

TALK TUESDAY TOP 10

Talk Tuesday, the digital publication of *Texarkana Magazine*, is a weekly look into the lives of some of Texarkana's most incredible residents and community events. Each heartfelt story is a first-person account of people who are finding love, achieving goals, overcoming obstacles, and learning new things across our community and beyond. This year's top ten most read stories drew thousands of readers and confirmed once again that the people of Texarkana really are Twice as Nice.

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My New Life by Amanda Willis | May 30

"Inside of me is a call to help others understand that while the pressures of life are hard, we don't have to project perfection. You simply have to persevere. How do you do that? Keep an eye out and I'll explain how I've found the keys to unlocking the answers. I hope and pray to tell this story so that it resonates with others, and they, too, may find the hope, joy, and renewed faith I have found."



Sisters and Best Friends Prepare for 2023 Miss Texas Pageant May 23

"The word "pageant" can often evoke an immediate negative emotion. Some think of the stereotypical girl vying for a sparkly crown and tearing her competitors down at all costs to win. In reality, the Miss Texas America pageant is the opposite. The Miss America pageant is a scholarship organization focused on community service and scholarships. They provide over one million dollars to titleholders nationwide."



LEISD Senior Perspective 2023 by Derek Murphy, Jr. | June 13

"High school. The most transformative and impactful journey in a teenager's life. No one has the exact same experience, and yet everyone walks away with the same diploma. Individuality is what makes life unique, and I am blessed to have had a wonderful high school experience."



Songs, Sass, and Sequins by Tammy Lummus | March 14

"Four-States Fusion is Texarkana's all-female, barbershop style, a cappella, song and performance group. The choral ensemble consists of twenty women of all ages from Texarkana and its surrounding areas. To say that this group is talented is, perhaps, the biggest understatement of all time. It is not by accident that these musical friends join together to combine such extraordinary talents."





Bledsoe-Williams Wedding

by Blaire Bledsoe Williams | February 21

“Wren and I have gone through life’s biggest moments together. From turning 16 and getting our driver’s licenses to cheering each other on at all of our high school sporting events, going to the senior prom together, and walking across the stage together as Arkansas High School graduates. We both went to the University of Central Arkansas together, made so many fun memories, and met great friends from all over the United States.



The Power of Believing in Someone

by Chase Brewster | March 7

“Years of trying to inspire everyone around me have led me to believe that if one article, or one interview, can impact even just one person, then it is worth sharing. I hope that my story is inspiring to someone and will help motivate them to chase their dreams.”



Local or Lose it

by Jasmine Bruce | November 7

“The next time you’re looking for something special, refer back here to discover an array of local gems Texarkana offers for all our fashionistas. You might be surprised by the treasures you’ll find and the impact you’ll make on your beloved city. Remember the saying, ‘Use it or lose it?’ When it comes to shopping, support local businesses or risk losing them!”



Out of the Mouths of Babes

by Lesli Flowers | May 2

“I greatly advocate reading what you love, no matter your age. Magazines? Newspapers? Comics? Literary Novels? Subtitles? Fine by me. Reading is reading, so let’s get rid of the egocentric stigma. It thrills my soul that my three children have found books that interest them.”



College Advice

by Delia Tuttlebee | August 15

“Remember that you have to be a friend to make a friend. You should seek to know others, even when feeling desperate to be known. You should prepare to find the good, even if you wish you were elsewhere. You should keep visiting churches. You should cry and struggle and pray. And within it all, you should anticipate that there will be new, unique people who will mean more to you than you can imagine. You should know that you still mean a lot to the people you leave.”



Bougie Grubs Hibachi Bowl

by Angela Evans | April 11

This recipe is one of our personal favorites. Check out our monthly contributor, Angela Evans, who helps us keep things fresh in the kitchen. The hibachi bowl is sure to impress family and friends!

