

CALENDAR

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Art & Exhibits

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

ARGENTA ART WALK 5-8 p.m. third Friday of the month, downtown North Little Rock. Music, art, food. (501) 993-1234.

ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER MacArthur Park, East Ninth and Commerce streets. "National Drawing Invitational: Outside the Lines," through Oct. 5. "Susan Paulsen: Wilnot Exhibition," through Sept. 28. "56th Annual Delta Exhibition," through Sept. 28. "Inspiration to Illumination: Recent Work by Museum School Photography Instructors," through Oct. 26. "Foundation Collection," "Masterworks" and "Paul Signac," continuing. Museum School art classes and workshops for children and adults; call or visit website for schedule and costs. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. arkansasartscenter.org or (501) 372-4000.

THE ART GROUP GALLERY 11525 Cantrell Road. "Painting in Provence," Bob Snider, Aug. 14-17; reception, 4-7 p.m. Aug. 14. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday. (501) 690-2193.

BUTLER CENTER FOR ARKANSAS STUDIES 401 President Clinton Ave. "Quapaw Quarter: Where Little Rock's History Lives," Friday-Nov. 1; reception, 5:30-8 p.m. Friday. "Arkansas Homemakers: Home Demonstration and Extension Clubs," through Sept. 27. "Drawn In: New Art From the World War II Camps at Rohwer and Jerome," through Aug. 23. Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (501) 918-3033.

CANTRELL GALLERY 8206 Cantrell Road. "The Places in Arkansas That Keep Calling Me Back," photography by Paul Caldwell, through Aug. 14. "Death, Grieving and Rebirth," Katherine Friend, Aug. 16-19; reception, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 16. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, or by appointment. (501) 224-1335.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 509 Scott St. Works by Ron Almond, Bonnie Bartelson, Marie Weaver, Sheree King, Marsha Hinson, Debby Hinson, Louise Harris, Bob Snider, Holly Tilley, through September. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon Sunday. (501) 375-2342.

CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER 1200 President Clinton Ave. Chihuly exhibit, through Jan. 5. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7; retired military, college students and ages 62 and over, \$5; children 6-17, \$3; active military and children under 6, free. (501) 374-4242.

ESSE PURSE MUSEUM 1510 S. Main St. "What's Inside: A History of Women and Handbags, 1900-1999," continuing. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission: \$10; military, 5-18 or 60 and older \$8; under 5 free. (501) 916-9022.

ESTHER DEWITT NIXON LIBRARY 703 W. Main St., Jacksonville. "Pre-history of the Jacksonville Area," continuing. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. (501) 457-5038.

GALLERY 26 2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Suite 1. Works by Marcus McAllister and Laura Fanning, through Sept. 13. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (501) 664-8996.

GREG THOMPSON FINE ART 429 Main St., North Little Rock. Summer show, with new works by Ed Rice, Glennray Tutor, Sheila Cotton, Kendall Stallings, Joseph Piccolo, William Dunlap, Robyn Horn, Guy Bell, Sammy Peters, Donald Roller Wilson, through Saturday. Hours:

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THE WEEKEND TEN The top things to do and places to be



1 TAYLOR

Smooth baritone and guitar will fill Verizon Arena when legendary singer/songwriter **James Taylor** brings hits like "Fire and Rain" and "You've Got a Friend" to North Little Rock at 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$78 and \$99.50. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit ticketmaster.com. See more information in Music Scene on Page 5E.

the military and students. Call (501) 291-3896, email redoctopus theater@gmail.com or visit RedOctopusTheater.com.

7 TREASURES

More than 20 vendors will be peddling vintage fashion and jewelry items, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the **South Main Vintage Market** at Bernice Garden, 1401 Main St., Little Rock. The Southern Salt Food Co. food truck will serve breakfast and lunch. Piano students will perform on the community piano, courtesy of McGehee Piano Co. at 1608 Main. Admission is free and the markets go on rain or shine — check the Facebook page, facebook.com/SouthMainVintageMarket, for updates in case of storms. Call (501) 410-3938.

8 TAKE IN

The Thea Foundation, 401 Main St., North Little Rock, introduces an exhibit by Jonesboro artist John Harlan Norris as part of its quarterly The Art Department series. "**John Harlan Norris: Cast**" opens Friday and continues through the month. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The reception, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, music and the chance to win a Norris painting. Admission is \$10, \$7 with the event password (revealed on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at 5 p.m. Friday). Regular gallery admission is free. Call (501) 379-9512 or visit theafoundation.org.

9 TASTE

Cool, sweet fruit by the truckload rolls through Hempstead County during the **Hope Watermelon Festival**, today-Saturday. Arts and crafts booths, a dog show, softball tournament, chicken dinner and fish fry are scheduled for today and Friday, but it's on Saturday that guests can enjoy the Big Bass Classic, the car show, fishing derby, melon judging, music, races, watermelon-eating and seed-spitting contests. General admission is free. Call (870) 777-3640 or visit hopechamberofcommerce.com.

10 TOMES

A score of dealers will be showing first and autographed editions, documents, maps, postcards, photographs and related material as the Arkansas Antiquarian Booksellers Association puts on its 29th annual **Book & Paper Show**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Drive, Jacksonville. Admission is \$5. Parking is free and a concession stand is on premises. Call (501) 985-1663.

2 TIM

Country star **Tim McGraw** and "special guests" Kip Moore and Cassadee Pope perform at 7:30 p.m. today at the Walmart Arkansas Music Pavilion, 5079 W. Northgate Road, Rogers. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$44-\$99.50. Call (479) 443-5600 or visit arkansasmusicpavilion.com or amptickets.com.

email info@oldstatehouse.org.

5 TIME TRAVEL

A new exhibit at the Butler Center Galleries, 401 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock, examines one of Little Rock's oldest neighborhoods with "**Quapaw Quarter: Where Little Rock's History Lives**," Friday-Nov. 1. The opening reception, part of Second Friday Art Night, is 5:30-8 p.m. Friday. Admission is free and the gallery is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (501) 918-3033 or visit www.butler-center.org/art.

3 TALENT

The Our House shelter, 302 E. Roosevelt Road, Little Rock, will transport visitors back to Elizabethan England for its annual **Shakespeare at the Shelter** event, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. The cast made up of Our House residents will perform scenes from plays including *Othello* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Tickets are \$20 and the money will be used to improve the shelter's kitchen. Call (501) 374-7383. See story on Page 4E.

6 TENTACLES

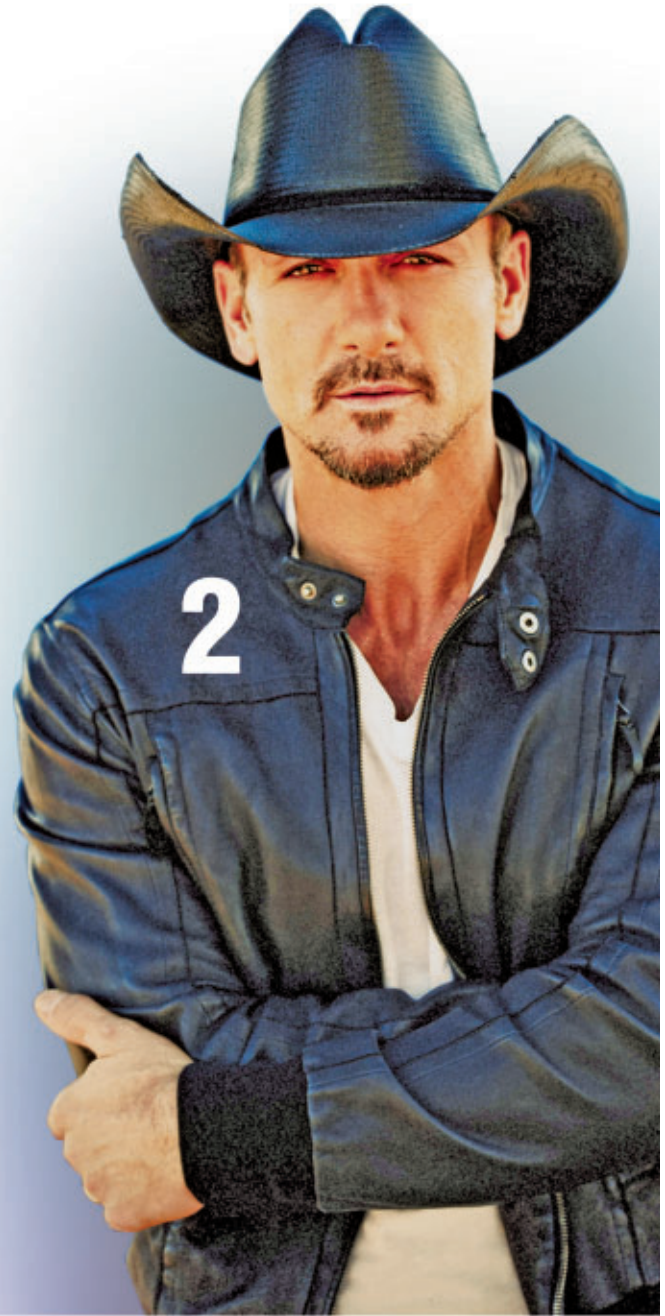
Red Octopus Theater will offer its latest sketch comedy show, **KOCT-O News**, 8 p.m. today-Saturday and Aug. 14-16 at the Public Theatre, 616 Center St., Little Rock. The company, citing adult language and situations, recommends the show for mature audiences. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for senior citizens, members of

4 TOUCHED

Public radio station KUAR-FM, 89.1, and the Old State House Museum, 300 W. Markham St., Little Rock, will team up to screen the 1977 made-in-Arkansas film **September 30, 1955**, 5:30 p.m. Friday at the museum. Richard Thomas plays a college student deeply affected by the death on that date of movie star James Dean. The cast also includes the late Lisa Blount of Arkansas; the late James Bridges, also of Arkansas, directed. KUAR Station General Manager Ben Fry, who also teaches film history and criticism at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion. There will be a reception at 5. Admission is free. Call (501) 324-9685 or



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Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/KIRK MONTGOMERY

Fast Forward

Things to do next week and next month

NEXT WEEK

Heroes: Superheroes, villains and the people who draw them will be celebrated at the River City Comic Expo, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 16, at the Metroplex, 10800 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock. Vendors will be joined by artists such as Dusty Higgins, Stu Berryhill and Jerry Bennett, and special guests including Kevin Maguire and Larry Hama. Admission is \$5, free for children 13 and under. Call (501) 492-9007 or visit rivercitycomicexpo.com.

NEXT MONTH

Harleys: Fayetteville will rumble and roar when Bikes, Blues & BBQ returns Sept. 24-27. Bike shows, games, contests and rides throughout the area will combine with concerts on Dickson Street, lots of outdoor cooking and even an air show for the big event. There are various fees for different activities. Call (479) 527-9993 or visit bikesbluesandbbq.org.



NWA Media/ANDY SHUPE

Ray's gets a loud, 'Ole, y'all!



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/JENNIFER CHRISTMAN

Dinner and a show: Chef Jimmi sets the Fundido appetizer aflame at Ray's More Than Mex.

JENNIFER CHRISTMAN
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

"We won't have to sneak food in our purse anymore!"

It was our first thought when we heard an actual restaurant had opened near the Cinemark Colonel Glenn 18 + Xtreme theater. Finally.

Since the theater opened as Rave Motion Pictures in 2002 — a long 12 years ago — there has been no nearby restaurant. Oh sure, there's Wendy's. And Playtime Pizza. And a new Sonic. But nowhere to be waited on and dine with a date before a movie, and no place to relax and discuss sweet special effects and bad British accents after a movie.

Enter Ray's More Than Mex Family Dining, which is more than a mouthful to say. The casual spot with a quirky menu and cheerful staff recently opened in a new strip center near Steve Landers Toyota, across from the The Metroplex event center. And it's a ray of sunshine, figuratively. And literally — there's a patio, in addition to the calm, inviting dining room of booths and tables and artwork listing Bible verses.

Twice we sat across from a picture labeled Deuteronomy 5:33 and felt led to look it up: "Walk in obedi-

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