and how our country seems like we're divided on every front. Black and white, rich and poor, blue and red, you name it. It just seems like we're fractured and I was trying to think of something that could be an instrument of healing. When you look at our country, one thing that makes us strong is our struggle and that's represented in The Flag. The album is called The Flag and it's a concept record. If you listen to it from beginning to end,

there's a journey. There are different voices and different opinions being portrayed."

## Let's go back a little bit... when's the first time you ever picked up a guitar?

"I grew up in a musical family, so there was always a guitar or a piano in the house. It wasn't until I was 4 or 5 years old that my parents let me grab one but I always had a natural attraction to it. When I really started playing and taking lessons I was in 6th or 7th grade. Before that, in 3rd grade, I started playing violin so I guess that was my first real instrument... not that I can play it now."

Was all of this going on in Oklahoma? "Yeah, I grew up in Tulsa and went to school at Oklahoma State in Stillwater, which is pretty much where the whole Red Dirt Movement started.

Guys like Bob Childers, Tom Skinner and Red Dirt Rangers and myself... then the younger guys came up: Cross Canadian Ragweed, Jason Boland, Stoney LaRue, and No Justice were all from Stillwater and we were all there playing music together. Then we started down and playing Texas more and more. Their music influenced us and our music influenced them and now it's just one big cauldron of really cool music."



#### Finally, what's your favorite writing and going to the studio or live performances?

"I love all of them, but what I really get a kick out of is watching people's reaction to a song that I've written, especially a new song. I created this thing and now I'm playing it on the stage and I'm watching people react to it."

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# Blaine Gillespie

Blaine Gillespie took a break from music but is back at it for a series of shows in the area. His taste and style is a fusion of Rock, Red Dirt and some Americana which makes for a great night of music.

Blaine has been playing North Texas ever since his first gig, at age 15 in City View, where he competed in a FFA talent show. He tried to make it to State Finals but, "Let's just say the first year



wasn't that great,' the young singer joked.

Lucky for us, he dusted himself off, started a band, focused on his music and is back with his band ready to take on the scene. Iron Horse Pub will have him and the band back October 28th with Jake Worthington and he'll be in Vernon on September 9th with Walker McGuire at the Santa Rosa Rodeo Grounds.

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**94.9 The Outlaw** brings you 24 hours of the greatest in Red Dirt/Texas music with local DJs devoted to the scene 7 days a week. Make sure to listen for The Way Too Early Show with James Cook and catch Big Jim Russell on your way home, as they bring you the best country with a Texas attitude.



Kenthe pet

Born in Ohio and raised in Los Angeles, Ben the Poet has traveled the world in order to become the artist that he is today. He found his home in Wichita Falls just a year and a half ago after teaching English in the Middle East for six years. He teaches English as a second lanuage to international airman at Sheppard Air Force Base. Ben reades and writes Arabic and speaks a fair amount of Spanish. He stumbled into writing poetry around his second year of college.



## How did you get into poetry?

I never really was a fiction appreciator. I always seemed to gravitate toward things that were short and so poetry format was kinda short and potent, and I kind of appreciated that. I gave it a try and took some classes in college and started hanging out with performing poets and did that circuit for a while. I guess it's been since about the late 90's that I've been writing poetry.

#### Where can you be found most often?

I've been set up at the Farmer's Market downtown every Saturday. I've done some live readings but right now Farmer's Market is my consistent avenue. I love and appreciate all types of art and galleries. I also have a poetry reading event planned on Sept. 24 at Frank & Joe's.

## What equipment do you use to type up your poems?

It's a late 50's early 60's Smith Corona typewriter, reel to reel ribbon, and sometimes a dictionary.

## What can people expect when they see you out with your typewriter?

I call it on the spot poetry. Give me a topic and I'll type your poem. People come up and they have a paricular topic or something that is on their mind and I take their idea and put it in a poetic form that resonates with their sentiment and their feelings in a very accepting and appreciative way.

Something that may go unnoticed is that Ben never posts any of his poems himself so that every recipient has no pre concieved ideas of what their poem should be. He makes each and every one personal and unique to the current situation. "Some people's poems are funny, some are introspective and deep. It just really depends on the topic and conversation that I have with that person" says Ben. He has plans underway to create a CD of poems as well as a book that would exhibit his favorite poems from the Farmer's Market. If you can't get to the Farmer's Market you can request your custom poem on INSTAGRAM @benthepoet3000 or benthenpoet3000@gmail.com.



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Downtown Wichita Falls Development is excited to announce "Sundown in Downtown," an evening of giving as part of Texoma Gives. This benefit concert will be held from 5-9:30 P.M. Thursday, September 15th at Park Central at 8th and Scott. The evening's festivities will include live music, prizes and so much more. The event will be free, but donations will be encouraged and appreciated. Volunteers will be on hand helping people make donations. Every dollar counts, and no donation is too small!! Please join us to raise money for Downtown Wichita Falls Development!

#### Music provided by:

Hazel - Michael Kately - Blue Light Special - Fallstown Saints with possibly more coming aboard.

#### **About Texoma Gives:**

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Texoma Gives is a 16-hour day of giving that provides critical funding for area nonprofits. Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation is partnering with area nonprofits to give thousands of donors from every community in a 24-county area of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma a chance to raise funds for local needs.

All donations made on September 15 through Texoma Gives are eligible for "Prize Money" that will be awarded throughout the day.

From 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. on September 15, www.texomagives.org will accept donations to raise unrestricted dollars for area nonprofits in Texoma. It is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in Texoma. What an impact we can make in Texoma when we join together for Texoma Gives!

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