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## **Music**

### **John Goodspeed: Owens' legacy alive in Yoakam, Derailers**

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The wind must be blowing from the west this weekend, all the way from Bakersfield, Calif.

Not one but two torchbearers of that rocking honky-tonk sound of Buck Owens, who died in March, are coming on strong — Dwight Yoakam, who will perform tonight at Cowboys Dance Hall and Saturday at the Cattle Baron's Gala, and The Derailers, who will hold court at the Boerne Festival of Art & Music on Saturday.

Yoakam, who was set to play Stubb's Barbecue in Austin on Thursday night, will be pulling songs such as "Intentional Heartache" and "I'll Pretend" from his album "Blame the Vain," which was one of last year's best.

Also an actor (Tommy Lee Jones' "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada," "Sling Blade," "The Newton Boys," based on the book by San Antonio writer Claude Stanush), Yoakam's latest role was a wicked doctor in the action/thriller "Crank," which hit theaters last month.

The 28th annual Cattle Baron's Gala, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, will be at the Rio Cibolo Ranch at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets begin at \$200. Call (210) 595-0219 or visit [www.cattlebaronsgala.org](http://www.cattlebaronsgala.org).

**The Derailers, meanwhile, are touring in support of their latest album, "Soldiers of Love," one of this year's best.**

**It's the Austin quintet's first studio CD since the departure of singer and co-founder Tony Villanueva, and Brian Hofeldt steps up to the plate and knocks it out of the park with the help of producer Buzz Cason, an early rocker who wrote tunes such as "Soldier of Love," which was recorded by The Beatles and Pearl Jam, and "Everlasting Love," which was covered by just about everyone else.**

**The album kicks up the 1960s pop and rockabilly element in The Derailers' sound, thanks to Hofeldt and Cason, a member of the Rockabilly Hall of Fame. Hofeldt credits Owens for opening his eyes early in his career with a piece of advice for the budding songwriter, who was intent on recording his own compositions.**

**"Buck said one time, 'Don't ever pass up on an outside song just because you don't want to do someone else's. If I'd done that I never would have gotten 'Act Naturally,' and that's the song that put me over the edge,'" Hofeldt said.**

**"That's part of what makes 'Soldiers of Love' different than our earlier records — we were more open to outside songs," he said.**

**The Boerne Festival of Art & Music, which will begin today and continue through Sunday at Ye Kendall Inn at Main Plaza, is a fundraiser for the Cibolo Arts Council. Go to [www.ciboloarts.org](http://www.ciboloarts.org).**

Chili for a cause

When the Hangin' Tree Saloon conducts a chili contest, owner Big John Oaks does it right.

The rules state that entries have to be Texas chili — which means no beans! But if beans are your thing, there also is a category for them as well as fajitas.

Judging will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday. The benefit auction after the annual contest will help Mike Maloney, who was injured in a motorcycle accident, with his medical bills.

The evening's entertainment at 9 will feature the Cones Sisters, Jackie, Jann and Jill, who offer a revved-up mix of classic country, Top 40 country and big-band stuff from the 1940s.

Foster at Cabaret

Radney Foster and his rocking country band had the crowd in their hands at their recent gig at the County Line's live music series, and it's no doubt they will again tonight when they perform at the Cabaret Dance Hall in Bandera.

In the wake of the Randy Rogers Band's success with the Mercury Records Nashville debut "Just a Matter of Time" and the single "Kiss Me in the Dark" (a Foster co-write) sitting atop the Texas Music chart, the Del Rio native's demand as a producer is growing.

That woman singing backup, by the way, is San Antonio native Georgia Middleman, who's now a Nashville songwriter. Her latest cut is "Innocence" on Sarah Buxton's Lyric Street debut, which follows the rowdy country romp "Dearly Beloved" on Faith Hill's "Fireflies" album.

Drew Kennedy will open.

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