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Welcome to Red River, New Mexico

This four day event features live music with Larry Joe Taylor & friends, then multiple cook-offs in the park on Saturday 8/17. Music will be performed at venues all over town like "The Tip" Mountain Top of the Red River Ski Area, Brandenburg Park, and the historic Motherlode Saloon.

Each year this event grows in size, and this year will be no different. In addition to the stellar lineup of musicians, the cook-off includes the New Mexico Green Chili Championship, a Lone Star BBQ Society cook-off, and the ever-expanding CASI "Red River Red" chili cook-off.

Take a scenic chair lift ride to the top of the Red River Ski Area and catch a concert surrounded by the most breathtaking scenery in the southern Rockies. Bring your own lawn chair, sit back, and relax during the concerts in Brandenburg Park. Put on your dancin' shoes and get ready for a two-steppin' good time during the evening concerts at the historic Motherlode Saloon.

Music fans love this event because of the "up close and personal" concert venues and the unique access to world-class singers and songwriters. It is not uncommon to see renowned musicians sitting around the fireplace at the Lodge, pickin' and strummin', sharing their gifts with everyone around. Bring your guitar and hop in the action. How many of your friends can say they've played with a legend?

In the old days people came to Red River in search of gold. Now people come to town in search of different treasures---the beauty of nature, memorable times with family and friends, a slower pace, and four seasons of fantastic outdoor adventure. Why not round up your posse and saddle up for Red River this year? You're sure to find happy trails every time you visit!

LARRY JOE TAYLOR

www.larryjoetaylor.com

Larry Joe Taylor, our featured musician and event organizer, has been hard at work putting together another great lineup of singer/songwriters for the music festival this year. Though he calls Stephenville, Texas home, LJT has been enjoying and playing in Red River, New Mexico since 1997. We call his style "Southwest meets Key West," others say he's Texas' version of Jimmy Buffet. His style is upbeat, down-home and magnetic. His ability to engage spirited audience participation in sing-a-longs, limbo contests, and untamed conga lines one moment, and in their seats spellbound the next, is what makes Taylor stand out among entertainers.

Influenced by the songs of Guy Clark, Jerry Jeff Walker, The Doors and Bob Dylan, Larry Joe Taylor started out in the early 70's as simply a fan. Over some 46 years later, he finds himself right in the middle of the biggest dream of his life...to not only be a respected songwriter in his own right, but also having the opportunity to present songwriters and music he respects on one of the biggest stages in the U.S....the Larry Joe Taylor Annual Texas Music Festival & Chili Cook-off , now in its 31st year, is drawing crowds of 60,000 plus. His new CD *Sailing On Sunday* is preceded by *Times*, *Summer Days*, *Port A to Port B*, *Heart of the Matter*, *First Row, Third Coast*, *Coastal & Western*, *Terlingua Sky*, and *This One's for You*...all of which incorporate elements of country, reggae, blues, rock & roll, and an occasional 50's doo-wop. Never surrendering completely to any genre, Taylor's appeal is widespread throughout Texas and the United States.

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Deryl Dodd

Latest Project: *Long Hard Ride (2017)*
Website: www.deryldodd.com

Dallas-born to a family who loved music, Deryl Dodd grew up on gospel, bluegrass, country and rootsy rock and roll. He was heavily influenced by the soulful southern music at the Pentecostal church where his grandfather was a pastor. Deryl's first performances were there, singing harmony with his three siblings. Guitar at age seven, banjo at thirteen, pedal steel at sixteen - the young Dodd's hands nearly always gripped a stringed instrument. Honing his musical chops while in college, music became his vocation. Cutting his teeth in local honky tonks as a musician and vocalist, Deryl soon became the front man for a Waco band. His enthusiasm and natural connection with the audience regularly drew crowds of up to a thousand. Dodd moved to Nashville in 1991 and was quickly hired as a lead guitarist and high harmony singer for Martina McBride, rocketing from smoky clubs to giant stadiums. As he refined his skills on the six-string, he also kept busy songwriting, working with the likes of John Hiatt, Kevin Welch and Radney Foster. Next came a 1993 publishing deal with BMG Music resulting in other artists recording his songs, including rewarding cuts on two of Tim McGraw's multi-platinum albums. In '94, Deryl joined up with Tracy Lawrence's band to play rhythm guitar and harmony vocals. In '95, he landed a recording contract with Columbia Records and released his first album, *One Ride in Vegas*, which spawned the hit single "That's How I Got to Memphis," written by legendary storyteller Tom T. Hall, bringing critical acclaim, national tours, and the applause of newfound fans.

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Radney Foster

Latest Project: *For You to See The Stars (2017)*
Website: www.radneyfoster.com

Playing guitar by the age of 12 and writing songs by the age of 14, Radney Foster is a true renaissance man. After dropping out of college in 1979 and moving to Nashville to pursue a career in music, Foster made his recording debut as part of the Foster & Lloyd duo. The duo recorded three studio albums, with nine singles on the country charts, including his own "Nobody Wins," and "Crazy Over You". Foster began his solo career in 1992 and his album Del Rio, TX 1959 produced four consecutive Top 40 hits. Over 30 years later, his discography contains countless cuts by artists ranging anywhere from country (Keith Urban, The Dixie Chicks, Luke Bryan, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) to contemporary (Marc Broussard, Hootie & The Blowfish, Kenny Loggins, Los Lonely Boys). As a young musician, Foster spent the lengthy drives in between tour stops reading the likes of John Steinbeck, Larry McMurtry, and Harper Lee. With the release of his latest project, *For You to See The Stars* (a book of short stories each uniquely coupled with a song), there is no question that he himself is an established storyteller. The beauty of this CD/book combo lives within Foster's extensive imagery, which not only further expands the meaning behind Foster's songs, but gives the reader a look at the thought process behind his songwriting. "For me, the goal of writing is always to touch that one person so much that they wonder how I got a peek into their living room--how I understood exactly what they felt. More than just rhyming or having a pretty melody, I try to express a part of the human condition that can make someone want to laugh, cry, make love, or all of the above."

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The Powell Brothers

Latest Project: *Leave on the Light (2018)*
Website: www.powellbrothersmusic.com

Fronted by brothers Taylor Powell (lead vocals) and Blake Powell (lead guitar), The Powell Brothers are Country/Americana recording artists hailing from Houston, Texas. Wheeling down the backroads of Texas in a black Mercedes Sprinter van, they've spent the first half of 2018 promoting their radio single "Coming Home." The single enjoyed much success on the charts, spending several weeks in the Top 20 on both the TRRR and CDX Traction Texas. When asked about the groups' explosive growth and what the future holds, Taylor Powell explained "It all boils down to this; good songs and good people. We are committed to the craft of songwriting. Our goal is to make every song and album better than the last, and to surround ourselves with the best people." Blake Powell echoes his brother's thoughts and adds, "As we grow, our goal is to deliver recorded music and live performances worthy of the love and support we are so blessed to receive." The Powell Brothers music is being pegged as Country Americana, but it gives a definite nod to the softer songs of early rock. Their tunes are known for invitingly catchy hooks, strong lyrics and near flawless musicianship.

Erick Willis

Latest Project: *Tapes From the Road, Vol. 1 (2019)*
Website: www.erickwillis.com

In a time when many artists are striving to find their identity, Erick Willis is slowly leaving his mark on the scene with a personality that is true. Taking cues from the music he was raised on, Erick is blending soulful melodic lyrics with the deep groove of roots-rock, and as his lyric says, "with some of the harder stuff." Showcasing a smooth voice with an excellent upper register, uniquely getting his start at an early age, Erick has been no stranger to performing. Growing up in Henrietta, Erick spent countless Sundays in church with his grandmother learning to love the craft of singing. Whether it was singing in the choir, traveling to perform in the Texasville Opry, Johnny High's Country Music show, the Texas Gold Country Music Show, or simply talent shows, Erick's never lost that love. As a freshman in high school, Erick took up guitar class and began to learn how to create his own blend of music. It really didn't take long to realize he had found his calling, and so began his journey as an independent artist. From open mic nights, to talent shows, to late night recordings at a friend's home studio, Erick quickly found himself becoming a performer. One might say he was born to perform and entertain. With a sold mix of musical styles, Erick has formed a genuinely unique ear for music and a solid grasp on life and how to live it. Grave at times, and always pleasant to the ear, Erick is bringing a lot of soul to the mix.

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Jarrod Morris

Latest Project: *West of East (2019)*
Website: www.jarrodmorrismusic.com

Jarrod Morris is a singer / songwriter unlike any other in the industry today. Working as a farrier on a North Texas ranch just outside of Fort Worth, he draws from his real life circumstance to write authentic, relevant songs. His music is a fresh take on the scene, with a remarkable determination to continually expand on a large portfolio of inspired and endearing songs. His music flows from personal experience and resonates with passion and authenticity, no fluff - just raw and real... with a little grit. Gigging regularly as a solo/acoustic performer, and as a front man with his band, songwriting continues to remain at the core of Jarrod's passion for music. He believes when you write a song, you have a deeper connection to the music. As he says, "Something very special happens there." His first album *West of East* was released in the spring of 2019.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday - August 14th

6:00 pm @ Bitter Creek Ranch

"Ranch Show and Dinner"

w/ Radney Foster

Thursday - August 15th

5:00 pm @ the Lost Love Saloon

"Welcome to Red River Happy Hour" w/ special sit-in guests

8:30 pm @ the Motherlode Saloon

Outside song-swap w/

Coalition: w/ Dave Perez, Deryl Dodd *and* Larry Joe Taylor

followed by inside band show w/

Tejas Brothers

Friday - August 16th

9:00 am @ the Lost Love Saloon

"Bloody Mary Morning" w/ Joe Forlini

12:00 pm @ "The Tip" Mountain Top Concert

w/ South by Southwest

3:00 pm @ Brandenburg Park

(gates open at 2:00 pm)

w/ Mike Addington, Jarrod Morris,

Deryl Dodd *and* Josh Weathers

9:00 pm @ the Motherlode Saloon

w/ Larry Joe Taylor Band *and* Deryl Dodd Band

Saturday - August 17th

9:30 am @ Brandenburg Park

(gates open at 9:00 am)

opening w/ "New Mexico Music Showcase" followed by

The Powell Brothers, Erick Willis, Prophets and Outlaws

Tejas Brothers, Larry Joe Taylor

and Kevin Fowler

9:00 pm @ the Motherlode Saloon

w/ Larry Joe Taylor & friends and Prophets *and* Outlaws

- artists, venues, and time schedule subject to change -

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Chili Appreciation Society International "Red River Red" Cook-off

The CASI category is our most popular category as this event was built as a CASI sanctioned event. CASI cooks are some of the most fun people in the southwest, and some of the most generous too. With CASI's help, "Hot Chili Days, Cool Mountain Nights" has been able to raise money for the Red River Valley Charter School each year.

CASI Cook's Meeting
9:00 am - Saturday, August 17th
Brandenburg Park

CASI Turn In
2:00 pm - Saturday, August 17th
Red River Conference Center

New Mexico Green Chili State Championship

Once again, Red River is proud to host the New Mexico Chili State Championship in conjunction with our CASI, BBQ, and salsa cook-offs.

Green Chili Cook's Meeting
9:00 am - Saturday, August 17th
Brandenburg Park

Green Chili Turn In
3:00 pm - Saturday, August 17th
Red River Conference Center

Lone Star BBQ Society

Ten years ago, Red River got to boast the first Lone Star BBQ Society cook-off outside of Texas. This cook-off will also take place in and around Brandenburg Park with three mouth-watering categories: (2 halves) chicken, pork spare ribs, and brisket. $7,500.00 payout!
(Payout based on 50 teams, paying 10 places)

LSBS Meat Inspection
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday, August 16th
Brandenburg Park

LSBS Cook's Meeting
8:00 am - Saturday, August 17th
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Friday, August 16th
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Turn In Times at Red River Conference Center

Saturday, August 17th

11:00 am - BBQ Chicken
1:00 pm - Pork spare ribs
2:00 pm - CASI
3:00 pm - Brisket

2:00 pm - People's Choice
(ballots counted)
3:00 pm - Green Chili
5:00 pm* - LSBS, CASI, & Peoples Choice Awards
(*Time subject to change based on music schedule)

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Josh Weathers

Latest Project: *Wild Ones (2019)*
Website: www.joshweathers.com

Josh Weathers is a Fort Worth based soulful singer songwriter. He has spent the last 15 years honing his craft of combining songs of hope with a high energy rock n' soul live show. Since a video of him singing "I Will Always Love You" the classic Dolly Parton hit went viral a few years ago, it has expanded Josh's reach to a national and global level. Many people have compared him to the likes of John Mellencamp, Springsteen or even Stevie Wonder, but his diehard fan base has found something incredibly unique about his ability to connect with an audience. Owing to his pattern of doing things in his own time and way, his latest release, *Wild Ones*, comes out a full decade after his previous album *Big Night in the City*. Weathers attests that this new project is probably the closest he's come to capturing his live show intensity in a studio format. The main reason this is a successful album is the feelings it creates. Much like a live Weathers show, this collection of songs is life affirming. You feel better upon listening, even when he's cutting deep into your soul.

In late 2015, Josh and his wife Kady founded a nonprofit organization called Love Like You Mean It Intl after a life changing trip to India. Since the foundation began Josh has chosen to use his platform to bring awareness to their efforts overseas.

Kevin Fowler

Latest Project: *Coming to a Honkeytonk Near You (2016)*
Website: www.kevinfowler.com

Kevin Fowler has a found way to live the dream - by earning it. It's never been an easy or short road, but it's a path he wouldn't trade and has positioned him as one of the most consistent artists, in any genre, of the last two decades. His musical journey began playing in rock bands before finding his footing as a solo act in the early 2000s in his home state of Texas, where he burst onto the scene with the celebrated album *Beer Bait and Ammo* - a mainstay for fans to this day. And while his songs have been covered by country music mainstays such as George Jones, Mark Chesnutt, Montgomery Gentry, Sammy Kershaw and others – Kevin's versions of these songs are feel-good classics that rival the most well-known and memorable songs of any of his contemporaries. Fowler released seven additional albums over the following 14 years after *Beer Bait and Ammo*, including his most recent effort *Coming to a Honkytonk Near You*, produced by Trent Wilmon. Now he readies his latest effort, Barstool Stories for an August 23rd release. The understated title is a nod to what he does best – entertain. The album is filled with songs that invoke the quintessential sound that Fowler has spent his career fine-tuning and reinforcing.

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Joe Forlini

Latest Project: *Six String Highway* (2014)
Website: www.joeforlini.com

Joe began playing the guitar at a young age and his style pays tribute to his early influences...Eric Clapton, Duane Allman, Carlos Santana and Joe Walsh. His guitar mastery shows his love for the art. Joe was born in Detroit, Michigan. Having lived in Texas for the last 30 years, Forlini has developed a loyal following of fans. It certainly isn't easy being a "Guitar Man" in a city that produced such greats as Stevie Ray Vaughan and Eric Johnson, but being in Austin's charged musical atmosphere, only inspired and motivated Forlini to develop his enormous talent and unique style. Recording projects to date include Delbert McClinton, Roy Head, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Bonnie Bramlet, Rusty Wier, and Larry Joe Taylor. Forlini has performed live with Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Bob Seger, Joe Ely, Calvin Russell, Steve Fromholz, Johnny Duncan, Roy Head, Chris Wall, Rusty Weir, Gary P. Nunn, and Larry Joe Taylor. In demand both as a session player and performer, Forlini has demonstrated that he has the chops and the edge - whether it be Country, Blues, Jazz or Rock!

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Prophets and Outlaws

Latest Project: *V (2016)*
Website: www.prophetsandoutlaws.com

Born out of a Jesuit high school in the heart of metropolitan Dallas, Prophets & Outlaws is a band compiled of brothers and friends whose shared love of music and broad musical tastes have put them all over the Texas music charts and in front of thousands of clamoring fans. Almost a decade and five EPs since their formation, the now-band of five boasts a massive fan base that spans across the South and Midwest, with their commanding instrumental groove, relatable lyrics, and authentic five part harmonies continuing to draw attention to their left-of-center sound. Poetic descriptions and catchy turns of phrase all fall shamefully short of accurately conveying their musical prowess. Although the "Texas soul" tag comes from Prophets and Outlaws' members themselves, the band's sound is a little harder to describe: It has elements of country, Southern rock, and yes...R&B. PAO is simply a band that must be heard to be truly understood, and it's their unique stylings and homegrown chemistry that brings music fans out to their live shows night after night.

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South by Southwest

Latest Project: *Red River Dreams (2016)*
Website: www.michaelhearne.com

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Mike Addington

Latest Project: *Horizon and Main (2009)*
Website: www.mikeaddington.com

Best described as Soulful Americana, Country Folk with a Honkey-Tonk edge; singer, songwriter, and guitarist Mike Addington began his professional career as soon as he could enter a bar. Mike picked up the guitar at the early age of 6, and never doubted his calling. A veteran of honky-tonks, nightclubs, concert halls, and festivals, Mike has opened for many acts including Asleep at the Wheel, Leon Russell, Cross Canadian Ragweed and shared the stage with greats Joe Ely, Gary P. Nunn, Freddie Fender, Keith Sykes & Kevin Welsh (to name a few). A voice all his own and a guitar style second to none, Mike crafts songs that speak to a common thread among all of us. Observation and raw emotion are the primary tools he uses when writing. Mike moved to Red River, New Mexico in the mid 2000's. Here he found a music scene rich in history and honest beauty that he had been longing for. Mike is proud to be a part of the ongoing musical heritage of Red River. This is the real deal, so sit back, listen and do enjoy. Prepare for your feet to move and your heart to melt, Mike's a pickin'....

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Latest Project: *Live and Loose ...at last (2014)*
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After forming in the fall of 2006, the Tejas Brothers quickly became the subject of big conversation around the stock yards of Fort Worth. Within a few short years, they had earned the respect as one of the best live acts in Texas. The group's debut CD, *Tejas Brothers*, was recognized as the 7th most played album for 2009 by the Americana Music Association. With the release of their 2nd album, *Rich Man*, Kelly Dearmore of the Dallas Observer said, "The quartet is once again proving itself one of the best bands in the state." The group released their third CD, *Live a Little More*, in April of 2013. It features guest appearances from: Larry Joe Taylor, Augie Meyers, Deryl Dodd, and was produced by Lloyd Maines. Their latest release, *Live and Loose...at last*, was recorded at Tommy Alverson's Family Gathering and released in October of 2014. Roothog Radio says, "If this music doesn't put a wiggle in your walk, you'd better get your hearing tested." The Tejas Brothers use the stage like a weapon, attacking your heart and poking at your funny bone. Their sound is unique, yet familiar...it's like something brand new on top of something we've all known and loved forever. Once you've experienced a show, you'll never want to miss another. Even the coldest nights in Green Bay won't stop cheese heads from braving the ice and snow to see those dudes from Texas play!

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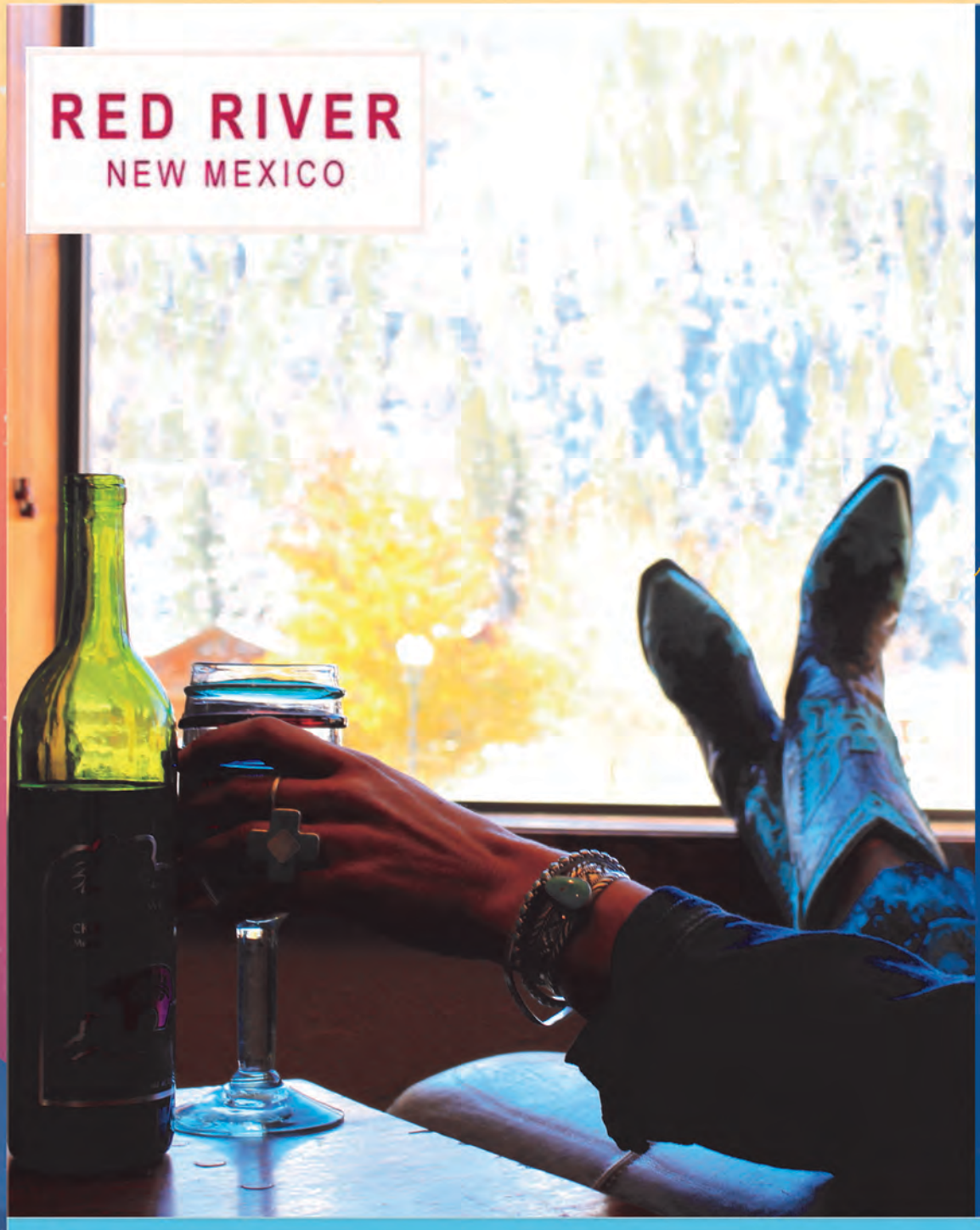

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