

weekly LIFT

Week of April 24-30, 2017

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE for TEXARKANA

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Speaking of Community Pride...

Did you know that Saturday, April 8 was a stellar day of community commitment and investment?

In the morning: The First Annual Texarkana A&M Big Event Eagle Pride City Wide set a new standard for day of service in Texarkana USA with more than 250 Texas A&M University-Texarkana students, faculty, staff and alumni joining together with the community in tackling projects at more than a dozen locations on both sides of the state line. Following a kick-off pep rally with the Texarkana mayors, participants helped area nonprofit organizations, parks, neighborhoods and animal shelters with tasks such as yard work, painting fences, sorting donations, cleaning and planting shrubs, flowers and vegetables. One group of students even removed an old fence at the Texarkana Regional Airport.

Marina Garza, a senior English major from Garland, Texas, "It was amazing to see the turnout of not just the A&M-Texarkana community, but the people of Texarkana altogether in making a difference for this city." Zak McCarthy, a junior business administration major and Eagles soccer player from Hemel Hempstead in the U.K., said "It was amazing to have the chance to give back to a community



which I now call home. I loved every minute of it."

TAMU-T President Emily Cutrer praised the success and said, "...we look forward to building upon this foundation as we continue this new A&M-Texarkana tradition in the years to come."

That SAME night: - a record-setting 500-plus Texarkanians turned out for the largest ever Women for the Arts' Party with Picassos, raising a record-breaking amount of funds to support TRAH's art programs for children, including its national model ArtsSmart program.

A GREAT community filled with generous souls!



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO PRISSY HICKERSON, 2017 IDALEE HAWKINS LEADER OF THE YEAR

Prissy is the epitome of a leader who has served our community locally, regionally and statewide, looking out for our community well-being during decades of outstanding service as a volunteer and in elected and appointed offices of the state of Arkansas.

Pictured above with Curt Green (2014 Idalee Leader of the Year) and Steve Mayo (2016 Idalee Leader of the Year).

THANK YOU PRISSY FOR YOUR YEARS OF LEADERSHIP ON OUR BEHALF!

For bios and more information about winners, go to leadershiptexarkana.org.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA April 24-30, 2017

1

Texarkana Dragon Boat Festival

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
9 A.M.-5 P.M.

Wonderful community event that's free for the whole family. Groups and family teams may register to participate. Enjoy the races, food and craft vendors, sponsor booths, and more. Benefiting HandsOnTexarkana. Bringle Lake Park.

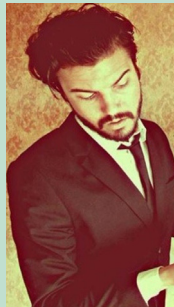
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Community Yard Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
8 A.M.-3 P.M.

Spring Lake Park. UPDATE: Unable to accept electronics for recycling. Call now to reserve a space. While you're at the park, check out the new playground equipment!

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Dr. Jon Taylor and Stark Magic in a High-Energy Comedy and Entertainment show.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
BRIGHTSTAR THEATER

Dr. Jon motivates the audience with hypnosis, showing how to harness the power of the mind! The Stark Magic show is entertainment with a comedic twist, for audiences of all ages, with all the spectacle and excitement of the big top. If seeing is believing, then you will not want to miss this show!

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7th Annual UofA Cossatot Collegiate Rodeo

THURSDAY THROUGH
SATURDAY,
APRIL 27-29

Bring the kids! Events will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Four States Fair Entertainment Center.





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Pollyanna!

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27-SUNDAY, APRIL 30
MULTIPLE SHOWTIMES**

Wonderfully staged story of the optimistic orphan whose name has become synonymous with the positive attitude of her "Glad Game:" finding something to be glad about in every situation, no matter how bleak it may be, including life with her stern and cold spinster Aunt Polly. Performed by Silvermoon Children's Theatre. Let this be the show you discover SCT.

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Wine Tasting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Verona Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar offers wine tastings on Wednesday nights. Soak up the ambiance and taste 5 wines for \$15.



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ACT FAST ... Texarkana Symphony Orchestra chamber music concert at A&M-Texarkana.

Monday, April 24 | 7 p.m.
In the University Center on campus. FREE to public. The concert will feature two trios with the first performing Eric Ewazen's 1990 Trio for Trumpet, Violin and Piano and the second performing Horn Trio in

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E-flat Major by 19th century composer Johannes Brahms.

AND - LEARN!

Bladesmithing School

APRIL 24-28

Sign up to learn Knife Making through Texarkana College's Bill Moran School of Bladesmithing. Produce knives of integral construction, learning all phases of knife making from basic forging to waxing the blade when finished.



Poetry at PLACE: Poetry Workshop & Reading with Dr. Jericho Brown

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Join award-winning poet Dr. Jericho Brown for a poetry workshop at 4PM and reading at 6PM on Thursday, April 27, in the University Center on the A&M-Texarkana campus. Dr. Brown's first collection of poetry, Please, won the 2009 American Book Award and has received tremendous praise since its release. His second collection of poetry, The New Testament was nominated for the NAACP award for poetry and won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. The collection was named one of the best books of 2014 by Library Journal and made The Believer's top five Books of the Year. Both events are free and open to the public.

TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves

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"Sampler platter from Tacos Mi Pueblo."

**RONNIE THOMPSON
LEISD SUPERINTENDENT**



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"Black quesadillas with spinach from Zapata's."

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