

WHAT'S TO *Love* TXK

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Speaking of Second to None...

TASD Receives Competitive \$14.8 Million Grant from Department of Education

Texarkana Arkansas School District has been awarded a highly competitive federal Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant from the Department of Education in the amount of \$14.8 million over a five-year period. This grant will fund the district's Montage Project, an innovative STEM project designed to teach complex, real-world skills and problem-solving to students at College Hill Middle School, North Heights Junior High, and Arkansas High School. TASD is the only Arkansas school district to be awarded the MSAP grant. Way to go, TASD!



**Congratulations to everyone at
Texarkana Arkansas School District!**



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STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dr. Catherine Howard

Dean of STEM; Professor
of Chemistry & Biology,
Texarkana College

Dr. Catherine Hagen Howard is Dean of STEM and professor of Chemistry and Biology at Texarkana College. With more than 30 years of experience in education, Dr. Howard has a heart for students of every age and ability and a genuine love of learning. She is an active member of St. Edward Catholic Church, on the boards of Habitat for Humanity of Texarkana and the Texarkana Museum Systems, and a member of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition.

"I have been enormously blessed. My mission for community significance is to do all I can to help others who do not enjoy the same advantages that my family and I do: the homeless, poor, underemployed, undereducated. I hope to continue my efforts to help through my affiliation with the Homeless Coalition, Habitat, the Museum Systems, as well as through my church and my work at Texarkana College. As Luke 12:48 teaches "For unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required."

A T-TOWN TOP TEN

THINGS TO DO IN TEXARKANA October 16-22, 2017

BE MORE THAN PINK®

1

Komen Texarkana Race for the Cure

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

Join others in the community to raise funds and build awareness for the fight against breast cancer! If you haven't signed up, no worries—late registration begins at 7 a.m. on race day. 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m., and family fun stroll begins at 9:30 a.m. Located at Four States Fairgrounds and Bobby Ferguson Park.

2

Taste of Texarkana

TUESDAY, OCT. 17, 5 P.M.

Head to the 26th Annual Taste of Texarkana to sample foods from our area's most popular restaurants, diners, bakeries and food trucks! Held at the Four States Fairgrounds. Ticket sales end TODAY at noon—buy online now via Eventbrite while they're still available!



3

Community Fall Festival

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 5-7 P.M.

Texarkana Texas Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the 7th Annual Fall Festival at Spring Lake Park, a family event with hay rides, costume contests, bounce houses, face painting, and more! Load up the kids and have some fun!

Afterward, get into the Halloween spirit at the park with **Movies in the Park: Hocus Pocus**.



4

Bark in the Park

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Take your furry friends to this FREE community-wide event promoting city registration and rabies vaccination for dogs and cats of local Texarkana residents. Other low-cost vaccinations and \$30 microchipping will also be available.

5

Get Creative

Art Journaling with Agnes Tirrito

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 6-8 P.M.

Learn about art journaling at TRAHC's Arts on Main. This 6-week class kicks off this week. Cost is \$100 for ages 18+; learn more at trahc.org/arts-classes.



Drop-in Art Workshop

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 1-4 P.M.

Parents, drop by the basement of the Regional Arts Center with your kiddos to create some art! Admission is free, and supplies are provided. A parent or guardian must be present with their child.



6

Business Credit Literacy Initiative

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 1-2:30 P.M.



Hosted by the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center, this free workshop is an entrepreneur's guide to credit and money! Held at the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce at 819 North State Line Ave.



7

Infant CPR Training

TUESDAY, OCT. 17, 6-7:30 P.M.

For parents-to-be, grandparents, caretakers or small children, or anyone who wants to be prepared: learn infant CPR to help babies who are choking or aren't breathing at CHRISTUS St Michael's infant CPR training session. Free; registration is required.

8

TAMU-T PLACE Guest Lecture featuring Dr. Kris Lane

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 7-9 P.M.

Program for Learning and Community Engagement (PLACE) presents Dr. Kris Lane, Guest Lecture, "Worth a Peru: Silver, Technological Innovation and Environmental Degradation in Sixteenth-Century South America." Free in Texas A&M-Texarkana's University Center 217.

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Follow the Yellow Brick Road

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Help the Ace of Clubs House make a Yellow Brick Road! Join in on Wizard of Oz inspired activities and decorate your very own yellow brick to take home as a doorstep, or make your own pair of mini ruby red slippers. Free for TMS members and kids under 3; others \$5.

TOTALLY T-TOWN Food Faves

*from the Leadership Texarkana
Class of 2017-18*



"I enjoy the great Monte Cristo sandwich from Pecan Point Gastropub."

ANTONIO WILLIAMS

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10. Crooked Halo at Scottie's Grill

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 8 P.M.

Rock out to some live music from Crooked Halo at Scottie's Grill this weekend.



"I love the Crazy Roll at Fuji Kim's Sushi!"

MENDY WARNER