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■ **CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System** has announced that Tammy McKamie has joined the



W. Temple Webber Cancer Center.

McKamie will be the Clinical Oncology Patient Navigator, serving as

a point of contact for physicians, patients and caregivers. She will also provide education, resources and other assistance.

A 2007 Texas A&M University-Texarkana graduate, McKamie earned a Master of Science in Nursing in 2010 from A&M-Texarkana.

She is certified in cancer genetics through Myriad Genetics Laboratories and holds an Oncology Certification from Oncology Nursing Society.

BRIEFS

■ The city of Texarkana, Texas, August 2011 sales tax revenue is up by just over 9 percent.

The sales tax revenue was received in October, totaling \$1.068 million.

The figure is up 9.18 percent, or \$89,851 over October 2010's amount of \$978,931.

Charlie Bassett, chief financial officer for Texarkana, said the city's 2011-2012 budget contains a conservative projection of 2.5 percent increase in sales tax for the year.

The city of Texarkana, Ark., will release their sales tax revenue figures later in the month.

■ Financing for Encore of Pleasant Grove, a 168-unit apartment complex being constructed at Pleasant Grove Road and Gibson Lane, has been secured.

Encore Multi-Family LLC, based in Dallas, began constructing the nonsubsidized apartments July 18. Work should be complete in July 2012.

Through the Berkadia lending firm, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved a loan of \$12.2 million for the project.

HUD acts as the lender's insurer.

The project's total cost is \$14.9 million. Encore is contributing the remaining total of \$2.7 million.

A similar project is ongoing in Temple, Texas.

■ Thursday is International Credit Union Day.

The day marks the credit union movement's impact and achievements.

Texarkana has at least 10 credit unions.

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