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Tyler teen fatally struck by vehicle

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A teenager has died after being struck by a car Saturday night in Tyler, police said.

A 15-year-old boy was crossing Loop 323 on foot when a car struck him. The Tyler Police Department said the teen was not at a crosswalk or intersection when he was crossing the highway just north of Van Highway.

“He walked in front of a vehicle that was travelling northbound on the Loop in the inside lane and was struck by the vehicle,” police said Monday morning.

Tyler High School said the teen was one of its students – Derrick Holt.

The driver stayed on scene and spoke to officers. The teen was transported to the hospital where he died from injuries sustained in the crash. His family has

been notified.

“This is a heartbreaking loss for our school community, and our thoughts are with Derrick’s family, friends, classmates, and teachers during this incredibly difficult time,” the high school said in a letter to Tyler High parents, guardians and staff.

Tyler High said additional counseling staff was available on campus Monday to support students pro-

cessing the loss.

“We appreciate the compassion and care our Tyler High School community continues to show for one another during times of loss,” the school said.

The Texas Department of Transportation said pedestrians are especially vulnerable to serious and deadly injuries in a crash.

“All of us share a responsibility to help keep each other safe by taking precau-

tions whether you’re driving down the road or walking in your neighborhood,” TxDOT said.

For drivers, TxDOT urges drivers to look for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Motorists should always stop and yield for pedestrians in crosswalks and yield the right of way to pedestrians when turning.

It’s important to be

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NATION

Files: Consultant asked Epstein for job, made claims

A former political adviser who claims he helped Gov. Maura Healey win her election as state attorney general pitched himself for a job with Jeffrey Epstein in 2019 to help with the pedophile’s burgeoning bad press, according to the latest DOJ files. **Page 2A**



SPORTS

UIL releases district realignments for 26-27

It is a whole new world for the Tyler High Lions, while the Tyler Legacy Red Raiders will be business as usual with one new team in their league as the UIL released its district realignments for 2026 and 2027 on Monday. **Page 5A**

Today's weather

A couple of showers this morning
High of 65.



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Bible verse

“As it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived — what God has prepared for those who love him...’”
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

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A collection of featured works, including oil and mixed media pieces, adorns the walls of Gallery Main Street. The exhibit is open to the public during the gallery’s extended evening hours, providing a cultural hub in the heart of downtown Tyler. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

‘This is Home’

Art exhibit at Gallery Main Street features East Texas artists

JENNIFER SCOTT

Home is more than a place — it’s a feeling often shaped by memory, belonging and change. Those ideas are at the center of This is Home, a new art exhibition at Gallery Main Street in downtown Tyler.

The exhibition, sponsored by Rose City Art Gallery, brings together artists from across East Texas, whose work explores the many meanings of home — from personal history to landscape and belonging.

“Home isn’t always simple — it can come with challenges, just like the construction happening downtown — but it’s also filled with the qualities that make a place special,” said Diane Reis, president of the Palette of Roses Art League. “With so many newcomers to the Tyler area, we wanted to celebrate both old and new memories and the feelings that help people feel at home.”

Located in the Plaza Tower at 110 N. College Avenue, Gallery Main Street is a premier destination in Tyler’s cultural district,

dedicated to exhibiting high-quality artwork from the local creative community. The gallery offers extensive viewing hours, opening Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Weekend visitors can view the exhibit on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (the gallery is closed on Sundays).

“We are grateful for the support of Gallery Main Street in providing the venue to bring this show together,” Reis said. “One of our goals, as an organization, is to continue to expose the public to the works of local artists. It’s so important for the public to share in this experience.”

Founded in 1952, the Palette of Roses Art League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting fine arts in East Texas. In addition to operating the Rose City Art Gallery, the league provides a forum for local artists to connect, hosts demonstrations and workshops, and offers educational and scholarship opportunities.

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Artist Krystin Fisher stands with her piece, “The Porch,” which earned the judge’s award for the “This is Home” exhibition. (Contributed Photo)

Services set for Troup student, 11, as community mourns

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TROUP — A Troup student has died, the school district said in a letter to families and staff Saturday night.

Easton Roper, a sixth grader in Troup ISD, passed away. His family told our news partners at CBS19 he died in a four-wheeler accident.

“This loss is heartbreaking for our school community, and our thoughts are with the student’s family and loved ones

during this incredibly difficult time,” the district said.

Counselors and a support team will be available on campus to provide support to students who may need someone to talk to on Monday morning.

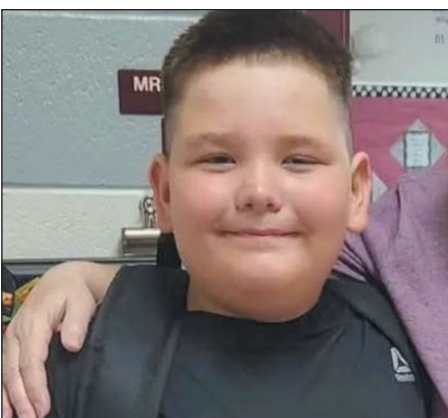
“We encourage families to talk with their children and reach out to the school if additional support is needed,” the district said.

Easton, 11, loved to play outside, his neighbors wrote in a tribute underneath his online

obituary. He was always smiling, multiple people said.

“As a school community, we will continue to support one another with compassion, kindness, and care,” Troup ISD said. “Please keep the family in your thoughts and respect their privacy as they grieve.”

For those who wish to offer support and help for services, the district said donations may be made to Autry Funeral



Easton Roper, 11, is remembered as a young boy who was always smiling. (Contributed Photo)

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