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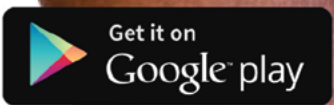
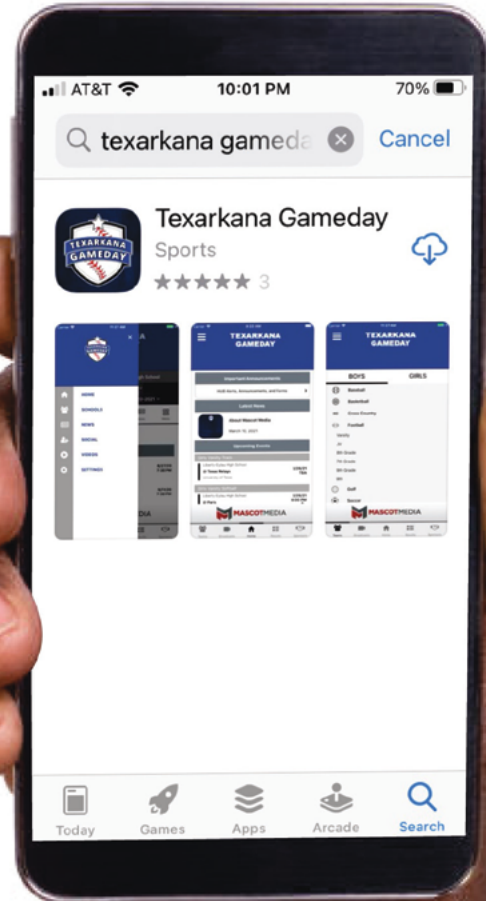
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Texarkana got its beginnings in 1873 at the junction of the Texas and Pacific and Cairo and Fulton railroads. What was once a thunderous rumble of locomotives passing through town in the late 1800s and early 1900s is now replaced with the hum of 18-wheelers traveling down Interstate 30, except for Friday evenings in the fall, when the roar of our local high school football stadiums fills the autumn air. Texarkana may have gotten its roots as a railroad town, but the lifeblood is the hometown football game, and we are lucky enough to have a plethora of high schools within our city limits that provide an unforgettable experience on Friday nights under the lights.

Residents of our great town, which of course is divided down the middle by a literal State Line, have crossed that border every year since 1918 to take part in one of the greatest rivalries in high school sports. Arkansas High versus Texas High easily brings 8,000 to 10,000 spectators through the gates of Tiger Stadium at Grim Park or Razorback Stadium each year. Texarkana is

painted in Razorback red and Tiger orange, and bragging rights are on the line. The Redline Drill Team and the Texas HighSteppers only add to the excitement of one of the oldest consecutive matchups in the United States. Both teams have also had success beyond their annual battle. Texas High was the 2002 4A Division I Texas State Champion, and Arkansas High won Arkansas State Championships in 1973, 1974, 1975, 2006 and 2007.

At Harris Field in Liberty-Eylau, the Leopard faithful pack the stands and the entire school and community take part. The band, the Dazzlers and the cheerleaders energize the crowd and push the Leopards to victory. The atmosphere is electric, and the games are a must-see attraction every week. The band keeps the crowd lively and creates an electric atmosphere throughout the game. Liberty-Eylau added their 3A Division I Texas State Championships in 1999 and 2006 to Texarkana's ever-growing number.

Hawk Stadium, on the campus of Pleasant Grove High School, is nestled among tall East Texas pines. Once in the stands, the Pride in Motion Band serenades the Hawk

fans from kickoff to the final whistle. The Showstoppers form a line from the inflatable hawk and down the field as the football team runs out, and the community support is amazing. Pleasant Grove has Texarkana's most recent football state championships with the Hawks winning the 2017 and 2019 4A Division II Texas State Championships.

Very few of the students orchestrating the ensemble of Friday nights will carry these roles past their senior year of high school. These kids pour out their hearts and souls for the sheer enjoyment of it. The Texas High snare drummer might never again pick up his drum sticks after graduation. The Arkansas High cheerleader may lay aside her pom-poms and enter nursing school, and these fall nights will be a long-lost memory. The Liberty-Eylau Dazzler will go on to college and reminisce about the choreography she used to perform. And the Pleasant Grove football player will graduate and only be left with the fond memories of his time representing the Hawks.

Four years of high school fly by, and these kids choose to spend those priceless moments representing their schools, and our city, for all of Texarkana to enjoy. Do not take those Friday nights for granted. Cheer on all the students and support them in their endeavors. They may be high school kids, but they are also role models for an entire community of younger children. They declare separate allegiances to Hawks, Leopards, Razorbacks and Tigers for now, but Texarkana is home, and they will carry it with them wherever their next adventure takes them.

This is a city of champions, and football Fridays around our high school stadiums provide ample moments to capture its energy and truly understand the passion of our great town. Texarkana excitedly unites each week to cheer on our schools and to experience that one-of-a-kind thrill you can only find sitting in the stands, decked out in the colors of your favorite team, under the glow of those Friday night lights! 📸

The lifeblood of Texarkana is the hometown football game.

BY JONATHAN WEAVER

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TASD—1973, 1974, 1975, 2006, 2007

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BAND

TWO BAND COMPETITIONS IN TEXARKANA

Pleasant Grove Marching Invitational hosted at Pleasant Grove High School on Saturday, September 25th

Four States Marching Contest hosted at Texas High's Grim Stadium on Saturday, October 2nd



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Starting the 2021-2022 school year, TASD will open two new K-5 elementary campuses and a K-12 digital learning academy providing students additional innovative learning opportunities.



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The Harmony Leadership Academy

infuses music into every aspect of the curriculum. Music education has been proven to enhance productivity, creativity, and boost confidence. Students will apply the knowledge of playing an instrument to their day to day learning. This symmetry builds a successful foundation that will carry students through their education at TASD and into their future.



Digital Learning Academy

In addition to a traditional learning environment, TASD offers a K-12 virtual/remote learning opportunity through the Digital Learning Academy. This innovative approach to education creates access and opportunities for TASD students from elementary through high school.



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The LEGACY OF SUCCESS Continues in 2020-2021

Who's Next?

DISTRICT

ACADEMICS

UIL 4A Academic District Champions
 UIL Social Studies (Team & Individual): 1st Place
 UIL Accounting 1st Place Team
 UIL Spelling and Vocabulary 1st Place Team

FINE ARTS

One Act Play District Champions
 Individual Awards: Best Performer, All Star Cast,
 2 Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Outstanding Tech
 UIL Journalism District Champions

ATHLETICS

Varsity Girls Soccer District Champions
 Varsity Boys Cross Country District Champions
 Varsity Girls Cross Country 1st Place
 Varsity Tennis District Champions
 Boys Singles District Champion
 Boys Doubles District Champions
 Girls Doubles District Champions
 Mixed Double District Champions
 Varsity Boys Basketball Co-District Champions

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5-8th Grade Academic UIL District Champions
 8th Grade Girls Volleyball District Champions
 8th Grade Girls Basketball District Champions
 7th Grade Boys Football District Champions
 7th Grade Boys Track District Champions
 Crowd Pleasers 2021 Virtual Showcase Competition
 (Pleasant Grove Middle School Star Steppers):
 Outstanding Academic Achievement
 1st Overall Middle School Medium Ensemble
 1st Middle School Medium Jazz
 1st Middle School Medium Contemporary
 1st Runner Up Middle School Team Pom
 Team Super Sweepstakes
 1st Runner Up - Middle School Solo
 1st Place Middle School Solo Winner
 PGMS Concert Band
 Unanimous 1st division ratings at the New Boston Invitational

BI-DISTRICT

ATHLETICS

Varsity Football Bi-District Champions
 Varsity Girls Soccer Bi-District Champions
 Varsity Girls Volleyball Bi-District Finalist
 Varsity Boys Soccer Bi-District Finalist
 Varsity Baseball Bi-District Champions
 Varsity Softball Bi-District Champions
 Varsity Tennis Bi-District Champions

AREA

ATHLETICS

Varsity Football Area Champions
 Varsity Baseball Area Champions
 Varsity Softball Area Champions
 Varsity Track Area Qualifiers
 Varsity Tennis Area Qualifiers
 Varsity Girls Soccer Area Finalist

FINE ARTS

BAND

ATSSB All-Area Jazz Band Honors - 5 Students
 ATSSB All-Area Band Honors - 6 Students
 Four States Bandmasters Association honors (Concert Band) - 6 students
 Four States Bandmasters Association honors (Jazz Band) - 2 students
 Pleasant Grove High School Early Contest:
 Unanimous 1st Division Concert and Sight-reading
 High School UIL Concert and Sight-Reading:
 Unanimous 1st Division Concert and Sight Reading

THEATRE

One Act Play Advancing Play
 3 All Star Cast, Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Outstanding Tech

REGIONALS

ACADEMICS

Regional History Day - Texas A&M Texarkana
 Outstanding Regional Award
 Individual Exhibit - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
 Group Website - 1st Place
 Group Exhibit - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
 UIL Congress Qualifiers - 2 students

ATHLETICS

Varsity Boys & Girls Track Regional Qualifiers
 Varsity Tennis Boys Singles Qualifiers
 Varsity Tennis Boys Doubles Qualifiers
 Varsity Tennis Girls Singles Qualifier
 Varsity Tennis Girls Doubles - 3rd Place
 Varsity Tennis Girls Doubles Qualifiers
 Varsity Tennis Mixed Doubles - 4th Place
 Varsity Tennis Mixed Doubles Qualifiers
 Varsity Boys Cross Country Regional Qualifier
 Varsity Girls Cross Country Regional Qualifier (2 Individuals)
 Varsity Baseball Regional Champions

FINE ARTS

ART

TRACH Exhibition and Awards -52

BAND

Four States Marching Contest:
 Unanimous 1st Division Ratings in Band, Colorguard, & Percussion
 UIL Regional Marching Contest - Unanimous 1st Division ratings
 UIL Sweepstakes Award for 1st division ratings in Regional Marching,
 Concert Contest, and Sight-Reading
 Middle School ATSSB All-Region Band Honors - 11 Students
 High School ATSSB All-Region Band Honors - 9 Students
 NCTA Winterguard Virtual Competition - 3rd Place

THEATRE

One Act Play Regional Champions
 Best Performer, All Star Cast, Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Outstanding Tech

CTE

Robotics- Regional VEX Robotics Competitions
 2 Excellence Awards
 2 Tournament Championships
 1 Skills Championship

STATE

ACADEMICS

UIL Congress State Qualifier

ATHLETICS

Individual Cross Country Qualifier
 Varsity Baseball State Champions
 UIL Cheer State Spirit Championship - Top 15

FINE ARTS

ART

ARTiculate All State Gold Medals - 42
 State Governor's Student Award in the Arts - 2
 Celebrate Star State Award - Top 10 High School - 63

JOURNALISM

All-State Journalism Staff - 6 students
 TAJE Best in Texas Awards
 5 Superior, 11 Excellent and 11 Honorable Mention Awards
 TAJE "Best of the Best" - 2 students
 ILPC
 State Editors of the Year
 Gold Star - The Hawk
 Gold Star - The Edge
 Bronze Star - PGTV
 Distinguished Merit - The Hawk, The Edge, Hawk Nation News
 7 Tops in Texas
 72 Individual Achievement Awards

BAND

2 All-State Band Qualifiers

STATE (CONT.)

THEATRE

Overall Theatre Team State Champions
 One Act Play State Silver Medalist
 All Star Cast, Honorable Mention All Star Cast
 UIL Film State Silver Medalist (The Fouke Monster Mart)
 UIL Theatrical Design State Silver Medalist

CTE

4A UIL State Robotics Championships State Finalists (2 Teams)
 Innovate Award Recipient
 Overall Certifications Earned - 171
 CCMR Certifications Earned - 73
 MOS Excel Associate - 2
 MOS Excel Expert - 5
 MOS Word Associate - 7
 MOS Word Expert - 6
 MOS Powerpoint - 7
 MOS Specialist - Expert - 1
 MOS Specialist - Associate - 1
 MOS Access Expert - 2
 Adobe Premiere Pro - 1
 Adobe Photoshop - 7
 Adobe Illustrator - 3
 Adobe InDesign - 1
 Adobe Visual Design Professional - 3
 OSHA 30 Hour Safety - 4
 Educational Aide 1- 2
 Phlebotomy Technician - 5
 Microsoft Tech Associate - Javascript - 7
 Microsoft Tech Associate - Java - 2
 Microsoft Tech Associate -
 Networking Fundamentals - 1
 Microsoft Tech Associate -
 Security Fundamentals - 1

Microsoft Tech Associate - Intro
 to Python - 1
 NCCER Core - 3
 Welder's Helper - 1
 HIPPA - 19
 CPR - 26
 10 Hour OSHA General Industry - 30
 10 Hour OSHA General Industry -
 Manufacturing - 13
 Intuit Quickbooks - 3
 ServeSafe - 5
 ToonBoom Harmony - 1

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Texas Education Agency Hero for Children - Jessica Rich
 Texas State Public Relations Association Rookie of the Year - Shelby Akin

NATIONAL

FINE ARTS

ART

National Scholastic Gold and Silver Key Award Winners - 87
 National Art Honor Society Art of Excellence Award Winners - 8
 National School Arts Award of Excellence
 National DIWM Drawing Arts Award

JOURNALISM

18 students named to National Journalism Honor Roll
 2020 Edge Newspaper
 CSPA Gold Crown Award
 NSPA Pacemaker Finalist Award
 National Convention Best of Show Overall - 3rd place
 National Convention Best of Show Newspaper Design - 3rd place
 2020 The Hawk Yearbook
 CSPA Gold Crown
 NSPA Pacemaker
 National Convention Best of Show Overall - 1st place
 National Convention Best of Show Yearbook Design - 1st Place

DRILL TEAM

ADTS Nationals Competition
 National Team Kick Champions
 4th Runner up National Champion Medium Team
 10th place National Champions Best of the Best (out of 40+ Teams)
 7th Runner up National Champion Officers
 2nd runner up Academic Champions GPA 3.72
 Gussie Nell Davis Officers award
 Gussie Nell Davis Team award
 2nd runner up Officer Novelty
 4th runner up Officer Contemporary
 5th runner up Officer Jazz
 5th runner up Team Pom
 1st runner up Team Pop
 2nd runner up Duet

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AUGUST

8/27 H Nashville

SEPTEMBER

9/3 A Argyle
9/10 H Paris
9/17 A Silsbee Nacogdoches

OCTOBER

10/1 A Carthage
10/8 H Pittsburg
10/15 A North Lamar
10/22 H Spring Hill
10/29 A Liberty Eylau

NOVEMBER

11/5 H Gilmer

2021 TEXAS TIGERS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST

8/27 H John Tyler

SEPTEMBER

9/3 A Arkansas
9/9 A Forney
9/24 H Mt. Pleasant

OCTOBER

10/1 A Hallsville
10/8 H Marshall
10/15 A Pine Tree
10/22 H Jacksonville
10/29 H Nacogdoches

NOVEMBER

11/5 A Whitehouse

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2021 ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST

8/27 A Paris

SEPTEMBER

9/3 H Texas High
9/10 H Pine Bluff Dollarway
9/17 A Mt. Pleasant
9/24 H Magnolia

OCTOBER

10/1 A Camden
10/8 H Lakeside
10/22 A Hot Springs
10/29 H Hope

NOVEMBER

11/5 A DeQueen

2021 LIBERTY EYLAU LEOPARDS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST

8/27 A Pine Tree

SEPTEMBER

9/10 H Jefferson
9/17 A Atlanta
9/24 A Life Waxahachie

OCTOBER

10/1 H Van
10/8 H North Lamar
10/15 A Spring Hill
10/22 H Gilmer
10/29 H Pleasant Grove

NOVEMBER

11/5 A Pittsburg

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