

weekly LIFT

Week of March 13-19, 2017

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE for TEXARKANA

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THEY'RE IN

Here's to the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce—an organization that knows the truth that LOOKS MATTER!

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 with a clear photo file, your name, and place identified.

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Speaking of Community Pride...

Did You Know TAMU-T is Growing a "Big Event" Right Here in Texarkana?

Inspired by an event that originated at Texas A&M University in 1982 when six students felt the need to give something back to the communities of College Station and Bryan, Texas, the Big Event has become somewhat of a national phenomenon at a number of colleges and universities throughout the United States. more than 100 universities have joining the effort, since that time.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni from Texas A&M University-Texarkana will show their appreciation to the Texarkana community during The Big Event: Eagle Pride City Wide, a day of community service on April 8th.

Participants in The Big Event will complete "done-in-a-day" community service projects, ranging from raking leaves, washing windows, removing debris, cleaning closets, spreading mulch, painting and minor repairs, to organizing donated goods,

participating in games and activities with senior citizens, tutoring children and completing other proposed projects.

"We saw a need to reformat the event [from prior student iServe projects] to a big, one-day event where we could unite the entire campus community, not just students," said Stephenson. "We are excited about the various projects we have secured so far. We have confirmed projects with both sides of Texarkana that include Kidtopia Park, Believe in Beverly Community Garden, Harvest Food Bank, Arkansas Animal Shelter, Bobby Ferguson Park and more."

A&M-Texarkana is now accepting applications for work sites and sponsors for The Big Event. For more information, contact Michael Stephenson, co-ordinator of Student Life, at Michael.Stephenson@tamut.edu or (903) 223-1362. For additional information, visit www.tamut.edu/bigevent.



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Barbara Pitts Riley

Director, Bridging the
Gaps of Arkansas
LT Class of 1998



Under the leadership of Barbara Pitts Riley, and with the assistance of the youth team which she leads, Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas reopened the Sandflat, Glendale, Shannon Neighborhood Center on March 2. BTGA is a 501c3 faith-based organization with a global mission. Our mission is to bridge the gaps between individuals and the resources they need to be prosperous and successful.

“The BTG organization is about all the people in the community coming together, to create a safe and positive environment for communities globally. It is also about children engaging in sporting and educational activities and giving the Sandflat Glendale neighborhoods the opportunity to build. Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas is committed to the entire family. This provides a space for the neighborhood to really come together and build a sense of community.. Abandoned buildings are typically just trouble in neighborhoods, and we are committed to eliminating those in the Texarkana Community.” The space will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturday and Sunday for special events.



A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA March 13-19, 2017

1

Kids Spring Break Extravaganza

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 | 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Waterslides, Bounce Houses, Laser Tag, Rockclimbing Walls and More. Four States Fairgrounds. \$5; 2 & under Free. All you can play \$12; Individual Tickets .25¢



ALSO for the kids...

Children's Victorian Workshop

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 | ACE OF CLUBS HOUSE

2



Enjoy a “Taste of Downtown”

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 | 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Ticket lets you take an hors d'oeuvres tour from the Cellar at Verona Italian Restaurant to Hopkins Icehouse, and on to Pecan Point Brewing Company. YUM! Sponsored by Greater Texarkana Young Professionals.

3

Springtime means SHOWS:

Health & Wellness Expo

MARCH 17-18 | 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Health tips, Senior care options, Nutrition and Fitness information, Beauty tips and MORE. Door prizes, give-aways, refreshments. Free. Central Mall.



Annual Home and Garden Show

MARCH 18-19

Great opportunity to meet local home builders, building materials suppliers, landscaping companies, and more! \$5/person over the age of 15; Texarkana Convention Center

Texarkana Cars And Coffee

MARCH 19 | 8 A.M.-12 P.M.

Meet for coffee and awesome cars at the first Cooper Tires meet of the year. Free and open to all cars, trucks, bikes. Cooper Service.



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TX Spring Break Art Camps by TRAHC**MARCH 14-16 | 1:30-4:30 P.M.**

Dynamic art experiences for children of all ages at Arts on Main. Call to register and for more info on AR Spring Break Camp.

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TAMU-T Eagles Baseball X 3**MARCH 14 AT 6 P.M. | MARCH 17-18**

This week at Spring Lake Park! Vs. Southern Arkansas University on Mar 14 at 6PM; Vs. Our Lady of the Lakes, Mar 17 & 18. Go Eagles!

6

Basic and Advanced Skywarn Spotter Classes**THURSDAY, MARCH 16 | 6-10 P.M.**

Classes to educate the public on severe weather threats. The more spotters the NWS has out there, the faster vital ground truth information gets to the NWS forecasters who make the decisions to issue life-saving weather warnings! National Weather Service and Bowie County.

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Inspiration from Dr. Temple Grandin**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

Inspiration from Dr. Grandin and her mother, whom she says saved her life. Role model to thousands of families and persons with autism, Dr. Grandin candidly describes the challenges she has faced, with no-nonsense ideas on how those dealing with autism might improve the quality of their lives. Texarkana Autism & Asperger's Syndrome Conference; Texarkana Ark Convention Center.



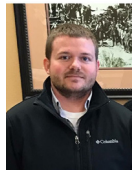
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GO LIVE: Live Music in Txx**An Acoustic Evening with Chris Taylor Brown, the Voice of TRAPT****THURSDAY, MARCH 16 | 7-11 P.M. | SHOOTERS TEXARKANA****Mike Mayberry and the Slowhands****SATURDAY, MARCH 18
7:30-10:30 P.M.**

Scottie's Grill, 8400 W 7th St, Texarkana, Texas

St. Patrick's Day Party w/ Dusty Rose Band**MARCH 17 | FAT JACK'S OYSTER BAR****Jason & Allen for St. Patrick's Day****MARCH 17 | TWISTED FORK****TOTALLY T-TOWN
Fave Burgers****30 Burger**

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"Red, White & 'Shroom Burger with Fries from 30 Burger."**CALEB MUDFORD
MTG ENGINEERS
LT CLASS OF 2017**

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"Cheeseburger with Jalapeños from Reggie's."**DR. DAVID WHITT
HEAD & NECK SURGERY/
ENT ASSOCIATES****Sign
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