

WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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Week of April 16-22, 2018 • Good news and good ideas for everyone!

PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP TEXARKANA'S 2018 IDALEE HAWKINS LEADER OF THE YEAR

LeAnne Wright

This year's highest Leader of the Year honor was presented to LeAnne Purifoy Wright. A 2009 graduate of the Leadership Texarkana program, LeAnne is the Associate Vice President for University Advancement for Texas A&M Texarkana. LeAnne is a native of Texarkana who has continuously demonstrated her commitment to our community through her generous service to numerous community organizations, which have benefited from her leadership through the years. Those organizations include Arkansas Women for Education, Temple Memorial Rehabilitation Center and the Junior League of Texarkana, the Kiwanis Club, First United Methodist Church,

and the Komen Texarkana Race for the Cure Steering Committee, among others. LeAnne is also currently serving on the Leadership Texarkana Leadership Team. LeAnne's service and leadership have also been recognized through her honors as the 2012 Texarkana Arkansas School District Distinguished Alumna, the 2010 Texas A&M Distinguished Alumna and as the 2006 TAMUT Administrator of the Year. LeAnne is married to Tim Wright and they have one son, Anderson.

The Leader Of The Year Award is the highest award given by Leadership Texarkana annually, to honor outstanding alumni of the Leadership Texarkana pro-



*Leader of the Year LeAnne Wright
with Prissy Hickerson, 2017 honoree*

gram; it is given in memory of Idalee Hawkins who set a lasting example for her willingness to give of herself for her family and community.



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*Speaking of Second to None... **DID YOU KNOW?***

Leadership Texarkana Honored 20 of the Best with Wilbur Awards

Leadership Texarkana honored twenty of the best through the annual Wilbur Awards at the 9th Annual Lunch with Leaders on April 10. We know that example matters, so stay tuned as we tell you more about each in our weekly blasts.

Honored with 2018 Wilbur Awards are:

- Adult: Dr. Matthew Young,
- Organization: Opportunities, Inc.,
- Youth: Allie Graves and Ali Milligan.

It is INDIVIDUALS who make our community great - individuals... Whether working to lead through Texarkana's many amazing organizations or through their workplace, or through other service, it is the models of exemplary community leadership that make each worth following, and honoring!

That's What To Love About Texarkana, USA.



Wilbur Adult Nominees Honored: L-R: Matt Young, Betty Williams, Warren Smith, Emily Cutrer, Joey Martin, Mark van Herpen



Wilbur Youth Nominees Honored: L-R Jay Williamson, Kate Todd, Will Norton, Ali Milligan, Allie Graves



Wilbur Organizational Nominees Honored: Peggy Burson/ Altrusa; Damien Davis/ DD Foundation; Treva West/Op Inc; not pictured, Texas Urban Transportation District/ ArkLaTex Council

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA April 16-22, 2018

SPOTLIGHT ON...



1 TRAHC presents The Sleeping Beauty performed by the Moscow Festival Ballet.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Perot Theatre. The classic fairy tale comes to life through Russian ballet beautifully choreographed to the world-famous score by Tchaikovsky. Often considered the greatest achievement of the classical ballet, with spinning turns, soaring leaps, and exquisite dancing, experiencing this fairytale on stage will be memorable for generations to come. Sponsored in part by Texarkana Community Ballet. Series sponsored in part by Century 21 All Points Realty. Student tickets only available directly through the Box Office (903) 792-4992.

And don't miss...

**CIGARS
TINIS &
TUNES**



2 Thursday, April 19

CIGARS, TINIS AND TUNES

7-10 p.m. Benefiting the Randy Sams Outreach Shelter. Featuring cigars from Puff 'NStuff, unlimited martinis, food, an incredible silent auction and fabulous entertainment by 2Pianos. Always a fun event! Hopkins Icehouse Downtown. Tickets \$50 to support a great cause; also available at the door. 903.280.2289. or www.randysams.org

3 Friday, April 20

WINE & JAZZ GALA

Harvest Regional Food Bank's annual gala at the Silvermoon on Broad. Enjoy expertly selected wine paired with gourmet food prepared by some of our area's top chefs. Don't miss it! 870.774.1398



conducted by
Marc-André Bougie

4 Friday, April 20

MARIAZELL MASS

Texarkana Regional Chorale & AR-TX Music Connection offer a one-time only pre-Carnegie Hall performance of Haydn's timeless masterpiece, the Mariazell Mass, conducted by Marc-Andre Bougie. 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church. FREE. Donations accepted.



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5 Friday, April 20

MOMNITE

5-11 p.m. at the Texarkana Convention Center. FREE. Taco Bar. Wine and cupcake pairings. Shopping. Door Prizes, Break-out classes. Panels and presenters including Robin Rogers and Tim Reynolds and Moms! No Kids Allowed. Childcare available at Klondike Academy.

6 Saturday, April 21

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Spring Lake Park,
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hosted by the City of Texarkana, TX



7 Saturday, April 21

3RD ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACE FESTIVAL

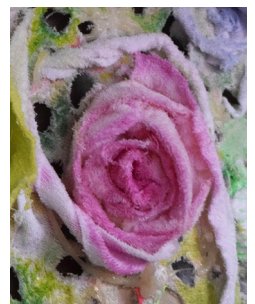
At Bringle Lake Park-benefiting HandsOn Texarkana. Fun in a dragon boat or from the shore, rooting on the teams...20 co-workers, friends and/or family members paddling each boat at this exciting event!

8 Now through May 12

TWO BEAUTIFUL ART EXHIBITS AT THE REGIONAL ARTS CENTER

FREE. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Presented by TRAHC.

spRinGeey. A collection of springtime artworks hand made by the artist Amy Beth Wright specifically for her first solo exhibition in Texarkana.





An Artist's Eye: From Realism to Abstract. Judy Walter's art features a variety of media, expressionistic, bold design, and color palettes for her landscapes, figures and portraits.

9 Tuesday, April 17
TAMU-T EAGLES
BASEBALL AT GEORGE

DOBSON FIELD
Against Texas Wesleyan University. 5 p.m.

10 Live music
Thursday-Saturday
night

FAT JACK'S OYSTER
AND SPORTS BAR
View schedule on the Fat Jack's Facebook page.

TOTALLY TEXARKANA
Food Faves

from the team at
Lee & Smith, PLLC



"Blackened Ribeye at Cattleman's
Steak House."

MIKE SMITH
Partner, Lee & Smith PLLC



"Manicotti at Joe's Italian Cuisine."

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