

# WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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*Speaking of Second to None...*

## TAMUT Eagle athletic department earns NAIA's prestigious highest award

For the second year in a row Texas A&M University-Texarkana's athletic department has earned the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' (NAIA) highest award, the 5 Star Champions of Character Gold Award. Institutions are measured on their commitment to being Champions of Character and earn points in the areas of character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition, and character promotion.



This award not only concentrates on competitive and academic success, but also takes into account how each university does in advancing the NAIA's 5 core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership.

TAMU-T Athletic Director Michael Galvan says, "Being named a Gold Award recipient in back to back years demonstrates how much time and effort our athletes and athletic department staff put into becoming better athletes, students, teachers, and citizens... We often tell our student-athletes if they are going to complain about something make sure they offer up their services to make things better or create a solution that can remedy the problem."

The NAIA has 250 member institutions. 171 of those achieved some level of Champions of Character recognition, but A&M-Texarkana was among the top 74 universities who received the prestigious Gold Star designation.

**GO EAGLES!**



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## STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### PINK TRAMMEL

**Volunteer Recruiter  
CASA of Northeast Texas  
LT Class of 2018**

Pink Trammel graduated from Arkansas High in 1979. He attended the University of Central Arkansas on an Athletic Scholarship, graduating in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He began a career with Cooper Tire & Rubber Co after graduation, retiring in 2009. In 2010, he began to volunteer as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate. After six years of volunteering, he became a Volunteer Recruiter for CASA.

Pink says, "My mission is to encourage more men to become active in child advocacy. Every day in America 4 to 7 children die from abuse and neglect. My vision is to create a program to encourage more men to become active in volunteering for CASA. Fifty-one per cent of children in foster care are boys, however, only sixteen per cent of men volunteer. My goal would be to challenge men to be the change in these children's lives. Although, this may not be an easy task, I believe this can happen; it's happening in CASA programs across the country."

If he could make a difference of significance in Texarkana Pink's wish would be "to create more jobs than we know what to do with because then we could focus on building a better, happier, and safer city. One for the record books!!!" On Texarkana, Pink believes in the "great potential it has to be a remarkable place to live and visit."

His leadership wisdom(from LT) on making a difference in Texarkana? "Well, it's quite simple really, you don't have to be out front to lead: you can make a difference just by finding what it is you are passionate about in your community and then go for it."

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN

### THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA



### SPOTLIGHT ON...

## FUN COMES HOME!

## 74th Annual Four States Fair and Rodeo

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 14-SUNDAY, SEPT. 23  
10 DAYS OF FUN!**



This week's highlights:

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### FRIDAY, SEPT. 14:

- 4 p.m. - Fair Midway rides open
- 5 p.m. - Ledwell Equipment Rodeo
- 9:30 p.m. - Street Dance on outside stage

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## 2 SATURDAY, SEPT. 15:

- 10 a.m. - Four States Fair Parade Downtown
- 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. - Chainsaw Artist (and on Sunday)
- 4-7 p.m. - Gospel Celebration
- 7:30 p.m. - Demolition Derby

## 3 SUNDAY, SEPT. 16:

- Senior Citizen Day - Free Gate Admission!
- 3 p.m. - Cowboy Church Band

For full schedule - and listing of generous community sponsors: <https://www.facebook.com/fourstatesfair>

### AND DON'T MISS...

## 4 Monday, Sept. 10



### 2ND TSO CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES AT TAMUT BEGINS

6:30 p.m., Tri-State Metal and Ironworks Atrium in the University Center. FREE to the public! Monday's concert features piano trios by Dvorak and Beethoven. Future concerts scheduled for October, November, January and April. Advanced reserved seating for the concert or the series is available for a fee; call 870.773.3401.

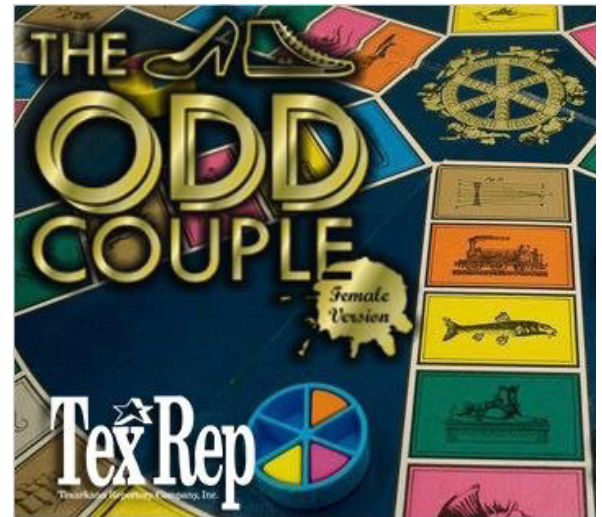
## 5 Thursday, Sept. 13

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEXARKANA'S DIAMONDS FOR DOORWAYS

7-9 p.m., Historic Silvermoon on Broad. Help build needed homes for deserving, engaged, prospective homeowners. Two admission levels: with or without entry for diamonds drawing. Learn more at <https://habitatatexarkana.org/events/>



## 6 Friday-Sunday, Sept. 14-16



### TEXREP PRESENTS THE ODD COUPLE

Time vary, see [texrep.org](http://texrep.org) for schedule. Stilwell Theatre on Texarkana College campus. It's a CLASSIC by Neil Simon. A play, a movie, a tv show and now even a NEW TV show starring Matthew Perry and Thomas Lennon. This is the female version where Oscar and Felix become Olive and Florence. Same hilarity, same Neil Simon. It'll have you rolling in the aisles. Buy tickets now! <https://texrep.ticketleap.com/admin/events/oddcouple>

Plus...

### AUDITION FOR SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

#### Monday, Sept. 10

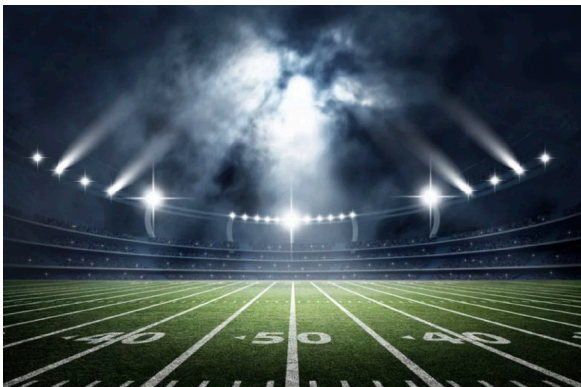
7 p.m., Stilwell Theatre, Texarkana College campus (auditions for Shakespeare in Love - Monday Sept 10 - 7PM Stilwell Theatre on TC Campus)



## 7 Friday, Sept. 14

### TRAHC PRESENTS "OPERA: CLASSICS PLUS"

7:30 p.m., Cabe Hall in the Regional Arts Center  
The Muses Gala Opera Troupe performs at Texarkana Regional Arts Center, Great Cabe Hall. The Muses Creative Artistry Project utilizes professional artists, musicians, and teachers from within the state, and across the country, to create a diverse performance of arias, duets & ensembles from beloved operas and musicals. Don't miss this evening of beautiful vocals and entertaining dances in an intimate setting at Cabe Hall. Tickets - \$15 and \$20 at the door. Student tickets - \$10. Call 903-792-4992 to purchase over the phone.



## 8 Friday, Sept. 14

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

- Texas High at Liberty-Eylau HS at 7:30 PM
- Pleasant Grove HS at Atlanta HS; Arkansas HS off)



## 9 Saturday, Sept. 15

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE BENEFITING UNITED WAY OF GREATER TEXARKANA

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Williams Memorial Methodist Church. Find your treasure - AND share past ones for a good cause: To donate 903.794.3105.



## 10 Saturday, Sept. 15

### OVER THE EDGE AT TAMU-T BENEFITING THE ALZHEIMER'S ALLIANCE

Take time today to thrill to your brave friends and neighbors going OVER THE EDGE, rappelling off the heights of the University Center for a great cause... Lots of music and fun! Be there!



## TOTALLY TEXARKANA Food Faves

from Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders



"Reggie's Cheeseburger  
& Fries... Yum!"

**JAKOB MARTIN**  
Trinity H.S.

"Southern Bell from South-  
ern Tropics... Hurry, it closes  
for the season on Sept. 30!"

**MORIAH TURNER**  
Veritas H.S.



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