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If you've been before you know to pack your heavy coat, summer shorts, rain gear, suntan lotion and wind breaker and to get ready for 6 days of music and camping. So buy a new chili pot or shine up that old one, kick the tires on the RV or patch the tent, pack the lawn chairs, put strings on whatever needs strings and I'll see you around the campfires, I hope. ~ Larry Joe Taylor



Larry Joe Taylor

Website: www.larryjoetaylor.com

Hometown: Stephenville, TX

Current Project: 37th Annual Texas Music Festival

Latest Project: *Coalition* (2016)

Larry Joe Taylor is one of Texas music's most beloved storytellers—known as much for his warmth and honesty onstage as for the songs themselves. For decades he has stood as a pillar of the Texas songwriter tradition, blending humor, heart, and lived-in truth with the kind of storytelling that only comes from a life deeply connected to people, place, and song.

Whether performing solo or backed by a full band, Larry Joe's shows carry the same unmistakable spirit—songs that feel personal, stories that feel lived, and a stage presence that turns a crowd into a community. His band performances are known for their rich Texas sound: a mix of folk, country, and roots-rock energy that brings both intimacy and celebration to the room.

More than a performer, Larry Joe is also a visionary and community builder, whose festival and songwriter culture have helped shape generations of artists. Every April, upwards of 60,000 fans return to Stephenville, Texas, for the Larry Joe Taylor Texas Music Festival and Chili Cook-Off—one of the most storied gatherings in Texas music history.

Taylor's songwriting has been embraced by artists across generations, with recordings by Jerry Jeff Walker and the Lost Gonzo Band, Gary P. Nunn, Chuck Pyle, Richard Leigh, Keith Sykes, Stephen Fromholz, Tommy Alverson, Josh Abbott, Davin James, Presley Haile, and many more.

At the heart of it all is the live performance: vivid snapshots of life, quiet emotion wrapped in melody, and the rare ability to make a packed house feel like a circle of friends. Whether he's playing an intimate listening room or a festival stage with a full band, a Larry Joe Taylor show is about connection, authenticity, and the enduring spirit of songwriting.

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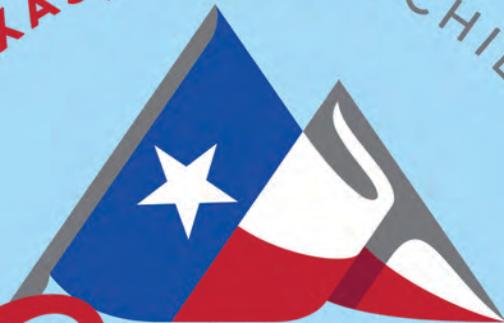


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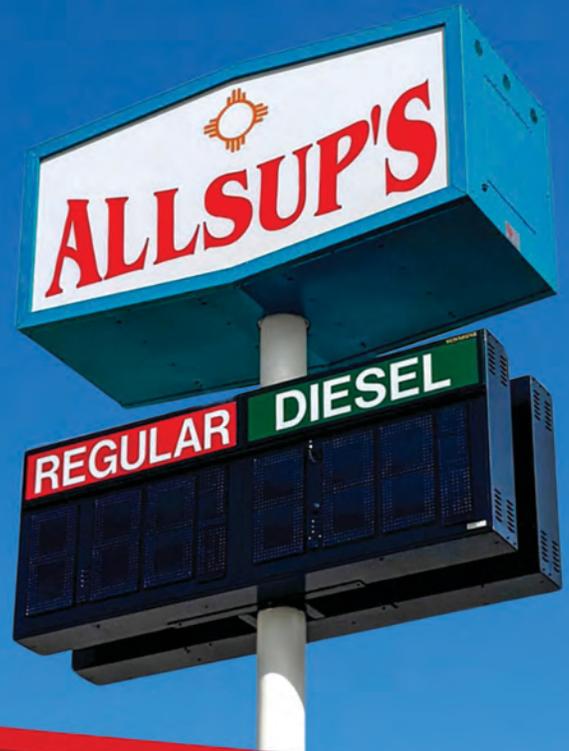


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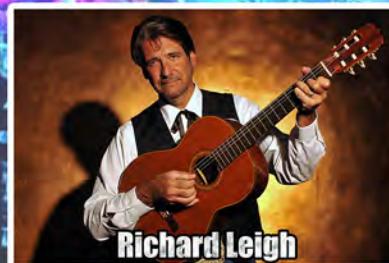
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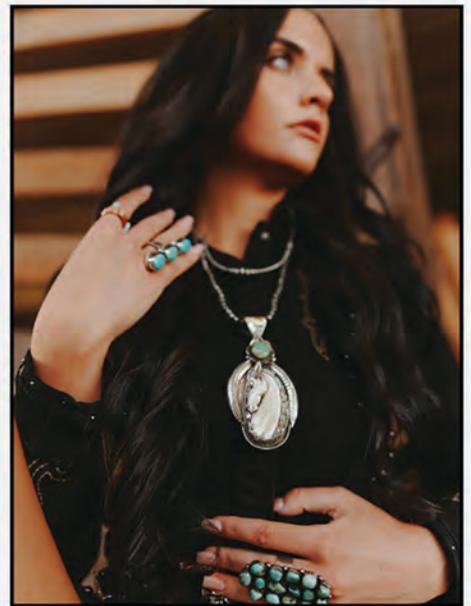
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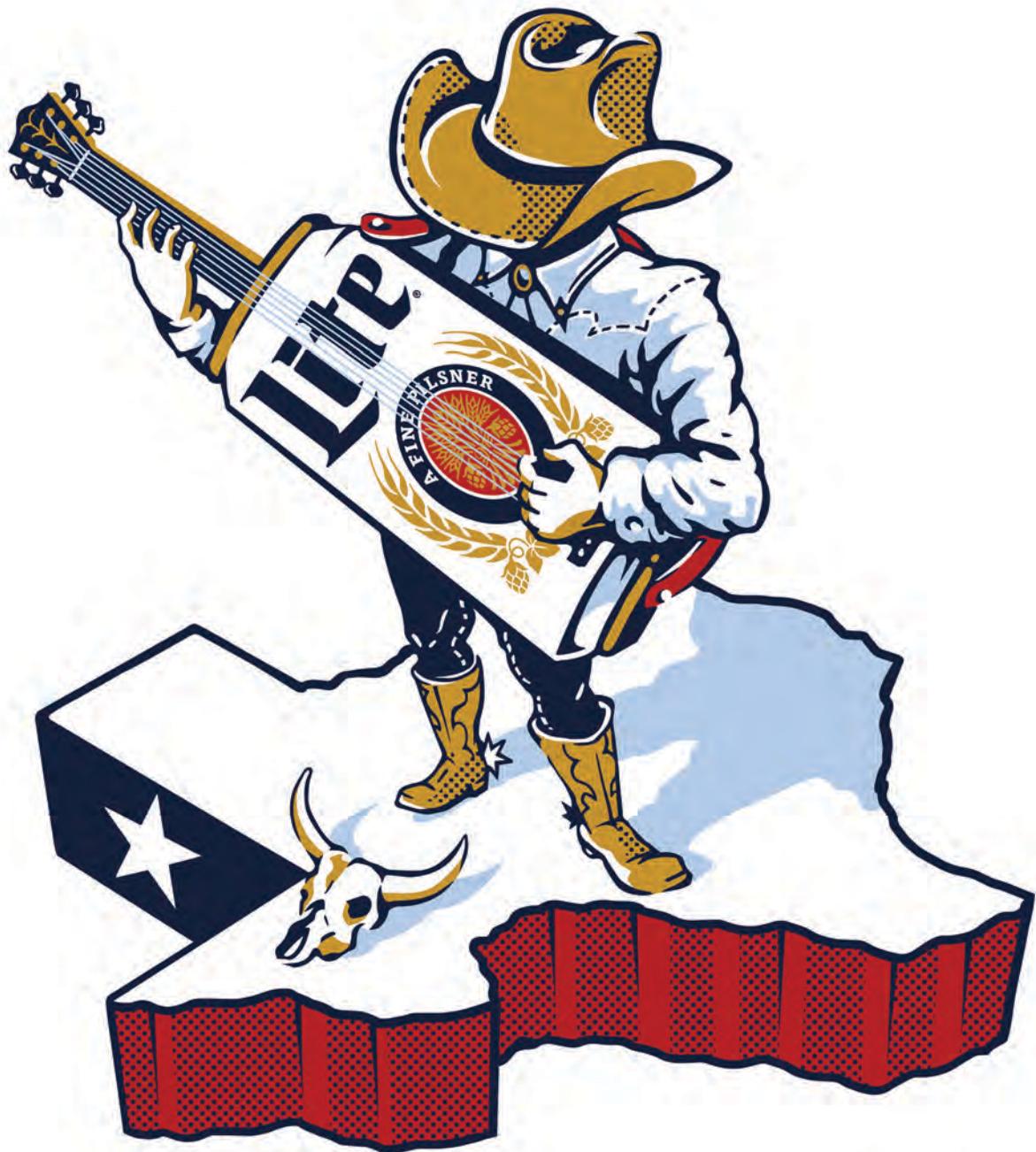
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Monday - April 20th, 2026

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VIP
 5:00 pm

STAGE IN




Tuesday - April 21st, 2026

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION

VIP
 3:00 pm

STAGE IN




"Welcome Jam"
 Hosted by:
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ALLSUP'S
STAGE

3:45 pm



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Wednesday - April 22nd, 2026

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION

VIP
10:00 am

STAGE IN




"Bloody Mary Morning"
Hosted by:
Randy Brown
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ALLSUP'S
STAGE 12:30 pm



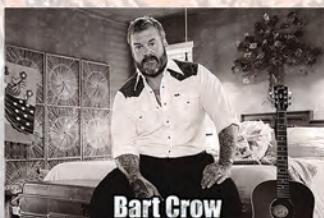
TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION

VIP
5:00 pm

STAGE IN




Miller
Lite STAGE 5:00 pm



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Thursday - April 23rd, 2026

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION

VIP
 10:00 am

STAGE
 IN




Randy Brown

"Bloody Mary Morning"
 Hosted by:
**Randy Brown
 and Special Guests**

ALLSUP'S
STAGE
 12:30 pm



Parker Ryan



Michael Hearne & SXS



Courtney Patton



Mike McClure

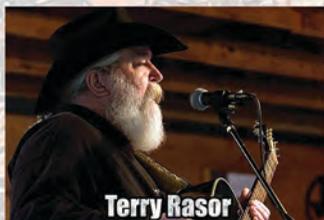


Radney Foster

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION

VIP
 5:00 pm

STAGE
 IN

Terry Rasor



Carson Jeffrey

Carson Jeffrey
 10:30 pm @ T-Bird's
 Garage Pub Main Stage
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 5:00 pm



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Logan Ryan Band



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Mike Ryan



Josh Abbott Band

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Friday - April 24th, 2026

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION
VIP
10:00 am



Randy Brown

"Bloody Mary Morning"
Hosted by:
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ALLSUP'S
STAGE
12:30 pm



Haydon Wiginton



Hank Weaver & Ashton Naylor



Julianna Rankin



Walt Wilkins



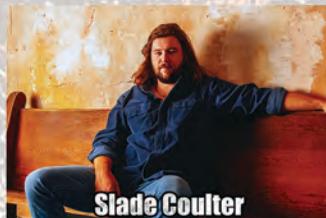
Presley Haile

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION
VIP
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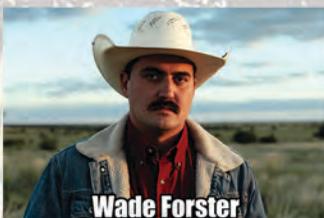
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5:00 pm



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Saturday - April 25th, 2026

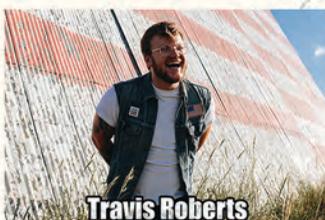
TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION
VIP
STAGE IN
10:00 am



Nick & Nyles

"Bloody Mary Morning"
Hosted by:
Nick & Nyles
and Special Guests

ALLSUP'S
STAGE
12:30 pm



Travis Roberts



Cameron Allbright



Hayden Baker



Tejas Brothers



Larry Joe Taylor

Miller
Lite STAGE
5:00 pm



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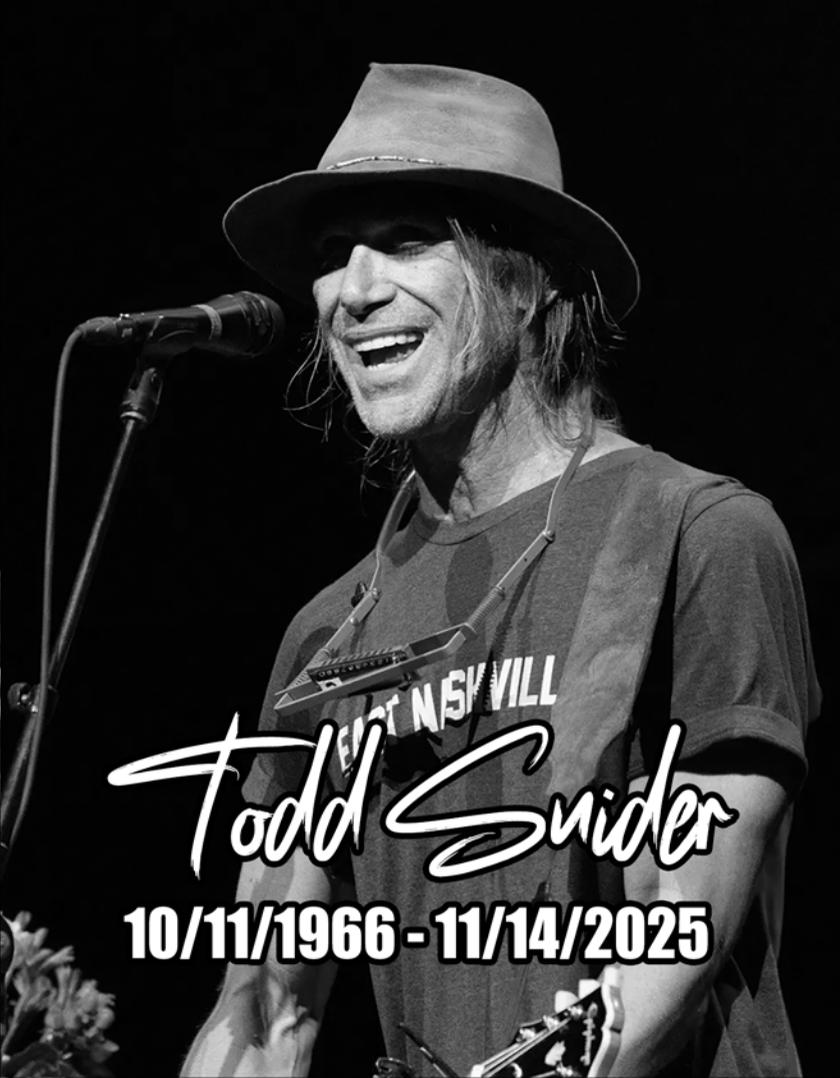
Randy Rogers Band

TOTAL HEALTH AND HYDRATION
VIP
STAGE IN
11:30 pm



Matt Castillo

Matt Castillo
@ T-Bird's Garage Pub
Main Stage
-Limited Availability-

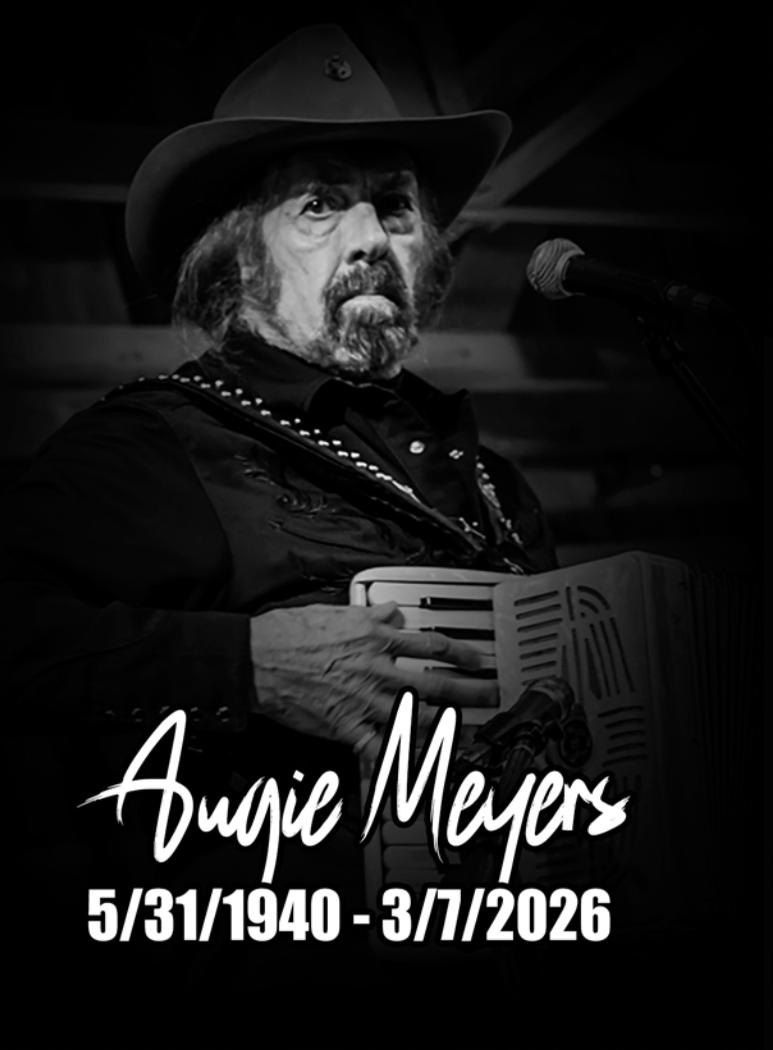


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A Note from the Promoters of LJT

Welcome to the 37th Annual Larry Joe Taylor Fest! In 2025, we hosted a large number of folks here at Melody Mountain Ranch across the 6-day Texas Music event, and we look forward to reaching large numbers again and hopefully increase in size as this event continues to grow. Of course, with a mass of people in one place, it's like having a good-sized city in your backyard, so you are likely to have "good-sized city" issues behind the scene such as maintenance, electrical, plumbing, and even some crime. One thing that isn't nearly as much fun to discuss as your favorite dry rub that you use on those ribs you smoke at your campsite this year, but the most important topic is...SAFETY. Here at LJT the safety of our fans, artists, sponsors, and staff is our number one priority.

Over the past 37 years, the festival community has grown from a few hundred people to several thousand. Of course, with any growth brings changes, but the community and "family-ness" vibe has held on tight through those years. After the stage shuts down at night, the campground still lights up with campfires surrounded by fans and artists sharing food, drinks, and stories. Artists hop from one campfire to another, playing requests and sharing the stories behind their music.

As in any group of thousands of people, there are always a few people in any community who are willing to cause harm, but we outnumber them. If you see trouble brewing, please do something. You may be wondering what, exactly, to do. The short answer is, keep it simple and safe. You don't have to cause a scene, and please don't put yourself or others in danger. You have lots of options for what you say or do, and you can be creative. Consider these examples:

BE DIRECT - tell the person who's trying to cause harm to knock it off. Or, just check in on the person you're worried about. "Hey, you ok? Need help finding your friends?"

ALERT SOMEONE ELSE - maybe you have a large and vocal friend who will say anything. Get that friend to check on someone you're worried about. Alert the friends of the person you're worried about: "Hey I think your friend needs some help." Or, alert security, law enforcement or a member of our friendly staff to assist you. Law enforcement will be within 100 yards of every stage and campsite, and we are all here to help!

CAUSE A DISTRACTION - maybe you see a fight brewing so you and your friends start belting out your favorite song, right by the people who are arguing. Or you see a young man trying to lead a young unwilling woman off away from a group, so you act confused. "Where's the main stage? But what time does Larry Joe play? How long have you been here?" Be a (non-confrontational) pest until he leaves or she wanders back to her friends.

There are many ways to help, and a good place to start is to create awareness! We would love to include you in our #SafeLJT campaign, which means you're part of a community, and you're committed to the safety of the community. Most of all, look out for each other and have a great time!

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April 24	Stephenville, TX	LJT Festival Campfire Somewhere Else
April 25	Stephenville, TX	Live at Stephenville City Jail (Solo Performance)



The Legacy and Legend of J.C. Harwell

Excerpt Courtesy of Gypsy Falcon Biographer and J.C. Harwell Historian, S.D. Henderson

In every civilized culture, there exists an archetype; the warrior-poet-philosopher-king... In Texas, there is J.C. Harwell. Is he real? If he's real, why haven't I heard of him? If he's a legend, why haven't I been told? Has anyone seen him...

Texas has never been short of folk heroes, never lacked for epic figures to eclipse those of us shackled to this plane. In the cynical world of music journalism, critics scoff at the possibility that the most legendary figure in music since Hank Williams could have existed and wrote some of the most transcendent works not only in music, but in all of western thought. Perhaps it's simply a defense mechanism. Unwilling to be viewed as ignorant of what ought to be obvious, they pretend that he never existed.

J.C. Harwell was indeed born in Texas. Naturally reclusive and pugnacious, somewhat given to alternating descents into substance abuse and the criminal justice system, he's an inaccessible legend. His predisposition for solitude, and protracted legal battles with former managers and business partners keep him on the fringes of society, and beyond the myopic view of the industrial music machines of Nashville and New York. In the soul dead pulp mills of pop country, Harwell is known only in fragments and wisps of chance revelations. He is the secret genius so enigmatic that few even remember his name.

Yes, it's true that you can't purchase any of the Gypsy Falcon's work on iTunes. It's also true that no existing master recordings from the Gypsy Falcon discography have been unearthed in recent memory. No, nothing will spring to mind when you try to hum one of his haunting melodies. But when you hear a lyric that pierces your soul from any one of the newer artists on the landscape today, it is likely that J.C. Harwell once wrote something almost like that but more transcendent and ethereal.

Unlike the epic heroes of ancient Greece, the very real possibility exists that someday you may experience the opportunity to see the J.C. Harwell and the Gypsy Falcons at a venue near you. And should you be one of those fortunate enough to see the day, do not miss a chance to be one of the first to buy a copy of their long awaited masterpiece, due in stores this fall after a thirteen year silence. A highly placed source with close ties to the Gypsy Falcon inner circle has confirmed that J.C. Harwell is finalizing the sound engineering and cover artwork for the release of El Fenix Rising.

So, if you've never heard, and can't believe... just because you're not on the tip of the spear, perhaps less educated and sophisticated regarding independent music legends and folklore than your friends, doesn't mean you can't pretend you've listened for ages.

Above: Archival Image of Harwell, ca. 1993.

Below: Artist rendering of Harwell today with digital age progression.

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- All vehicles leaving and returning to festivals grounds must stop at the re-entry gate and have all credentials re-scanned upon entry.
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- NO glass bottles of any kind. All articles are subject to search.
- NO amplified sound systems at camp sites except during chili showmanship Saturday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
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- NO weapons of any kind. All articles are subject to search.
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- NO small children left unattended - parents should accompany small children at all times.
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- NO unauthorized sale of merchandise.
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