

# WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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Week of December 4-10, 2017 • Good news and good ideas for everyone!

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**THEY'RE IN!**

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### Twin City Title

**Making Texarkana USA Twice as Beautiful! Drop by TCT's new location at 3310 Arista Blvd. during their Holiday Open House on Dec. 7 from 5-8 p.m.**

For your OWN declaration of commitment to making Texarkana Twice as Beautiful (to say YOU'RE IN) - go to [leadershiptexarkana.com](http://leadershiptexarkana.com)

## Texarkana USA:

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

*Citizens committed to Working Smart for Excellence,  
Educational and Cultural Riches, Community Pride,  
Economic, Social and Personal Well-Being.*

Speaking of Second to None...

## Did You Know? Texas A&M Texarkana has been selected by the Mexican government 3 times to partner in a unique educational initiative!

TAMU-T recently celebrated the culmination of their four-week Intensive English Program with a graduation ceremony for 15 students from Mexico on the A&M-Texarkana campus. The students were participants in the Projecta 100,000 initiative aims to send 100,000 Mexican students to the U.S. and 50,000 American students to Mexico by the year 2018.



While in Texarkana, the students stayed with host families comprised of A&M-Texarkana faculty and staff. Students were immersed in the campus culture and had weekend excursions to downtown Texarkana, Bringle Lake Park and Hot Springs.

"The Projecta 100,000 initiative increases camaraderie between nations and promotes the expansion of global mindsets for all involved," said Jennifer Felps, director of International Studies. "In the short amount of time that these students were on our campus, they became forever members of the Eagle family and helped grow the intercultural aptitude of our institution."

Congratulations to the students—and to TAMU-T for being a leader in this international endeavor that enriches the university and our community!



Thanks to our WeeklyLIFT Partners for investing in "What's to Love TXK!"

## STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### Willie J. Ray

LT Class of 1997-1998  
Retired, City Councilperson  
City of Texarkana, TX

CONGRATULATIONS and  
THANK YOU WILLIE for  
your TWENTY YEARS of  
leadership and service on  
behalf of the citizens of Texar-  
kana, TX and in particular to  
your constituents in Ward 2!

A retired nurse, Willie Ray  
has also been active with the  
Red Cross, the Girl Scouts,  
and the local NAACP. Willie  
has also received the Benja-  
min Dennis President's Award  
from the local NAACP, and  
the Distinguished Alumnus  
of Award from the Booker T.  
Washington Mount Pleasant  
Alumni Association. (as  
reported by Karl Richter's  
in the Texarkana Gazette on  
November 28, 2017).

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN

### THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA December 4-10, 2017

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### Monday, Dec. 4 - Party DOWNTOWN!

#### 33rd Annual Main Street Christmas Parade

JOIN THE CROWDS  
DOWNTOWN AT 7PM

Come EARLY - best parking

AND before the Texarkana Christmas Parade enjoy:



#### Front Street Holiday Market, 4-10 P.M.

Featuring a live nativity scene, 4-10 pm before, during  
and after the parade. Presented by TACPAA.

#### Shop for Christmas at the Holiday Farmer's Market

5-7 P.M.

City of Texarkana, Texas. Before the  
parade at 305 Texas Blvd.





## 2 Make holiday crafts all week

- **Holiday Décor on a Budget**, Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Noon.
- **Making Live Holiday Wreaths**, Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Noon.
- **Holiday Crafts for Kids**, Friday, Dec. 8 at Noon.

ALL at TAMU-T's Texar Room,  
Reservations:  
EECD@tamut.edu  
or 903-334-6683.



## 3 Exposition of Sacred Relics, Treasures of the Church

TUESDAY, DEC. 5 • 7 P.M.

At St. Edward Church, Info at:  
903-276-8173, [treasuresofthechurch.com](http://treasuresofthechurch.com)

## 4 Bramlett Beans and Cornbread

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 • 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

(with the Texas High Ceramics Class) at the  
City of Texarkana, TX Southwest Community  
Center, 3222 W 7th Street, Texarkana, TX.



## 5 Christmas Drop-In Art (FREE!) Workshop

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 • 1-4 P.M.

For Ages 4-11; presented by TRAHHC at the  
Regional Arts Center. (No registration re-  
quired)





## 6 4th Annual Santa Sprint 5k SATURDAY, DEC. 9 AT 8 A.M.

Celebrate the joy of the Season by slipping into your Santa Suits or Jingle Bells and race, sprint, stroll and jingle to raise funds to support the Texarkana Museums System. 903-793-4831. [runsignup.com/Race/TX/Texarkana/SantaSprintReindeerRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Texarkana/SantaSprintReindeerRun)



## 7 Check out Central Mall's Christmas Shopping Village in the old Sears location

Presented by the Greater Texarkana Young Professionals, with proceeds for scholarships for local graduating seniors. Every weekend until Christmas. Free admission, shop local vendors. (Interested in becoming a vendor? Booth spaces are available! Great Traffic and exposure for your business.)

## 8 Share Your Joy

TAKE TIME TO SHARE YOUR JOY SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT SMILE THIS HOLIDAY

- The good folks at **Express Employment Professionals** will match your donations of unwrapped toys or cash to provide gifts to area foster children and more. Drop at 3206 Jefferson Ave or call 870.773.1313 for pick-up through December 11.
- OR Pick an angel off the **Salvation Army Christmas Angel Trees** - at Central Mall and throughout the community.

## 9 Celebrate the Reason for the Season

Celebrate the reason for Christmas with local churches listed below - (AND Google for others—or read the *Texarkana Gazette*—to get a full listing of Christmas programs to be enjoyed by all ages during this season of JOY and MUSIC!)

## 4th Annual Drive Thru LIVE nativity



FRIDAY, DEC. 8 (7-9 P.M.)  
& SATURDAY, DEC. 9 (6-9 P.M.)

Open to ALL and FREE! First Assembly of God (The old Lighthouse), 3401 West 7th Street, Texarkana, TX

## Dinner and Show

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 • 7 P.M.

Texarkana AR House of Prayer Holiness Church with performance by the Fumbly Bumbly Angels. 906-490-9712 or 903-490-0853.

## The Grace of Christmas play

SUNDAY, DEC. 10 • 10:30AM

at First Baptist Church, Moores Lane.



***BIG FINALE TO THE WEEK!***

## 10 Christmas at the Perot Theatre

SUNDAY, DEC. 10 • 4 P.M.

Presented by Texarkana Symphony Orchestra. Beautiful music from TSO with the Texarkana Regional Chorale, and Texarkana Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Texas High Highsteppers, and Santa Claus. A holiday concert for the whole family. 870-773-3401 <http://www.texarkanasymphony.org>

## TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves

*from the Leadership Texarkana Class of 2017-18*



**"My favorite is the beef tostada with avocado and rice at Taco Mi Pueblo on New Boston Road."**

**THERESA BAKER**

*CableOne Advertising Regional Business Manager*



**"I love the fried catfish at the Fish Bowl."**

**DIXON BOYLES**

*Texarkana College Dean of Business & Social Sciences*

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