

# weekly LIFT

Week of May 8-14, 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!



**Bravo to Legends Gym 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.

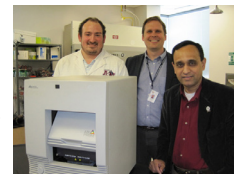
## **Texarkana USA:**

**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 Educational Excellence..  
Did you know that the DOE has  
donated equipment for molecular  
photocopying to TAMU-T?**

The U.S. Department of Energy has donated an Applied Biosystems 7000 Sequence Detection System to the Texas A&M University-Texarkana STEM College (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Sometimes called "molecular photocopying," PCR is a tool used to copy small segments of DNA and is applicable to many fields in biology and related sciences. "PCR is used every single day to diagnose illnesses, identify bacteria and viruses, process evidence from crime scenes and in many other ways," said Dr. David Reavis, interim dean of the College of STEM. "The equipment will allow our students to learn about genetic sequencing with a hands-on approach." [It] will allow the faculty at A&M-Texarkana to incorporate new instructional exercises with the equipment to prepare our students for future careers, propose new research projects for external funding, and allow for a connection with the DOE for future funding projects." Congratulations!



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## STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### Traci Pitman

*Design & Creative  
Services Coordinator,  
Texarkana College  
LT Class of 2013*



Leadership Texarkana is now accepting applications for the LT Class of 2017-18. Wondering if the LT Class is right for you? Here's what Traci Pitman has to say about her LT experience:

"For me, the biggest, greatest takeaway from Leadership Texarkana is that your community is what you make it," she said. "We have choices when it comes to our relationship with our community. If we don't like something about it, we can complain to anyone who will listen, disparage the people we think are in charge, post on Facebook, and sit back and wait for it to get better. Or, more importantly, we can take action and do something to make it better for everyone. When I was part of the Leadership Texarkana class, the organizers did a fabulous job of shining a light on the people across all different sectors in our community who have devoted their lives to making this a great place to live. Complaining is easy. Changing your community for the better is tough but rewarding. The burden of creating a better community belongs to all of us, not just well-known leaders and elected officials. LT teaches you to think 'we,' not 'they.'"

If you haven't been a part of the LT class, we encourage you to apply! Likewise, if you know someone you think would be a great fit, please encourage them to apply. LT will accept applications for the Class of 30 until Friday, June 23. Each applicant must submit an application form, a headshot, and letters of reference. Notification of acceptances are typically emailed to applicants by the third week of July. For more information on acceptance criteria, cost, and class member expectations, go to <http://www.leadershiptexarkana.com/apply-for-the-lt-class-of-30>.

## A T-TOWN TOP TEN

### THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA May 8-14, 2017

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#### BIG WEEKEND DOWNTOWN!



#### RailFest 2017

MAY 12-13

Railfest 2017 will have something for everyone, including a barbecue contest, kids games, entertainment, crafts booths, and vendors, lots of great food and drinks plus a beer garden and more. Although no coolers are allowed, attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

*In conjunction with...*

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#### Four States Auto Museum Spring Car Show.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Registration from 8-11am.

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#### Second Saturday Trade Day

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

On Front Street in downtown Texarkana.  
[www.1894citymarket.com](http://www.1894citymarket.com)

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#### Tour Texarkana's Old Town

Tour during the Grand Opening of this unique interactive look back at the pioneer days of Texarkana's own Broad Street. *Pictured at right.*





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### Mother's Day DIY

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 12-2 P.M.

at Discovery Place Children's Museum. Kids can make a jewelry dish for Mom!



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### Farmer's Markets Up and Running...

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS FROM 7AM UNTIL NOON (OR SOLD OUT).

- The Gateway Farmer's Market on Jefferson Ave
- The Texarkana Farmer's Market on Texas Blvd.



ONE MORE WEEKEND!

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### Disney's Little Mermaid

FRIDAY, MAY 12-SUNDAY, MAY 14

Presented by TexRep and TC in the Stilwell Theatre on TC Campus. Make it a special memory for the whole family! <https://www.facebook.com/texreporg/>

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Go LIVE

### Bri Bagwell

A girl with a guitar, sometimes a piano... and her brand new band, "Banned". <http://brightstartheaters.com/upcoming-events/>

## TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves



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### "The Pimiento Cheese from Flour Child Fine Foods!"

KARYN WHITE  
KARYN WHITE  
DESIGN/WHITE'S  
GLENWOOD HOUSE

*Pictured Above:  
Amanda Horton, Flour  
Child Chef & Owner*



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### "The oh-so-spicy Chef Burger from Twisted Fork!"

LYNN WHITT  
PRESIDENT,  
WOMEN FOR THE  
ARTS



Don't forget to  
make a reservation now to TREAT MOM  
to Mother's Day Brunch at one of Texarkana's many wonderful restaurants!

### ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

#### LIFT YOUR VOICE

SATURDAY, MAY 13

An all-day master Choral Clinic will be held May 13 with Dr. David Rayl of UofMichigan School of Music; Interested participants must attend a special rehearsal of the Texarkana Regional Chorale on Tuesday, May 9.

Learn more: [txkregionalchorale@gmail.com](mailto:txkregionalchorale@gmail.com)

#### SUBMIT YOUR MASTER ART WORKS

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MAY 14

Enter TRAHCs 29th Annual Juried Exhibition, opening July 14, celebrating local, regional, and national artists. For artists 18 and older. \$3,750 in prizes. Learn more at [trahc.org](http://trahc.org)

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