

## How are our students doing at VISD?

by Dr. Quinten Shepherd, Superintendent of VISD schools

I love stories and anecdotes. They are memorable, easy to repeat, and catchy. As I stated at the Chamber of Commerce “State of the District” address last week though, an anecdote is not data. In my article last week, I told you I would be coming back this week to share data and evidence regarding our students’ performance and I am here to follow up on that commitment.

Let’s start with Gifted and Talented. From 2015-2016 to 2022-2023, we have seen a 94.7% increase in the number of students identified. We now have over 1,000 G/T students at VISD! These previously unidentified students are now receiving more opportunities and more challenges. As our students matriculate through the system, they will be ever more challenged and inspired to grow in their genius.

Some of you may have been at

our AVID awards ceremonies at West HS and at East HS. If you are connected with this program in any way, you have likely noticed a huge increase in the number of students who participate. This has been a purposeful and focused effort on the part of the school district to ensure every student finds a pathway to success through high school. How much of an increase, you ask? 269% since 2018-2019!! Almost 2,000 students participated in this last year!

Let’s move to Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre AP). Since 2015-2016, we have seen an increase of 155% in the number of students who are taking Pre-AP coursework. And it’s not just that more students are in the program, they are taking a lot more courses. The total number of courses is up 195% in that same period! In 2022-23, our students took nearly 8,000 Pre-AP courses.

This leads us to AP courses. We have had a 61.9% increase in

See STUDENTS, pg. 6



Dr. Quinten Shepherd, Superintendent of VISD schools. Contributed photo.



Amber Countis, UHV vice president for advancement and external relations. Contributed photo.

## Johnson Foundation donates \$600,000 toward UHV scholarships, internships

by Lauren Emerson

The University of Houston-Victoria recently received a \$600,000 grant from the M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Foundation dedicated to funding scholarships and internships for students in the Crossroads region.

“The Johnson Foundation has always been very clear in their support for the region and health-related needs, especially in terms of education,” said Amber Countis, UHV vice president for advancement and external relations. “UHV is grateful for the continued confidence that the Johnson Foun-

dation has placed in us, and we are pleased to be trusted with this commitment to continue to serve and support the health-related needs of the Crossroads region through our educational programs.”

The grant funds are divided out to serve two designated purposes.

See FOUNDATION, pg. 6

### IN THIS ISSUE

KVB.....	pg 3
VISD.....	pg 5
Texas.....	pg 7
Path.....	pg 9
La Cocina.....	pg 11

**BAIL BOND  
HOTLINE**

**Office Located Next to Jail**  
**101 N. Moody St. & Constitution**  
**Payment Plans • Military Discount**  
**(361) 578-BAIL (2245)**

# Victoria Art League to host viewing of Patricia de la Garza forensic portrait

No one knew what Patricia de la Garza, wife of Martín de León and co-founder of Victoria, looked like—until now.

The public is invited to a come-and-go viewing of a portrait of Patricia de la Garza by forensic artist Lois Gibson 6-8 p.m. April 26 at the Victoria Art League building, 905 S. Bridge St.

Doña Patricia de la Garza (1777-

1849), along with her husband, Don Martín de León (1771-1834), founded Victoria in 1824. Using her \$10,000 dowry, the couple developed a colony rich in ranching and agriculture, according to information provided by descendant Blanche de León. Patricia was responsible for developing the cultural aspects of the colony; establishment and support of the first

church, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, which became St. Mary's; and the building of the first school to educate the colony's children. Upon her death in 1849, her home was donated to the Church and is the current site of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Nazareth Academy Convent.

The portrait was commissioned by Blanche de León, Dana Garza

and Anna Harrison, sisters who are descendants of Martín de León and Patricia de la Garza.

The sisters, along with de León descendant John Foester and other descendants, have been assisting sculptor Armando Hinojosa with the design of a new statue of Victoria's founding couple. The statue was commissioned by the City of Victoria and will be unveiled at DeLeon Plaza as part of the City's bicentennial celebration in 2024.

The de León descendants' assistance has included commissioning and modeling historically accurate clothing for the artist as well as providing guidance and input based on images of the founding couple's descendants and contributing to the overall design of the sculpture.

However, while a portrait of Martín de León was created for Victoria's 150th anniversary—based on a photograph of his grandson, who is said to have resembled him—no historically accurate image of Patricia de la Garza had ever been created.

"We had a pretty good idea of what Martín de León looked like, but we were kind of clueless when it came to Patricia de la Garza," Blanche de León said at a recent City Council meeting.

To solve this problem, they reached out to forensic artist Lois Gibson, who created a portrait of Patricia de la Garza based on more than 50 photos of her descendants.



Contributed art.

"It is just stunning," said Blanche de León, who is one of the few people to have seen the portrait so far.

The City of Victoria is making plans to display historical artifacts and memorabilia during the bicentennial celebration, and the portrait will be included in these exhibitions of Victoria's heritage.

To learn about historical sites, museums and other attractions in Victoria, visit [www.explorevictoriatexas.com](http://www.explorevictoriatexas.com).

The purpose of the City of Victoria Communications & Public Affairs is to provide Victoria residents and local media with timely and accurate information about City government through written communications, video, social media and other accessible channels.

**Revista de Victoria** P.O. Box 1412 Victoria, TX 77902 • 361-218-9464  
 revista@att.net

**Sales**  
 Peter Moralez  
 Cynthia C Ramirez

**Contributing Editors**  
 Santos Raya  
 Pedro Raya  
 Peter Morales

**Publisher**  
 Revista, LLC/Terry Ellis

**Managing Editor**  
 Emmett Alvarez

**Graphic Design**  
 Trisha Dean

*Revista de Victoria is published monthly.* [www.RevistadeVictoriaTx.com](http://www.RevistadeVictoriaTx.com)

**EL CLAVO LUMBER**  
 BUILDING SUPPLIES




**USG 3.5 lbs Box**  
**\$ 8.98**



**MI**  
**MI 3540 Series Single Hung-White**  
 3050 - \$ 228.33  
 (36" x 60")

**"Our family serving yours since 1975"**

**Commercial & Residential**  
 (361)579-0006  
 682 Burroughsville Road, Victoria TX



**Screen Printing**  
**Direct to Garment Printing**  
**Embroidery**  
**Full Sublimation**  
**Engraving**  
**Banners**  
**Yard Signs**  
**Magnets**  
**and much more**

**for more information contact us at the following**  
**1-361-897-9267 or [Blingsnb3@gmail.com](mailto:Blingsnb3@gmail.com)**  
**veteran owned**  
**military discount**  
 39 N San Antonio • Bloomington, Texas

# The Reserve Apartments earns City beautification award

Keep Victoria Beautiful board members and The Reserve Apartments staff and leadership pose for a photo April 4 at The Reserve Apartments, 8602 Zac Lentz Parkway.

The Reserve received KVB's beautification award for the month of April. The award is given monthly to recognize organizations that help to beautify the Victoria community through property upkeep, landscaping and other improvements.



KVB board and Reserve staff. Contributed photo.

To nominate an organization to receive the award, visit [www.victoriatx.gov/kvb](http://www.victoriatx.gov/kvb) and click on "Beautification Awards."

The purpose of the City of Victoria Communications & Public Affairs is to provide Victoria residents and local media with timely and accurate information about City government through written communications, video, social media and other accessible channels.

To advertise,  
call 361-218-9464.

## VICTORIA'S LARGEST COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER



We Don't Horse Around

### JAMES WAYNE PROPERTIES

*Serving Victoria & Surrounding Areas for Over 30 Years*

**Warehouses • Strip Centers/Retail • Industrial Complexes • Office Buildings • Rent-a-Shops**

Our experienced & knowledgeable staff is personally invested in every individual & business we partner with. We employ our own property managers & maintenance staff & on call 24/7 to ensure our tenants are fully supported & operational.

**Full Service Property Management Company**

**Premium Properties & Locations • Affordable & Flexible Leases**

**Superior Staffing & Support of Lease Holders**

2608 N. Laurent St. • Victoria, TX 77901

**(361) 578-1258**

**jameswayneproperties.com**

# STEM Day at the Chamber Luncheon

This week, I had the opportunity to present the “State of the District” at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. I wanted to use my time to give the attendees a unique look into the experiences our students participate in regularly. We have spent the last four years working to provide our students with diverse pathway options to ensure their academic and professional success. A key component of our pathway work has been the development of STEM elementary experiences, STEM middle school, and STEM high

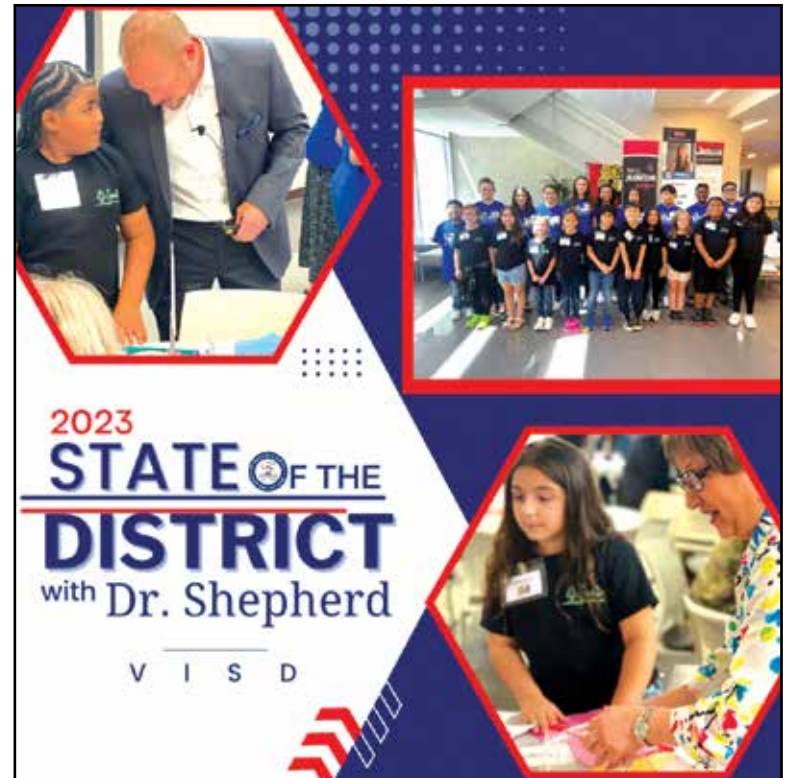
school experiences. STEM education has become an integral part of our curriculum, and we believe it is essential to provide students with the opportunity to engage in this type of coursework.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, and it is an interdisciplinary approach to learning that integrates these four fields into a cohesive curriculum. STEM education is important because it prepares students for the 21st century workforce, which is increasingly reliant on technology and innova-

tion. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that employment in STEM occupations will grow by 8.8% from 2018 to 2028, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.

STEM education teaches students important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration, which are crucial for success in any field. These skills are not only valuable in the workforce but also in everyday life. For example, critical thinking skills enable students to make informed decisions and evaluate the validity of information, while problem-solving skills enable them to find solutions to complex problems.

At VISD, we have developed STEM elementary experiences to introduce students to these concepts early on in their academic journey. Through hands-on activities and projects, students learn about science, technology, engineering, and math in a fun and engaging way. This helps to foster a love for these subjects and encourages students to pursue them further in middle school and high school. We brought several students to the Chamber luncheon in order to give a demonstration and engage the audience in a real-world, design challenge, and problem-solving opportunity. I loved seeing some of our community members working shoulder to shoulder with some of our



Contributed photos and art.

**All Bills Paid**

**No Credit Check, No Deposit**

**1, 2, 3 Bed Rentals**

**(361) 897 - 1430**

361-897-1430

**All bills paid!**

**WEEKLY RATES  
PETS ALLOWED  
SAME DAY MOVE IN**

**OMG! BAD CREDIT,  
NO CREDIT,  
NO PROBLEM!**

**NEVER PAY AN  
ELECTRIC BILL  
AGAIN!**

students.

In our STEM middle school and high school programs, students build upon their elementary experiences and delve deeper into these subjects. They engage in project-based learning, which allows them to apply their knowledge to real-world problems. In time, we hope to give them access to state-of-the-art technology and equipment, to prepare them for the rigors of high school and beyond. Our STEM high school program provides students with a head start in their post-secondary education and prepares them for high-demand, high-paying jobs in the STEM field.

STEM education is critical for the success of our students in the 21st century. It provides them with valuable skills that are necessary for success in any field and pre-

pare them for the high-demand, high-paying jobs of the future. I am proud of the work we have done in our school district to provide our students with diverse pathway options, including STEM education, and I am confident that it will continue to benefit them for years to come. All these programs have come to fruition because of grants the district has written in the 5 past four years and I am hopeful our community will continue to both desire and support these programs moving forward!

Finally, I hope you are thinking, “This sounds great, but how are our students performing academically?” Well, I’m glad you asked! Next week I am coming back to you with real data on how our students are doing.

**Revista de Victoria**  
The Crossroad area's only bilingual newspaper since 1991

**361-218-9464**

**revista@att.net**

**www.revistadevictoriatx.com**

# VISD Preparing for 2023-24 Priority Registration



Contributed photo and art.

As Victoria ISD prepares for the 2023-24 school year, online student priority registration will begin on Monday, May 1, 2023. All students, current and new, who will attend a VISD school in the 2023-24 school year must register using the online system, including those entering the Early Childhood Center and Pre-K. Online registration is available in both English and Spanish.

By completing online student Priority Registration between May 1-31, families can secure seats at their Elementary Home Zoned Campus and/or support Secondary Student Course Selections.

In preparation for online student registration, all school offices must have an up-to-date, accurate email address, mailing address, and primary phone number for each child. This will allow parents/

guardians to receive all-important letters and announcements. Primary Contact emails must be accurate for current students to receive individual Snapcodes to complete online registration. It is essential that campuses and the district have your most current contact information on file. If necessary, contact your child's campus to update your information.

Beginning the week of April 24, VISD will begin emailing parents/guardians of students currently enrolled in the VISD a Snapcode letter. Parents with more than one child currently enrolled in the VISD should receive a unique Snapcode email for each current student.

Parents of students new to VISD in 2023-24 can also log on to the VISD online registration link beginning May 1 to register for

2023-24 by clicking on the "Online Student Registration" button on the VISD website homepage. No Snapcode is needed for new students.

Both new and current students will need to provide proof of address, parent/guardian photo ID

and, if entering early education, Pre-Kindergarten 3, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or 7th grade, a current immunization record. If additional documents are needed, the school will contact you.

If any help is needed to complete online Priority Registration,

please contact your campus, VISD Connections, or Student Services.

Additional information about the online registration process is posted on the VISD website at [www.visd.net/registration](http://www.visd.net/registration); click the "Online Student Registration" button.

**STUDENTS**, from pg. 1

the number of students involved in our AP courses at West and East HS between 2017-2018 and 2022-2023. But I am certain you are thinking, “great, more kids in the courses, but how are they doing?” Well, I am glad you asked! The percentage of students who have passed with a 3, 4, or 5 has increased by 43.2% in this same time frame.

What about dual credit? The number of dual credit courses taken is up 93% in the past five years! West High School students took 124 dual credit courses in

2019. In 2023, that number is 173. East High School course count increased from 88 to 236!

Career and Tech Ed is a huge focus for us as well so let me share some program information. All of the data that follows is from 2016-2017 to 2022-2023. With over 1,000 students participating in agriculture, food and natural resources, we have seen a 202.8% increase in that period! Architecture and construction have gone from 10 students to 241 (a 2,000% increase). Arts, audio visual, and tech have increased from 170 students to 736! Business, marketing, and finance have increased

141.5%. Education has increased over 1,000% with 515 students enrolled! This is a fantastic success due in large part to our growing P-TECH initiative. Health science is up 48.3%. Law is up 14%, STEM is up 35.5% with over 200 students enrolled in STEM programming! More kids, learning more. More, more, more!

Oh, and finally graduation rates. We underperformed the state average in 2016 and 2017 when it came to our graduation rate. Starting in 2018, we have seen a marked increase. We have a four-year graduation rate of 96%, while the state average remains at 90.3%.

These numbers just seem crazy, right? How is it possible that so many more students are finding themselves in either AP, Dual Credit, or CTE? It is all about pathways. We endeavor to ensure every student is challenged in a way that is appropriate for them as there are no lesser paths through high school. The secret is to give our students (and caregivers) the opportunity to jump on a pathway that fits their learning style and expectations. Helping our students find their path is key to our success now and in the future. We are committed to ensuring every student graduates with an “&.”

So how are we doing? In a word, amazing. Our students, their parents and caregivers, and our teachers are remarkable human beings with a never-ending drive toward continuous improvement. I love sharing this real data with anyone who will listen because this is the true story of our school district, and we all have a lot to be proud of! I hope you found some piece of information in this article and are willing to share it with someone the next time you are asked about the quality of Victoria ISD schools.

**FOUNDATION**, from pg. 1

The largest portion, \$500,000, will be used to fund scholarships for students majoring in subjects including nursing, biology, psychology, health-related kinesiology programs, health studies, biomedical sciences and healthcare management. The remaining \$100,000 will go toward paying students in

unpaid or underpaid internships in the same subject areas. To be eligible to receive the scholarship or internship funds, students must be residents of Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, Waller and Wharton counties.

The Johnson Foundation is a longtime supporter of UHV and

has contributed to many scholarships, programs and facilities that support the university’s health-related academic programs for students in the Crossroads. This most recent contribution was a gift that will benefit students in many areas of the university, Countis said.

“Health care and education are two essential, important areas of society, and the M. G. & Lillie A.

Johnson Foundation is dedicated to helping to serve the needs of our region in these areas,” said Robert Halepeska, executive vice president of the foundation. “We are pleased to continue our support for UHV in its efforts to serve the needs of our community and the region, especially in the areas of health care services.”

The funds for unpaid internships will support students as they gain workplace experience and move toward beginning their careers. The university received another grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2022 that was designated for the same purpose. Grants such as these make internship opportunities more accessible for students of all economic levels, said Kelsey Norgard, director of alumni and annual giving.

“Many companies offer intern-

ships for students who are looking to gain experience in their chosen fields and professions, but those internships often are unpaid positions,” Norgard said. “That can be a hinderance for students who are not on a solid economic footing and need to have a steady paycheck to support themselves and their families. Grants such as this one from the Johnson Foundation make it so that students can get fair pay for their work at internships and gain valuable experience while continuing to support themselves.”

Students who are interested in applying for scholarship funds should work with the university’s Financial Aid office when applying for aid each semester. Students who are applying for internships can apply for the funds by working with the university’s Career Development Center.



The key element in every personal loan?

**The person.**

Unmatched service. Multiple loan options.

And a trusted partner to help you find the right one.

Visit us at [frostbank.com](http://frostbank.com)  
or call 800-51-FROST.



## Helping the Seriously Injured

COLE  
COLE  
EASLEY &  
SCIBA, P.C.



**TRIAL ATTORNEYS**

-Industrial Accidents      -Defective Products  
-Workplace Injuries      -Oil and Gas Law  
-Serious Auto Accidents      -Wrongful Terminations

Se Habla Español

**361.575.0551**  
[www.CCE-Vic.com](http://www.CCE-Vic.com)

# Texas Breaks More Records in March 2023: Labor Force Size, Number Employed, and Job Count



Texas workforce grows in 2023. Contributed photo.

Texas attains new records in March 2023 with the largest civilian labor force and greatest number of people employed in state history. The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force increased by 78,800 to reach a series-high

14,898,100 people, while the unemployment rate held steady at 4.0 percent. Texas added 28,600 positions to reach another series-high job count at 13,839,200 total nonfarm jobs. Since March 2022, 575,100 positions have been added.

“In setting this 18th consecutive monthly employment record, Texas demonstrates the strong employment opportunities in the state,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. “TWC strives to support

continued growth with work-based learning tools that advance Texas’ expanding needs.”

Texas’ over-the-year employment growth through March 2023

outpaced the nation in every one of the 11 major industries. Over the month, Leisure and Hospitality led job growth with 7,400 positions

See RECORD, pg. 8

### A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y PARTES INTERESADAS:

Union Carbide Corporation, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) lo siguiente: Enmienda de los Permisos 6141A y 1567

Esta solicitud autorizaría la modificación de Seadrift Operations ubicada en el 7501 State Highway 185 North, Seadrift, Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Esta solicitud está siendo procesada de manera acelerada, permitido en las reglas de la comisión en el Código Administrativo 30 de Texas, Capítulo 101, Subcapítulo J. Información adicional sobre esta solicitud se encuentra en la sección de avisos públicos de este periódico.

**tisd.net**

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

**El Mejor Internet en Los Crossroads**

¡LLAME HOY Y OBTENGA LA INSTALACIÓN GRATIS CUANDO MENCIONAS ESTE ANUNCIO!

**361-573-1102**

WWW.TISD.NET

3001 N CAMERON ST, VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901

510 N VIRGINIA ST, PORT LAVACA, TEXAS 77979

## COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS



## AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)

NÚMERO DE PERMISOS DE CALIDAD DE AIRE 6141A y 1567

**SOLICITUD.** Union Carbide Corporation, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para: Enmienda de los Permisos 6141A y 1567.

Esta solicitud autorizaría la modificación de Seadrift Operations ubicada en el 7501 State Highway 185 North, Seadrift, Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Esta solicitud está siendo procesada de manera acelerada, permitido en las reglas de la comisión en el Código Administrativo 30 de Texas, Capítulo 101, Subcapítulo J. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no como parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.771666,28.515&level=13>. La instalación emitirá los siguientes contaminantes: monóxido de carbono, contaminantes peligrosos de aire, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos, material particulado que incluye material particulado con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos y dióxido de azufre.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el día 10 de abril del año 2023. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi y en la biblioteca del condado de Calhoun, por la calle 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Texas a partir del primer día de publicación de este aviso. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe alguno, está disponible para revisión pública en la oficina regional de la TCEQ en Corpus Christi.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud.

**COMENTARIO PÚBLICO.** Usted puede enviar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios públicos al desarrollar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios.

**REUNIÓN PÚBLICA.** Puede solicitar una reunión pública a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. El propósito de una reunión pública es para brindar la oportunidad de enviar comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública sobre la solicitud si lo solicita una persona interesada y el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

**AVISO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR.** Además de este NORI, el Código Administrativo 30 de Texas (TAC) § 39.419 requiere que esta solicitud también tenga un Aviso de Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar (NAPD, por sus siglas en inglés) después de que se determine que la solicitud está técnicamente completa y se prepare un bosquejo de permiso. **Tenga en cuenta que: La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin emitir un NAPD y sin buscar más comentarios públicos o proporcionar más oportunidades para una audiencia de caso impugnado si los cambios en las representaciones en la solicitud hacen que la solicitud ya no esté sujeta a los requisitos de aplicabilidad de 30 TAC § 39.402. En tales casos, este NORI será su aviso final de esta solicitud y no tendrá oportunidades adicionales para hacer comentarios o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado.** Si se requiere un NAPD, se publicará y enviará por correo a aquellos que hicieron comentarios, enviaron solicitudes de audiencia o están en la lista de correo para esta solicitud, y contendrá la fecha límite final para enviar comentarios públicos.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO** Puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado si usted es una persona que puede verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes del aire de la instalación. Si solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal y número de teléfono diurno; (2) nombre y número de permiso del solicitante; (3) la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado”; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería afectado negativamente por la aplicación y las emisiones atmosféricas de la instalación de una manera no común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad en relación con la instalación; (6) una descripción de cómo utiliza la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalación; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que envíe durante el período de comentarios. Si la solicitud es hecha por un grupo o una asociación, uno o más miembros que tienen capacidad para solicitar una audiencia deben ser identificados por su nombre y dirección física. También deben identificarse los intereses que el grupo o asociación busca proteger. También puede presentar los ajustes propuestos a la solicitud / permiso que satisfagan sus inquietudes.

La fecha límite para presentar una solicitud para una audiencia de caso impugnado es de 30 días después de que se publique el aviso del periódico. Si una solicitud se presenta oportunamente, la fecha límite para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se extenderá a 30 días después del envío de la respuesta a los comentarios.

Si una solicitud de audiencia se presenta oportunamente, después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y solicitudes aplicables, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de un asunto impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus observaciones oportunas que no hayan sido retiradas posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de una audiencia se limitará a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas con preocupaciones relevantes y materiales sobre la calidad del aire presentadas durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como los valores de las propiedades, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico, y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordar en este procedimiento.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Además de enviar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar ser colocado en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos para esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial a la dirección a continuación.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben enviarse electrónicamente a [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluido su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se convertirá en parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información por parte de Union Carbide Corporation, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979-0186 o llamando a el Sr. Shawn Pena, EH&S Delivery Manager al (361) 553-3401.

Fecha de Emisión del Aviso: el día 4 de abril del año 2023

**RECORD**, from pg. 7

added, followed by Construction, which increased by 5,800 jobs. Also of note, both Trade, Transportation and Utilities and Private Education and Health Services grew by 5,400 jobs in March.

“The state’s private industries are booming, with a 4.6 percent growth rate over-the-year,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. “From manufacturing to professional and business services, TWC and our 28 Workforce Solutions partners across the state have tools to help Texas employers, large and small, keep pace with the rapidly growing Texas economy.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.6 percent in March, followed by Amarillo at 3.1 percent, then College Station-Bryan at 3.2 percent.

“The Texas civilian labor force, with 14.9 million people, continues to demonstrate resilience and growth,” observed TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. “Here at TWC, we are focused on unlocking opportunities for our workforce. From apprenticeships to upskilling to quality childcare, we are dedicated to helping every Texan have the opportunity to reach their career goals.”

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID Sealed bids addressed to Victoria Electric Cooperative, MUST be received at 5502 US Hwy. 59 North, Victoria, Texas 77905, May 12, 2023. Utility Distribution storm outage restoration for Right-of-Way, and Fiber and Electric Construction must furnish all labor and equipment, performing all work required for outage restoration. The envelope containing the bid shall be clearly marked “Outage Restoration Contract and Bid”. The instructions for Bidders, Contract, and Specifications will be available at the Victoria Electric Cooperative office, 5502 US Hwy. 59 North, Victoria, Texas 77905. Victoria Electric Cooperative reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. All proposals become the property of Victoria Electric Cooperative upon receipt and will not be returned. Any information deemed to be confidential by Respondent should be clearly noted on the pages where confidential information is contained; however, the Parties understand that under the Texas Public Information act, a Court order or the Texas Attorney General may compel Victoria Electric Cooperative to disclose all or part of any public record not considered confidential under Texas Law. Priscilla Hunter, Executive Assistant, Victoria Electric Cooperative, Victoria, TX. All Right-of-Way, Communication & Utility Construction businesses are encouraged to submit bids. Victoria Electric Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

# Path to electrical engineering career began close to home for Victoria native



Fritz Boedeker, VC Alum. Contributed photo.

Fritz Boedeker and Victoria College go way back.

As a student at nearby Memorial High School (which closed in 2010), he completed dual-credit courses at VC before graduating from high school in 2003. Boedeker moved to Austin and enrolled at Austin Community College but opted to leave school and enter the workforce.

Seven years later, he returned to VC before moving on to Texas A&M University-Kingsville to complete a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering in 2015.

"My dad installed electronics for the longest time, which really got me into electrical engineering," he said. "I started working with him at a young age, networking computers and installing home theaters with surround sound."

"I was 25 years old when I went back to school. I was at Victoria College for two years. It most definitely prepared me well for what to expect at Texas A&M-Kingsville."

Boedeker worked full time while attending VC. Although that made

returning to school somewhat difficult, he recognized it would pay off in the end.

"I pretty much did general studies courses — math, physics, chemistry — at Victoria College," he said. "They have an Instrumentation Program, so I took a couple of electronics classes to better prepare me, too."

Boedeker, 37, is now in his seventh year as an instrument engineer for Formosa Plastics in Point Comfort.

"In electrical engineering, when you go through and get your bachelor's degree, it's really general and broad," he said. "You can pretty much do anything once you get the degree. If you want to specialize in something like power systems, you can go back and get your master's degree. But the bachelor's degree prepares you for the workforce, and you're pretty much hire-able anywhere."

While a student at VC, Boedeker showed tenacity that impressed Melanie Yosko, VC's Department Chair of Mathematics & Engineering.

"As one of my math students, Fritz was persistent and never gave up," she said. "He now has a successful career as an engineer, and

he's still working on his education. I'm very proud of his progress and knowing that VC played a part in his journey."

In 2021, VC and Texas A&M-Kingsville entered an educational partnership for engineering  
See PATH, pg. 10

**DAME UNA OPORTUNIDAD. BRÍNDAME TU TIEMPO.**

**CASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN

Quando un niño se encuentra bajo el cuidado temporal del estado, el o ella necesita a alguien que se encargue de su bien estar. Eso es lo que hace un voluntario de CASA. Es una persona que se dedica a protegerlos durante momentos difíciles para que estén sanos y salvos. Visita [GoldenCrescentCASA.org](http://GoldenCrescentCASA.org) para obtener más información.

**GoldenCrescentCASA.org**  
**(361) 573-3734**

Debe ser bilingüe.

**HARDY McKENZIE LAW**

**Justice • Integrity • Honor • Results**

**Trial lawyers who get results!**

**205 South Main Street**  
**Victoria, Texas 77901**

**361.570-8299**

**Sandra L. McKenzie**  
**G.P. Hardy, III**

*2nd Annual Emmy Saenz*

**PRE SALE**

**\$20 FOUNDRAISER**

**JUNE 10th, 2023**

**VICTORIA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**DOORS OPEN @ 7PM DANCE TILL 12AM**

**TICKET LOCATIONS**  
REVISTA DE VICTORIA  
2001 E SABINE #109

**RESERVATIONS / TICKETS**

CLARA	361-541-9250
ROSEMARY	361-894-3998
PETE	361-648-8401
JANIE	361-212-8888
MIKE	361-652-4985

## COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS



## AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)

NÚMERO DE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DEL AIRE PROPUESTO 172117

**SOLICITUD.** Texas Flow Tankage, LLC, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para: Emisión de Permiso 172117. Esta solicitud autorizaría la construcción del Terminal Marítimo de Condensados ubicado en 1934 Farm-to-Market Road 1432, Victoria, Condado de Victoria, Texas 77905. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no como parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.957467,28.696836&level=13>. La instalación emitirá los siguientes contaminantes: monóxido de carbono, contaminantes peligrosos del aire, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos de carbono, materia en partículas con un diámetro de 10 micrones o menos y 2.5 micrones o menos, y óxidos de azufre.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el día 17 de marzo del año 2023. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la oficina regional de TCEQ Corpus Christi y la biblioteca pública de Victoria por la calle 302 North Main Street, Victoria, Condado de Victoria, Texas a partir del primer día de publicación de este aviso. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe alguno, está disponible para su revisión pública en la oficina regional Corpus Christi de la TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud.

**COMENTARIO PÚBLICO.** Usted puede enviar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios públicos al desarrollar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios.

**REUNIÓN PÚBLICA.** Puede solicitar una reunión pública a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. El propósito de una reunión pública es para brindar la oportunidad de enviar comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública sobre la solicitud si lo solicita una persona interesada y el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

Una vez completada la revisión técnica de la solicitud, el director ejecutivo puede preparar un bosquejo de permiso y emitirá una decisión preliminar sobre la solicitud. Si se prepara un bosquejo de Permiso de Calidad del Aire, se requiere un Aviso de Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar y luego se publicará y enviará por correo a aquellos que hicieron comentarios, presentaron solicitudes de audiencia o están en la lista de correo para esta solicitud y contendrá la fecha límite final para enviar comentarios públicos.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO.** Puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado si usted es una persona que puede verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes del aire de la instalación. Si solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal y número de teléfono diurno; (2) nombre y número de permiso del solicitante; (3) la declaración “[Yo/nosotros] solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado”; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería afectado negativamente por la aplicación y las emisiones atmosféricas de la instalación de una manera no común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad en relación con la instalación; (6) una descripción de cómo utiliza la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalación; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que envíe durante el periodo de comentarios. Si la solicitud es hecha por un grupo o una asociación, uno o más miembros que tienen capacidad para solicitar una audiencia deben ser identificados por su nombre y dirección física. También deben identificarse los intereses que el grupo o asociación busca proteger. También puede presentar los ajustes propuestos a la solicitud / permiso que satisfagan sus inquietudes.

La fecha límite para presentar una solicitud para una audiencia de caso impugnado es de 30 días después de que se publique el aviso del periódico. Si una solicitud se presenta oportunamente, la fecha límite para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se extenderá a 30 días después del envío de la respuesta a los comentarios.

Si una solicitud de audiencia se presenta oportunamente, después del cierre de todos los periodos de comentarios y solicitudes aplicables, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de un asunto impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus observaciones oportunas que no hayan sido retiradas posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de una audiencia se limitará a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas con preocupaciones relevantes y materiales sobre la calidad del aire presentadas durante el periodo de comentarios. Cuestiones como los valores de las propiedades, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico, y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordar en este procedimiento.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Además de enviar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar ser colocado en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos para esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial a la dirección a continuación.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA.** Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben enviarse electrónicamente a [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), o por escrito Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluido su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se convertirá en parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de Texas Flow Tankage, LLC, P.O. Box 935, Hallettsville, Texas 77964-0935 o llamando a Mr. Brian Amsden, al (361) 772-1995.

Fecha de emisión del aviso: el día 4 del abril del año 2023

**PATH**, from pg. 9

students to receive joint admission and reverse transfer opportunities.

“A lot of people transfer in from around the region, but we are definitely experiencing a shortage of engineers,” Boedeker said. “There are quite a few job listings and opportunities at Formosa.

“It’s been very rewarding as a career for me. It’s been a great experience.”

Boedeker believes that the partnership between the two institutions will help address the need for more engineers by laying a solid educational foundation for the field.

“I would definitely recommend Victoria College,” he said. “It’s also more affordable in the long run. Both Victoria College and Texas A&M-Kingsville were better options for me — especially going back to school late.”

Added Yosko: “In addition to the math and science courses Fritz took here, Victoria College now offers engineering courses. We have partnerships with multiple universities, one of which is Texas A&M-Kingsville.

“Students not only save money by staying close to home for the first two years of their education, but they are also now able to experience engineering coursework while enrolled at Victoria College.”

Boedeker is now plotting a return to college. He hopes to enroll in the Master of Business Administration Program at the University of Houston-Victoria.

“I am working on getting my professional engineering license,” he said. “I don’t think there are a lot of PEs around the Victoria area.”

Boedeker is proud of his accomplishments as a student and an electrical engineering professional. He hopes plenty of future colleagues will walk the same higher education route that he took.

“Victoria College will definitely make or break you,” he said. “Getting started with my basics there definitely helped me out tremendously.”

For more information about VC’s Science, Engineering, & Math Pathway, visit [VictoriaCollege.edu/GeneralStudiesTransfer](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/GeneralStudiesTransfer) or contact Academic Advisor Sonia Herrera at (361) 572-6416.

# La Cocina de Tia Yole



**Peppercorn-roasted ham. Contributed photo.**

## HOT HAM AND CHEESE DIP

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese  
1½ cups finely chopped ham  
½ cup sliced green onions  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
½ cup reduced-fat mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard  
1½ teaspoons caraway seeds, slightly crushed  
56 Keebler® Town House® Flipsides® Original Crackers or Keebler® Town House® Flipsides Cheddar Crackers

1. In medium bowl stir together cheese, ham, green onions and flour. Add mayonnaise, mustard and caraway seeds. Mix until combined. Spread in 9-inch pie plate.  
2. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F about 25 minutes or until heated through and bubbly around edges.  
3. Serve warm with Keebler® Town House® Flipsides® Original Crackers

## PEPPERCORN-ROASTED HAM

1 (6-to-8-lb.) cooked, bone-in-

spiral-sliced ham  
1 (12 oz.) jar apricot preserves  
¾ cup Dijon-style mustard  
1 to 2 tablespoons whole pink or mixed peppercorns  
½ cup snipped dried apricots  
Dried Apricots (optional)  
Boston lettuce leaves (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Tent with foil; crimp foil to pan edges. Roast for 1 to 1¾ hours, until internal temperature is 130°F.  
2. Remove foil from ham. In medium bowl stir together preserves and mustard; set aside ¾ cup. Brush remaining on top and sides of ham. Sprinkle with peppercorns. Cover cut side of ham with foil to prevent drying. Roast 20 to 30 minutes or until internal temperature is 140°F. Remove from oven; remove foil. Let stand at least 15 minutes.  
3. Meanwhile, for sauce, in small saucepan combine reserved apricot mixture and snipped apricots. If using; heat through. Slice ham, serve warm or at room temperature with sauce. Garnish with apricots and lettuce. Makes 16 to 20 servings.

## MAPLE-GLAZED NEW POTATOES

3 lbs. tiny new potatoes  
¼ cup butter, melted  
Salt and cracked black pepper

3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar  
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup  
3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced  
¼ cup chopped green onions  
2 tablespoons chopped thyme  
1 tablespoon finely shredded lemon peel

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees

F. Halve or quarter any large potatoes. In shallow dish large enough to hold potatoes in a single layer, toss potatoes with butter; season with salt and pepper. Spread in single layer. Roast potatoes, uncovered, for 45 minutes, stirring once or twice during roasting.  
2. Meanwhile, in small dish, stir together vinegar, maple syrup,

and sliced garlic. Drizzle potatoes with vinegar mixture, gently tossing with a spoon or spatula to coat. Continue to roast about 10 to 20 minutes more, until potatoes are fork-tender and glazed, stirring once or twice.  
3. To serve, sprinkle potatoes with green onion, thyme, an lemon peel. Makes 6 servings.

## VICTORIA COUNTY TAX SALE

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Sale of the Victoria County tax deed property online at  
<https://victoria.texas.sheriffssaleauctions.com>

For Tax Sale Information contact  
**LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP at:**  
1-(855) 650-5848 (toll free) or  
[www.LGBS.COM](http://www.LGBS.COM)

**WE BUY HOUSES**  
IN *Victoria & surrounding counties!*

**Local Cash Home Buyers**

- ✗ Up to \*\$3,000 Cash Advance!
- ✗ No Commissions & No Fees
- ✗ We'll Buy Your House "As-Is"
- ✗ Make Zero Repairs

Get Your Fair Cash Offer in Minutes!

Call 361-582-6221

Get My Free Cash Offer

*Let VFW Post 4146 be the spot for your next special memory!*

*Hall Rental Available*

Half hall rental can seat up to 200 people.	Full hall rental can seat up to 400 people.
---	---

Available with rental is:  
bar and bar tenders stage full kitchen  
Basic set up of venue provided tables and chairs.

**VFW**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**It's Hump Day, Come on down and grab a burger!**

Every Wednesday from 5-8pm for the Best Burger in town!  
You be the judge!

VFW Post 4146 • 361-894-4159 • 2001 Lova Lane • Victoria, TX 77901

LUNES-VIERNES



**La Casa de los Famosos**  
EN VIVO

6PM



**el SEÑOR**  
de los **CIELOS**

8PM



**AMOR**  
Y  
**TRAICIÓN**

9PM

