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THEY'RE IN!

A 2-WEEK T-TOWN TOP TEN

Things to do in Texarkana August 7-20, 2017

The Countdown's on for **BACK TO SCHOOL!**

1. On **Saturday, August 12:**



Wild About Wellness Children's Health & Wellness Fair.

9 a.m.-Noon | Four States Fairgrounds. A day of health-related fun for Ark-La-Tex children and their families - with health screenings, crafts, bounce houses and magic shows. Free admission. Bring your shot records! (Download the Immunization Protocols attachment for instructions on what to bring, what insurance plans are accepted and what vaccines will be available). Questions? contact Andi at 870-772-3771.



Hats off to [Cornerstone Retirement Community](#) for making Texarkana USA **TWICE** as beautiful!

CLEAN NEAT GREEN PRETTY

Email [YOUR suggestions](#) for places in the greater Texarkana USA area that deserve KUDOS for modeling the way and whose commitment to beauty are sources of community pride. Please include a clear photo file, your name, and the name of the location identified.

Sign on for beauty to Operation Facelift or Adopt at Spot at the city of [Texarkana, AR](#) Adopt a Spot at the city of [Texarkana, TX](#).

Read more about [the beauty challenge and saying "We're In!"](#)

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. One-of-a-Kind, Twice as Nice, and Second to None.

Speaking of Personal Well-Being...

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU are needed to define our community's future



[4th Annual Back To School Empowerment Bash!](#) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | The Healing Place. Free school supplies, bounce houses, and more!

Community-wide Back to School Event healthy children event from 2-5PM by Phone Pros and Excel ER, and others with monster trucks, face painting and free photos by Amber Fenix. For more information, contact PhonePros at 903.949.6863.

2. [Final Day of 29th Annual Juried Art Show.](#) Saturday, Aug. 12. Final day of TRAHC's biggest art exhibit of the year. Free at the Regional Arts Center. Sat, Aug 12 &

[Lands of the Caddo.](#) Saturday, Aug. 12 | 12-2 p.m. While downtown, enjoy the Lands of the Caddo at TMS Discovery Place.



3. [Texarkana Children's Charities Open Golf Tourney at TCC and NCC.](#) August 14-19. Benefits Runnin' WJ Ranch. Watch the pros of tomorrow, enjoy a Pro-Am Party, 9 hole shootout and golf clinic,— a golfers dream! Help house these young up and comer golfers who'll soon be in the PGA ranks and the pros of the future—contact mvanherpen@ledwell.com or 903.748.9532.

(Editor's note: The Whitt family hosted young golfer Brian Henninger years ago for a similar Byron Nelson tourney at



The Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating the the Texarkana Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the Texarkana area and needs your input to identify projects that are important to the citizens of this area. The MPO does regional planning for the Texarkana area, covering Texarkana, AR, Texarkana, TX and a small part of Leary, Nash, Red Lick, and Wake Village, TX.

Step up to influence the outcomes by investing a few brief minutes to answer a few questions on [their online survey](#).

MAKE IT SUIT YOUR NEEDS!

MPO reps say, "We appreciate your participation in this process and look forward to inviting you to the Texarkana Regional Active Transportation Master Plan Open House on September 21st".

For more info, call: Rea Donna Jones, Study Director, at 903-794-8637 or [visit their website](#) for contact information.

Stepping Up to Make a Difference

TCC; as a pro, Brian invited us to the Master's tourney where we watched him play his final tied round with eventual winner Ben Crenshaw. You never know!)

4. [Texarkana College Sage: Open House for Seasoned Learners](#). Monday, Aug. 14 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Also from Sage: Join them at 6 p.m. for an Armchair Traveler program about Israel - presented by Dawna Montanelli in the Old Town Saloon at 202 E. Broad Street. FREE and OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. For questions about Sage, call 903-748-1235 or email bjhurst@yahoo.com or Beverly.Rowe@texarkanacollege.edu.



5. [Michael Martin Murphey on stage!](#) Friday, Aug. 18 | Scottie's Grill. This iconic American singer-songwriter—and Linden native—is best known for his Western and country music, including "Wildfire." A multiple Grammy nominee, Murphey has six gold albums, including Cowboy Songs; Murphey is a passionate musical voice for the Western horseman, rancher, and cowboy.



6. [Great Texarkana Duck Race](#). Saturday, Aug. 19 | 9-11 a.m. At Holiday Springs Water Park presented by CHRISTUS Friends of the Foundation. BUY YOUR DUCKS



Dan Shiner

Chief of Police
City of Texarkana, TX
LT Class of 2017

Dan says, "Leadership, to me, is a process of promoting or supporting a direction or course of action, by setting an example or advocating a better way."

My participation in Leadership Texarkana gave me a much broader understanding of our community's history and strengths. I have learned that great strides have been achieved when individuals have made a commitment and have collaborated to bring about change. Improvements in our downtown area are a direct result of individual commitment and collaborative efforts.

My one wish for our community –that could make a difference of significance–is to help foster a sense of personal responsibility in everyone that lives in our city. I hope to facilitate spreading this message every time I have the opportunity to

TODAY and be a big winner by supporting a great cause (technology for local cutting-edge cancer care) - and (maybe) walking away with the goods!)



7. [Holiday Springs Water Park](#). Don't wait until August 19 to enjoy Holiday Springs Water Park - summer days are dwindling! The Park will remain open daily through August 13, then for weekend fun through Labor Day.

8. Learn something new! Sign up to learn something new and keep developing your own potential. Texarkana USA offers great opportunities! Check them out...

[Texarkana College](#)

[Texarkana A&M-Texarkana](#)

[University of AR-Hope/Texarkana](#)

(and don't forget to take the [TMPO Bike and Trail survey!](#))

Totally T-Town Food Faves

Our final post of great recommendations from Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders!



“speak to civic groups and to act as a role model for embracing this concept.”

Chief Dan Shiner has been a police officer for over forty years in multiple communities and states; he reported for duty as Chief of Police for the City of Texarkana, Texas, on August 3, 2007.

HAPPY TENTH T-TOWN ANNIVERSARY, CHIEF!

[Learn more about Dan on our blog.](#)

Back to School Start Dates

- **Aug. 14:** Liberty-Eylau ISD, Pleasant Grove ISD, Texarkana Arkansas SD
 - **Aug. 21:** Texarkana ISD
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“My favorite place to eat is Fuji Kim’s—I order the Philadelphia roll.”

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ

Pleasant Grove High School



“I love the chicken sandwich from Subies Deli.”

ALYSSA SMITH

Arkansas High School



“My favorite is the Big Jack Daddy Burger at Buffalo Wild Wings.”

TREVARIE HODGE

Liberty-Eylau High School

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