

weekly LIFT

Week of Feb. 13-19, 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 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 Working Smart for Economic,
Social and Personal Well-being...**

DID YOU KNOW...?



YOU have a chance to step up and **WORK SMART** for our community's excellence, and the economic, social and personal well-being of all who live here.

Join leaders from Texarkana USA and sign on with the Texarkana USA Chamber of Commerce as they host day long agendas in both Little Rock (on Feb 22) and Austin (Mar 8) to meet with legislators and state-based leaders in the respective capitol cities, and be part of the collective voices speaking on behalf of our community.

REGISTER BY FEB 15 for LITTLE ROCK. You won't want to miss Capitol Office visits with Lt. Governor Tim Griffin and Governor Hutchinson and presentations including education and transportation.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 903.792.7191.

THEY'RE IN!



Visitors to Texarkana USA make a point to travel our unique Stateline Corridor and **LOOKS MATTER!** and in particular, the looks of **STATELINE MATTER!** Visitors draw their conclusions about who we are as a community based on what they see when they drive this iconic corridor - so we offer our **BIGGEST BRAVO** to the owners of The Carpet Shoppe for their part in...

**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

William (Bill) Harp

*Assistant Superintendent,
School Services, Pleasant Grove
Independent School District*

LT Class of 2012

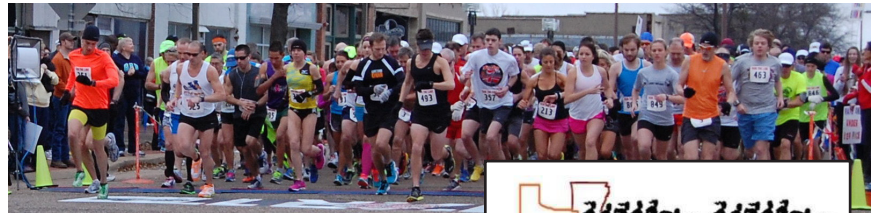
“Leadership Texarkana has provided me the opportunity to get to know a wider group of people who are not in educational related careers. The people I have met over the years are extremely diverse and have different ideas as it relates to improving our city & immediate region. The commonality of thought... Each person—regardless of their business or personal situation—wants what is best for Texarkana.”



“A person must be willing to do what is right even when it is not popular and then have the courage/fortitude/willingness to stay the course. Regardless of your line of work there will be opportunities each day for leaders to take a easier route. Sometimes that choice might be the best course of action, most of the time it is not and as a leader you must be wired to do what is best for the company, students, organization etc...”

Bill prefers to work with groups and organizations that benefit and support students and/or young kids. For Leadership Texarkana, Bill has assisted over several years with LT's leadership program for high school students: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders (TYTL) starts young in engaging and equipping students as community leaders who are working together for community excellence, pride and progress.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN Things to do in Texarkana February 6-12, 2017



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10th ANNUAL Run the Line

Half-Marathon! Sunday, Feb 19 at 8 AM-11 AM. Join the many hundreds of runners from around the country who gather downtown for the adventure of running in two states at once, including the beautiful Nix Creek Trail and Spring Lake Park's Philip McDougal Trail. If you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, bring the family to cheer. Organizers expect to exceed last year's 600+ runners in 2017, from teens to seniors. The race benefits Partnership for the Pathway, an organization committed to building safe, beautiful connecting trails throughout our community. USATF Certified Course (AR09010DLP); RRCA Arkansas Grand Prix Series Race. Register today at <http://txkruntheline.org/halfmarathon/>



AND Kids Run The Line Too on Saturday, Feb 18 at 4 PM at CHRISTUS St. Michael. For kids 5-13 years. Read more at <http://txkruntheline.org/kidstoo/>

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ALSO ON SATURDAY: 26th Annual Black History Parade. February 18, 2017, 12-1 PM. For more information visit, <http://arkansas.txkusa.org/>

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Drop-in Art Workshop (FREE!). Geared towards children ages 4-11. Dress for a mess! No advanced registration is required; TRAHC-sponsored. Free! Feb. 18 from 1-4 PM.

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Eagle Open House-Spring 2017.

Drop in and learn about Texas A&M University-Texarkana, ranging from academics to campus activities, with interactive sessions providing a glimpse into the 32 undergraduate programs offered. Great for prospective students—or anyone! Speak with reps from faculty, admissions, military services, student organizations and more. All prospective students entered in to win a mini iPad and more! Sat, Feb 18 - 9:30am-3pm.



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Take A Polar Plunge! Raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Arkansas as individuals and teams while taking the plunge. Have FUN! - form a team, create a fun name and crazy costumes with friends, co-workers, or classmates. More at Firstgiving.com/ soar. Feb 18 at the Sportsplex by Healthcare Express.

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Pests, Pollutants, and Other Problems: Part 2. Join conservator Zoe Nakasian to learn about conserving your artifacts made of organic materials, such as wood, paper, or fabrics—how to keep them in their best shape for future generations. Feb 18 at 11 AM to Feb 19 at 1 PM; Ace of Clubs House. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call 903-793-4831 or email AceOfClubs@TexarkanaMuseums.org.



7

Riley Green Live at Shooters! Six-foot four-inch, blue-eyed, country crooner from Jacksonville, AL—where AL is not just a “Country State of Mind” - it’s a lifestyle. Sat, Feb 18 at 10 PM-1 AM.

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TRAHC presents ArcAttack! Featured on America’s Got Talent, this show is part rock concert and part science experiment, unveiling the science behind the spectacles such as electricity, voltage and current, magnetism, robotics, and lightning. Entertaining and interactive. Wed, Feb 15, shows at 9:30AM & 12:30PM; Perot Theatre. 903.792.4992.



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Jean Matlock

Texarkana TX City Council, Ward One
Retired Logistics Mgt. Specialist

recommends...

Bacon Cheese Soup at Chili’s

10

Stacey Magness

loves

**White Chocolate Strawberry
Cupcakes at Julie’s Deli...
Perfect for all your Valentines!**



TUESDAY - FEB 14: VALENTINE'S DAY!

Treat your valentines to some of Texarkana’s wonderful culinary delights... EAT OUT - or TAKE OUT!

TYTL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEB 14

HS students who are currently sophomores or juniors may apply for the annual program, which will be held June 19-23. TYTL partners with Leadership Texarkana include LEISD, PGISD, TASD and TISD, but students throughout Miller and Bowie counties are eligible to apply. **Learn more at leadershiptexarkana.com.**

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