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LAKE TRAVIS READS JOE NICK PATOSKI

Popular cultural education program features acclaimed Austin author

The award-winning Joe Nick Patoski will be the featured author for the 2013 **LAKE TRAVIS READS**, the "One Book, One Community" program now in its sixth year. Co-sponsored by Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library, and Spicewood Community Library, **LAKE TRAVIS READS** encourages the community to read any of Patoski's entertaining and informative books and then meet the author at a special evening event on Wednesday, May 8th.

Wimberly resident Joe Nick Patoski is in his fourth decade writing about Texas and Texans. *The Dallas Cowboys: The Outrageous History of the Biggest, Loudest, Most Hated, Best Loved Football Team in America*, published in October by Little Brown, covers the Cowboys' birth and ensuing decades of success as part of the broader picture of the Sun Belt's rise in American politics and the economy. His 2008 biography *Willie Nelson: An Epic Life*, received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* which called it "a fine, fluid piece of storytelling that any Nelson fan will appreciate," and was recognized by The Friends of the TCU Library in 2009 with the Texas Book Award for the best book about Texas written in 2007-8. He has authored and co-authored biographies of Selena and Stevie Ray Vaughan, collaborated with photographer Laurence Parent on books about the Texas Mountains, the Texas Coast, and Big Bend National Park, all published by University of Texas Press, and written *Generations on the Land: A Conservation Legacy* and *Texas High School Football: More Than the Game*.

"Given our community's love for all things football, not to mention our fascination with Willie and Stevie Ray, the **LAKE TRAVIS READS** steering committee thought Joe Nick would be a great choice for this year's program. We encourage everyone to read one of his books, and come out to hear him speak on May 8th," said Bee Cave library director Barbara Hathaway.

The program with Patoski will take place at the new Lake Travis Community Library that opened earlier this year. "We are thrilled to host **LAKE TRAVIS READS** in our new meeting room that can accommodate more than 60 people," said Lake Travis Community Library Director Morgan McMillian. "I am excited to learn more about the Dallas Cowboys, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and my favorite--Willie Nelson."

"One Book, One Community" is a national program created by the Center for the Book in Washington, D.C., and adopted by communities around the nation. As part of **LAKE TRAVIS READS JOE NICK PATOSKI**, area book clubs are invited to host discussions of his work, and everyone is encouraged to

read any of his titles. Check with your local library for availability. "An Evening with Joe Nick Patoski" will conclude the 2013 **LAKE TRAVIS READS** program with an appearance by the author at the new Lake Travis Community Library on Wednesday, May 8th at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.laketravisreads.org, or any of the participating libraries.

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