

weekly LIFT

Week of Dec. 12-18, 2016

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE for TEXARKANA

Good news and good ideas for everyone! Brought to you by Leadership Texarkana

Want to stay on top of **What's to Love** in our community?

The WeeklyLIFT isn't your average events calendar. It's a carefully crafted list of the people, places and events that make Texarkana a great place to be. We'll deliver it right to your inbox every Monday! **Sign up for the WeeklyLIFT e-newsletter at leadershiptexarkana.com today**—then forward it to your friends and neighbors to spread the good news.... because the more we all know, the more we all care!

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...?

That Texarkana's rich musical heritage goes far beyond Ragtime pioneer and Pulitzer-Prize winner Scott Joplin?

Texarkana native Conlon Nancarrow was called "The Father of Electronic Music" by Frank Zappa.

His compositions were of such complexity that he accommodated by writing primary for reproducing piano for one period, eliminating the need for any human hands to require their accomplishment.

Recipient of a MacArthur fellowship, Nancarrow's music has been called "...perhaps some of the most significant of the century. What kind of music would prompt [music critic] Ligeti to rave: "This music is the greatest discovery since Webern and Ives... something great and important for all music history! His music is so utterly original, enjoyable, perfectly constructed but at the same time emotional...for me it's the best of any composer living today." It is clear that Nancarrow's music remains profound.

Nancarrow, whose father was a mayor of Texarkana, AR, was born in Texarkana in 1912; following world-wide musical and political adventures, he lived out the latter part of his life in Mexico City.

On his death in 1997, the global impact of Nancarrow's life and work was signaled by the obituary printed by the London Times which covered fully one quarter page of that world capitol.

Who knew?



THEY'RE IN!



With seven branches in the region adding to the positivity, let's hear it for TEXAR Federal Credit Union for ...

Making Texarkana TWICE as Beautiful! CLEAN NEAT GREEN PRETTY

Email *YOUR* suggestions for places in the greater Texarkana USA area that deserve KUDOS for modeling the way and whose commitment to beauty are sources of community pride.



Thanks to Robbins Toyota and BancorpSouth for signing on to become the first two of only 4 exclusive WeeklyLIFT partnerships available!

STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Rae Thigpen

Regional Compliance Officer
CHRISTUS St. Michael
Health System
LT Class of 1997

Rae says “Leadership, to me, is like being the coach of a team. You would assist the team in creating the strategy and also assist with execution. Being actively involved not just giving direction.”

“I count it a privilege and certainly an opportunity to serve in the community and to be considered a leader, I just say wow. I see myself as a servant of God to do what I can to make a difference...”

I invest time, talent and money into events that help the community as a whole but especially the underserved. I am a Registered Nurse by training so my wish would be to provide healthcare to all that need it whether they could afford to pay or not.”

A T-TOWN TOP TEN+ Things to do in Texarkana December 12-18

1

In the Spirit of Giving.

Join GTYP (Greater Texarkana Young Professionals) for wine and bring an unwrapped toy in support of Texarkana Toys For Tots as they make a presentation to a marine from Toys for Tots at the new Summerhill Winery on Texas Blvd. Dec 14 5-7PM - OR drop the unwrapped toy before then.



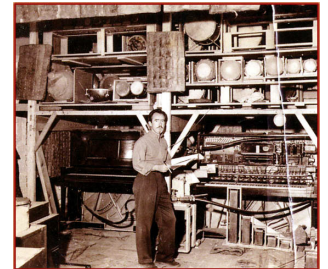
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Make it a Million and One... on Dec 12, 10-11 AM at Arkansas HS's Red Wall, to support the engagement of one million Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) mentors (male and female) to increase the interest and confidence of middle school and high school girls to persist and succeed in STEM programs and careers.

3

“A Nancarrow Homecoming” gala

celebrates the official inauguration of Texarkana's new Regional Music Heritage Center (RMHC). Saturday, Dec. 17 at Silvermoon on Broad. The evening features the first Texarkana performance of Nancarrow's “Boogie-Woogie Suite,” Studies 3a-3e and “Canon X,” Study #21 on the RMHC's fully restored 1928 Marshall & Wendell AMPICO player piano, the very model Nancarrow used and preferred for the performance of his works.



The rolls to be used are precise duplicates imported from Heisigrollen in Germany made on a duplicator developed by Wolfgang Heisig and provided by program host Dr. John Tennison, who grew up near the home of Conlon's brother Charles Nancarrow and has studied Nancarrow's work extensively. To make Nancarrow's complex work more accessible Dr. Tennison has developed a light show that will provide a visual guide to the music as it plays. Dr. Tennison will also premiere two compositions inspired by Conlon Nancarrow, which carry on his legacy in his home city.

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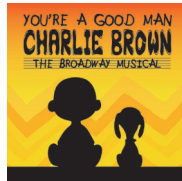
Linger for more. Following the SMOB performance, linger for the reception to meet Dr. Tennison and RMHC Executive Director David Mallette and learn about the ambitious and exciting plans for the development of downtown's planned RMHC as a center of excellence for experiential education, scholarship and performance of music genres originating in and evolving from our region and to promote public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of this area's role in the American and world musical heritage. Learn more at TexarkanaRMHC.org

5

Music at the Mall. Put a dent in your gift list and enjoy music of the season from 11 AM till evening as faculty and students from the Texarkana Academy of Musical Arts perform throughout the day for your pleasure. And at 5:30 enjoy numbers from the students of Redwater High School Choir. All Sat, Dec 17 at Central Mall. For more information contact bonniemontgomery14@yahoo.com or visit the TAMA Facebook page.

6

Give your child (ages 5-18) a gift they will always remember this holiday season: Take them to audition for Silvermoon Children's Theatre March production of **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown**. Delightful music. Life lessons. A whole new opportunity for lifelong enjoyment. Learn more at silvermoonkids.com.



7

Get ahead of the holidays and take off a pound or two on the front end: Make time to **walk one of our community's beautiful park trails** while the weather's still good enough to enjoy it. You'll be ready for extra cookies.

8

Go Sports! Take a break from the holiday lists and gather with your friends around the big screens at one of the many sports bars around! Start the Bowl season with Ark State vs Univ of Coastal FL in the AutoNation Bowl Saturday Dec 17, or enjoy the play when the Cowboys meet Tampa Bay - Sunday Dec 18 at 7:30. (They're Back!)

This Week's Totally T-Town Fave Foods

Liz Fazio-Hale

Riverbend Water Resources
Executive Director/CEO
LT Class of 2017

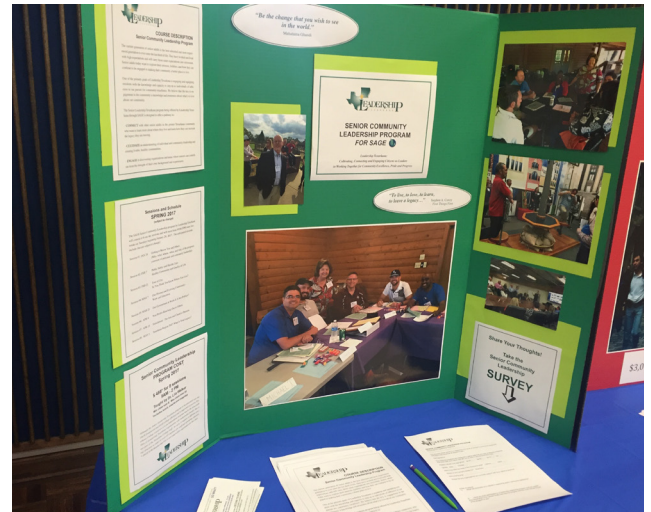
Liz really enjoys eating and thinking about the awesome **Key Lime Pie** at **Julie's Deli**.



Chuck Firmin

Firmin's Office City Manager

Chuck recommends...
Margaritas at Zapata's.



Share this with
the Senior Sages
in your life...

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7 sessions every other Tuesday - beginning Jan 24
9AM - 2 PM
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Min class size 8; Max class size 20
Program cost: \$480
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*Offered in partnership with Texarkana College
by Leadership Texarkana
as an independent program to complement
TC's SAGE offerings. SAGE fee not required.*

See back for more

** Dr. Walker's resume includes years of teaching
Leadership through TAMU-T, as well as a rich
history with Leadership Texarkana (LT grad 1997).*

*" We are delighted that Leadership Texarkana was
encouraged to launch this program in conjunction
with Texarkana College's SAGE program and that
Dr. Walker has been committed to developing it.
Lila is a favorite of her many students, bringing a
personal and entertaining take on every subject, so
we know this program will be not only education-
ally enriching, but also a pleasure for all involved.
As with our flagship LT program, natives will no
doubt learn as much as newcomers, and we will
learn from participants as well."*

Ruth Ellen Whitt - LT Executive Director

SENIOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FOR SAGES

The current generation of senior adults is the best educated and most experienced generation to ever enter the last third of life. They have worked and lived with high expectations and will carry those same expectations into retirement. Senior adults today want to explore their interests, hobbies, and how they can continue to be engaged in making their community a better place to live.

One of the primary goals of Leadership Texarkana is engaging and equipping residents with the knowledge and capacity to step up as individuals of influence in our pursuit for community excellence. We believe that the key to engagement is knowledge and awareness about what's to love about our community.

The Senior Leadership Texarkana program is designed to offer a pathway to:

- **CONNECT** with other senior adults in the greater Texarkana community who want to learn more about where they live and learn how they might create a community legacy.
- **CULTIVATE** an understanding of individual and community leadership and creating our best future.
- **ENGAGE** in discovering organizations and areas where participants might contribute from the strength of their own background and experiences.

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*Although the Senior Leadership Texarkana program is incorporated into the SAGE framework and SAGE college offerings and is supported in part by Texarkana College resources, it is an independent program run by the non-profit 501(c)3 Leadership Texarkana organization with independent faculty that is not part of the Texarkana College staff. As such, it requires a different pricing structure in order to cover LT expenses for staff and operating expenses. * SAGE \$100 Membership Fee is not required for registration for this class.*

SR Leadership for SAGES

Sessions and Schedule

SPRING 2017

(subject to change)

The SAGE Senior Community Leadership program by Leadership Texarkana will consist of seven (7) one day sessions and will meet from 9AM-2PM every two weeks on Tuesdays beginning January 24, 2017. The anticipated sessions include:

Session #1: Tuesday, January 24
Program Overview. Tour of City-So You Think You Know Where You Live?

Session #2: Tuesday, February 14
Public Safety and Health Care-Healthy Community and Quality of Life

Session #3: Tuesday, February 28
Our Diverse and Evolving Community-Work and Education

Session #4: Tuesday, March 7
Our Government at Work-Is It Just Politics?

Session #5: Tuesday, March 28
Enrichment-The Arts and Creative Pursuits

Session #6: Tuesday, April 11
Lunch with Leaders (Meet with Leadership Texarkana class)

Session #7: Tuesday, April 25
Non Profits-Reaching Out to Others. Leaving a Legacy. Wrap-Up.

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