

# weekly LIFT

Week of March 6-12, 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!

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A thriving center for  
business, education and  
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serves—us all.

*Citizens committed to  
Working Smart for  
Excellence, Educational  
and Cultural Riches,  
Community Pride,  
Economic, Social and  
Personal Well-Being*



We celebrate Beech Street Baptist Church in Downtown Texarkana for...

### **Making Texarkana TWICE as Beautiful! CLEAN NEAT GREEN PRETTY**

Submit YOUR choices for who is "IN" for making our community twice as beautiful! Email to [info@leadershiptexarkana.com](mailto:info@leadershiptexarkana.com) with a clear photo file, your name, and place identified.

*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.*

Speaking of Second  
to None...

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Members of our local Rotary clubs have invested hundreds of man hours annually with their flag project, which not only makes Texarkana shine with American pride, but which has also raised hundreds of thousands of dollars (est. \$1 million), which have been reinvested by the local clubs to support a variety of community programs that make our community second to none!

If YOU want a flag (or a lot) on your property for the six flag holidays, visit [getaflag.com](http://getaflag.com) or call Joel Campisi, the flag guru!

*Flag photos by Erin Ashley Photography*



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# STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Jennifer Harland

External Affairs Manager  
AEP Swepco  
LT Class of 2011

Jennifer Harland is using her position as Government Affairs Director for the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce to make a difference for our region. She has invested innumerable hours over many months to develop the opportunity for groups of local community leaders to visit policy makers in both the Arkansas and Texas state houses, to build relationships, to foster mutual understanding, and to advocate for our community and its best future.



Jennifer helped host forty-seven Texarkana leaders on the trip Little Rock on February 22nd; the Austin trip will be this Wednesday and Thursday, as part of a 9-county coalition from Northeast Texas which is ready to share the virtues of our region with Texas lawmakers.

No doubt her efforts will make a difference for everyone who lives here.

One of the first programs Jennifer applied to when she moved to our community was Leadership Texarkana, attending her first session within her first few months here. She remains an active part of the organization in many roles, including, among others, leadership roles in Economic Development sessions, attendance of Leadercast, and directing sponsorship dollars for support.

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN

### THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA March 6-12, 2017

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#### Rockin' Road to Dublin

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 | 7:30 P.M.

A fusion of rock and Irish, that puts Irish Dance back in the spotlight. A can't-miss spectacle; the perfect balance between concert and stage show. Perot Theatre



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#### Four States Reining

MARCH 11-12

The western riding competition where the riders guide the horses through a precise patterns of circles, spins, and stops. Four States Equine Center.

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#### Clean Water FUNdraiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 | 4-8 P.M.



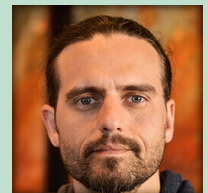
A family-friendly event with carnival-style games, bingo, and hot-dog eating contest, and bake sale. Bounce house and face painting. Hamburger and hot dog supper with \$5 plates. ALL proceeds benefit Jenny Walker's mission trip to build water wells in Africa this summer with Child Legacy International. \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door. For more: FUNdraiserTK@gmail.com

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#### Artist Reception: "Duality" Exhibit

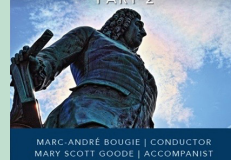
TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 5-7 P.M.

Artist Reception for opening of "Duality" exhibit of Texarkana native watercolor and tattoo artist Joel Wright. John F. Moss Library, TAMU-T campus. Exhibit open through April 28.



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#### MUSIC FROM Handel's Messiah PART 2



#### Handel's Messiah Part 2

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 6 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Texarkana Regional Chorale with the TC Dept of Music. Two performances. Texarkana College. Only \$5.

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## Annual Military and First Responders Appreciation Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 6 P.M.

At Texas A&M University-Texarkana baseball game when the Eagles take on Ouachita Baptist University at 6 p.m. following the presentation of the colors and a moment of silence; wear red to honor everyone deployed. FREE to all active-duty military, veterans and first responders. George Dobson Field at Spring Lake Park.

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## Learn in PLACE

MARCH 8-9

CNN's **Rich Benjamin**—speaking virtually on his book *Searching for Whitopia: An Improbable Journey to the Heart of White America.* TAMUT; 7101 University Ave or Online

**Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Schwaller**—“Examining Race in Colonial Mexico” Thurs, Mar 9, 7-8:30 PM. TAMUT University Center Second Floor UC 217. Refreshments.

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## Rainbow Magic at Discovery Place Children's Museum

SATURDAY, MARCH 11  
1-3 P.M.

An afternoon of fun crafts and games to explore the magic of rainbows and prisms. Free with admission.

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## Pint-Sized Picassos

DUE SATURDAY, MARCH 11 BY 4 P.M.

While downtown with the kids: Drop your child's entry in the 2017 Pint-sized Picassos Art Competition - due Sat, Mar 11 by 4 PM. Twelve winning pieces of nature-themed artwork will be selected for use in a unique desk calendar. Winning artists will receive prizes! Open to any Texarkana area child 5-7 years old. Raising funds for TRAHC's beautiful home in the Regional Arts Center.

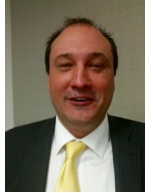


## TOTALLY T-TOWN Fave Foods

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### “Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad from Ironwood Grill.”

**DR. JASON SMITH**  
SUPERINTENDENT  
PLEASANT GROVE ISD



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### “Beef & Broccoli at China Inn.”

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## LIVE MUSIC THIS WEEK

**Tim Montana  
and The  
Shrednecks  
with Roger  
Delano**

SCOTTIE'S GRILL  
MARCH 10

**Frank Foster  
in Concert**

SHOOTERS  
MARCH 11

**StrangeLove  
Concert**

SCOTTIE'S GRILL  
MAR 11

**Trey Johnson in  
the lounge**

TWISTED FORK  
MARCH 11

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