

weekly LIFT

Weeks of July 24–August 6, 2017
Summer 2-Week Edition

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 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!

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 Working Smart for Excellence...

Did You Know Texarkana College leads Texas community colleges in completion rates?



Three cheers to the Texas Travel Center!

**Making Texarkana USA TWICE as impressive
and welcoming—and twice as beautiful!
CLEAN NEAT GREEN PRETTY**

**Welcoming the thousands of visitors who see our
community up close and at its best.**

*For your OWN declaration of commitment to making
Texarkana Twice as Beautiful (to say YOU'RE IN) -
go to leadershiptexarkana.com*



Data from a 2016 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board study shows that Texarkana College ranks first among all Texas community colleges in student completion rates. According to the study, 39.2 percent of Texarkana College students completed a degree or certificate within four years compared to the state average of 24.6 percent for all state community colleges and 33.91 percent for state universities.

If you've attended a TC graduation ceremony in the past couple of years, you can see first-hand that the college is building a culture of completion. TC hosts two graduation ceremonies each year—one in the fall and one in the spring—and every year graduation numbers are increasing. TC officials attribute this monumental success to its committed faculty and excellent academic curriculum, along with campus-wide implementation of its QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) entitled *Connect: Start Smart, Finish Strong*. **Congratulations to TC for setting high standards for college completion rates across the state of Texas!**



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Liz Fazio Hale

Executive Director/CEO
Riverbend Water Resources
LT Class of 2017

In her leadership position at Riverbend Water Resources District, Liz oversees the management and operations of a local water district representing 12 municipalities, 3 counties, and the state's largest industrial park footprint. She is charged with the proper planning and development of our area's most precious natural resource: water. Executive Director/CEO by title and charitable heart by nature, Liz also cares for her sister with mental and physical challenges.

Liz says: "As a return resident to Texarkana, I am excited about tackling the many challenges and cultivating the many opportunities in our region. As a graduate of the LT Class of 2017, I am committed to 1) educating our community about the preservation of our natural resources, 2) participating in regional economic development endeavors, 3) supporting the ongoing efforts to address the special needs of our mental health community, and 4) engaging in our rich cultural and artistic legacies."

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

A Summer 2-Week T-Town Top Ten

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA July 24-August 6, 2017

1

Get Artsy

Go downtown and check out the newest cool factor on Main Street, at TRAHC's Arts on Main! While you're there, ACT FAST to sign up your kids for final classes for the summer. Give your kids the opportunity of making panels for the ArtsPark Artwall at Artwall Camp Sr. - for ages 8-12; OR - sign up for Picasso-rama Sr. for ages 9-12. Both July 24-28. www.trahc.org. Then, while you're downtown, enjoy one of the many wonderful restaurants that have made a home there!



2



Breakfast with Congressman Bruce Westerman representing Arkansas' Fourth District

THURSDAY, AUG. 3 | 9-10:30 A.M.

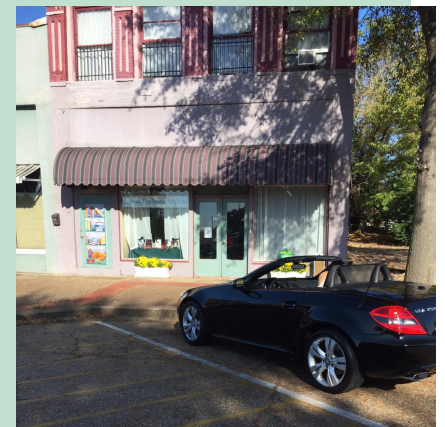
Holiday Inn/Texarkana Arkansas Convention Center.

3

Friends of the Library Book Sale

JULY 28-29 | 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

Held every second Friday and last Friday/Saturday of each month, this sale raises funds in support of our AR/TX Public Library and their many treasures. Put it on your calendar, and while you're at it, bring them YOUR books.





4

READING TIME! A Summer camp for the Literary Child.

AUGUST 1-4 | 8 A.M.-NOON OR 1-5 P.M.

Discovery Place. Explore new worlds and themes with different stories, reading exercises and hands on activities designed to bring the imagination to life! Register for the 4-hour session you need: both morning and afternoon sessions include snacks. Please call 903-793-4831 for your DISCOUNT CODE! Member discount \$5 OFF.



5

Camp Save-A-Life 2017

JULY 31-AUG. 4

A one-week summer medical camp for students who have completed 6th grade up through age 14. At the University of AR- Hope/Texarkana - at the Texarkana Campus.



6

Soccer Time: Fundamentals Camp JULY 24-28

Offered by City Parks and Soccer Assoc. - for any players ages 8 to 16 to either learn the fundamentals or improve on the basics.

OR

TAMU-T Eagles Summer Soccer Camp for kids

(Ages 5-6) at Eagle Field (TAMU-T Campus) 9-10:30 a.m. More online at tamuteagles.com -> camps and showcases.

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Fun Country Park

Fun Country Park has been serving the Texarkana area for over 6 years. Complete with go-carts, miniature golf, a rock climbing wall, and batting cages, the Fun Country Park has something for everybody. www.funcountrypark.com

Add more FUN to your days at:



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Check out the Flea Markets

No need to focus on CANTON.... With at least 8 flea markets located across Texarkana USA, you will not have to wait until the first of every month to get your bargain shopping fix. Check out these locations.

The Back Porch Flea Market
Owls Nest Flea Market
The Cedar Chest Indoor Flea Market
The Red Door Chicken Coop
The Vintage Bucket
Odds & Ends Flea Market
67 Flea Market
The Wagon Wheel Antiques, Old Stuff & Collectibles



TOTALLY T-TOWN Burger Faves

From 2017 Today's Youth,
Tomorrow's Leaders



JACK BAIRD
DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL



MACKENZIE NEWTON
NEW BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL



CALEB LEGRAND
TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

Jack, Mackenzie and Caleb all said Ironwood Grill has the best burgers in Texarkana (and Caleb especially loves the avocado burger)!

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