

WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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Veterinarian James Ward

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Speaking of Educational and Cultural Riches...

North Heights Receives Coveted Shannon Wright Award

During the Arkansas Association of Middle Level Education (AAMLE) Fall Conference held in Hot Springs, AR, on Tuesday, October 31, North Heights Junior High was announced as the Arkansas 2017 Shannon Wright Award recipient. AAMLE presents the award to schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in the implementation of the best middle level practices as outlined in the report Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the 21st Century.

The coveted Shannon Wright Award has recognized one exemplary middle level program in Arkansas each year since its inception in 1999. The award derives its name from Shannon Wright, a middle school teacher who died in the tragic Westside Middle School shooting incident in March 1998.

In addition to receiving the Shannon Wright Award, In separate action, North Heights was recently recognized by the Office of Education Policy (OEP) as being a school that is exhibiting Outstanding Educational Performance in Arkansas. North Heights is one of the top ten junior high schools in the state that received the Beating the Odds in Math award – based on the ACT Aspire Math achievement.

"It is an honor to be selected as the recipient of the Shannon Wright Award. I am extremely proud of the hard work and diligence that our staff and students put forth each day," commented NHJH Principal Theresa Cowling. "As principal, it is a joy to watch the growth taking place in our school and I am delighted about our accomplishments."

Staff and students will have a celebration on November 17, at 1:45 p.m. in the North Heights gymnasium.



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Stacye Magness

Marketing Communications
Coordinator
CHRISTUS St. Michael
LT Class of 2017

Stacye's personal mission is to support the continued growth and quality of life in Texarkana. I would like to continue contributing to the health of the community through my work with CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System. I also hope to locate organizations outside of work where I can support health and fitness in our community and support the quality of life for cancer patients. Lastly, I value my education from Texas A&M University-Texarkana and want to contribute to their success and the success of other future graduates.

Stacye says: "Leadership to me is inspiring greatness in others. I love that Texarkana is more of a community than a city, but still has a lot to offer like some of the bigger cities. The community is diverse but still like-minded. The people are passionate about the good in Texarkana, and step up to opportunities when they arise. We really have a lot of amazing people!! I've seen people who have moved to Texarkana from all over the country, and they are some of the ones most passionate about this community. My wish would be for more people who grew up here like I did, to find their passion for this community again. I had lost it, but going through Leadership Texarkana really helped me re-discover my love for Texarkana. [...and from being a part of Leadership Texarkana] I have learned that my efforts, no matter how big or small can be used to make a difference.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA November 6-12, 2017

1

1894 Second Saturday Trade Days

SATURDAY, NOV. 11
FRONT STREET PLAZA

On Veteran's Day! Come watch the parade at 11 a.m. and join in the celebration of our veterans. Nancy Martin will be donating a patriot painting. Face painting for kids. Great time for family fun. In front of the old Ritchie Grocery (tours available). 1894CityMarket.com



2

Get Artsy

Art of Yoga

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 • 10-11 A.M.

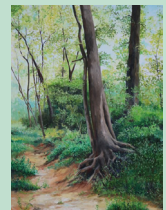
Before the parade on Saturday, enjoy the art (see exhibits below) while practicing the Art of Yoga at the Regional Arts Center. All ages (8-adult) and skill levels may join TRAHc and local yoga instructor Colleen Narens for this unique event. Bring your own mat. Suggested donation is \$15 donation per person; Benefits TRAHc's Arts on Main program. Call Amy Donohoe at 903-792-8681 for details or go to <http://www.trahc.org/exhibits-and-events>.



The Third Day: The Art of Danny Helms Exhibit

NOV. 9-JAN. 23

On exhibit and FREE at the Regional Arts Center. Opening Reception Friday, November 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.



Donnie Copeland Exhibit

A synthesis of the visuality of landscapes such as the planted fields and prairie that run along the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers as well as that of peoples and cultures local and distant, rural and urban. Featured in exhibits in New York, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.



Presented by TRAHc; Regional Arts Center open Tues-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. <http://www.trahc.org/exhibits-and-events>

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Go For a Bike Ride

While the weather gets cooler, remember all those activities you wanted to do... but it was too hot? Like, take advantage of \$5 All Day Bike Rentals from the Texarkana Museums System and the City of Texarkana, Texas.

Bikes are available at the Museum of Regional History 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues-Sat and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.



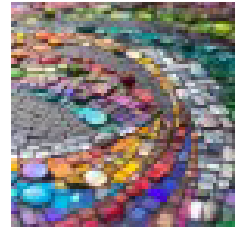
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Fall Mosaics Class at Arts on Main.

TUESDAYS FROM 6-8 P.M., NOV. 7-DEC. 12

Get ready for gift-giving!

Discover your inner artist as you design and create a long-lasting piece of art or a special gift. Learn the basic mosaic tools, substrates, tesserae, adhesives, grouts. Anyone can do it! For any skill level.



6

The Great Escape TAPAS and Wine Event.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 • 6 P.M.

Five Elegant TAPAS Courses and Wine Pairing; Food by Jeff Loving; Music by Chasing Rita; a casual evening on the beautiful grounds of the Collins Home. Benefiting the programs of Hands On Texarkana: volunteer opportunity connections, parenting classes, senior transportation and a youth volunteer program. RSVP: (903) 798-3211, www.handsontexarkana.org.



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T-Town Showdown

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 • 11 A.M.-4 P.M.

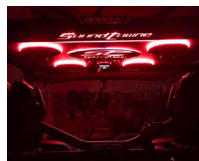
In honor of our veterans. At the Four States Fairgrounds. Redemption Repairs & Performance is hosting a Truck, Rat Rod and Bike show (which includes entry options including Jeeps, side by sides, early & late model vehicles) from 11am-4pm. Food and merchandise vendors; Bounce/playhouses for kids activities so bring the family. \$8 entry but all military past & present (with proof) and kids under 12 FREE

in conjunction with the Showdown:

2nd Annual SoundTown Street Pound

with Digital Effects, Whitehorse Tuning And Calibrating and others on site. All proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. A US-ACI sanctioned, two-point event.

Entrance to the show is \$8 per adult; kids and veterans are free.



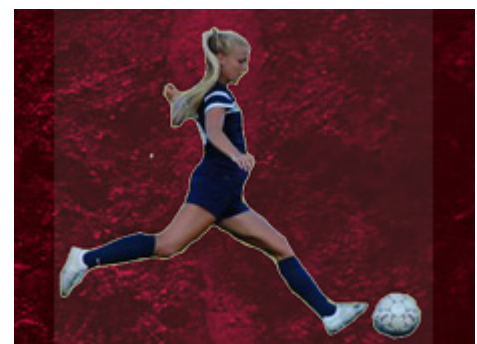
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James Herrin Piano Festival Guest Artist Recital at Texarkana College

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 • 7 P.M. • FREE

Presented by Dr.'s Hee-Kyung Juhn and Lei Cai.

Co-sponsored by the Texarkana Music Teachers Association. <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/event/2017-fall-james-herrin-artist-recital/>



8

TAMU-T hosts the Red River Athletic Conference Men's and Women's Soccer Championships

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 9-10

At beautiful Eagle Field. A Texarkana FIRST! Go Eagles!

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TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves

*from the Leadership Texarkana
Class of 2017-18*



**"My favorite is the Steak Fajita Bowl
from Esperanza's."**

HOPE FRANCIS

Marketing Coordinator, Texana Bank



9 **Meet and Greet with Cinderella**

SUNDAY, NOV. 12 • 1 P.M.

Hosted by Southern Grace Designs, Parties & Gifts.
Bippity Boppity Boo—who's ready to meet Cinderella? Pumpkins, Glass Slippers, Wands and more with princess makeup, song and dance, snacks and lots of pictures! \$25 per child and \$5 per adult. Reserve soon; it will fill up fast!



**"I love hamburgers from
Sum Burger."**

PINK TRAMMEL

Volunteer Recruiter at CASA of NE Texas

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