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County Democratic Headquarters and Field Office Opens in Greenhouse Mall

Jacksonville, TX.-The Cherokee County Democratic Party announces the official opening of its new 2016 Campaign Headquarters and Field Office in Jacksonville's Greenhouse Mall at 506 E. Rusk Street on Saturday, September 10, from 5:00-8:00pm. Bill Crowley, the new County Chair, invites everyone to come by and join in the effort to prepare for the upcoming election.

Last date to register to vote in the November 2016 general election is Tuesday, October 11th.

Early voting in Texas begins October 24th and ends November 4th. Election day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

A picture photo I. D. is no longer required. A voter registration card with one of the following pieces of identification can be used; certified birth certificate, utility bill, government check, pay stub, or bank statement with your name and address on it. For answers to your questions or to report suspected voter inconsistency call 1-800 252-8683.

Parents Who Owe Child Support Can't Renew Vehicle Registration

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan will begin carrying out a new government mandate from the Texas Attorney General's Office, denying certain parent's vehicle registration if they are behind on child support payments. "I want to urge the public to be aware this law is taking effect, to be prepared and to get in touch with the Attorney General's office to take care of their obligations," said Harris County Tax

Opioids: The Prescription Drug & Heroin Overdose Epidemic

USDHHS - Opioids are natural or synthetic chemicals that bind to receptors in your brain or body. Common opioids include heroin and prescription drugs such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and fentanyl. The United States is in the midst of a prescription opioid overdose epidemic among Americans age

Federal Courts Blunt Voter Suppression Efforts in Five States

By Barrington M. Salmon (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

In the span of thirty days, federal judges have scuttled voter suppression laws in North Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, Kansas and North Dakota, giving voting rights advocates a few, much-needed victories for the blood and sweat wrought in their court battles and protests since the controversial United States Supreme Court decision in *Shelby v. Holder*.



Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton