

# WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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### Orthodontics by Dr. Burson

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*Speaking of Second to None...*

### DID YOU KNOW?

## TAMU-T Student Jacob Watson Takes First Place Nationally for Information Management

Three students from Texas A&M University-Texarkana recently traveled to Baltimore, MD to compete at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. The trio qualified for the national competition by advancing through the state-level competitions earlier this year. In the competition featuring top business students from around the country, TAMU-T's Jacob Watson advanced to the finals where he then took first place in the Information Management category. Jacob, an MIS major, also competed in the national preliminary rounds for Cyber Security, while his fellow classmates Sarah Wilbanks (Marketing Concepts) and Troy Squires (Accounting Principles) competed as well. This is not the first time Watson has advanced from the state level and performed well at the national competition. In 2017 he finished first at the state level in the Computer Concepts category before moving on to finish in 8th place nationally. Assistant Professor of Management Dr. Brian Matthews accompanied the students to Baltimore and was very pleased with Jacob's success. "We are extremely proud of Jacob and proud that he is part of the Eagle Family," Matthews said. "His performance at both the state and national level shows the caliber of students we educate at our university, and is consistent with our mission to equip students to be employable in this region and beyond."



(L-R): Jacob Watson, Dr. Brian Matthews, and Sarah Wilbanks at the 2018 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. Not pictured: Troy Squires.



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## PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP



### DEMARCUS GREEN

**LT Class of 2018**  
**Principal, Kilpatrick Elementary,**  
**Texarkana AR Schools**

DeMarcus is a military veteran, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2005. He completed his Bachelor's Degree at SAU-Magnolia in Early Childhood Education and he received a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership in 2011. He is currently a doctoral student at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

In 2017, Green was recognized as Magnet Schools of America's Regional Principal of the Year and was inducted into Southern Arkansas University's Educational Hall of Fame.

DeMarcus is committed to helping meet the needs of students by helping others acquire knowledge of diverse population groups and by developing culturally informed strategies to assist diverse populations. He says, "My plan is to organize and work through a volunteer group of leaders in the field of education to identify strengths that can be capitalized upon to achieve educational goals and produce results."

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN

### THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA July 16-29, 2018



### TRAHC's 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition

#### OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, JULY 27

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6:30-8 p.m. Awards announced at 7 p.m. Regional Arts Center, Downtown. Annually, the most anticipated art exhibition of the past thirty years, celebrating local, regional, and national artists with \$3,750 in prizes. Exhibit from July 27 – August 25, 2018.

*and don't miss...*

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#### July 16-27 28TH ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP

Presented by Texas A&M Univ-Texarkana and East Texas Writing Project. Gives students entering 1st through 12th grades the opportunity "to write, create and express themselves;" each participant receives a t-shirt and a printed anthology of all work created. \$40. Grades 1-2: Welcome to Whoville; Grades 3-4: Food for Thought; Grades 5-6: Monsters in the Closet; Grades 7-8: Be the Change; Grades 9-12: Tales from the Peculiar; [chinton@tamut.edu](mailto:chinton@tamut.edu); [Tamut.edu/young-writers](http://Tamut.edu/young-writers)





### 3 July 17-Aug. 31 "IMMERSED" ART EXHIBIT FEATURING THE WORK OF NICOLE D. BRISCOE

Texas A&M University-Texarkana Gallery and Library. Opening Reception Tuesday, July 17 - 5-7 p.m.



### 4 July 21 MOONLIGHT & MOVIES: SUNSET BOULEVARD

7:30-10:30 p.m. Come join us on the lawn of the Ace of Clubs House downtown for another classic movie. Feel free to bring your own adult beverages. With the lovely shade trees and outdoor fans, the weather will be perfect. Water, sodas, popcorn and snacks available at our Concession Table. TMS Members are FREE/ Others. \$3.



### 5 July 22 4 STATES DRIFT PRESENTS SUMMER JAM AT FOUR STATES FAIRGROUNDS

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Come out and watch drivers show off their drifting skills or be a competing driver. Lots of fun and for available for the whole family with wet slide/ bounce house, music, car shows and ride alongs. Also Crowd Games for Cash Prizes! \$10 for spectators; \$50 to drift; Car show is \$10 + \$10 admission to event. (\$20 total).

### 6 July 16-20 JUNIOR BEEFMASTER BREEDS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION & NATIONAL SHOW

Fourstates Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Join one of the fastest-growing junior beef breed associations in the country in learning about all aspects of the beef cattle industry—valuable knowledge about every phase of the business to prepare to contribute to the beef cattle industry and agribusiness as adults. And it's fun!



## 7 July 18-21

### KID FUN - FREE FROM KLONDIKE ACADEMY

Mentor Week: What do you want to be when you grow up?

- Restaurant Owner? July 18 from 4-5 p.m.
- Veterinarian? July 19 from 12-1 p.m.
- University Staff? July 20 from 9-11 a.m.
- Public Office/Parks and Rec? July 21 from 9-11 a.m.
- Medical Field? July 21 from 11 a.m.-noon

For info, email [SukiOeal@healthcarexpress](mailto:SukiOeal@healthcarexpress).



## 8 July 21 & 28

### HARRY POTTER MONTH PRESENTED BY TEXARKANA MUSEUMS SYSTEM

- July 21, 1-3 p.m., Ace of Clubs House. Wand-Making Workshop. Wizards will choose their own materials to make the ultimate personalized wand.
- July 28, 1-3 p.m., PJ Ahern Home. Wizarding House Awards and Mystery Party. Wizard graduates and their families can compete to solve the mystery of who has stolen the House Cup!
- July 28, 1-3 p.m., Discovery Place Children's Museum. Boredom Buster: Marauder's Map Quest. Let Moony, Prongs, Wormtail & Padfoot show you the way to create Marauder's Map... a quest that requires lots of patience!

## 9 July 16-20 & July 23-27

### TRAHC'S SUMMER ART CAMPS AT ARTS ON THE MAIN

Dynamic art experiences for children of all ages as participants work with local and professional artists. TRAHc offers full scholarships for children who cannot afford tuition. For more information contact Amy Donohoe at 903-792-8681 or [adonohoe@trahc.org](mailto:adonohoe@trahc.org).



## 10 Family Fun All Summer

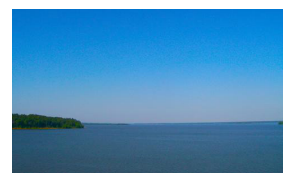
### TEXARKANA TWINS

Come out and Support Texarkana's own Texarkana Twins. Still a lot of games left from now till the end of the season. Check [texarkanatwins.com](http://texarkanatwins.com) for all schedule and ticket info.



### LAKE WRIGHT PATMAN

Still a wonderful Texarkana staple for great family fun! Whether you like to swim, fish, enjoy water sports, camp, hike, or just need a quiet place with beautiful scenery, Lake Wright Patman has it all and just right down the road in Texarkana area.



## TOTALLY TEXARKANA **Food Faves**

from Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

"I love the Twisted Burger  
at Twisted Fork."

**MICAH COLLINS**  
Texas High School



"My favorite is the tortellini  
at Joe's Pizza and Pasta."

**CHLOE CARPENTER**  
Pleasant Grove  
High School



If you're looking for a new fun and hip place to enjoy some wonderful French - American food, try Benchmark American Brasserie. At N King's Hwy (Old Timothy's) Open Tues-Sat for dinner; Sunday for brunch. <https://www.facebook.com/benchmarktxk/>

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