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Granite Shoals

Celebrates 50th Birthday with Two-Day Bash

Granite Shoals, Texas may be one of the best-kept secrets in the Texas Hill Country. Yes, Fredericksburg has its quaint little shops and Johnson City has the LBJ Ranch. Even next-door neighbor Marble Falls has its annual Drag Boat races that put it on the map. But Granite Shoals - also known as the City of Parks - is unique in that it has 18 public parks scattered throughout its 3.2 square mile environs, and the majority of them have direct access to Lake LBJ - the largest manmade constant-level lake in the US. This makes Granite Shoals one of the top-ranked destinations in Central Texas for everyone who loves boating, jet skiing, fishing and anything else related to fun on the water.

And now, everyone else has another fun reason to visit Granite Shoals; the city is celebrating its 50th Year Anniversary Bash on Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th, and the city is planning

the biggest and most exciting event the town has ever seen.

“This is a major milestone in our history, and we want everyone to come join the celebration,” said Granite Shoals mayor Carl Brugger. “The weekend is going to be packed with something for everyone to enjoy.”

The celebration kicks off at 9 am on April 23rd with a 5k Fun Run (or walk) for all ages that will take participants through the city’s Leo Manzano Trail - a jogging, hiking and biking trail that meanders through the 131 acres that make up the Granite Shoals municipal complex (built on the site of a former granite quarry). The trail is named in honor of Granite Shoal’s favorite son and 2012 Olympic 1500 meter silver medalist Leo Manzano, who is taking time off from his busy Olympic training schedule to attend the celebration.

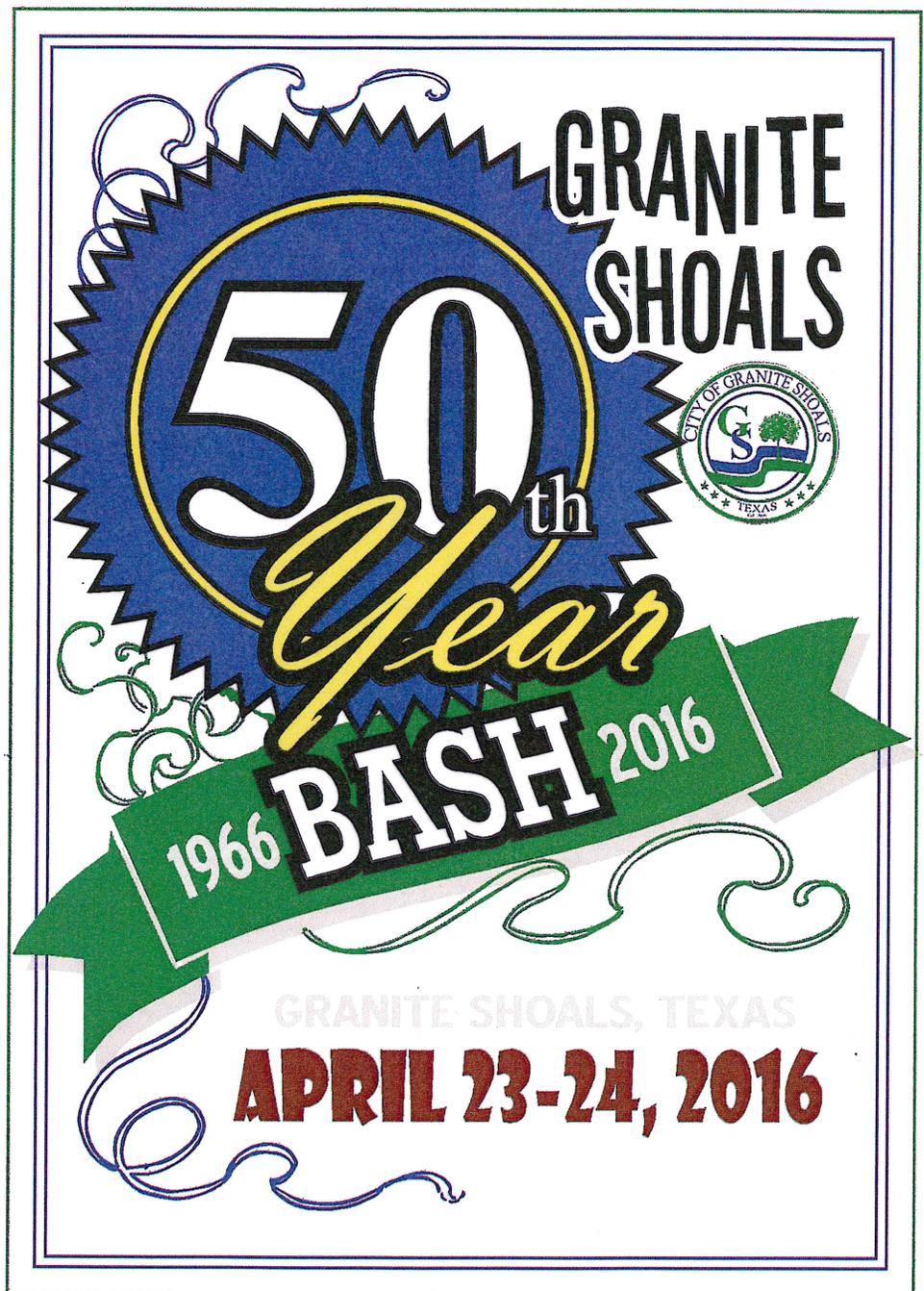
Other events on tap for Saturday

include an historical retrospective of Granite Shoals' first 50 years, displayed inside City Hall. City Hall will also be plastered wall to wall with posters submitted by students from Highland Lakes Elementary School which celebrate the kid's favorite things about the city. Free hot dogs and birthday cake are on the menu at noon, along with a giant piñata that will challenge everyone.

Beginning at noon and lasting until 7:00 pm, the city is hosting a free music festival headlined by acclaimed country music artist and local legend John Arthur Martinez [sic] and his band. Martinez will share the bill during the day with several other Central Texas-based singer/songwriters to create a diverse and highly entertaining live music experience. Along with the music festival, there will be kid-friendly games and activities going on, and a variety of food and beverage vendors will be on site to satisfy the taste buds of festival goers.

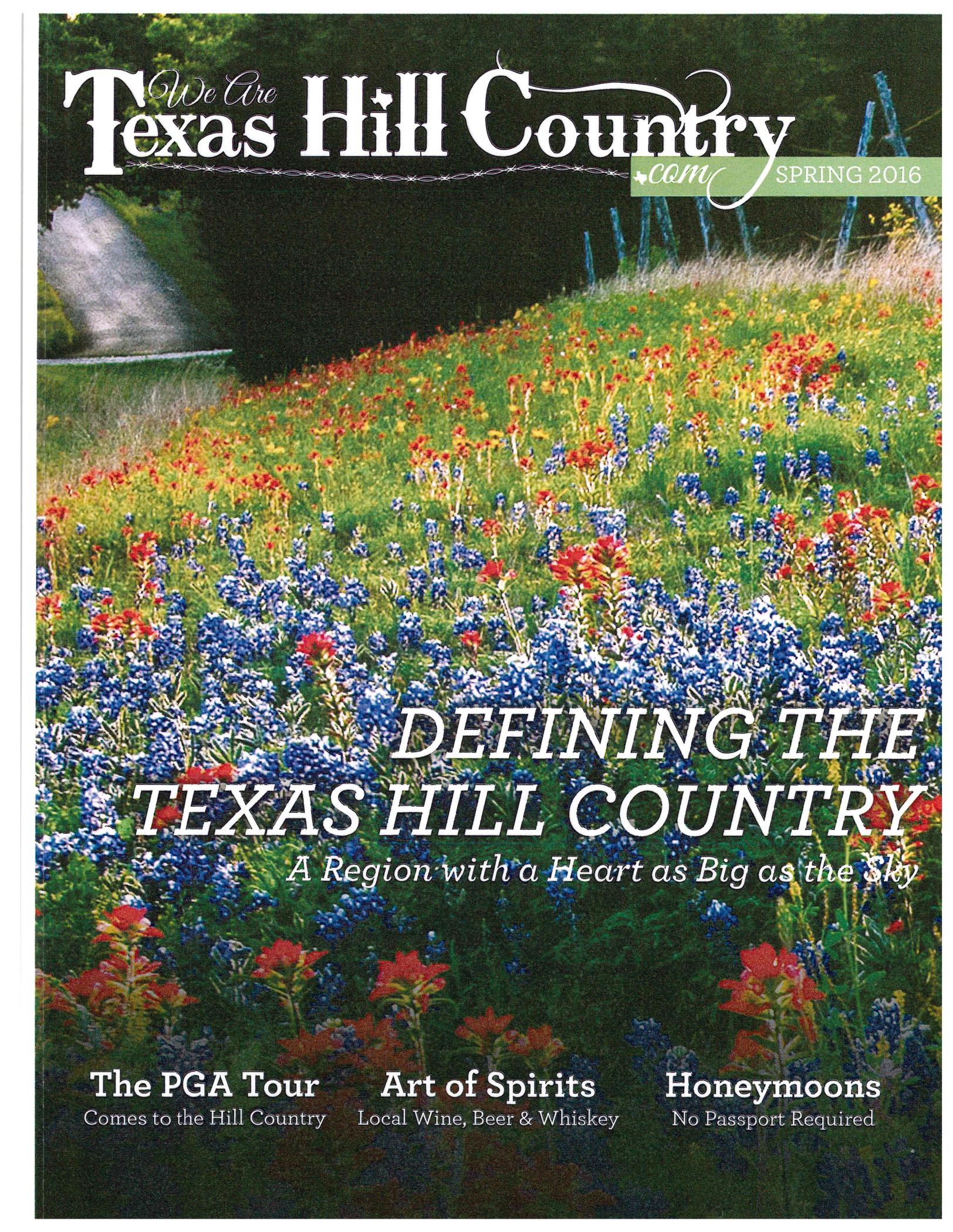
The two-day event will conclude on April 24th with a Celebration of Thanksgiving and Hope – a worship service sponsored by the Granite Shoals Faith Alliance that will bring together all of the churches in Granite Shoals to give thanks to God for the past 50 years and look forward with hope and faith toward the future. The service starts at 11:00 AM in front of City Hall.

“We couldn't be more excited about our 50th Bash celebration,” said Granite Shoals City Manager Ken Nickel. “We are proud of what is happening in Granite Shoals, and we are looking forward to letting the rest of world in on the best kept secret in the Texas Hill Country.”



Where the Town Gets Its Name:

Granite Shoals, Texas, gets its name from the actual granite shoals – shallow areas in the water due to the presence of granite outcroppings – that were evident on the Colorado River before the construction of Wirtz Dam and Lake Granite Shoals, which would later be renamed Lake Lyndon B. Johnson.



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