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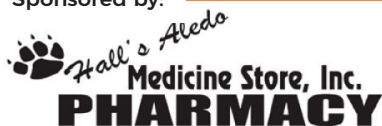
Aledo Children's AdvoCats is a women-run 501(c)(3) volunteer organization serving underprivileged children and their families of Aledo ISD. An estimated 12.6% (or 1 in 8 students) of the AISD student population is economically disadvantaged. Through the efforts of the AdvoCats programs and services, these children's needs are identified and met.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Taya Kyle**

Taya is the author of American Wife and an advocate for military and first responders. She is the widow of late U.S. Navy Seal Chris Kyle who is commonly known as the American Sniper. After Chris's death, Taya founded Chris Kyle Frog Foundation to honor her husband's legacy and help first responder and military families.



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We are so excited about this year's Aledo Wine & Art Festival, with over 50 interesting vendors, artists and the top wineries in Texas. Our goal is to bring to our community of Aledo one of the top Texas Wine events in our state. To do this, we invite only award-winning Texas wineries, and provide our guests a weekend of entertainment and relaxing fun.

This year, we are honored to take on Cuisine for Healing and our Aledo AdvoCats as festival beneficiaries. All profit from our entire event will go to help both organizations provide assistance for those in need.

Cuisine for Healing is an organization close to the hearts of our families, as we have and are currently dealing with cancer. I truly believe that all big cities or small towns need an organization that can provide meals that do help heal. We are so proud to be able to announce that Cuisine for Healing as of this event will begin making deliveries into Aledo and East Parker county.

Our Aledo AdvoCats is an organization dedicated to helping children in need, and this is another charity dear to my heart. Helping children with medical needs, school

supplies and clothing is what they are all about, and we want to help support this great cause as well.

This year we kick off the festival with our 1st Annual VIP Wine Pairing Benefit Dinner Party at Stillwater Meadow. Guests will be entertained under the stars by some great talent brought to us by Hank FM and The Ranch. They will be able to enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK Texas Bistro prepared by some of the areas top chefs paired with our Texas wineries. We will also have a silent art auction, and special guest speakers to round off the night of fun. I expect this to become an annual Kickoff Party our community will not want to miss.

We want to thank everyone involved in our event for making it a success. We are always looking for ways to make our event bigger and better, and if you have any ideas that will help, please do not hesitate to contact us through our website www.aledowineandartfestival.com, or most all of you know how to get in touch with me.

Come see us on the ranch.

A.C. "Chuck" Tordiglione
Aledo Wine & Art Festival- Chairman



Wine festival guests are all smiles at the 2017 event. (Courtesy Community News)

More Than Just Wine

By Rich Jacques

The Aledo Wine & Art Festival prides itself on being a casual event offering visitors and guests the opportunity to mingle with some of Texas' finest wineries, artists, chefs, musicians and related vendors, but beyond the festivities, the impact of the festival is felt far and wide.

Now in its second year, the wine festival generously contributes thousands of dollars as a 501(c) (3) to meaningful charity groups.

According to event organizers, about 3,000 participants are

expected to make their way to the event this year.

The 2018 wine festival beneficiaries include:

Cuisine For Healing, a Fort Worth-based group dedicated to making nutritious, delicious food readily available to people combating disease, while providing education about the power of healthy food.

The Aledo AdvoCats, an organization led by women volunteers committed to raising charitable funds to help fulfill unmet needs of children and their families in the Aledo area.

Aledo Wine Festival — **Wineries** —

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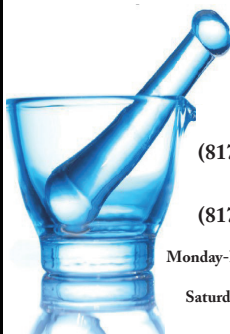
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Entertainment Schedule

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Friday

Baileigh Rhodes (11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Cody Daniel (6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.)

Saturday

Adam Hull (1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

Hannah Dot Cook (1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

Joseph Neville (3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.)

Kaitlyn Jewett (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

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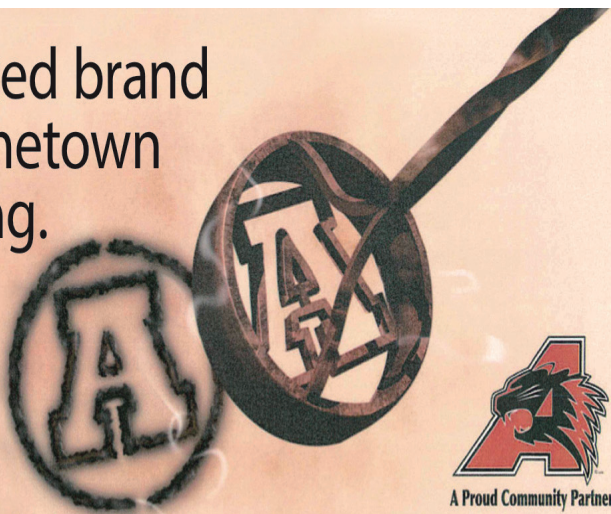


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Aledo AdvoCats members: working to aid local children in need.

Helping Aledo's Kids

Nearly one million dollars raised by Aledo AdvoCats since 2002

By Kristin Bryan

In 2002, former Aledo Middle School teacher, Katie Alexander, asked two friends to lunch. She wanted to discuss the idea of forming a woman-run volunteer organization to support children in need within their Aledo ISD community. At the time, East Parker County did not have a place for families to go for help with medical and dental needs, food, clothing, school supplies or basic living expenses. She tasked each one to invite seven other friends to

help. These 21 women became the founding members and started the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called Aledo Children's AdvoCats. The mission is to raise charitable funds to help Aledo ISD children and their families in need.

Through a collaborative effort between the school counselors and AdvoCats, students' needs are identified and met. Sixteen years later, AdvoCats has raised more than \$900,000.

There are three areas to the organization, and each one works directly with each of the ten campus

school counselors to identify qualified students and families.

Children's Fund is the main outreach service. The CF evaluates the needs of each student on an individual basis, and all information is confidential. CF helps with the needs mentioned above, in addition to professional counseling, school-related expenses and other crisis interventions.

The Clothes Closet is a clothing resource for qualified Aledo ISD families, and they are able to shop and receive clothing free of charge. It is also open to the public as a resale store, and proceeds go back to AdvoCats. In 2017, more than 450 students and their families were served. Kristin Bryan, AdvoCats VP of Communications and Clothes Closet volunteer, shared that one mother said, "Thank you for helping Aledo kids. It means so much when your child is no longer embarrassed to attend school because she now has nice shoes and clothes to wear."

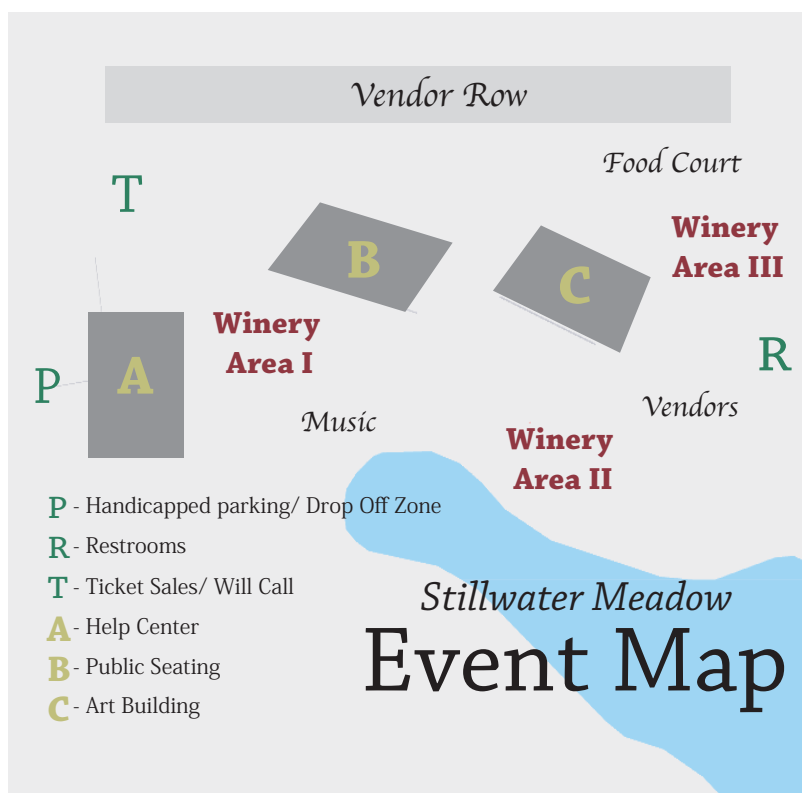
Angel Project organizes Christmas gifts for qualified students and siblings residing in the same home. The children's wish lists are assigned to community volunteer shoppers. AdvoCats then collects the gifts and distributes

them to the families. In 2017, AdvoCats helped 434 children, representing 174 families. Many families are in tears when they pick up their children's gifts and witness the generosity of our community.

AdvoCats has extended their help over the years with projects such as Bearcat Park, Hancock House of Hope, The East Parker County Library, Shattered Dreams, scholarships for qualified seniors, and Parker County Teen Court, which was co-founded by Judge Lynn Johnson, Aledo Children's AdvoCats Parliamentarian.

"This community has always given outstanding support to our organization," said Ann Simmons, AdvoCats recording secretary and charter member. AdvoCats receives help through its donations, volunteerism and membership. They also sponsor two annual fundraisers: The Help & Hope Luncheon and The Run, Walk or Crawl fun-run.

Please go online and visit us at www.aledoadvocats.com to find out more details on how to become a member or how to get involved. Please like AdvoCats on Facebook and Instagram to follow our progress.



The Aledo Wine & Art Festival is set up in and around the gorgeous surroundings of Stillwater Meadow. Each area offers wineries, food, art, vendors and some of the best live music in Texas.

Cheers, everyone!

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Texas Legato
Pillar Bluff Vineyards
Brushy Creek

Area III

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Listen To The Music

The Aledo Wine & Art Festival is proud to welcome a talented lineup of performers to Stillwater Meadow this year. All scheduled musicians were finalists at the recent Texas Spotlight Competition at The New Granbury Live. Contest winner Andrew Sevensen opens up the entertainment on Thursday at the VIP event. Check out the Aledo Wine & Art Festival entertainment schedule on page 6 for appearance times.



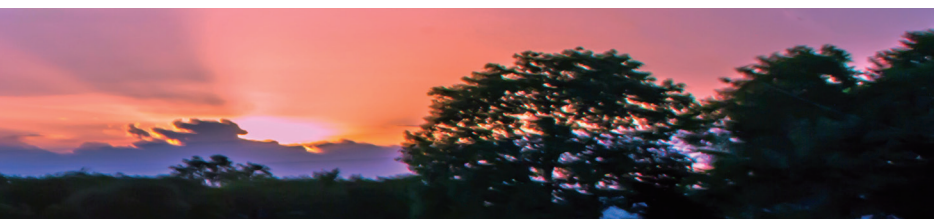
A kindergarten teacher by day and wannabe rockstar by night, **Adam Hull** performs country and rock at local venues. Also a classical guitarist, he gigs regularly at the Culinary School of Fort Worth.



Andrew Sevensen from Alvaredo, Texas, brings a mix of country and light rock sounds to the Aledo Wine & Art Festival stage. While not performing, Andrew attends college where he is studying nursing.



Baileigh Rhodes, a Granbury-based singer/songwriter, has been playing guitar since the age of 9 and gigging since she was 13. When not performing country, blues, and pop music, the 18-year-old attends Hillsborough Hill College near Waco.



Yes, he has two first names. Born and raised in College Mound, **Cody Daniel** is a full-time worker and family man who says he's blessed to be able to pursue his passion of songwriting and performing. His shows mix red dirt-influenced originals with favorites from nearly all genres.



Hannah Dot Cook, 14, from Chandler, Texas, plays guitar, piano, mandolin and writes her own music. She performs in Texas and Oklahoma. Hannah also enjoys cheering for high school football and for her little brother's basketball and soccer games.



Joseph Neville would rather connect with an audience than impress them. His debut album, "Day & Night," is a reflection on life, faith, and pain. "By engaging with each other in our struggle, we can encourage with strength and hope," Joseph says.



Kaitlyn Jewett, 15, learned guitar at 4-years-old and began performing at 6. Recently signed by Legend Records, the Cleburne-based singer/songwriter performs country and other music genres.



Teamwork Makes Dreams Work

Cuisine for Healing expanding operations

By Lori Hensen

It has been an eventful 10th anniversary year at Cuisine for Healing, with so much to celebrate!

We began 2018 in search of a new home, knowing our in-kind office arrangement with Texas Oncology would end in August. We found the perfect place, and the funding to make it possible. We closed on the property in April, made necessary improvements and moved in late June to 1614 Mistletoe Blvd.

staying in the heart of the Fort Worth medical district.

Our motto is “Teamwork makes dreams work.” It certainly has been true for Cuisine for Healing this year, and we thank you for being part of the team! We simply could not have met the challenges of moving, while continuing to prepare and deliver an average of 300 meals each week, and planning another successful Survivors in Style event, without the dedication, support and generosity of our board,



volunteers, staff and friends in the community.

Yay, team! And now for our encore. Drum roll, please. Spotlight on Phase 2 of our More than Bricks: A Foundation for Our Future! capital campaign to secure \$410,000 to add a new commercial kitchen, which will allow us to increase our average meals per week to 500. No more hour-plus roundtrip drives back and forth to where our kitchen is located, taking time away from our mission! Again, we will need “all hands

on deck” to make it happen. Thanks to the generosity of the Amon G. Carter Foundation and individual donors, we're very proud and grateful to report that we're about one-quarter of the way there. I hope we can count on you to do what you are able to support our program and capital efforts, through a donation, or even a monthly pledge.

Blessings, and many thanks for helping make our dreams work!



Grady Spears, the "Cowboy Cook," coming to Aledo.

VIP Event Makes Festival Debut

Top chefs, great wine headline inaugural event

By Rich Jacques

The Aledo Wine & Art Festival is proud to introduce the inaugural VIP Wine Pairing Dinner Party to the festivities this year at Stillwater Meadow.

Kicking off the festival Thursday night, guests enjoy a night under the stars to sample mouth-watering dishes served up by some of Texas' most creative chefs, with each offering designed to pair with our featured Texas wines.

In addition to savory hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music and

scenic surroundings, guests have the opportunity to visit with the winemakers and chefs in an intimate setting.

The event features an art exhibit and silent auction as part of the festivities.

A varied list of top-notch chefs and experienced winemakers each collaborated to ensure that wine and chef's dishes are carefully paired to highlight the best of both.

One of the VIP chefs, Grady Spears of the popular **Horseshoe Hill Café** in Fort Worth, will be on

hand demonstrating why they call him the "Cowboy Cook."

Horseshoe Hill, a Wild West design café serving cowboy portions of ranch style, farm fresh Southern dishes, is located in the historic Stockyards district.

Also represented at the VIP event will be **Max's Wine Dive** restaurant and wine bar, owned by Jerry and Laura Lasco, where they bring "gourmet comfort food" to guests alongside a constantly curated selection of wines from around the world at their Fort Worth establishment.

From Granbury, Chef Courtney Billen, owner of the **Fusion Table**, offers personal chef services designed for intimate groups of 40 or under where customized farm-to-table concept menus and event styling are the focus and prepared on site.

In the mood for some Mexican flavor? We've got you covered with Chef Chris Garcia of **Del Norte Tacos** in Godley, where authentic Texas ranchers use seasonally home-grown vegetables, fruits and meats to produce a scrumptious end product.

It wouldn't be a Texas festival without some authentic barbeque

— that's where **2 Outlaws BBQ** comes in. Whether you're craving a small snack, a refreshment, or a complete meal, 2 Outlaws knows just how to keep customers coming back for more. Also specializing in American food, 2 Outlaws is located at 609 N. Main St. in Weatherford.

We are very happy to have **Wenzel LoneStar Meat Company** in the lineup. The family owned and operated business, located in Hamilton, Texas, specializes in beef, pork and bison meat products, and offers a retail store, deli and custom deer processing.

Fitting right into the wine festival atmosphere is **Mancuso's Italian Restaurante** of Fort Worth, which offers a wine list featuring exquisite bottles from around the globe, some of those wines include some very special blends from the famous Napa Valley Wineries.

Where there's wine, there must be steak, and that will be the case in Aledo on Thursday with Stefon Rishel of **Texas Bleu Steakhouse** on hand. The all-American steakhouse, located in Keller at the corner of Main and Taylor streets, serves farm-to-table cuisine featuring local produce and products.

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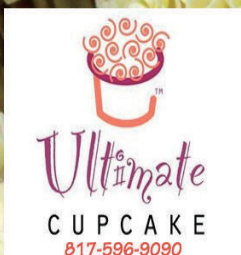
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East Meets West at Christina's

Chef Gary Folger is creating something special in Granbury



Katie and Gary Folger

By Rich Jacques

What's a beach boy from New England with a passion for east and west coastal cuisines doing in Texas? Just putting together a gem of an eatery, that's all.

Fusing together a unique balance where east coast meets west coast in the heart of the Lone Star State, New Hampshire-born Gary Folger, and his California-born wife, Katie, have it going on at Christina's Bistro on the historic Granbury square.

After heading west at the age of 24, and working alongside some of California's best chefs, Gary blended his northeastern

tastes with his newly found appreciation for west coast foods and developed a truly unique style.

Stressing impeccable service and one-of-a-kind menu items that focus on fresh seafood and a variety of meats, Gary and Katie combine original blends and an amazing dining atmosphere to bring something special to Granbury.

Offering handcrafted food, a full bar and live entertainment, Christina's represents a fantastic night out for anyone.

Pairing unique food offerings with an amazing blend of Texas wine, Gary - along with nine other top area chefs - will be taking part in the VIP dinner event Thursday night at Stillwater Meadow.

"It's such a privilege to be part of this event," said Gary. "Showcasing great Texas food and wine for a great cause, thank you Aledo Wine and Art Festival."

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Courtesy Community News

An artist admires a piece of art.

Art will abound throughout the duration of the Aledo Wine & Art Festival this year.

At the VIP Wine pairing Dinner Party on Thursday, a silent auction will be held for guests.

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The resounding success of the annual September event is a direct result of volunteers who turn out to lend a helping hand.

Our volunteers are the true heart of the Aledo Wine & Art Festival. It is with our outstanding volunteers that we are able to host this event — and give back to our community by donating proceeds each year to our charitable partners.

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