

# weekly LIFT

Weeks of Dec. 19, 2016  
to Jan. 8, 2017

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](http://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...?

Kiplinger's Personal Finance publication has named Texarkana-based podcast **STACKING BENJAMINS** as THE BEST personal finance podcast in the nation for 2016! Who knew?

Kiplinger's Personal Finance's annual Best List is a roundup of the best values in all the areas they cover – from funds, stocks and ETFs to credit cards and bank accounts to cars, college, kid stuff, phone plans, travel and health. Kiplinger's says, "Stacking Benjamins podcast applies a light touch to a variety of personal finance topics, including quirky investments, money habits that waste your time, and how to endure a time-share sales pitch without falling for it."

Joe Saul-Sehy is creator and engaging host of Stacking Benjamins, as well as being a valuable leader in our community as Board President and committed and vocal advocate of Partnership for the Pathways. His passion comes from... no surprise!.... the proven and positive economic impact of green spaces and linear parks for communities!

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** Get a jump on your 2017 finances with Stacking Benjamins for solid financial tools.



### THEY'RE IN!



**Kudos to Williams Memorial Methodist Church 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.*

### Coming up in 2017:

- **Senior Community Leadership** begins Jan 24. Registration deadline Jan 10; in partnership with TC
- **Wilbur Award nominations** due Mar 1; Presented at Lunch w Leaders, Apr 11
- **Lunch with Leaders** - Tuesday, April 11. Sponsor: Texarkana Emergency Center
- **End of Year Celebration** - Tuesday, Apr 25. Sponsor: Christus St. Michael
- **LEADERCAST 2017** - MAY 5, 2017 in partnership with TISD and TC
- **TYTL youth leadership program** June 19-23. Applications available - Jan 30. Applications due - Feb 17
- **LT Class of 2017-18 Applications** due - June 2



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## STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### Lea Metcalf

*Director of Federal Programs  
Texarkana Arkansas School  
District  
LT Class of 2016*

Lea says: “Leadership is serving others while inspiring them to make a difference in the community. Leaders help impact the world we live in. They not only lead, but they take people along the journey with them. They help develop future leaders.”

“My passion is working with children to help them see their talents and gifts, so most of the activities/programs that I am involved in are geared towards children. ... I would love to see A Boys and Girls Club opened in Texarkana Arkansas. This would be benefit children from Texas and Arkansas. I would like for the children to be taught through their sports or recreational activities how to serve their community and the importance of giving back. I think that the children and their parents (community) should have a role in making this come to life, either by helping to raise the funds or helping contractors and builders with minor construction work. What a great way to see this community working together for a great cause.”

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN (PLUS!) Things to do in Texarkana December 19-January 8

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**Stroll through Bethlehem.** In a walk-through family experience of the town of Bethlehem, A Night in Bethlehem offers kids and their families the chance to explore the city at the time of Jesus’ birth through hands-on experiences, crafts and food. Bring your family and invite a friend! Mon, Dec 19 from 7-9PM St Luke’s Methodist Church.



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### Tis the season - to do for others.

Gather some friends and a pitch pipe and **go caroling at a local nursing home.** Sing traditional songs of the season and invite them to sing along.

**Feed the hordes:** Order food locally to serve your family or guests, but order double. Take the other half and drop it to someone who needs it. While you’re at it, finish your shopping lists with gift certificates from local eateries as gifts; always appreciated!

**Give cuddlies to kids who need hugs**—the kids of CASA. Donate stuffed animals at LifeWay Christian Store through the 24th. 903.832.0836.

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**Finish your shopping while enjoying the music.** Dec 23 at Central Mall. 4-6PM - Crusaders Ministries, Christmas Music; 6-7PM - Elle Michelle Saxophonist



...and don’t forget these other local options with double impact, benefiting local organizations: Texarkana History in Pictures - at the Museum of Regional History; Polly Cook ceramics, Dean Lynn prints, plus tons of creative gifts for creative kids of all ages at For Arts’ Sake (pictured) in the Regional Arts Center.

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**Stay Home.** Nest. Make a point of giving your family or friends the gift of your home as a safe haven of love, peace, joy, and music.

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**Savor the reason for the season.** Christmas Eve Dec 24th - Be part of one of the many community services at local churches.



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**While the folks are in town, and while you have the time, thoughts for all ages, how about...**

**Great movies!** More than you can afford in a week! All at Cinemark 14.

**OR as cheap or FREE and fun alternatives...**

**Go downtown.** Kids of all ages LOVE to get their pics taken in two states at one time and love to run around the post office grounds. Free time.

**Discover Kidtopia Park** - the Texarkana-kid-designed downtown park that looks like us... Adults love a swingset as much as kids. Beside it: The new skatepark, where the fun is watching the local pros in action.

**Check out the NEW at the Texarkana Public Library...** learn about e-services, expanded access to the world from Texarkana USA, all with your card. Dec 27-kids can read to Sketti the dog at Pages with Poochie 4PM. Holiday Hrs: Closed 5PM Thurs Dec. 22 till 9AM Tues Dec 27; Closed Noon Fri Dec 30 till 9:00AM Mon Jan 2.

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**Take the WOW tour:** (those who've never been will be "wow-ed" by what they see in Texarkana... who knew?)

**Automobile Museum**

**Regional Arts Center**

with two great exhibits AND the Cabe Hall to enjoy, all from TRAHC.

Holiday Hrs:

Dec 19 - 23: Tues-Thurs 10-4; Fri from 10-1

Closed Christmas Eve Day

Dec 26-31: Tues-Thurs 10-4; Fri: 10-1

Closed New Years Eve Day (Saturday)

**TMS treasures:**

Holiday Hrs: Tues-Sat 10-5; Sun 1-5

Closed Christmas Eve Day & Christmas Day.

Open New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day.

- **Discovery Place** - try the sound wall while the kids play dress up.
- **Ace of Clubs House** - dressed for the holidays
- **Ahern House** - the newest addition to TMS
- **Museum of Regional History** - and rent bikes while you're there.

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**Hit the yard or the parks** with your family and a ball... football, basketball, soccer ball, frisbee... to get a pre-Jan 1 head start on taking off the pounds.

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## Christmas Holiday Camp

\$30 per day

Tuesday, December 20th  
Wednesday, December 21st  
Thursday, December 22nd  
Tuesday, December 27th  
Wednesday, December 28th  
Thursday, December 29th

Ages 5 - 14

From 1 to 4 pm



# ARE YOU IN?

You must pre-register so  
**GET SIGNED UP for Holiday Fun!**

Contact Billy  
903-244-4061 or billy@tctennis.com



**Christmas Kids' Tennis Camp** for ages 5- 14. Fun and games. All kids welcome. Dec 20-22; 27-29 from 1-4PM. 903.244.4061.

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**World Series Team Roping** at the Four States Fair Entertainment Center; Dec 31-Jan 01 from 9AM - 5PM.

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**Ring in 2017:** United We Rock on New Year's Eve benefitting United Way of Greater Texarkana, with music by Roger Delano Band (and a babysitting suite sponsored by Target); 8PM - 1AM - Txx Convention Center - 903.733.6300 or 903.276.0932.

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**Jan. 2-8: HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Eat less; move more!

## This Week's Totally T-Town Fave Foods

### Kenny Haskin

City Manager  
City of Texarkana Arkansas

recommends...

**Beef Enchiladas from Zapatas**



### John Whitson

City Manager  
City of Texarkana Texas  
LT Class of 2015

loves

**The Catfish Dinner from Wayne's Family Restaurant.**



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ME UP**

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