

WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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Week of June 18-July 1, 2018 • 2-Week Summer Edition • Good news and good ideas for everyone!

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The Park at Summerhill Road

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A thriving center for business, education and culture that
attracts—and serves—us all.

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Educational and Cultural Riches, Community Pride,
Economic, Social and Personal Well-Being.*

Speaking of Second to None...

DID YOU KNOW?

**The AHS Band has been
named the AAAAA Arkansas
State Honors Ensemble**



For the first time in the history of the Arkansas High School band program, the AHS band, directed by Gary Meggs, was chosen for highest honors by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association.

They will represent Texarkana Arkansas School District at the All-State Music Conference in February 2019, which will take place in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they will play five pieces.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
FOR BEING DEEMED THE BEST!**



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PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP



ANTONIO D. WILLIAMS

**Executive Director,
Housing Authority of Texarkana, TX
LT Class of 2018**

Antonio says:

"My issue is that there is an affordable housing crisis. Communities across the country are facing low-income housing shortages – there is not a single county in the United States that can fill 100% of its low-wealth population's need for safe, affordable housing.

Under my leadership HATT & it's affiliates will continue its efforts to do its part to positively address the needs of low-wealth individuals and families in Texarkana, Texas while tearing down negative stigmas and taking a "market level" business approach to our success.

Texarkana USA is rich with history and has layers of opportunity for both cities to come together and seamlessly maximize its resources. ...it's going to take a "non-intimidating collaboration" of various skills and talents that are passionate as well as desiring to move in the same direction to make a positive difference in Texarkana. ...I would like to work with like-minded organizations that also have a passion to strategically improve Texarkana's infrastructure and quality of life.

My work ethic has allowed me to gain positive achievements in various industries. I've traveled and worked halfway around the world, successfully owned a business, and learned from a few disappointments in life. How may I be of assistance?"

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA June 18-July 1, 2018



1 Sparks in the Park!

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 4-10 P.M.

Four States Fairgrounds. Plan NOW to be there! FREE! Music - activities - contests - games - great food - FIREWORKS! Gates open at 4 p.m., opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. with the US Air Force Color Guard honoring our Veterans. Come dressed in your red white and blue or decorate your child's stroller, wagon or wheelchair to be part of the US Army's patriotic costumes contest, and/or the Robbins Toyota strollers and rollers contests. (Forms online; turn in at Sparks in the Park by 7 pm). Sparks presented by the City of Texarkana Arkansas, Southwest Arkansas REA, Bowie Cass Electric and Townsquare Media. fourstatesfair.com



2 Cool Off at the Rotary Splash Pad

SPRING LAKE PARK

9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. A FREE community jewel of the City of Texarkana, TX Parks and Recreation Children must be accompanied by an adult. <http://ci.texarkana.tx.us> or call (903) 798-3978 .

AND DON'T MISS...



3 Tuesday, June 19

GTYP JUNE

NETWORKING MIXER

5:30-7 p.m., Loca Luna Mexican Grill
Come give the latest texmex concept in Texarkana a try! Free for members \$5 for guests. Annual memberships available at the door.



4 Wednesday, June 20

LifeNet celebrates 35th anniversary
4-6 p.m., Northridge Country Club
The public is invited to help celebrate LifeNet's 35th anniversary, featuring helicopter fly-ins, hors d'oeuvres and good folks!

5 Thursday, June 21

MOVIES IN SPRING LAKE PARK PRESENTS "WONDER"

Bring friends and family, chairs and a quilt.
Concessions available.
Showtime at dusk. The Texarkana Texas Parks & Recreation Department Thursday summer movies are sponsored by Clayton Home of Texarkana.





6 Saturday, June 23
LIVE FIT TEXARKANA
FITNESS EXPO

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Four States Fairgrounds.
CrossFit, Arm Wrestling, Powerlifting, 5K,
Big Bench, Strongman, Sand Volleyball,
Grass Volleyball, Car Show, Exhibitors,
Demo stage. Free parking. \$10 admission

7 Saturday, June 23
3RD ANNUAL BENEFIT
FOR TEXARKANA FALLEN
BIKERS MEMORIAL WALL

Front Street Festival Plaza, 10 a.m.-8
p.m. Poker run, car and motorcycle show,
vendors, live music by Dusty Rose Band,
bounce houses, 5k/10K runs.
903.293-9037



8 Saturday, June 23
from 1-3PM

FATHER & CHILD:
THROUGH THE WORDS
OF LITERATURE

At the TMS P. J. Ahern Home, 1-3 p.m.
Honoring and celebrating the relationship
between a father and child through literary
examples of the beauty, joy and heartache
of these relationships. Bring your favorite
excerpts to share or come to hear readings
selected by TMS. Admission \$5; free for
TMS members.

9 Saturday, June 23
BOLLYWOOD SOCIAL
NETWORKING

TMS' Ace of Clubs House, 6-9 p.m. A college
networking event to inspire interest in commu-
nity involvement, downtown opportunities and
the revitalization at the Ace of Clubs House.
This Bollywood theme features music, henna
tattoos, sand art, food and drinks along with
the chance to join downtown organizations,
network with other college students and social-
ize. Hosted by Main Street Texarkana and the
Texarkana Museums System. \$10 in advance
through ticketleap.com or \$12 at the door.

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June 23-30

2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW

At the Four States Fairgrounds. Ever heard of the Houston Livestock Show? A big deal, yes? And big business. Texarkana is hosting this year's National Junior Show for breeders of Santa Gertrudis Cattle, so come see what's up. Santa Gertrudis cattle were developed in Texas by the King Ranch. This beautiful red cattle breed combines beef production and Texas hardiness into one dynamic package for serious cattle ranchers.

AND DON'T FORGET: Kid Fun - Week-long Summer Programs Weekly Sign-Ups

TRAHC Art Camps for Kids - Camp Create, Picassorama- and Sculptarama Camps. and Art Wall Camps... for all age ranges. Scholarships available. Amy Donohoe at 903-792-8681 or adonohoe@trahc.org.

Country Club Summer Camps for Kids for Members AND Non-Members

Weekly: Tuesdays -Fridays from 9AM to 3PM Texarkana and Northridge Country Clubs
Weekly sign-ups! Includes snacks and lunch plus a wonderfully active program that includes tennis, swimming, and golf or soccer...
Your child will SMILE.

TOTALLY TEXARKANA **Food Faves**

from the team at Four States Living Magazine



“My son loves Joe’s downtown, and because I am an awful cook, we go there often. Tonight I had manicotti, so right now, that is my favorite! By far, it is the best view in town if you get a window seat facing the Post Office.”

ROBIN ROGERS
Publisher

“Italian food is definitely my favorite. If I had to narrow my fave choices down to one, I would select the lasagna at Chappo’s (with garlic rolls on the side, of course!).”

NATALIE HAYWOOD
Graphic Artist



“The duck and grits are perfection at Pecan Point ... not to mention that blueberry compote!”

SUZY TURNER
Editor

*Stay tuned for MORE food faves
from FSLM in our next 2-week
summer edition!*

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