

weekly LIFT

Week of March 20-26, 2017

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and place identified.

Want to stay on top of **What's to Love** in our community?

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Speaking of Second to None...

Did You Know that Cooper Tire Employee Christine Linder was Nationally Recognized?

The Manufacturing Institute recently honored local Cooper Tire Employee Christine Linder, one of 130 women recognized nationally, with a **2017 Women in Manufacturing STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Ahead Award**, which honors women in manufacturing who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers. Christine—a 2015 graduate of Leadership Texarkana—joined Cooper Tire in 2002 and is currently Manufacturing Services Manager at Cooper Tire here. Congratulations to Christine!



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Mary O'Farrell

Retired Administrator, TISD
Founder & Manager of Mary's Closet, First United Methodist Church, Downtown Texarkana
LT Class of 1983

"Leadership is about one life influencing another," says Mary O'Farrell. "Helping the homeless and all marginalized people is my passion. Each one of us must take responsibility for the well-being of every person in our community. We must include even those who are not just like us. I invest my time, money and a lot of my energy to the clothes closet at First United Methodist Church at 4th and State Line in downtown Texarkana. Five years ago I began collecting furniture, household items and clothes from the community to give to people in need. (Mary's Closet)... A large percent of the congregation is made up of homeless people and we are in a wonderful location between the two shelters. If anyone has donations to make, I will pick them up in the church van.

...My dream is to have a commercial clothes washer and dryer at the church so I can wash the clothes of the homeless people while they volunteer in the closet."

Call 903-824-5310 to donate or to find out more about Mary's closet.



TOTALLY TXK

Photo of the Week

Spring break fun! Two boys pause for a moment with their arms around each other while playing in the creek at Texarkana College's walking trail. The 1/2 mile walking trail is located at the corner of Robison Rd. and College Drive.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA March 20-26, 2017

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A Night at the Opera SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Join Texarkana Symphony Orchestra and Guest Artists John Riesen, Marsha Thompson, the Texarkana Regional Chorale and the Veritas Academy Children's Chorus for an evening of the best-loved opera arias, duets, and choruses of all time! Concert Preview at 6:40 PM. Perot Theatre Box Office 903-792-4992.

On your way to the theater, drop by the RAC:

"Everything Returns to Nature:" The Art of Joel Wright.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 | 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Opening Reception with artist. Refreshments. Free. Regional Arts Center.



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2nd Annual Senior World Championship Barrel Race (50 & Over) MARCH 23-25

Watch out young guns— the older generation still has it! Three days of fun, laughter and friendships. Four States Fair Entertainment Center.



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Check it out! GForce Indoor Trampoline and Ninja Complex on Stateline!

Learn more at
www.gforcetexarkana.com



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GO PINK! Pink Ride**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 | 10 A.M.-9 P.M.**

Turn out for the PINK RIDE to raise money for folks in our community who need help with medical expenses not paid by private insurance. Motorcycle/car ride leaves Front Street Festival Plaza at 10AM to Garland City for refreshments, then returns for Live Auction, Vendors, Live Music, Food, Adult Refreshments, Bike Show, Jeep Show, 4x4 Show and more! Join the Pink Ride "Grease Flash Mob" and Rock Out (Open rehearsal for any willing flash mobbers is 221 Broad Downtown, Monday at 6:00pm). Pink Ball is Fri, Mar 24 6PM-until at Texas Elks Lodge. Live music by Vernon Hinesley, Food, photo booth, Live Auction. For details on this 2 day event please see www.pinkride.org

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Lots to Learn:**Dr. Walter Casey Super Lecture, "Tulia: Race and Cocaine."****THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 11 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

Headlines and infamy for a small town in Texas.
TAMUT University Center

"Arkansas Women and the Great War" by author and historian Elizabeth Hill.**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 | 1-2:30 P.M.**

Texarkana Museums System. Ahern House. Free.

Texarkana EggFest**SATURDAY, MARCH 25****9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.**

Teams of cooks will demonstrate how to make delicious recipes on Big Green Egg grills all day, including breakfast, appetizers, entrees, and desserts - and ticketholders get to taste it all. Prize giveaways all day. \$15. Dot's Ace Hardware on Richmond Rd.

**Lunch & Learn. Legislative Update by Robbin Bass, Reg'l Rep for U.S. Congressman John Ratcliffe.****TUESDAY, MARCH 21 | 10:45 A.M.-1 P.M.**

\$4.00 for lunch & dessert. Blood pressure, cholesterol & blood sugar checks. Sponsored in part by ATCOG Area Agency on Aging; for 60s and up. Williams Memorial UMC

Check out Community & Business Education classes at TC

View schedule at ce.texarkanacollege.edu



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Art Show Hosted by Joseph Raymond Fine ART**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 5-8 PM.**

Omega Professional Bldg, Downtown.

Then make a couple of mugs with Chris Thomas.**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 | 6-8 P.M.**

TRAHC's Regional Arts Center. 903-792-8681. (or on Sat, Mar 25 10 AM-Noon)

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Team Sumoas' Crawfish Boil Fundraiser at Fat Jack's for Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 2-6 P.M.**

Music by Strangelove, special guest Roger Sheppard provides a little Magic! \$25 for ALL YOU CAN EAT crawfish feast.



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ACT NOW: FUN for Spring Breaks**Texarkana SKYSapes with TMS****MARCH 21-24**

Morning and Afternoon sessions, 8 am until Noon or 1 until 5.

Art Camp with TRAHc**MARCH 21-23 | 1:30-4:30 P.M.**

TRAHC's Arts on Main. <http://trahc.org/arts-classes>

TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves

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"Lamb Chops from Park Place."

RUSS MCDERMOTT
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR
TEXARKANA GAZETTE



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"The Blasphemer from Naamans BBQ."

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