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Rockwall Welcomes Legendary Texas Singer-Songwriter as Headliner for Founders Day Festival 2019

Every year, the City of Rockwall brings the big names to the Annual Founders Day Festival. Fans look forward to seeing just who will grace the Southwest Kia Rockwall Main Stage. This year doesn't disappoint. Slated for Saturday, May 18, the headliner for the 2019 celebration is an acclaimed Texas songwriter and legendary musician. Joe Ely has a storied music career that spans as many genres as it does decades, making him a perfect fit to help Rockwall ring in its birthday.



Joe Ely's diverse musical journey includes forays into country, folk and rock. Ely has collaborated with the likes of Lyle Lovett, Jerry Jeff Walker, Bruce Springsteen and The Clash. Throughout his illustrious career, above all else, Ely has been a storyteller. The CMA and AMA and Grammy award winner was appointed the Official Texas State Musician for 2016.

Equally as interesting, Ray Wylie Hubbard will open for Ely. Hubbard has made a name for himself across Texas and beyond as a force within the country music world. A few of Hubbard's best-known songs include *Redneck Mother* and *Snake Farm*. Together, Ely and Hubbard truly represent the diversity of Texas music.

The Founders Day Festival kicks off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18 with live music on stage all day and loads of fun for families to experience and enjoy. There will be plenty of food vendors on hand, a festive Kids' Zone, and the Parks and Recreation Department will team up with area Scouts to provide festival-goers a unique opportunity to Go Outside and Play. For all the latest details on the day's activities, please visit playrockwall.com.



Concert by the Lake Series Returns

Every year, thousands attend Rockwall's Concert by the Lake Series at The Harbor. It's an opportunity for music lovers to relax in a picturesque setting by the lake while enjoying great tunes with family and friends.

The wildly popular events start up again this year on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Each week from May through July bands entertain the crowds on the amazing outdoor stage. Check PlayRockwall.com for the weekly lineup schedule.

Happening Around Town

Friday, April 26

Family Fun Friday, The Park at Hickory Ridge, Little Giants, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Concert by the Lake Series, Mr. Thrill, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Concert by the Lake Series, Nick Snyder and The Real Deal, The Harbor, 7:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Founders Day Festival, Harry Myers Park, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Family Fun Friday, Northshore Park, Sky High, 6 p.m.

*For more information:
Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com*

Out and About in Rockwall



Fueling Future Leaders

Leadership Rockwall is a group within the Rockwall Area Chamber that aims to inspire leaders of tomorrow to tackle the big issues within this community. The group recently met with leaders from the City of Rockwall and the County to learn more about how they can make a difference in the years ahead.



Flip it Forward for Kids

The Shriners Hospitals for Children partnered with IHOP to raise much needed funds to help provide medical treatment for kids. Shriners for Children helps kids receive treatment for severe medical issues and injuries. The campaign mission: to transform a stack of pancakes into free medical treatment for children.



Honoring a Legend

Flags flew at half staff in honor of the esteemed former Congressman Ralph Hall from Rockwall. Traffic was rerouted through town for his funeral procession to travel past the Hall Building on the Square before heading to Rest Haven Funeral Home, where mourners honored the memory of Congressman Hall, who dedicated his life to serving this community and our country.



Angels Among Us

Did you know? The arrival of spring, means baseball season has begun. For the past 20 years, the Angel League baseball program has been a beacon of hope for special needs players and their families. To help kick off the season, members of the Rockwall Fire Department showed up to help lend a hand. The league is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County, which provides the uniforms and coordinates all the activities. The City of Rockwall provides the baseball fields and equipment, and local business, Gifts & Awards by LSJ, donates the end of season trophies. Please visit angelleague.org for more information.



Realtor Workshop

More than 200 area realtors attended the City of Rockwall's annual Realtor Workshop. The event was held at The Center in Downtown Rockwall, where local leaders shared information vital to promoting the City, such as updates on schools, roads, economic growth and important city services.

Love Your Landscaping... the Critical Importance of Proper Watering

While many homes have automatic irrigation systems, it's important to know that they can waste an enormous amount of water if they're not set and managed properly. The worst mistake is to set the controller and forget about it. Most irrigation systems run in the middle of the night and we never see them in action. That's why you should run your system during the daylight hours at least once a month to look for leaks, broken sprinkler heads and water spraying on the pavement instead of on landscaping and grass. One broken head or missing nozzle can drastically increase your water bill, so be sure to make repairs immediately. Here's a good irrigation program to get you started:

- Water from 3-5 a.m.
- Separate watering on two different days throughout the week
- Use 10-20 minute run times
- Test the system each month for leaks

