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**ALERT - Job fair set April 13; registration open now** -- The Bayou Region's Career and Resources Fair will be 76 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday, April 79, at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library, 707 Library Drive in Houma. Employers can email [Laura.Rougeau](mailto:Laura.Rougeau) with the Office of Workforce Development to participate.

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### **Terrebonne Parish Business News**

**Airport designated for drone testing...** The Houma-Terrebonne Airport has been granted status as one of eight drone -- helicopter-sized unmanned aircraft -- test sites in the country. The drone technology is anticipated to create between 400 and 1,400 jobs, add \$32 million to payroll and increase stateside economic impact by \$106 million. [Read more.](#)

**"Air taxis" anticipated at Houma airport...** The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has been selected to participate in a federal pilot program that will test and evaluate emerging aircraft technologies including vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (sometimes called air taxis) as well as other systems. And the LIFTOff Louisiana proposal calls out initial operations at the Houma-Terrebonne Airport. [Read more.](#)

**Library receives honor...** The Terrebonne Parish Library System has been named a 2025 recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for community impact.

**Louisiana makes "affordable" top 10...** The U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Louisiana sixth overall for affordability, including No. 5 for cost of living and No. 8 for housing affordability. Louisiana's average cost of living is about 11.7% cheaper than the U.S. average.

**Dishman a tourism graduate...** Gabrielle Dishman, Explore Houma's Digital Content & Social Media Manager, recently graduated from the Louisiana Travel Association's year-long Louisiana Tourism Leadership Academy.

**Police retirement and promotions...** Houma Police Department Capt. Troy Voisin recently retired after 33 years of service, and three other officers received promotions. Lt. Dennis Boudreaux will be promoted to Captain and serve as the Car Patrol Commander, Sgt. Earl Ellis will be promoted to lieutenant will assume duties as a Car Patrol Shift Commander, and PFC Correy Beal will be promoted to sergeant and serve as the Assistant Narcotics Commander.

***Nurse practitioner joins team...*** Erica Ordoyne, a nurse practitioner, has joined the Terrebonne General Internal Medicine Specialists team. She will help manage common and complex medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, arthritis and immunologic disorders in adult patients.

***Home prices drop...*** According to the Lance Lambert House Price Tracker, home prices in the Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) peaked in 2022 and have declined 13.5% since that time.

***Hill promoted...*** Danos has promoted Melanie Hill to vice president of land production services. She will focus on shale strategy, strengthening customer relationships and supporting growth across land production and operations in the major U.S. shale basins.

***Sheriff's Office promotes officers..*** Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Tim Soignet recently announced the promotions of Charles Clark and Stephen Landry. Clark, a 28-year veteran of the department, was promoted to Captain and appointed to lead the TPSO Warrants Division. Landry, with 13 years in the department, was promoted to Detective and transferred to the Detective Bureau.