# WHAT'S TO LOVE TXK

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Week of February 5-11, 2018 • Good news and good ideas for everyone!

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# THEY'RE IN! Clean · Neat · Green · Pretty

### **Golden Chick**

Thanks for making Texarkana TWICE as beautiful!

For your OWN declaration of commitment to making Texarkana Twice as Beautiful (to say YOU'RE IN) - go to 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...

# Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Cities of Texarkana, AR and Texarkana, TX have each independently been recognized for excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a national non-profit professional



Kristin Peeples CFO for City of Texarkana TX LT Class of 2016

association which serves approximately 19,000 government financial professionals.

Trust in our institutions and their reporting is integral for good government and service to our citizenry.

SO THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED AT OUR TEXARKANA AR AND TX CITY HALLS FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SO WELL.









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

# PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP

# Leadership for Youth: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders





Phyllis Deese

Tonya Dunphy

It's application time for Leadership Texarkana's TYTL program for high school students who will be Juniors or Seniors in the 2018-19 school year.

TYTL's mission is to Start Young engaging and equipping leaders for Working Together for Community Excellence in Texarkana USA. The 2018 program dates are June 18-21.

Facilitating the June program for 2018 are Phyllis Deese (TC, LT Class of 2015) and Tonya Dunphy (TASD, LT Class of 2018). They are busy planning in conjunction with the Board leadership of Amy Roberts (Retired LEISD, LT Class of 2016), and the support of Jason Smith (PGISD, LT Class of 2018), Kendrick Smith (LEISD; LT Class of 2015), Wes Kirkham, (TISD, LT Class of 2014) and Theresa Cowling (TASD, LT Class of 2014). Each district representative is further supported by campus teams.

THANKS to all involved for Stepping Up as Leaders to make a difference in Texarkana USA

FYI: TYTL has been a program of Leadership Texarkana since 1994, and since 2013 has been supported in partnership with LEISD, PGISD, TASD and TISD. Students from all Bowie-Miller campuses are eligible to apply. Applications are available on each High School campus. Deadline for completed applications is March 1.

Direct questions to info@leadershiptexarkana.com.

# A T-TOWN TOP TEN

February 5-11, 2018



2018 Texarkana Heart Ball SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Dinner, dancing, and auction at the Northridge Country Club for the American Heart Association's premiere fundraising event in the region for research to fight heart disease and stroke. TexarkanaHeartBall.heart.org #TXKHeartBall #LifeisWhy

### AND DON'T MISS...



# Tuesday, Feb. 6 TAMU-T ECONOMIC OUTLOOK DINNER

At TAMU-T Eagle Hall. Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6 p.m. Featured Speaker Captain Bill Biehl, USCG, (Ret.) Greater Houston Port Bureau. Perspectives on the impact of the Panama Canal expansion on the Port of Houston, upcoming development of the I69 corridor, and increased traffic flows through Texarkana. Proceeds benefit the endowment for the College of Business, Education and Technology.

Tickets at tamut.edu/CBET.



# 3 Thursday, Feb. 8 GAITHER COVAL BAND

The Gaither Vocal Band is coming to First Baptist Church Texarkana! Join us for a special night of music & worship that you won't soon forget. 7 p.m.



# Thursday-Friday, Feb. 8-10

# LETHAL WEAPON: IN THE COMPANY OF GENERALS CONFERENCE 2018

At Texarkana Convention Center. Designed to ignite revival on any level of leadership. Thursday-Friday evenings at 7 p.m.; FREE and open to the public with Prophet Janice Mixon, St. Louis, MO. and Pastor Iran Pitre, Texarkana, TX, special music.

# Saturday, Feb. 10

## RAISING THE BAR

Breakout Sessions and Brunch from 8:30 a.m.; 2:30 p.m. Youth Empowerment Conclave to activate the NOW Generation, giving them strategies on how to Lead With POW-ER. For full schedule and pricing: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/itcog-2018-lethal-weapon-tickets-41745288281



5 Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
SIDEWALK PROPHETS: SOMETHING DIFFERENT TOUR (IN 3D!)
WITH SPECIAL GUEST BONRAY

Heritage Church. A brand new one-of-a-kind tour experience with a lobby like a retro arcade and cinematic 3D visuals.

6 Friday, Feb. 9

OPENING NIGHT: PETER AND THE STARCATCHER BY TEXARKANA REPERTORY

**COMPANY** 

Continues Feb. 10-11 and 16-18, Fridays/ Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Wickedly imaginative!

A fantastical backstory

for the beloved character of Peter Pan and his arch-nemesis Captain Hook. In this humorous play, we meet a poor orphaned child on the high seas called Boy whose sad and lonely world is turned upside down when he meets Molly, who is on a mission to save the world and protect a treasure trunk filled with magical star stuff from getting into the hands of an evil and greedy pirate. Tickets 903-831-STAR(7827); texrep.org.



7 Friday, Feb. 9, 6-9 p.m.
NIGHT TO SHINE FOR RUNNIN'
WJ RANCH

Texarkana AR Convention Center. Held simultaneously on one night around the world. An unforgettable prom night experience when all guests are kings and queens of the prom. Changing Valentine's Day weekend from simply a celebration of love to a celebration of God's love, for people with special needs.

8 Saturday, Feb. 10

THE THIRD ANNUAL DANNY
STINSON ORGAN DONATION
AWARENESS 5K/10K RUN AND

**FAMILY STROLL** 

9 a.m. Begins at CHRISTUS St. Michael Health & Fitness

Center. Promoting



awareness for the need for organ donations to help save lives AND to raise funds to help defray medical expenses for area patients. (This year, to assist Church on the Rock Pastor, Travis Jackson, currently on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant). Register at RunSignUp.com. Further info 903-319-6537.

# Saturday, Feb. 10

# ROYAL PALACE PARTY AT DISCOVERY PLACE MUSEUM

2 p.m. Join us for a transforming after-



noon as we turn children ages 2 to 16 into ROYALTY—princess, prince, or knight in shining armor. Makeover Packages include: Makeover by a professional stylist, photos, tea party, games and entry into our Royal Makeover Contest. Prizes for best transformations! Adult required. Contact (903) 793 4831, Discovery@TexarkanaMuseums.org



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# 10 Saturday, Feb. 10

# 6TH ANNUAL TEXARKANA MAR-DI GRAS PARADE

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Theme: "All That Jazz". Kid Friendly. For more information on entering a float or becoming a vendor email allthingstexarkana@gmail.com, or visit mardigrastexarkana.com. We are looking forward to seeing you in downtown Texarkana.



# After the Mardi Gras Parade for 21+: FRESH OFF A CD RELEASE, ULTRARIOT RETURNS TO THE ARROW BAR

Also on the bill: the hometown favorites Merrows with Christopher Denman kicking things off with an acoustic set playing originals from his 'Controlled Burn' EP and some outlaw country covers. \$5 cover. 8 p.m.

Also worth noting:

# Beginning Thursday, Feb. 8

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL GAPS: YOUTH PROJECT-BASED TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CLASSES

Twelve weeks of skilled based technology training for



high school students, in partnership with Tri-State Technologies. Free. Sandflat Glendale Neighborhood Center. 870.330.7909.

# TOTALLY TEXARKANA Food Faves

Featuring favorites from the Wells Fargo Bank team



Lasagna pizza from Joe's Pizza & Pasta

**LANCE WHARTON**Business Relationship Manager
LT Class of 2015



Steaks at
Texas
Roadhouse

Service Manager



Anything from the hibachi at Osaka

JOANN NICHOLS-ROGERS

Personal Banker



Spinach Artichoke Dip from Ironwood

**LEAH GARRETT** 

Private Banker



Filet from Pop's Place

**ASHLEY WHARTON** 

Branch Manager

# **SAVE THE DATE: LEADERCAST 2018!**

May 4: Another inspiring day to lift you or your team. Details to come.

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