

# The Ranch Report

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## The Lost and Found Lollapalooza

Calling all families! Join the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, The Refuge Ranch and beLydia for a day of music, markets, food and carnival games...all to benefit the fight to keep children safe. On June 4, 2017 from 2pm until 7pm, Pecan Springs Ranch will become the Lost and Found Lollapalooza. All proceeds from the event help provide prevention education as well as rescue and restoration of victims of child trafficking. This G-rated event promises to be a safe, fun day for guests of all ages. Whether you want to create your own home cleaner, decorate a tee pee, play carnival games or just listen to live music and eat from the cool food trucks, the Lost and Found Lollapalooza has it all. You can even have your family's picture made, pull out your own fishing poles and fish the stocked pond or relax with a locally sourced refreshment. The marketplace will feature jewelry, children's books, freshly baked goodies, a coffee bar, festival gear and more. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children will be on hand to help parents install mobile safety apps, and The Refuge Ranch will have tiles for painting that will eventually decorate the shelter being built. beLydia young entrepreneurs will be hosting their microbusinesses all day, too! Maybe a lemonade stand, maybe a sandal-making shop, perhaps wands and capes, these young fundraisers are working to raise money to keep their peers safe. Please join us for a wonderful, happy day that will benefit not only your family, but children throughout Central Texas and beyond. Tickets available online at Eventbrite. Contact [events@beLydia.org](mailto:events@beLydia.org) for more information or to become a donor or event sponsor.

### SAVE THE DATE TO KEEP KIDS SAFE!



Sunday, June 4, 2017 | 2:00-7:00 PM

Pecan Springs Ranch

\$35 for 12+

\$20 for 3-11 years of age



For sponsorship opportunities,  
please contact: [sponsorship@belydia.org](mailto:sponsorship@belydia.org)  
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## A Introduction to Poetry

April is National Poetry month. This month is very near and dear to my heart since I started writing poetry at the age of nine. Poetry is a great way for people to express themselves, to have your voice heard, change minds and sway hearts. You can even use it to get to know yourself better. A great way to start on a journey of experiencing poetry is to check out some of the greats. Now this list is just a short glimpse of some of my absolute favorite poets. If I had to write a list of all my favorite poets it would take up too many pages of this newsletter. I encourage you to look at this list. Pick one (or maybe all) of these poets and consider their work. I would love to know who is your favorite poet? Email me [averyranch@peelinc.com](mailto:averyranch@peelinc.com) and let me know!

Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni, Sonya Sanchez, Gwendolyn Brooks, Richard Wright, Rudyard Kipling, Sorojini Naidu, Edgar Allan Poe, Shakespeare, Robert Frost, John Keats, Robert Browning, Emily Dickinson & T.S. Eliot.

Happy Reading.

## The Light

*By: Sharonna Banks*

There's a light in the window.  
Waiting and showing its power.  
There's a light in the window.  
Burning ever stronger each hour.  
There's a light in the window.  
There's a bright light in the window  
Slowly flickering in the wind.  
From the strong curved back of the wick it dances and dips.  
There's big bright light in the window.  
Growing stronger every night.  
There's a big bright light. Not timid nor afraid.  
Swelling, growing, burning hot flame,  
There's a light in the window.  
Shadows seem to run away.  
There's a light in the window and the light is here to stay.





# Mother - Daughter Tea

beLydia is excited to announce the expansion of our tea! Tickets sold out very quickly, and the Driskill hotel has generously expanded our capacity as a result. Mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, friends...girls and ladies of all ages are invited to attend the tea on April 30 from 2-4pm. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mother-daughter-tea-party-tickets-31889479291> This G-rated event will be fun for all ages! See our Facebook page for more information

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# Mother-Daughter Tea

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Tea Party Co-Chairs  
Julie Thomas & Stacy Brown  
Guest Speaker: Heather Schott of REVtv

Proceeds provide hope and a voice in the fight to end human trafficking.

## WHERE KIDS BECOME A COMMUNITY

YMCA of Austin Camps offer children & teens safe, exciting, and memory-making experiences. At the Y, campers gain a sense of accomplishment, build relationships, and find their sense of belonging.

### Summer Camp Registration Now Open

- For ages 4-14
- Sites in Travis, Hays and Bastrop counties
- 5 days a week
- Financial assistance is available



Spaces Are Limited!  
Register at [AustinYMCA.org/camp](http://AustinYMCA.org/camp)  
or call Program Services at 512.236.9622

# We Foster Here

Every child needs a champion to encourage their dreams.



## Be a Champion

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## Upbring will Stand with You

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# 10Th Annual Lake Travis Springfest Returns To The Hill Country Galleria In Bee Cave On Saturday, April 29Th



BEE CAVE, TX (February 22, 2017) – The Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce will bring SpringFest back to the Hill Country Galleria. Presented by St. David’s Emergency Center, SpringFest will be bigger and better than ever. The full day community festival filled with shopping, food, music and fun for the whole family is always “The Biggest Time in the Smallest Town”.

SpringFest kicks off at 11AM on Saturday, April 29th with unique shopping, a KidZone the size of a football field, kiddo performances and LIVE music in the NEW Central Plaza area (former amphitheater), the latest in watercraft at the Boat Expo and tasty craft beers and Texas wines in the BrewHaus and WineStomp.

New this year are the Educate & Engage vendors at the event. Sponsored by Concordia University, participating vendors will educate and engage our attendees at a higher level. “We have created a unique experience that we think will appeal to all of our festival attendees,” says Will Mitchell, festival chair. “Everything from how to create the best crawfish boil to keeping your kids safe on the water; we feel like there is something for everyone.” Check out the Educate & Engage page on the SpringFest website. [www.LakeTravisSpringFest.com](http://www.LakeTravisSpringFest.com).

troll through 100+ local and regional artisan vendor booths for an experience that is only found in South Lake Travis. Everyone is welcome and admission and parking are FREE! Bring the kiddos; they will have hours of fun playing in the KidZone with loads of rides and attractions. ALL DAY PLAY PASSES available online at a discounted rate or may be purchased onsite.

“We look forward to another electrifying event in Bee Cave,” says

Mitchell. This amazing festival is a fun event for all ages filled with great music, a huge KidZone and unique shopping.”

SpringFest anticipates welcoming 8,000-9,000 attendees to this year’s event. The phenomenal line up of performing arts and live music includes TexARTS, Champions Gymnastics, Echo’s Edge, the Lucas Johnson Band and Weldon Henson closing out the event. Performances begin at 11:00am and the last band ends at 7:30pm. See the SpringFest site for the full line-up. [LakeTravisSpringFest.com](http://LakeTravisSpringFest.com).

Lake Travis is FULL! Be sure to visit the Boat Expo with superior watercraft from Sail & Ski Center along with other boat related vendors.

Now in its 5th year, the ever popular Craft BrewHaus and WineStomp will be in the Central Plaza area and open from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Sip, taste and savor local and regional craft beers and wine. Tickets may be purchased at the event.


“The partnership with the Hill Country Galleria provides us with an opportunity to create a strong, positive economic impact on the local economy not just for the day, but throughout the year.” says Laura Mitchell, President of the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce.

“SpringFest would not be possible without generous partners and dedicated support of our sponsors.” “We would like to thank our presenting sponsor St. David’s Emergency Center along with other dedicated supporters; City of Lakeway, Community Impact Newspaper, Frost Bank and Vibra Rehabilitation Hospital for their contributions to this community festival,” says Will Mitchell.

Some areas of SpringFest are cash only. ATM machines are available onsite.

For more information on live music show times, vendor and sponsor information for SpringFest, visit [LakeTravisSpringFest.com](http://LakeTravisSpringFest.com). For additional information, please contact the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce office via email at [SpringFest@LakeTravisChamber.com](mailto:SpringFest@LakeTravisChamber.com) or (512) 263-5833.

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