

weekly LIFT

Week of Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2017

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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...?

The first Razorbacks in Arkansas were the Texarkana Arkansas High School Razorbacks (AHS)! Most people generally think that the first Arkansas Razorbacks originated with the University of Arkansas (U of A), but actually the University's first team was formed in 1894 and their mascot was originally the Cardinals. It wasn't until 1910 that the students at the University voted to change the mascot name to the Arkansas Razorbacks. U of A subsequently made an agreement with Arkansas High School to "use" OUR Razorback logo as THEIR mascot, in turn, giving AHS used athletic equipment from the university.



Per Bill Lavender (former legal counsel for the Texarkana Arkansas School District, AHS Class of 1957 member, and owner of the Lavender Law Firm), some 20 years or so ago, upon learning that the University was interested in perfecting its legal right to protect the trademark of the "Arkansas Razorbacks", as legal counsel to the District, communicated with the U of A's legal counsel at the time and asserted on behalf of the District a prior use of "Texarkana Razorbacks" by phone and in writing. The counsel for the University never denied the earlier use by Texarkana, and although the university had been licensing the logo and related products for several years, there was no quarrel with Texarkana Arkansas School District continuing to use the name, "Texarkana Razorbacks".

THEY'RE IN!



Look, folks: NO TRASH! Three cheers for the City of Texarkana, TX for broadening the scope of their beautification efforts, with extra staff for trash pick-up. Summerhill north of I-30 has been shamefully notorious for the amount of trash blowing along the roadside. This trash-free scene stopped traffic, the difference was so dramatic. LOOKS MATTER. YEA TEAM, and thanks!

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

**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



Kristie Dempsey

*Trust Officer
Bank of the Ozarks
LT Class of 2001*

To Kristie, leadership is captured in this quote, to: “be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.”
Jim Rohn

Currently, Kristie is transitioning from directing a non-profit (Teen Court) to which she devoted the last seven years, back into the financial world. (suspected to have been the first female Certified Financial Planner™ in the Texarkana area, back in the early 2000s). Her other areas of interest include supporting her kids’ education through the Red Lick Education Foundation.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN Things to do in Texarkana January 30-Feb. 5, 2017



1 Emerald City Band! headlines the Christus St. Michael Foundation Gala. Voted “Entertainers of the Year” by the Dallas Morning News and D Magazine, this super group electrifies every audience with a combo of high energy dance songs from the past and hits of today. Black tie optional. Feb 3 at 6 PM. Texarkana Convention Center.

2 Rhythm & Ragtime. Featuring pianist Scott Kirby and the Texarkana Jazz Orchestra as Texarkana Symphony Orchestra celebrates the music of Texarkana native Scott Joplin along with other Jazz greats. Feb 4 at 7:30 Perot Theatre. Concert Preview at 6:40PM.



3 Beginners Ballroom Dancing Workshops. in time for Valentine’s Day night out! Fun for young loves and old. Feb 4 at 10 AM, by Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council.

4 History Buff Speed Dating. If you love history and are looking for someone to share it with, look no further! The Museum of Regional History is hosting its first History Buff Speed Dating event! Not quite so interested in history? Come anyway! Reservations required. Call 903-793-4831 or email MoRH@TexarkanaMuseums.org. Sat, Feb 4; from 2- 3:30 PM.



5 Murphy’s Texarkana Gun & Knife Show. Over 200 tables of guns, knives, ammo, self defense products and more. Door prizes. Arkansas Convention Center Feb. 4-5 Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4 \$10 adm, age 11-15 \$5, age 10 & under Free.

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6 **Paint with a Purpose and raise funds for the American Cancer Society!** Paint 'Love' with your choice of heart or cancer awareness ribbon. Click the link and reserve your seat today. Thurs, Feb 2 at 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Painting with a Twist.

7 **Taco 'Bout A Fiesta!** The A&M-Texarkana Young Professionals are revealing Cha-Cha Changes! with a broader vision and a wider reach!.. All members and guests are invited to join in the fun with some chip-pin', dippin' and margarita sippin'! at Vickers & Whitney Fuqua's. Thurs, Feb 2 at 5-7PM.

8 **Tigers Got Talent Prelims.** Texas High students showcase their talent and compete for a spot in our Tigers Got Talent Finale. Tues, Jan 31 at 6:30 PM - 8 PM. Sullivan Performing Arts Center.

This Week's Totally T-Town Fave Foods

9 **Brian Berry**
Vice Chancellor for Student Services
University of Arkansas Hope
Texarkana

recommends...

Sushi from The One Sushi Hibachi & Grill Buffet



10 **Chris Brown**
Executive Director
ARK-TEX Council of Governments

loves

Fajitas from Zapata's



Plus...

Celebrate SUPER BOWL LI with your favorite Totally Texarkana Treats!
Sun, Feb 5, 5:30 PM



It's Time for HS Sophomores and Juniors to Apply for

TODAY'S YOUTH-TOMORROW'S LEADERS!

A program of Leadership Texarkana in partnership with LEISD, PGISD, TASD, TISD

JUNE 19-22, 2017 | Applications on High School Campuses Tuesday, Jan. 31 | Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 14

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