

Katy gets Hwy. 90 project update

By R. HANS MILLER
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Katy City Council received an update on a beautification project along Hwy. 90 in downtown Katy and had an somewhat heated discussion about the possible creation of a capital improvement project fund of about \$2 million.

The debate among the council members regarding the capital improvement fund stemmed from procedural steps to have the item added to the council's agenda and what appeared to be a lack of understanding of how the fund would be set up.

Generally, a capital improvement project fund is a budget set up to pay for a short term plan – relative to a government body's budgeting cycle – that allows various projects that are too large for a regular budget but too small for a bond package to be paid for out of a coffer aside from the municipality's general fund. Confusion seemed to stem from whether each department within the city would have its own capital improvement project fund or whether there would be a centralized fund for all city departments.

Repairs to the city's fire station on Avenue D would be one item such a fund could be used for, City Finance Director Andrew Vasquez said.

The fire station is currently not suitable for use due to a mold infestation which puts firefighters' and EMT's health at risk. Crews are currently stationed at the Fussell Senior Center a few blocks away from the station.

After a motion by Council Member Frank Carroll III to suspend rules related to the process for getting an item on the agenda and verification that such an action was allowed, council members discussed the issue and agreed to a workshop to determine what implementation of a capital improvement project fund might look like, Carroll tagged the agenda item – another procedural move that bumps the item to the next city council meeting.

Jess Washburn, the city's affiliate coordinator for Keep Katy Beautiful, gave an update on the project to beautify the right of way on Hwy. 90 near the intersection with avenues A and

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MKT Distillery has been able to set itself up to open under the same guidelines as a restaurant, but they will not be able to open as a distillery until Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo authorizes them to. Meanwhile, bars in Fort Bend found out Tuesday they would be able to open and Waller County Judge Trey Duhon has allowed bars to open under Gov. Greg Abbott's most recent guidelines. R. HANS MILLER

County authority leads to mixed results for alcohol establishments

By R. HANS MILLER
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When Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order Oct. 7 allowing establishments to open back up at 50% capacity Oct. 14, he left it up to county judges to decide whether or not to include their county. As a result, alcohol-serving establishments in the Katy area have a mix of relief and frustration due to different approaches in area counties.

"I don't disagree with many of you that it is time to open up Texas. Too many small business owners, especially bar owners, have suffered financially because of these restrictions," said Waller County Judge Trey Duhon, who signed documents allowing bars to reopen almost immediately after Abbott's order was issued.

However, Duhon was not joined by his counterparts in Fort Bend and Harris counties right away.

Fort Bend County Judge KP George reached out to Fort Bend bar owners and managers to ask for their input through a community survey on the topic of bars reopening.

After considering the results of the survey, George announced Tuesday that he would be signing the appropriate documentation to allow bars in Fort Bend County to open back up – six days after Abbott's order, but in time to not cause a delay for the Oct. 14 opening date established by Abbott.

"The top priority for Fort Bend County is a fast economic recovery without compromising the safety and wellbeing of our residents," George said.

However, Harris County is still the holdout in opening bars back up.

"The data guiding county decision-making tells us we are doing much better than we were a few months ago, but we are still at the highest (Harris County Threat level System) level: red. Indoor, maskless gatherings should not be taking place right now, and this applies to bars, as well," Harris County Lina Hidalgo said.

Data posted to the Harris County Public Health website shows a decline in cases from about 3,600 new cases July 1 to 85 new cases Oct. 9. While that and other data shows improvement, the threat level system requires a 14-day period of flat or decreasing COVID-19 indicators that has not been reached yet.

Each county has a different benchmark set based on case counts and each judge's leadership style.

This mix of has Nick Jessett, co-owner/operator of MKT Distillery in downtown Katy, frustrated. It leaves businesses like MKT – a mostly outdoor venue – locked down with dissimilar establishments like night clubs.

"It's the best we can do, but it is very disappointing ... that we get lumped in with a bad thing, right? I mean, not all bars were bad. A lot of bars did a lot of good stuff about maintaining social distancing," Jessett said.

Under the governor's latest order, if the county judge allows bars to practice social distancing protocols generally stricter than restaurants do.

Still, Jessett said he found even the slow progress was a relief, but slow in coming.

Still, Jessett said, the lack of progress in Harris County puts MKT in a tough position. The distillery, which brews a liquors in house, has recently been able to reopen under the same rules as restaurants, but only if a food truck is able to make it to provide food for patrons. Food trucks often have minimum sales that they ask hosts such as MKT to meet, which MKT can't always afford after months of being shut down.

Meanwhile, just on the other side of downtown Katy, Battlehops Brewing would have been able to open Oct. 14 as a proper brewpub because it's in Waller County. However, co-owner Jessica Merritt said the order does little good for them because the brewpub will have to remain licensed as a restaurant now until the next

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KATY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Sophomores have Tigers humming

By DENNIS SILVA II
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Since Katy's season-opening win at Clear Springs on Sept. 26, the Tigers' starting offense has not punted in its last two games. That's 14 consecutive possessions with touchdowns.

And it's happening as Katy works in sophomores at quarterback and running back. The precocious duo of Caleb Koger at signal-caller and Seth Davis at running back sparked No. 3 state-ranked Katy's 59-3 rout of Seven Lakes in each team's District 19-6A opener on Oct. 9 at Legacy Stadium, boosting Katy's record to 3-0 overall and extending its district winning streak to 74 games.

Koger has seemingly taken hold of the quarterback reins thanks to poise and efficiency under center. Davis was the No. 1 back for the first time this season against Seven Lakes as his older brother, Jalen, deals with a muscle issue.

Davis was spectacular once again. After compiling 119 rushing yards and two touchdowns in a sidekick role to Jalen against Cy-Woods on Oct. 3, the gritty 5-foot-6, 160-pounder ran over and through the Spartans for 217 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries.

"He's a competitor," coach Gary Joseph said of the younger Davis. "He doesn't worry about how big he is or anything like that. He just wants to compete. That's a great thing. It inspires a lot of kids when you have one that size who runs that hard and plays that well. It can inspire your team, and he does."

Koger completed six of nine passes for 94 yards and two touch-

downs. In his last two games, Koger has completed 12 of 17 passes for 226 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions.

"He's growing up," Joseph said. "It doesn't surprise me. He's got to continue getting better, and the kid's getting more and more confident as he goes about it, too."

The expectation was Katy's offense would eventually start humming. This soon, though, was unlikely, because of a quarterback platoon system with newcomer Koger and junior Bryce Nirider, and no returning receivers with varsity experience heading into this season.

It's a credit to the maturity and no-nonsense, workmanlike efforts of Koger, who has started the last two games, and Seth Davis. They're competing, and the elder statesmen around them are seeing to it that their work during practice and in the film room is paying off.

"We're confidence boosters for them," said junior receiver Nic Anderson, who has scored touchdowns in each of the last two games and is Koger's most reliable target so far. "As long as they see the ball in the end zone, I feel they're having fun. As long as the game is fun for them and they're having a good time and they're executing, it's all good all around."

The defense is also taking responsibility.

"If we stay hyped and keep the pressure off them, that's key," senior defensive end Cal Varner said. "We want it to where we're stopping teams and they can come onto the field and just play. That's what makes this fun."

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Democratic candidate Hope Martin (left) is challenging incumbent Republican Andy Meyers (right) for the opportunity to serve as Fort Bend County commissioner for Precinct 3.

Ft. Bend Pct. 3 candidates talk growth, flooding

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Early voting is in progress and this year's ballot is longer than prior years due to rescheduling May elections due to COVID-19. Among those elections on the ballot, Fort Bend County voters will have the option of choosing a commissioner for Precinct 3.

This position has been held by Republican incumbent Andy Meyers for 23 years and he is facing Democratic opponent Hope Martin in the election. Both candidates have extensive education and management experience and are active in the community they propose to serve.

Both candidates were concurrently provided with the questions below and asked to provide their answers by the same deadline and with the same word count limitations. Responses have been edited to fit in the word count limitations and for formatting where necessary.

Responses are listed alphabetically by the candidates' last names.

Please tell us about yourself.

Martin: I am an Air Force veteran who is married with three children and two grandchildren. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management from DeVry University and hold two masters degrees from the Keller Graduate

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Bubble Run moves ahead with virtual event

By R. HANS MILLER
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Katy Bubble Run organizers announced via an Oct. 6 press release that the event will move forward as a virtual run on the RunSignUp online platform this year. The annual event raises money for local charities and is a significant event for those organizations, representatives said.

“The Ballard House is so excited to be able to partner with these other local Katy charities to hold our first ever Virtual Bubble Run on Nov. 21 through Dec. 1,” said Ballard House Executive Director Kathy Alt.



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Leaders of the nonprofits that benefit from the Katy Bubble Run say the event is a significant fundraiser for them and they are hoping for 1,000 runners to help them provide services to those in need in the Katy area.

The Ballard House is just one of the nonprofits to benefit from the fun run. Katy Christian Ministries, Christ Clinic, Compassion Katy

and Hope Impacts each receive proceeds from the event each year. This year, the nonprofits are projecting that about 1,000 athletes

in the area will participate in the event.

The Ballard House provides lodging for patients who have traveled to area hospitals to receive life-saving care. Katy Christian Ministries provides counseling for families in crisis, aid to domestic violence victims and food pantry services. Christ Clinic allows low income residents in the area to receive low-cost health care. Compassion Katy coordinates social services with other nonprofits for economically challenged families. Hope Impacts works to help those dealing with homelessness or near-homelessness.

Local nonprofit leaders have

said raising funds has been really difficult during the COVID-19 pandemic and many of the annual events they depend on for funding have had to be cancelled or reimagined as virtual events. Those virtual events have not been as fruitful as the in-person events they usually have; however, the needs of their client-bases have been exacerbated by the pandemic setting them up to need additional support from the community.

“We ask that you encourage your friends, families and local businesses to create a team and support these worthy causes. Run In Your Own Bubble,” Alt said.



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7 Lakes cheer squad honored

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Seven Lakes High School Spartan Cheer Team is one of five cheer squads nationwide honored by Varsity TV in the 2020 Cheerleaders Choice: School Spirit Spotlight competition. The group was chosen out of 550 cheer teams nationwide.

“Our Spartans Cheer-

leaders are most deserving of this recognition and it is proof that their hard work does pay off,” said Varsity Cheer Coach Amy Weaston.

The cheer team had to submit a nomination package which included creative ways to support fellow Spartans and their methodology for motivating their school to pursue greatness, the release said.

The team is expected to compete in the NCA High School Nationals this coming January in Dallas. They are joined in the winners’ circle by four high school teams and one college team.

“To join five other highly admired cheer teams in the U.S. in receiving this recognition is a true honor and a testament that we can reach for the stars,” Weaston said.



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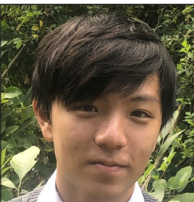
Family Hope – a faith-based organization located in Fulshear – awarded its John and Diane Hovas Scholarship to Valeria Quintero Sept. 27. The \$500 scholarship went to the Seven Lakes High School 2020 graduate in support of her ongoing education at the University of Houston while she pursues a major in Hotel Management. The scholarship was created to support graduating seniors whose families have been helped by Family Hope as they work on their college degrees.

Cinco Ranch High School student receives national poetry award

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch High School Junior Ethan Wang has been honored by the National Student Poets Program as a 2020 National Student Poet, the highest honor for youth poets in the United states. Wang is the recipient of the award for the southwestern portion of the U.S.

“I am very grateful to be given this opportunity. I hope in these times I can play my role in spreading and perfecting this art form,”



ETHAN WANG

Wang said in a brief statement issued by Katy ISD.

National Student poets are selected from students in tenth and eleventh grades who participate in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and who receive top honors in poetry for that event. From that group of gold medal recipients, 35

semifinalists were identified as top poets for their regions. Judging is based on originality, technical skill and personal voice.

Participants were then invited to submit

additional poems and performance videos to judges who then made the final selection of the five National Student Poets.

Wang is joined by Anthony Wiles from the Northeastern part of the country, Isabella Ramirez in the Southeast, Madelyn Dietz from the Midwest and Manasi Garg in the Western U.S.

Winning means Wang – along with the other four nationwide winners – will serve as ambassadors for the literary arts within their communities through service projects, workshops and public readings. Additionally, each received a \$5,000 scholarship.

“Ethan Wang possesses an exceptional ability, rare in young writers, to craft immersive and emotionally evocative poetry,” said Debate and Language & Composition Teacher at Cinco Ranch High School Mary Sarver. “From his use of vivid imagery and poignant messages to his experimentation with form, Ethan’s poems push readers to self-reflect and examine the complexities of human connection. His recognition as a National Student Poet is no surprise to his teachers at Cinco Ranch High School, and we are deeply proud of his accomplishment.”

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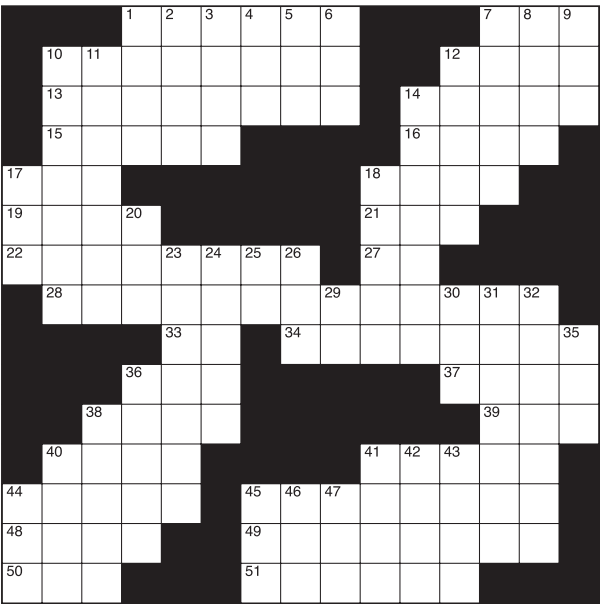
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Lunar crater
7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
10. Fruit
12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
13. Organism that grows without air
14. Heals
15. A book has one
16. Open
17. Twitch
18. Plant of the mint family
19. Soon
21. Witch
22. Long, mournful complaint
27. Killer clown film
28. Keeps us occupied
33. Influential lawyer
34. Formation of concepts
36. Insecticide
37. Swiss river
38. Actress Lucy
39. Unit of g-force
40. Can repel attackers
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Cut into small pieces
45. Mexican agricultural worker
48. Best pitchers
49. Benign tumors
50. Danish krone
51. Looms above

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a map of
2. Cain and ___
3. Dried-up



4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
5. Trading floor hand gesture
6. Strongly alkaline solution
7. Yemen capital
8. Military leader (abbr.)
9. Maintains possession of
10. Afternoon show
11. Imaginary being
12. Rearrange
14. Holy person or sage
17. ___ Mahal
18. Backbone
20. Brooklyn hoopster
23. Intervened
24. Extremely angry
25. Indicates position
26. Chinese surname
29. Potato state
30. When you think you’ll get there
31. ___ Falls
32. Bullfighters
35. Born of
36. Small fishes
38. “Father of chemical warfare”
40. Waste matter
41. Skin disease
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44. Villain
45. Tell on
46. Difficulty
47. Not old

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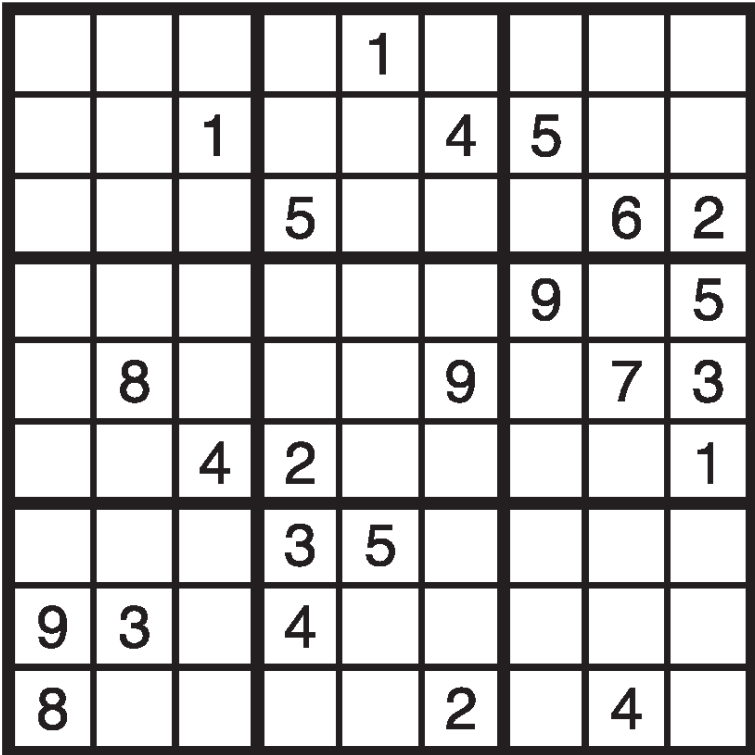
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opportunity comes for them to renew their brewery permit.

Like MKT, Battlehops Brewing had adjusted to focus its sales elsewhere as a workaround to the 51% revenue cap from alcohol sales. The hobby shop and brewpub combo sells board games and has added several food items and other merchandise to the business' offerings, Merritt said.

"The first option was that we had to submit an affidavit that 51% of our sales would be nonalcohol sales, basically," Merritt said.

Hitting that target involved making changes to the shop to be able to meet the permitting standards for a restaurant, Merritt said. This incurred additional costs which was difficult since the shop had been closed much of the year and she and her husband and business partner JD Merritt wanted to ensure the business could make it regardless of other changes that might come along.

"We didn't feel stable with just the affidavit," she said. "Because, if you remember, there were some changes a few months ago where they let us reopen for a while and then we closed back up."

Merritt said the delin-eation between a bar and a brewpub or distillery doesn't make sense to her.

"It just sounds really strange, because there's no explanation of how a bar and brewery or distillery or winery are different (from a night club), you know?," Merritt said.

The COVID-19 policy roller coaster caused problems for both businesses, but both said they've been fortunate to receive support from the community.

Both Merritt and Jessett said the community can support them by visiting their businesses and making sure to purchase something other than alcohol to help them maintain the less than 51% cap on revenue so they keep their food establishment categorization.

"I'm happy to hear about Abbott's order and it's long past due relief for businesses that have not been able to open until now," Merritt said.

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School of Management – an MBA and another in HR. I also hold a doctorate of Education from Walden University. I am a small business owner in commercial cleaning and have 15 years of experience in health care administration training health care professionals. I served on the 2017 and 2020 Lamar Consolidated ISD citizens' bond committees.

Meiers: I have been married to my wife, Janet, for 52 years. We have three children and three grandchildren. I am a deacon at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. I hold an MBA and bachelors degree in IT and engineering, both from LSU. I am a CPA, financial securities dealer and real estate broker. I have 30 years of management and financial experience. I am on the board of multiple economic development councils. I am a founder of Fort Bend Charities which has raised more than \$2 million for local nonprofits and board chair for the Pro-Life Women's Pregnancy Center.

Q: Property taxes are a significant expense and concern for Pct. 3 voters. What will you do as commissioner to keep property tax rates in check during your tenure if you win the Nov. 3 election?

Martin: I will form a taskforce to conduct a property tax evaluation to assess whether double taxation is occurring for residents. One of the items that the assessment will look at is residents who are paying taxes allocated to public safety to both the county and their HOA. I truly believe there is an opportunity to reduce the amount of taxes residents are paying for the same type of service.

Meiers: I led Commissioners Court in reducing the tax rate 32% from 66¢ to 45¢ as well as granting the maximum homestead exemption for homeowners. I will continue to use my financial background and business acumen to keep spending in check so we continue to reduce taxes. County taxes account for 15% of total property taxes. I will continue to encourage school boards, city councils, and special district boards to reduce property taxes. I worked with legislators to improve Central Appraisal Districts and will continue to work to have the Board elected, so the CAD Board members will be directly accountable to the voters. I will continue to bring proposed legislation to Austin to require Houston to spend at least 25% of the \$20 million in sales taxes it is taking from area residents on services for those taxpaying residents. There should be "no taxation without representation" in Texas.

Q: COVID-19 has harmed many Pct. 3 residents, not only through sickness but economically as well. What will you do as commissioner to obtain state and federal support for the county's economic recovery?

Martin: The county received \$134.3 million from the federal coronavirus relief bill which \$38 million was used for small business emergency assistance. If elected, I would ensure that money continues to be allocated to assist our local businesses who continue to be impacted due to COVID-19.

Meiers: We have already secured \$134 million in federal funding for economic recovery and are petitioning the state for the other \$100+ million to help our local businesses recover from the government-enforced shutdowns. I secured more funding for business & individual economic recovery instead of more money going to government.

Q: What will you do as commissioner to aid locally initiated economic recovery efforts outside of state and federally-aided initiatives?

Martin: I am extremely passionate about transitioning Veterans from the boots to civilian life. I would support a program which provides assistance with education, mental healthcare, jobs and small business opportunities within the local government.

Meiers: Continue to lower property taxes, continue to build/improve roads, get the US 36A thoroughfare, which I proposed, completed to connect Freeport, the only deepwater port on the Gulf Coast to Fort Bend County's distribution/industrial center and beyond to bring the international trade now going to the West Coast to the Gulf Coast. Limit government regulations and expenditures to remain business and development friendly. I'm a Board member of both the Fort Bend and Katy Area Economic Development Councils and will continue to work with those organizations to bring more firms to the county to create more and better paying jobs.

Q: If you win this election, outside of economic recovery and drainage (see below), what will be your top three priorities as commissioner for Pct. 3?

Martin: 1. Reducing traffic congestion - As a Firethorne resident for 5 years, FM 1463 traffic has been a nightmare. There's been conversations about expanding FM1463 since 2016 but no progress. Now that we have an apartment complex with 351 units opening on FM1463, it will turn our neighborhood into a parking lot. I will work with the Texas Department of Transportation to assess where we are with expansion and needed funding. As our precinct continues to grow quickly, it is time to move forward with completing mobility projects decided on over 4 years ago.

2. Property Tax Evaluation - assessing opportunities to eliminate double taxation

3. Smart Economic Growth - Precinct 3 is our fastest growing precinct. It is important that strategic changes occur to support growth and development. There are tremendous opportunities to leverage additional businesses into our precinct which will provide more jobs and stimulate our economy.

Meiers: 1. Continue to lower the property tax rate

2. Continue to press for legislation to require Houston to spend at least 25% of the \$20 million in sales taxes it is taking from area residents each year for services and infrastructure benefiting those taxpaying residents and allow residents to vote themselves out from beneath Houston's control and control their own destiny.

3. Continue my efforts to provide more roads and more law enforcement patrol.

Q: Partisanship has become increasingly vitriolic throughout the country, including Fort Bend County. Where do you see opportunities for bipartisan efforts in Fort Bend County to bridge the gap between the parties?

Martin: I really don't understand why the role of the County Commissioner is even partisan on the ballot. There are issues such as flooding, traffic and economic recovery due to COVID-19 that impacts us all. I would have a vested interest in everything that is decided at the Commissioner's Court. There is no such thing as a 'Republican' or 'Democrat' flood or pothole, instead, we all want to live in a community where we are safe and don't have to worry about the next Harvey-like flood. I don't want to increase anyone's taxes as it will increase my own. It is for this

reason, if elected, I will always base my decisions on the best interest of the public.

Meiers: I disagree with your premise about Fort Bend County. Fort Bend County Commissioners Court members have worked together for the good of the county now with a 3-2 Democrat majority as it did with a 3-2 Republican majority four years ago. We don't always agree on every issue, i.e. I push back against more spending and higher taxes, but we always work things out. We've come together to propose Mobility and Park Bond Programs that are on the November 3rd Ballot. Last year we came together and secured an \$83 million Flood Mitigation Bond Program that I proposed. And, over the years we've come together to reduce taxes 32%. That's responsible and effective government.

Q: What drainage projects will you champion if you win the election in November and why?

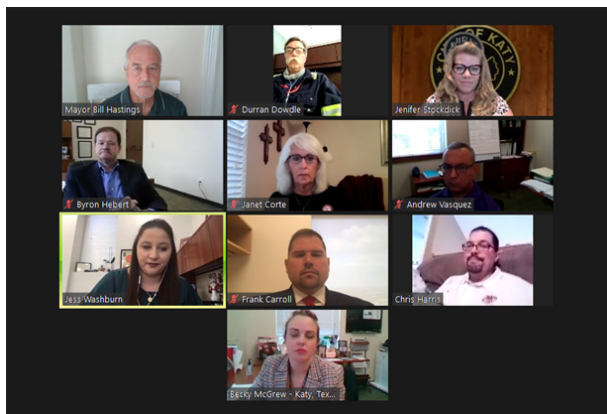
Martin: It is anticipated that the Watershed study, which is evaluating the county's streams, creeks, bayous, drainage districts, levee districts and infrastructure will be completed by the end of 2020. I would bring all of the entities together such as the Fort Bend Drainage District, Gulf Coast Water Authority, Willowfork Drainage and MUD representatives to review the results of the study and address our current flooding issues. The collaboration with these entities will bring about long-term solutions for our precinct to be prepared for the next Harvey-like storm.

Meiers: We have already secured \$52 million for fixing the Willowfork of Buffalo Bayou, Cane Island Creek, and Oster Creek. We sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers to get a Federal District Judge ruling that the Corps cannot flood private property, thereby protecting Kelliwood, Cinco Ranch, Grand Lakes, etc. from being flooded again by the Corps. I got an \$83 million flood mitigation bond program passed for county flood mitigation projects. We submitted Federal Grant Applications for Bessie's Creek and Jones Creek and will submit them again. I'm in a unique position as Chair of Houston-Galveston Area Council's "Water Resources Committee", where I'm working on regional flood mitigation solutions. H-GAC is the regional planning authority and allocates federal and state grants. I'm a Past Chair of H-GAC and come November, when I'm re-elected, I will have the most tenure and seniority on H-GAC's Board.

Q: What message would you like to give to Fort Bend County residents in general?

Martin: When I decided to risk my life and join the Air Force, I did so to protect ALL Americans and that is how I continue to lead. As a public servant, you owe it to everyone to listen and address their concerns. Our community should have the confidence that their commissioner will not ignore or kick their concerns down the road. I am a results-driven leader who believes in bringing all the right people to the table (regardless if they agree with me) to address issues. I will bring integrity, accountability, innovation and transparency to the office.

Meiers: My focus is the safety and security of our residents, which is why I secured legislation allowing counties to levy sales taxes and I used them to fund 7 additional law enforcement patrols. I have great respect from my peers who elected me Chair of H-GAC and vice-chair of Council of Urban Counties. I was voted "Best Elected County Official" all 4 times the contest was held. A commissioner's main responsibility is building things like roads, bridges, libraries and I have more experience doing that than most any other commissioner in the state.



Katy City Council members had City Attorney Art Pertile verifying procedural moves during its Oct. 12 meeting. In a rare point of discord for Katy, council members had a split vote regarding suspending normal procedures in order to discuss a proposed capital improvement project fund.

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B. The \$180,000 project is being paid for by the state and is awarded based on the city's efforts to maintain its appearance.

As part of the project, a monument sign will be installed in the right of way on the north side of the road along with geese statues similar to those installed near I-10 at Hwy. 90, continuing the aesthetic into town, Washburn said. Pavers and signage will generally be set up to match that being installed near the city's Katy Boardwalk Project.

Crepe Myrtles and Live Oaks as well as other native flora will be used as much as possible in the landscaping, Washburn added.

The project began at the beginning of October and is expected to have a 100-day completion timeframe, Washburn said. That puts the completion date in January or February of 2021, barring construction delays.

Washburn said the city has won the grant that is paying for the improvements to the city's appearance five times and she credited the Keep Katy

Beautiful group as well as city residents for the city's continued performance in maintaining its appearance and heritage.

"It's not just about what (Keep Katy Beautiful) does, it's about what the community does," Washburn said.

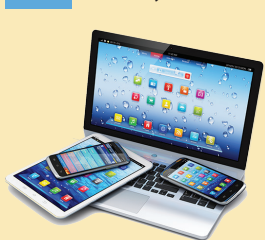
The council also:

- Approved the city's 2021 holiday schedule.
 - Approved a six-month extension for the final plat of Cane Island Pond O.
 - Appointed Bill Abbott, Dusty Thiele and Ronnie Parent to the Village at Katy Development District board of directors.
 - Authorized the mayor to sign a right of way license agreement with the Lilac Bend subdivision to install an electrical crossing in the city's right of way.
 - Approved the closure of the Katy ISD FFA parade route this coming Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.
 - Set restrictions for election signage near polling places effective January 2021.
 - Created a charter review commission and appointing Jo Ann Tilton, Dan D. Burris, Otis M. Sadler, Shari Boothe and former mayor J.W. "Skip" Conner as commissioners.
- The next Katy City Council meeting is set for Oct. 26.

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In our family, it’s usually one of my two driving teen daughters who violates social distancing guidelines with her bumper. Recently, though, I experienced my own embarrassing accident on my morning commute to work when my SUV skidded on the wet roadway and struck a curb dangerously close to a Sonic Drive-In. (At the time, I may or may not have been daydreaming about the SuperSonic Breakfast Burrito – literally bursting with golden tots.)

Immediately after the impact, I could tell that something was terribly wrong as the vehicle began listing to one side – like my head does toward the sound of someone opening a bag of Dots Homestyle Pretzel Twists. I managed to coax the hobbled SUV past the Sonic and into the parking lot of a nearby bingo parlor. (Yes, I was in a really fashionable part of town.)

Once I regained my composure and realized that neither a massive breakfast burrito nor a thrilling round of bingo would be helpful at that exact moment, I stepped out of the vehicle to assess the damage. The good news was that there was no apparent injury to the body of the vehicle – and I wouldn’t have to make another humiliating trip to the paint and body shop where the staff gleefully shout my name and ask, “Which daughter was it this time?” when I walk in. The bad news was that I had blown both passenger-side tires.

Because I have the automotive acumen of a sea cucumber, two flat tires were well beyond my rudimentary abilities with any tool other than a cell phone. As I sat askew in the tilting vehicle awaiting the tow truck, I imagined that this sensation must have been similar to what the passengers of the sinking Titanic experienced – minus the certain death and all.

The tow truck driver was compassionate enough not to ask me what happened as he invited me to wait in his vehicle while he loaded up the SUV. (I’m pretty sure one look at me in my Texas Aggie polo and polished dress boots



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was all he needed.) I directed him to take me to the finest tire shop in town. Since I was starving, this meant the one within walking-distance of Wingstop.

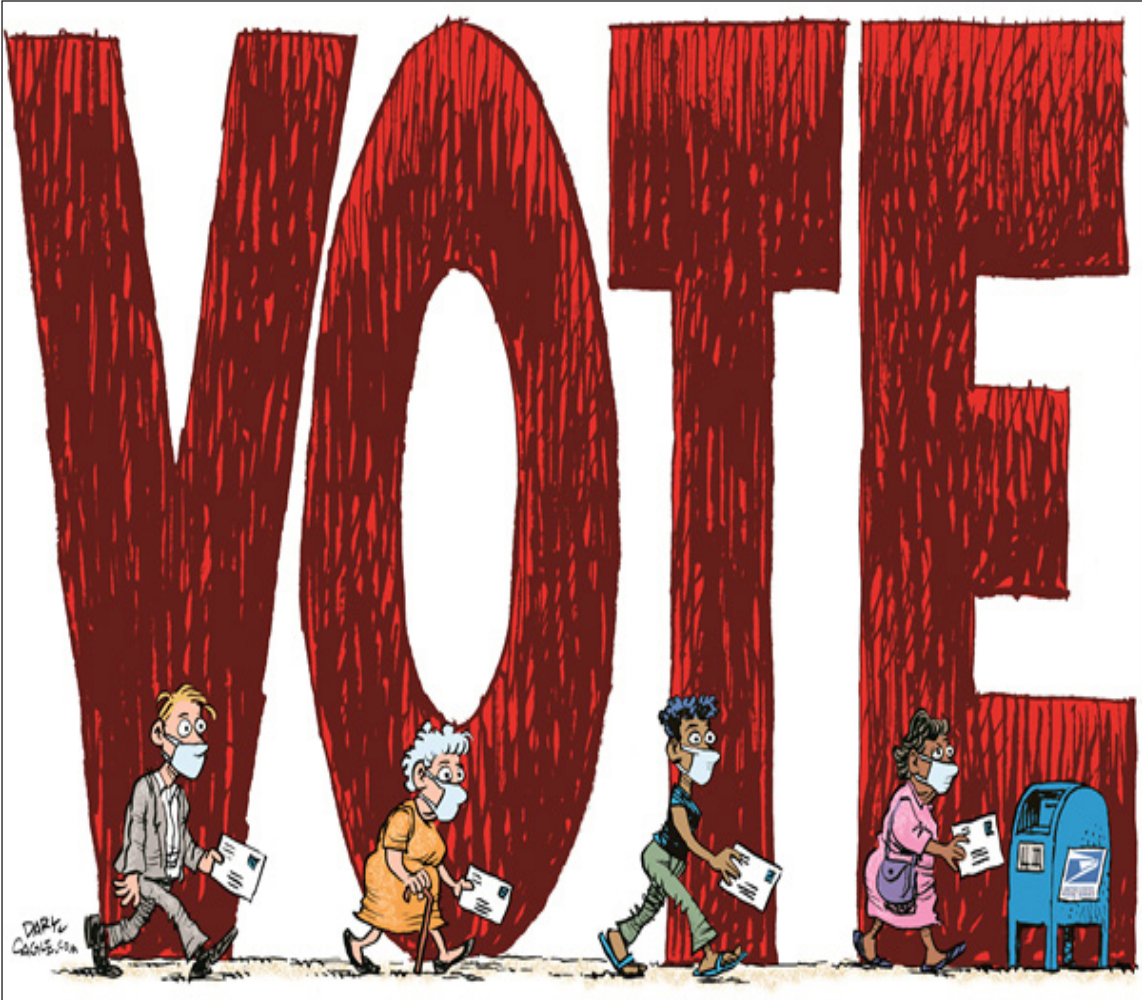
After a thorough examination of the vehicle, the mechanics at the tire shop informed me that not only would I need two new tires, but I also required new struts, ball joints, and a series of other parts and pieces that sort of blurred together in my non-mechanical mind. (I could have sworn they said I needed a new flux capacitor.)

I was so desperate to get through this ordeal that I didn’t even ask how much it would cost – or call my wife for permission. I just told them to do whatever was needed. And after a short five hours in the waiting room watching the Golf Channel and reading magazines from the late 1990’s, I was on my way.

For about the cost of a liver transplant, I pulled away from the tire shop feeling more aligned and balanced than I have in years. I was a little disappointed, though, that the repair came with a generous amount of complimentary grease, grime, and other shop dandruff spread throughout my interior. Then again, I’m sure the mechanics just felt sorry for me and left it there to make me feel manlier after they spotted the Marshmallow Pumpkin Latte hand sanitizer from Bath & Body Works in my console.

If nothing else, this experience taught me some humility – and to be more understanding when one of my daughters has a minor fender bender. After all, personal safety is what really matters, and there are very few car repair situations that can’t be improved with a large 10-piece combo from Wingstop.

OPINION



People have lost their minds on social media

I know that social media is not the real world, just as Kim Kardashian is not your average working mother. But we have all started to spend parts of our days in the virtual world, and in the post-pandemic era, some of us spend the majority of our waking hours communicating with avatars, digital creations, and shadow-humans. So the things that are happening in that environment do have an impact on our emotional health, and the way we view the actual world.

After the news broke on Friday evening that President Trump and his wife Melania had tested positive for COVID-19, I held my breath. This had nothing to do with my fears for their safety and health, although I managed to get off a quick prayer to St. Jude. The reason my esophagus seized up was the thought of what was about to happen in that virtual world where so many of us manifest our real characters.

I don’t need to reproduce the comments here, for you. My Facebook friendship tally is close to the 5,000 limit, with a good mix of liberals and conservatives, white and minority, male and female (but no “questioning”) Christian, Muslim, Jew and atheist, college-educated and high school grads, native-born and immigrant, Eagles fans and (one) Dallas fan. It’s a good cross section of the country. To be honest, there are some Trump supporters who travel over to my page who I barely tolerate, and some Bernie supporters who are



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dearer to my heart than blood relations. I can deal with a lot, and I have.

Lately though, I have taken to blocking better than Chuck Bednarik on one of his better days, because people have simply lost their minds. The number of folks who have either wished death on the president or engaged in some sick sort of schadenfreud because he is now infected with a deadly virus is scarier than the virus itself. They are not the faceless shadows that populate the comments sections of some online newspapers. They are not folks who have used pseudonyms to create online personalities that bear no relation to their actual selves. They are people I have actually met, or at least, would have like to have met in kinder times.

You might argue, as some have, that social media is a distortion of the real world. I would have agreed before social media became the real world for so many people who were trapped in the fabricated amber of the COVID shutdowns. Classrooms have become virtual for many children. Good friends have been

told that they will not be returning to their offices until at least the beginning of next year, so their kitchen tables and their laptops are now their conference rooms. Online shopping has bumped the thrill of walking through an aisle in a Hazmat suit to search out the perfect tomato.

Virtual is real, now. And even in the real world, you have Hollywood and political folks wishing ill on the president. One of Hillary Clinton’s campaign managers actually expressed a desire that Trump die of the virus. There have been smirky, smarmy attempts by cable news hosts to show how “evolved” they are in wishing the president who caused all of this by ridiculing masks a “swift recovery.” And Democrat-leaning pollsters are gleeful at the thought that the election is over.

Ironically, one of the few public figures who gave authentic wishes of hope, luck and recovery to the president and his wife was Joe Biden, who tweeted out his and Jill’s solidarity moments after the news became public. He also vowed to pull negative campaign ads. That shows class, decency, and humanity. It is a shame that so many of Joe’s supporters lack the qualities reflected in their candidate, in this troubled moment.

Right now, it is important to point out to all of those folks who say that hate has no home with them, that they need to check the front door: Hate left, so hypocrisy could take over the lease.

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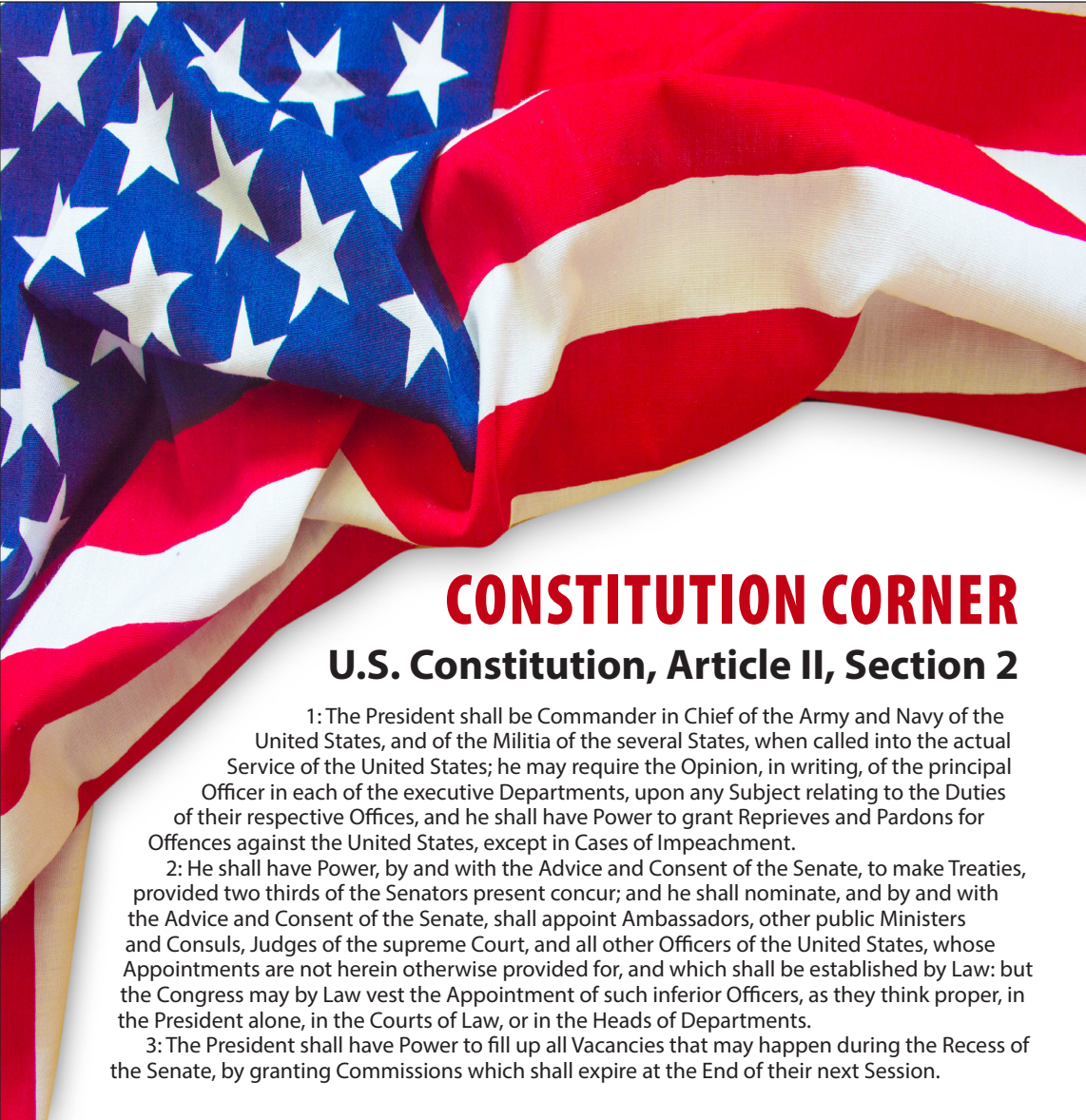
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KFD chief takes position in Mesquite

By R. HANS MILLER

NEWS EDITOR

Katy Fire Chief Rusty Wilson submitted his resignation Oct. 9 in order to take a new position as fire chief for the Mesquite Fire Department. Wilson's tenure at the Katy Fire Department will end officially on Oct. 23 and he begins at MFD on Nov. 1.

"I am deeply honored to be selected as the next Fire Chief for the City of Mesquite, and I look forward to working with the fine men and women who so professionally represent this City in the service to our citizens," Wilson said via an MFD press release.

Wilson took over the Katy department in 2016 and was tasked with restructuring the department from a volunteer organization to a professional fire department. Since that time, he has instituted changes that led to the department obtaining a Class 1 designation from the Insurance Services Office in October of last year, making KFD one of the top 300 fire departments in the nation.

Wilson was instrumental in establishing Fire Station II near Katy Mills during his time as KFD chief, including securing grant funding for the project.

Wilson was also named fire chief of the year by the Texas Association of Fire Chiefs in 2018 and was appointed to by Tex. Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

"I think one of my greatest honors is to have been appointed by the governor to serve on the Texas Commission on Fire Protection because appointees are so thoroughly vetted by the Governor's Appointments Office through background and qualifications checks," Wilson said. "So, to have gone through that process and be appointed among a group of candidates is both humbling and honoring."

Mesquite City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "Chief Wilson is an extraordinary professional and person. His dedication to the fire service is matched only by his commitment to the communities he has served. The varied experiences and successes of his career, along with his passion for people, will make him a great fit for the men and women of the Mesquite Fire Department."



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FOOTBALL

• Mayde Creek 28, Dulles 7

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

VOLLEYBALL

• Seven Lakes 3, Tompkins 0
• Mayde Creek 3, Morton Ranch 1
• Cinco Ranch 3, Taylor 0
• Magnolia 3, Paetow 0

FOOTBALL

• Katy 59, Seven Lakes 3
• Tompkins 55, Cinco Ranch 0

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

VOLLEYBALL

• Seven Lakes 3, Mayde Creek 0
• Katy 3, Taylor 0
• Cinco Ranch 3, Morton Ranch 0
• Tompkins 3, Cy-Fair 2

FOOTBALL

• Taylor 31, Morton Ranch 14

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

VOLLEYBALL

• Seven Lakes 3, Cinco Ranch 0
• Tompkins 3, Mayde Creek 0
• Katy 3, Morton Ranch 0
• Magnolia West 3, Paetow 0

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

FOOTBALL

• Katy at Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

VOLLEYBALL

• Katy at Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
• Cinco Ranch at Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
• Taylor at Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
• Rudder at Paetow, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

• Taylor at Seven Lakes, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
• Cinco Ranch at Mayde Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
• Paetow at Kempner, at Mercer Stadium, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

VOLLEYBALL

• Seven Lakes at Taylor, noon
• Tompkins at Katy, noon
• Mayde Creek at Cinco Ranch, noon

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

VOLLEYBALL

• Morton Ranch at Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
• Taylor at Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
• Katy at Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
• Paetow at College Station, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

FOOTBALL

• Mayde Creek at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.
• Wisdom at Paetow, at Rhodes Stadium, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

VOLLEYBALL

• Tompkins at Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
• Mayde Creek at Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
• Cinco Ranch at Katy, 5:30 p.m.
• Paetow at A&M Consolidated, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

• Seven Lakes at Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
• Tompkins at Taylor, at Rhodes Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Batenhorst sets her own way



COURTESY

Seven Lakes junior setter Casey Batenhorst verbally committed to continue her volleyball career at SMU on Sept. 10.

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

As the youngest daughter, Casey Batenhorst felt the pressure to live up to the volleyball greatness of her two older sisters.

Dani Batenhorst, the oldest, is a redshirt sophomore outside hitter at Gonzaga University. Ally, the middle sister, is a senior outside hitter for Seven Lakes and a Nebraska verbal commit. So, Casey, a junior setter for Seven Lakes, not only felt the need to be successful like her sisters, she wanted it for herself as well.

"It was difficult," Casey said. "I felt since they were really good, then I needed to be, too, to finish the family tradition, in a sense. It was stressful, but I took it well. I worked really hard, because I knew I wanted to be a part of that and go to a school for volleyball like them."

Batenhorst can relax easier these days

after verbally committing to play volleyball at SMU on Sept. 10.

Batenhorst averaged 9.2 assists per set in her first full season as the starting setter for the Spartans last season to go with a 34.4 kill percentage. This season, she's even more of a dominant presence, averaging 10.2 assists per set to go with a team-best 44.2 hit percentage as No. 6 state-ranked Seven Lakes stands 12-0 this season.

Playing a different position than her older sisters allowed Batenhorst to set her own path.

"Definitely, because no one could compare me to them," Batenhorst said. "As a setter, and them two both being outsides, was great for me. People saw me as my own player."

The Batenhorst sisters were seemingly born to play volleyball. They are tall, long

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COLE MCNANNA | SEALY NEWS

Taylor senior quarterback J Jensen III has completed 76.6 percent of his passes for 555 yards and four touchdowns to no interceptions for the 3-0 Mustangs this season.

QB1

Taylor's Jensen III lights up Morton Ranch for district-opening win

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

As a kid, J Jensen III stood in front of a mirror and practiced calling out plays at an imaginary line of scrimmage.

Jensen started playing 7-on-7 football in the second grade. Always a natural leader, he yearned to be the quarterback of his own team. When he was six years old, Jensen asked his father, coach J Jensen II, if he could scout football games with him.

"Ever since he was little, he's really paid attention to detail," said Jensen II, now assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Taylor High. "He was always close to the quarterbacks of all the teams that I coached, and he'd sit, watch film and listen to what stuff gave us trouble, either on offense or defense. He ate all that up."

And now in his senior year, as the starting quarterback of a Taylor team with great expectations, Jensen III is putting it all together.

Jensen III was ridiculously efficient in leading the Mustangs to a 31-14 win over Morton Ranch in each team's district opener on Oct. 10 at Legacy Stadium. Jensen completed 15 of 17 passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 34 yards and two more touchdowns on five carries, showing off a diligent offseason's work that trimmed his 40-yard dash time from a flat five seconds to 4.7.

"When you have the best O-line in the state, the game's easy," the humble Jensen III said. "And then you have a guy like (senior receiver Tyrone) Irving downfield ... if it's in his area, he'll go get it. My halfbacks are running well. The receivers are running routes well. This is what happens."

See **JENSEN**, page 9

Defense strong for Rams during 3-0 start

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Mayde Creek claiming the top offense, by yardage, among all Katy ISD teams through the first three weeks of the season should not come as a surprise.

Senior transfer quarterback Jace Wilson has been a revelation steering the Rams' new-look open offense. Senior running back Julius Loughridge is the top rusher in Katy ISD and is averaging three touchdowns per game. And the Rams have a plethora of playmaking perimeter stalwarts who can make anything happen at a moment's notice because of their speed and athleticism.

But it's the defense that has been a convicting difference-maker for the Rams. That was certainly the case in Mayde Creek's 28-7 win over Dulles on Oct. 8 at Legacy Stadium. The Rams (3-0) held the Vikings to 154 total yards and had four takeaways—two picks from senior defensive back Kevin Earls III and fumble recoveries by senior linemen Ronnie Eguche and Antonio Vasquez.

"We're talking, we're getting calls across the field," Earls said. "When we communicate, that's when we're at our best. We have a wide range of good players. We can go to our



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Mayde Creek junior defensive lineman Gregory Meeks II chases down Dulles quarterback Ryan Alaniz for a sack during their game Oct. 8 at Legacy Stadium.

See **RAMS**, page 9

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Katy Independent School District
ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing **School Board Trustees** to fill the following terms of office.

Position 3	3-year term currently held by Ashley Vann
Position 4	3-year term currently held by Courtney Doyle
Position 5	3-year term currently held by Bill Lacy

Pursuant to Section 31.092 and 271.002, Texas Election Code, as amended, Katy Independent School District (the “District”) intends to contract with Fort Bend, Harris and Waller Counties, Texas (the “Counties”) to conduct the Election and to perform certain election services for the District in connection with the Election including all of the supervisory and administrative duties relating to the conduct of the Election. The Superintendent and other employees and consultants of the District are hereby authorized to negotiate such agreement or agreements between the District and the Counties (the “Joint Election Contracts”) and the execution of such Joint Election Contracts between the District and the Counties is hereby authorized and approved.


The election shall be conducted by election officers, including the precinct judges appointed hereunder and alternate judges or clerks, in accordance with the District’s Joint Election Contracts and the Election Code. The voting precincts, polling locations, precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be as determined by the Counties and utilized by the Counties for the Counties’ joint elections to be conducted with the Election. Voting on Election Day will be held from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the precincts and polling locations further identified on **Exhibit A** hereto.

Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code. Early voting by personal appearance begins Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and ends Friday, October 30, 2020. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the locations and dates as designated by the Counties and the Counties’ election officers. Such locations, dates and times are further identified on **Exhibit B** hereto.

The Board hereby appoints the early voting clerks as established by each County as identified on Exhibit B. The mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent are listed on Exhibit B. The early voting clerk shall keep the offices open for early voting during the hours described on Exhibit B. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2020.

The Administration is hereby authorized to provide notice of this election. A substantial copy of the Order shall serve as proper notice. Notice shall be given by publishing the notice not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the fixed date of the elections (October 13, 2020) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the Board meetings. Additionally, the Notice of Election shall be published at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day preceding the Election Day, October 4, 2020, nor later than the tenth (10th) day before Election Day, October 24, 2020, in a newspaper published in the District.

Issued this the 24th day of August, 2020.


Courtney Doyle, President

Katy獨立學區
選舉命令

茲定於2020年11月3日（週二）舉行選舉，藉此選出學區理事會理事，任期如下。

第3席位	3年任期，目前由Ashley Vann擔任
第4席位	3年任期，目前由Courtney Doyle擔任
第5席位	3年任期，目前由Bill Lacy擔任

根據Texas州選舉法（修訂版）第31.092和271.002節之規定，Katy獨立學區（下稱「本學區」）擬與Texas州的Fort Bend縣、Harris縣和Waller縣簽訂合約（下稱「各縣」）以舉行該選舉並為本學區提供相關的選舉服務，如履行與舉行選舉相關的監督和管理職責。現委任本學區之學區總監及其他員工和顧問就以下事項進行協商：如何簽訂此等協議或學區與各縣之間的協議（下稱「聯合選舉合約」），以及如何履行特此獲批和通過的學區與各縣聯合選舉合約。


本選舉應由選舉官員依據本學區簽署的聯合選舉協議以及選舉法執行，這些官員包括本文所委任的選區法官和後補選舉法官或專員。本次選舉的投票選區、投票地點、選區法官以及候補法官應由各縣確定，並由各縣用於與本次選舉一同舉行的縣聯合選舉。選舉日投票將於上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行，選區和投票地點之詳細信息載於本文的附件A。

無論以親自出席還是郵寄方式參加提前投票，都必需遵守選舉法。親自出席提前投票將從2020年10月13日（週二）持續至2020年10月30日（週五）。親自出席提前投票將由各縣及縣選舉官員在指定地點和日期舉行。關於地點、日期及時間的詳細信息載於本文的附件B。

理事會現為附件B所列各縣委任提前投票專員。郵寄選票申請和投票結果的郵寄地址請參閱附件B。提前投票專員應為提前投票於附件B所指定時間內保持辦公室開放。郵遞選票申請必須在2020年10月23日（週五）辦公結束前寄達。

特此授權行政當局提供本次選舉通知。本命令之實質性副本應當適當的選舉通告。應於固定選舉日期（2020年10月13日）的至少二十一(21)天前，在用於張貼理事會會議通告的公告欄上發布選舉通知。此外，應於選舉日前第三十(30)天（2020年10月4日）至第十(10)天（2020年10月24日）之間，在本區發行的報紙上至少刊登一次上述選舉通知。

發布日期：2020年8月24日。


Courtney Doyle, 主席

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy
ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN

Por la presente se ordena una elección a realizarse el martes 3 de noviembre de 2020 para el propósito de elegir **Síndicos de la Junta Escolar** para cubrir los siguientes términos en los cargos.

Posición 3	Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Ashley Vann
Posición 4	Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Courtney Doyle
Posición 5	Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Bill Lacy

En virtud de las Secciones 31.092 y 271.002 del Código Electoral de Texas y sus enmiendas, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy (el “Distrito”) tiene la intención de firmar contratos con los Condados de Fort Bend, de Harris y de Waller, Texas (los “Condados”) para celebrar la Elección y para proveer ciertos servicios electorales para el Distrito relacionados con la Elección, incluso todas las funciones de supervisión y administración relativas a la celebración de la Elección. Por la presente se autoriza al Superintendente y a otros empleados y consultores del Distrito a que negocien dicho convenio o convenios entre el Distrito y los Condados (los “Contratos de Elecciones Conjuntas”) y por la presente se autoriza y aprueba la firma de dichos Contratos de Elecciones Conjuntas entre el Distrito y los Condados.

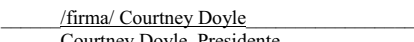
La elección estará a cargo de los funcionarios electorales, incluso los jueces de precinto designados más adelante en la presente y los funcionarios o jueces alternos en conformidad con los Contratos de Elecciones Conjuntas del Distrito y el Código Electoral. Los precintos electorales, los lugares de votación, los jueces de precintos y los jueces alternos para la Elección serán como los determinen los Condados y los utilicen los Condados para las elecciones conjuntas de los Condados que se celebrarán con la Elección. La votación del Día de Elección se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en los precintos y lugares de votación identificados en el **Anexo A** del presente documento.

La votación anticipada, tanto en persona como por correo, se llevará a cabo en conformidad con el Código Electoral. La votación anticipada en persona comienza el martes 13 de octubre de 2020 y finaliza el viernes 30 de octubre de 2020. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en los lugares y las fechas que designen los Condados y los funcionarios electorales de los Condados. Dichos lugares, fechas y horarios se identifican con mayor detalle en el **Anexo B** del presente documento.

Por la presente la Junta designa a los funcionarios de votación anticipada establecidos por cada Condado como son identificados en el Anexo B. La dirección postal a la cual pueden ser enviadas las solicitudes de boleta de votación y los votos emitidos por correo es indicada en el Anexo B. El oficial de votación anticipada mantendrá las oficinas abiertas para votar por anticipado durante el horario descrito en el Anexo B. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario laboral del viernes 23 de octubre de 2020.

Por la presente se autoriza a la Administración a dar aviso de esta elección. Una copia sustancial de la Orden servirá como aviso adecuado. Se dará aviso publicando el aviso no menos de veintinueve (21) días antes de la fecha establecida de las elecciones (13 de octubre de 2020) en la cartelera de anuncios utilizada para colocar avisos de las asambleas de la Junta. Además, el Aviso de Elección será publicado al menos una vez, no antes del trigésimo (30.^o) día anterior al Día de Elección, el 4 de octubre de 2020, ni después del décimo (10.^o) día antes del Día de Elección, el 24 de octubre de 2020, en un periódico publicado en el Distrito.

Emitida el 24 de agosto de 2020.


Courtney Doyle, Presidente

Học Khu Độc Lập Katy
LỆNH TỔ CHỨC BẦU CỬ

Một cuộc bầu cử theo đây được lệnh tổ chức vào thứ Ba ngày 3 tháng Mười một, 2020 để bầu chọn **Các Ủy Viên Hội Đồng Quản Trị Trường Học** cho các nhiệm kỳ sau đây.

Vị Trí Số 3	Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do Ashley Vann đảm trách
Vị Trí Số 4	Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do Courtney Doyle đảm trách
Vị Trí Số 5	Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do Bill Lacy đảm trách

Chiếu theo Mục 31.092 và 271.002, Bộ Luật Bầu Cử Texas, bản tu chính, Học Khu Độc Lập Katy (“Học Khu”) dự định ký hợp đồng với các Quận Fort Bend, Harris và Waller, Texas (“Các Quận”) để tiến hành Cuộc Bầu Cử và thực hiện một số dịch vụ bầu cử cho Học Khu liên quan tới Cuộc Bầu Cử, bao gồm tất cả các nhiệm vụ giám sát và quản lý hành chính liên quan tới việc tiến hành Cuộc Bầu Cử. Giám Đốc Học Khu và các nhân viên và chuyên gia tư vấn khác của Học Khu sau đây được ủy quyền thương lượng (các) thỏa thuận giữa Học Khu và các Quận (“Các Hợp Đồng Bầu Cử Kết Hợp”) và việc ký các Hợp Đồng Tổ Chức Bầu Cử Kết Hợp đó giữa Học Khu và các Quận theo đây được cho phép và phê chuẩn.

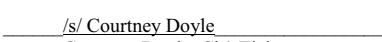
Cuộc bầu cử sẽ do các viên chức phụ trách bầu cử tiến hành, bao gồm các trưởng ban điều hành phân khu được bổ nhiệm theo lệnh này và các trưởng ban điều hành dự khuyết hoặc các thư ký, theo Hợp Đồng Tổ Chức Bầu Cử Kết Hợp và Bộ Luật Bầu Cử. Các phân khu bầu cử, địa điểm phòng phiếu, các trưởng ban điều hành và trưởng ban điều hành dự khuyết cho Cuộc Bầu Cử sẽ do các Quận quyết định và được các Quận sử dụng cho các cuộc bầu cử kết hợp của các Quận sẽ được tiến hành cùng với Cuộc Bầu Cử. Thủ tục bỏ phiếu vào Ngày Bầu Cử sẽ diễn ra từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối tại các phân khu và địa điểm phòng phiếu trình bày trong **Phụ Lục A** kèm theo đây.

Thủ tục bỏ phiếu sớm, kể cả dịch thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm và bỏ phiếu sớm qua thư, sẽ được tiến hành theo quy định của Bộ Luật Bầu Cử. Thủ tục dịch thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ bắt đầu từ thứ Ba, ngày 13 tháng Mười, 2020 và kết thúc vào thứ Sáu, ngày 30 tháng Mười, 2020. Thủ tục dịch thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ được tiến hành tại các địa điểm và ngày giờ quy định của các Quận và các viên chức bầu cử của các Quận đó. Các địa điểm và ngày giờ nói trên được trình bày chi tiết hơn trong **Phụ Lục B** của tài liệu này.

Theo đây, Hội Đồng Quản Trị bổ nhiệm các thư ký phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm theo quy định của mỗi Quận như ghi trong Phụ Lục B. Địa chỉ bưu tín nơi nhận đơn xin lá phiếu và các lá phiếu bầu qua thư được ghi trong Phụ Lục B. Thư ký phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ mở cửa các văn phòng để cử tri đến bỏ phiếu sớm trong các giờ quy định trong Phụ Lục B. Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư phải nhận được trễ nhất là cuối giờ làm việc ngày thứ Sáu, 23 tháng Mười, 2020.

Ban Quản Trị Hành Chánh theo đây được ủy quyền thông báo về cuộc bầu cử này. Một bản sao y của Lệnh này sẽ được coi là thông báo hợp thức. Sẽ thông báo bằng cách niêm yết thông báo trễ nhất là hai một (21) ngày trước ngày ấn định cho các cuộc bầu cử (13 tháng Mười, 2020) trên bảng tin dùng để niêm yết các thông báo họp của Hội Đồng Quản Trị. Ngoài ra, Thông Báo Bầu Cử sẽ được niêm yết ít nhất một lần, sớm nhất là ngày thứ ba mươi (30) trước Ngày Bầu Cử, 4 tháng Mười, 2020, và trễ nhất là ngày thứ mười (10) trước Ngày Bầu Cử, 24 tháng Mười, 2020, trong một tờ báo được phát hành trong Học Khu.

Ban hành ngày hôm nay, 24 tháng Tám, 2020.


Courtney Doyle, Chủ Tịch

Fort Bend County Election Day (el condado de Fort Bend día de elección)	EXHIBIT A (Anexo A)	November 3, 2020 (7:00am – 7:00pm) (3 de noviembre de 2020 7:00am – 7:00pm)
VOTING CENTER* (centro de votación)*	ADDRESS (dirección)	CITY (ciudad)
Adams Junior High School	4141 Cross Creek Bend Lane	FULSHEAR, TX
Beck Junior High School	5200 S Fry Rd	KATY, TX
Beckendorf Jr High School	8200 South Fry Rd.	KATY, TX
Cinco Ranch Branch Library	2620 Commercial Center Dr.	KATY, TX
Katy Reserve (Ika Childhood Center)	1711 Spring Green Blvd	KATY, TX
Living Word Lutheran Church	3700 South Mason Road	KATY, TX
Merrell Center	6301 South Stadium Ln	KATY, TX
Seven Lakes High School	9251 S Fry Rd	KATY, TX
Tompkins High School	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd.	KATY, TX

*As of 09/28/2020 (Subject to Change)

*a partir del día 28 de Septiembre, 2020 (sujeto a cambio)

Contact Information for Fort Bend County Elections:
(Información de contacto para las elección del condado de Fort Bend)
Election Administrator
Fort Bend County Elections
301 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469
Phone: 281-341-8670
Email: vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov
Website: <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-services/elections-voter-registration>

Exhibit B
(Anexo B)

Hours (Horas)							
Early Voting Location* (Lugar de votación anticipada)*	Tuesday - Saturday October 13 - 17, 2020 (martes-sábado) (octubre 13 - 17, 2020)	Sunday October 18, 2020 (domingo) (octubre 18, 2020)	Monday - Friday October 19 - 23, 2020 (lunes-viernes) (octubre 19 - 23, 2020)	Saturday October 24, 2020 (sábado) (octubre 24, 2020)	Sunday October 25, 2020 (domingo) (octubre 25, 2020)	Monday-Tuesday October 26 - 27, 2020 (lunes - martes) (octubre 26 - 27, 2020)	Wednesday-Friday October 28-30, 2020 (miércoles- viernes) (octubre 28-30, 2020)
Cinco Ranch Library 2620 Commercial Center Dr, Katy	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M	CLOSED (cerrado)	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	CLOSED (cerrado)	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M
Katy Reserve (Ika Childhood Ctr) 1711 Spring Green Blvd, Katy							
Tompkins High School 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd, Katy	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M	CLOSED	8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	12:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M	7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M

*As of 10/06/2020 (Subject to Change)

*a partir del día 6 de Octubre, 2020 (sujeto a cambio)

MAIL IN BALLOTS: (correo en papeletas:)
Early Voting Clerk
Fort Bend County Elections
301 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469
Phone: 281-341-8670
Fax: 281-341-4418
Email: vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Waller County Election Day (el condado de Waller día de elección)	EXHIBIT A (Anexo A)	November 3, 2020 (7:00am – 7:00pm) (3 de noviembre de 2020 7:00am – 7:00pm)
VOTING CENTER* (centro de votación)	ADDRESS (dirección)	CITY (ciudad)
Brookshire Convention Center	4027 5 th Street	BROOKSHIRE, TX
Waller Co Precinct 4 Annex Bldg.	32225 Hwy. 90	BROOKSHIRE, TX
Katy VFW	6206 George Bush Drive	KATY, TX

*As of 09/28/2020 (Subject to Change)

* a partir del día 28 de Septiembre, 2020 (sujeto a cambios)

Contact Information for Waller County Elections:
(Información de contacto para las elección del condado de Waller)
Waller County Elections
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, TX 77445
Phone: 979-826-7643
Email: vote@wallercounty.us
Website: <https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/Front%20Page>

EXHIBIT B
(Anexo B)

Waller County Early Voting Schedule November 3, 2020 Presidential Election
(Programa de votación anticipada del condado de Waller Elección presidencial del 3 de noviembre de 2020)

Hours (Horas)						
Early Voting Location* (Lugar de votación anticipada)*	Tuesday – Friday October 13 – 16, 2020 (martes-viernes) (octubre 13 - 16, 2020)	Saturday October 17, 2020 (sábado) (octubre 17, 2020)	Monday – Friday October 19 - 23, 2020 (lunes - viernes) (octubre 19 - 23,2020)	Saturday October 24, 2020 (sábado) (octubre 24, 2020)	Monday - Wednesday October 26 - 28, 2020 (lunes - miércoles) (octubre 26-28,2020)	Thursday - Friday October 29 - 30, 2020 (jueves - viernes) (octubre 29 - 30, 2020)
Brookshire Convention Ctr 4027 5 th St. Brookshire, TX	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

*As of 08/31/2020 (Subject to Change)

*a partir del día 31 de Agosto, 2020 (sujeto a cambio)

MAIL IN BALLOTS (correo en papeletas):
Early Voting Clerk
Waller County Elections
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, TX 77445
Phone: 979-826-7643
Fax: 979-826-7643
Email: vote@wallercountv.us

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OCTOBER 28, 2020 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM,
WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the authority of Transportation Code Chapter 251, Subchapter E to consider Stop Sign Changes at the following locations:

Kyle Road - Westbound at Bowler/Howell Rd.
Intersection - Add one Stop Sign. This will become an All Way Stop.

Kyle Road - Westbound at Brooks Road - Remove Stop Sign

Curtis Road - Westbound at Brooks Road - Remove Stop Sign

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.

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E HOLLYHILL DR - Entire length - 35 mph
WEST LOOP DR - Entire length - 30 mph
DOUBLE CULVERT RD - Entire length - 40 mph
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SPANISH OAK DR - Entire length - 30 mph
LAKE RD - Entire length - 30 mph
THOMPSON RD - Entire length - 35 mph
CLARK RD - Entire length - 35 mph
LONE STAR BLVD - Entire length - 35 mph
WILLOW BEND LN - Entire length - 30 mph
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Bid award shall be based on either unit price or lump sum as indicated on the BID SHEET.

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ALAN YOUNTS
County Auditor
836 Austin Street, Suite 221
Hempstead, Texas 77445

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Harris County Election Day
Día de Elección en el Condado de Harris
Harris縣選舉日
7:00
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**EXHIBIT A
ANEXO A
附件A**

November 3, 2020 (7:00am - 7:00pm)
3 de noviembre de 2020 (7:00am - 7:00pm)
2020年11月3日 (上午7:00至晚上)

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Ngày 3 tháng Mười một, 2020 (7:00am - 7:00pm)

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Cornerstone Presbyterian Church	1351 Mason Road		Katy	77450
First Christian Church	22101 Morton Ranch Rd.	Fellowship Hall	Katy	77449
Harris County Annex 57	19818 Franz Road	East Side of Bldg	Houston	77449
Harris County Mud 71	21437 Clay Road	Admin. Bldg.	Katy	77449
Administration Building	805 Hidden Canyon Road	Great Room	Katy	77450
Harris County MUD 81 Building				
HCPL Maud Smith Marks Branch Library	1815 Westgreen Boulevard	Meeting Room	Katy	77450
James E Taylor High School	20700 Kingsland Boulevard	PAC Lobby	Katy	77450
John Paul Landing Environmental Education Ctr	9950 Katy Hockley Road	Great Room	Cypress	77433
Katherine Tyra Branch Library	16719 Clay Road	Meeting Room	Houston	77084
Katy Branch Harris County Public Library	5414 Franz Road	Meeting Room	Katy	77493
Katy City Hall	901 Avenue C	Council Chambers	Katy	77493
Katy Junior High School	5350 Franz Road	Café/Gym Lobby	Katy	77493
Kingsland Baptist Church	20555 Kingsland Boulevard	Chapel	Katy	77450
Legacy Stadium	1830 Katlyand Drive	Community Rooms	Katy	77493
Lone Star College Cypress Center	19710 Clay Road	CY 106 and 107	Katy	77449
Mayde Creek High School	19202 Groeschke Road	PAC Lobby	Houston	77084
Mayde Creek Junior High School	2700 Greenhouse Road	LGI-E101	Houston	77084
Memorial Parkway Junior High School	21203 Highland Knolls Dr, Katy, TX, 77450, USA	700 Hall	Katy	77450
Morton Ranch High School	21000 FRANZ RD, KATY, TX, 77449	PAC Lobby	Katy	77449
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SPORTS

H.S. FOOTBALL STANDINGS & STATS
AS OF OCT. 14

DISTRICT 19-6A

	DISTRICT		OVERALL		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Katy	1	0	3	0	153	37
Taylor	1	0	3	0	94	28
Tompkins	1	0	3	0	89	28
Mayde Creek	0	0	3	0	87	28
Morton Ranch	0	1	1	2	73	83
Seven Lakes	0	1	0	3	46	121
Cinco Ranch	0	1	0	3	34	99
x-clinched playoff berth						
y-clinched district title						

DISTRICT 10-5A, D1

	DISTRICT		OVERALL		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Angleton	0	0	3	0	85	43
Paetow	0	0	2	0	59	55
Kempner	1	0	2	0	100	13
Terry	0	0	2	0	73	19
Manvel	0	0	2	0	88	33
Richmond Foster	0	0	1	0	79	7
Hightower	0	0	0	1	28	37
Milby	0	0	0	1	6	7
Wisdom	0	1	0	2	14	107
x-clinched playoff berth						
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KATY ISD FOOTBALL TEAM AND
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

TEAM OFFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Mayde Creek	3	688	563	1251	417.0
Katy	3	810	369	1179	393.0
Paetow	2	452	301	753	376.5
Tompkins	3	696	371	1067	355.7
Taylor	3	409	587	996	332.0
Morton Ranch	3	787	179	966	322.0
Cinco Ranch	3	89	695	784	261.3
Seven Lakes	3	123	389	512	170.7

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD
Loughridge, Mayde Creek	69	627	9.1	9
S. Davis, Katy	34	420	12.4	6
Bankston, Paetow	51	400	7.8	2
Christopher, Mrtn Ranch	41	261	6.4	2
Shoulders, Tompkins	42	247	5.9	5
Whitaker, Taylor	57	217	3.8	1
Wilson, Morton Ranch	40	205	5.1	2
Smith, Tompkins	30	195	6.5	4

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	P-A-Int	Yards	Pct.	TD
Rutherford, Cinco Ranch	38-69-2	574	55.1	4
Wilson, Mayde Creek	38-71-3	563	53.5	2
Jensen III, Taylor	35-46-0	552	76.1	4
Milroe, Tompkins	20-35-1	363	57.1	2
Beltran, Seven Lakes	36-58-2	338	62.1	2
Dumas Jr., Paetow	20-40-2	301	50.0	3
Koger, Katy	15-25-0	252	60.0	4
Wilson, Morton Ranch	7-19-1	166	36.8	1

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD
Irving III, Taylor	18	384	21.3	3
Salverino, Cinco Ranch	11	297	27.0	1
Skinner, Mayde Creek	15	268	17.9	0
Abboud, Cinco Ranch	13	203	15.6	2
Davis, Morton Ranch	6	163	27.2	1
Medford, Seven Lakes	18	161	8.9	1
Anderson, Katy	8	145	18.1	2
McMillan II, Tompkins	6	133	22.2	0



Nic Anderson

KATY

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The Tigers put up more than 470 yards against Seven Lakes after totaling 501 against Cy-Woods. It's a drastic turnaround for an offense that mustered 210 total yards and had to punt nine times against Clear Springs. "Our energy has been astounding since the first game," Anderson said. "That first game didn't really feel like a game to us, and we came out that second game with a totally different mindset. I feel that's propelled us."

Ailing Tigers

Senior running back Jalen Davis, who had 163 yards and five touchdowns in the first two games, is "banged up with a muscle issue," Joseph said. Joseph elected not to play Davis against Seven Lakes, as to not make the injury worse. "You don't know how those

things are," Joseph said of muscle issues. "It's happened to our kids before and sometimes they miss a week and sometimes they miss a month. We're treating it and treating it, and we felt like the best thing for him was to not put him out there. We have pretty decent backups." Senior fullback Aiden McKinney went down with a leg injury during the second quarter and did not return. In the meantime, the Tigers will turn to junior Isaiah Smith at fullback if need be. Smith entered the season No. 1 on the depth chart.

Dickinson game canceled

Katy's non-district game versus Dickinson scheduled for Nov. 27 has been canceled. Dickinson has had to postpone district games recently and needs that week to accommodate that. That leaves Katy with two open dates (the weeks of Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 3-5). As of now, Katy has five games left in its regular season.

RAMS

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second group and not skip a beat. We're versatile and we try to make the best of it." Through three games, the Rams have nine takeaways and allowed 28 total points. They've had productive, efficient offenses in past years, but rarely have they had a defense as prolific as this one. A new scheme is working. Mayde Creek has gone from a 3-4 to a 4-3 base defense and plays a healthy dose of nickel defense, an alignment that incorporates a fifth defensive back.

"We focus on defense," said coach Brian Randle, in his first year at the helm of the Rams. "I was a defensive coordinator before I became a head coach, so I'm a defensive-minded guy. These kids can execute. That's the biggest thing. They're where they're supposed to be. The coaches are doing a good job putting them in position to be successful."

The Rams have already had two games where a player has intercepted multiple passes. In their win over Cy-Lakes on Oct. 3, senior defensive back Alpha Khan collected two interceptions. Last week, it was Earls's turn.

"I read the quarterback's eyes," said Earls, whose picks came on consecutive Dulles drives to close the first half. "It was pretty simple. He's a one-directional player, so I just followed where he was." Khan leads the Rams with three interceptions. Eguche leads with two fumble recoveries. "We're always trying to read the center and the guard and watch the movement," Eguche said. "We've done a good job using our stronger arm to make plays and not get reached. Coach always tells us that we've got to make backfield plays. We're using our moves and our hands and we're making those plays."

It's been more than enough support for an electric offense. Against Dulles, Wilson completed 11 of 22 passes for 179 yards and rushed for two touchdowns. After compiling 252 yards and five touchdowns against Cy-Lakes, Loughridge ravaged the Vikings for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Senior L'Den Skinner has emerged as a premier pass-catcher. Against Cy-Lakes, the 6-foot-2, 192-pounder had 107 yards on seven catches. Against Dulles, he upped that to 134 yards on six catches.

"Me and my quarterback, we stay in the kitchen and make sure everything's well," Skinner said. "We make sure the chemistry is good. As long as that happens, we're going to make plays." Randle has been impressed with Skinner's rebound after a tough season-opening game against Conroe, when he had 26 yards on two catches. "Week 1 wasn't good for him," Randle said. "If he catches all those passes he dropped, there's no telling where he's at now. But that was a wake-up call for him. He's honed in and focused, and the sky's the limit for him. We're happy he's building that confidence and believing in himself." But the story of late for the green and white is the defense.

The Rams have the luxury of lining up defensively according to whatever the offense is showing. Randle has athletes like linemen Kenneth Ellison, GeQuan Faucette-Lavan and Eguche, linebacker Everett Haven Jr., and defensive backs Earls and Khan, among others, who are versatile and explosive in pursuit. "We want to make you bat left-handed, per se," Randle said. "So, if you're 10 personnel (one running back, no tight ends), we're going to be in nickel. If you come out in 21 personnel (two running backs, one tight end), we'll have four (down linemen), or possibly five. Whatever you give us, that's how we're going to respond."

Not all defenses can conform to any offense. Skinner credits the unit's aggressiveness. "Even the young kids, man, they're playing aggressive," Skinner said. "That's something you can't really teach. You have to have that in your heart." Earls credits communication and desire. "We have to keep the intensity and keep playing together," he said. "If we do that, we'll be fine." Rams players feel there is no telling what their ceiling is. Even after a program-best 9-3 season last year, the sense is this year's team is better. "We're expected to do what we're doing," Skinner said. "When things go wrong, we don't keep our head down, but we lift our chin up. We're going to fight. This team has dog in our hearts. We play as a family and we each have something that motivates us."

JENSEN

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In three games this season, Jensen III, who stands 5-foot-6 and 165 pounds, has completed 36 of 47 passes (76.6 percent) for 555 yards and four touchdowns to no interceptions for the 3-0 Mustangs. He also has not been sacked, which is partly due to an overwhelmingly physical offensive line—led by star prospects Bryce Foster and Hayden Conner, and veteran stalwarts Nolan Hay and Abraham Okezie—and partly due to Jensen II's longtime emphasis of getting rid of the football as soon as the foot hits the ground.

"A lot of it is he's a kid that's a coach's son," Taylor head coach Chad Simmons said. "He grew up in football. From all the way back to when you're a little kid and being around the game your entire life, knowing what all the caveats are that some kids are not likely to pick up on. Stuff like ball placement and knowing when to throw the ball away and not take a sack. Just playing smart."

Against Morton Ranch, Jensen III completed his final 12 passes. Both of his touchdown passes went to Irving, an athletic sensation whose acrobatic pass-catching skills are worthy of ESPN. "He's the best quarterback in the country, in my opinion," said Irving, who was remarkable in his own right with 195 yards and two touchdowns on seven catches. "I couldn't ask for a better teammate. He's always willing to listen to what I have to say. If I think something will work or have an idea of where to

place the ball, he's always listening." Jensen III said he missed a lot of reads last season, when he took over the team about midway through following an injury to the starter. During this summer, he and Jensen II spent long hours at Memorial Parkway Junior High working on throws and timing. Three-step drops, five-step drops, quick game. Anything and everything, Jensen III repped tirelessly with his dad.

At the program's off-season strength and conditioning camp, Jensen III's work on speed ladders and hurdles significantly improved his speed. It showed on two impressive runs of 12 and 17 yards, respectively, against Morton Ranch. "It's a lot of carryover from what he did last year," Simmons said. "He's a kid who's a student of the game and works during the week. He takes care of business, so he's continuing, as you'd expect, to improve. He's seeing matchups, calling it and putting the ball on the money."

Shorter returns

After missing the previous game against George Ranch on Oct. 1 and the last three quarters of the season opener against Cy-Springs, senior running back Casey Shorter was back in the starting lineup for Taylor against Morton Ranch. Shorter, an Army commit, has been dealing with a hamstring issue. If he's not at 100 percent, Simmons said, he's close. Simmons went to Shorter on the first three plays from scrimmage to open the game. Shorter finished with 19 yards on four carries and nine yards on two catches.

"We were just glad to see him finish a game and not aggravate that injury again," Simmons said. "It's a tribute to him doing what we're calling pre-hab, as far as keep getting treatment and keep doing what he's supposed to do, and not stop doing it just because it's healed."

Irving explodes ... again

After a breakout 115-yard receiving game against George Ranch on Oct. 1, Irving was even better against Morton Ranch. He averaged 23.3 yards per catch, including a terrific dive of a 35-yard toss in the third quarter, and has scored three touchdowns in the last two games. "My offensive line is giving me time and I'm able to do what I do," Irving said. "I feel like people give me too much credit. People don't understand it's the offensive line that makes everything happen."

Johnson makes debut for Mavs

Morton Ranch sophomore quarterback Josh Johnson made his varsity debut late in the second quarter against Taylor. Johnson, who replaced senior Jaymarcus Wilson, completed just two of 10 passes for 13 yards and an interception, but rushed for 24 yards and a touchdown on eight carries. His touchdown was a 10-yard around-and-up run with 8:59 left in the game. Sophomore running back Santana Scott paced the Mavs with 66 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries. Junior running back Karsten Christopher added 62 yards on 14 carries.

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	DISTRICT		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Seven Lakes	6	0	12	0
Katy	5	1	7	2
Cinco Ranch	4	2	5	5
Tompkins	3	3	8	5
Taylor	2	4	4	9
Mayde Creek	1	5	3	8
Morton Ranch	0	6	2	10
x-clinched playoff berth				
y-clinched district title				

DISTRICT 19-5A

	DISTRICT		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Magnolia West	5	0	12	1
College Station	4	1	9	2
Brenham	3	2	10	2
Magnolia	3	2	5	5
Rudder	2	3	8	5
A&M Consolidated	2	3	6	6
Paetow	1	4	2	10
Waller	0	5	3	8
x-clinched playoff berth				
y-clinched district title				



BATENHORST

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and athletic. Dani stands 6-foot-1, Ally 6-4, and Casey 6-1.

Growing up, Batenhorst figured she'd be an outside hitter like her sisters. She expected to be delivering kills, not assisting them.

"I was surprised by that, too," Batenhorst said. "When I was little, I thought setting was fun, but I never really thought much else about it."

But when Batenhorst was playing club volleyball at 12 years old, her coach needed a setter, so she set some balls for him.

"I don't know if (the balls) were good or not, but he made me a setter and I just stuck with that my entire career," she said.

Now she can't imagine playing any other position on the floor.

"I love everything about it," Batenhorst said. "People call it the quarterback of the team and it's really interesting. You study the other side of the court, see what the matchups are, know who's on that game, and you have to be focused every single play. I think it's fun to run an offense and be in control of the ball, run different plays and see the holes. The dynamic is super fun."

Batenhorst has only been setting for five years, so she's still growing into the role.



Seven Lakes junior setter Casey Batenhorst is averaging 10.2 assists per set to go with a 44.2 hit percentage for the Spartans this season.

She said she's improved the most at knowing where middle blockers are during any given set and determining the height of the balls to place for her hitters. She's better at running a faster offense.

"I used to set a pretty high ball," Batenhorst said, laughing.

She acknowledges there

is still room to improve. Batenhorst wants to get better deciphering each hitter and making it easier for them to attack off her sets. She obsesses over delivering the perfect ball, per each hitter's wants and standards.

She wants to work on picking up tips more as well as executing deep dumps, which is hitting balls from

the front row, but deeper on the court.

This 2020 season will be Batenhorst's last playing with Ally, something she does not take for granted.

"Having a sister on the team, especially me as a setter and her being an outside (hitter), there needs to be a lot of communication because the hitter dictates what they want," Batenhorst said. "Since we're family, it's

a lot easier for her to tell me. We just have that connection to where, no matter what, she won't get mad and I won't get mad. It just works well. Throughout the years, she hasn't had to tell me as much because I've learned her as a player. Setting her and seeing her get a kill is the best thing for me."

Setting Ally has made Batenhorst a better player. Ally is enjoying arguably the best season of her illustrious high school career, averaging 6.6 kills per set with a 36.6 hit percentage.

"She needs a faster ball, but it can't be low because she's so tall," Batenhorst said. "So, I have to set it almost past the pin so she can cut it off at a certain point. It's a farther ball, but higher. She works well with that, and she's really good with 3s (balls that are more inside; a quicker, faster ball so the hitter can hit to the line and have more options), and 2s (balls to the outside, far to the pin), too, which I feel are underrated because it's harder to block a 2. I love when she calls that, and I can set it lower and faster and she comes in super quick."

Batenhorst credits both high school volleyball and club volleyball for her success.

Under revered coach Amy Cataline at Seven Lakes, Batenhorst plays six rotations and the front row as well as the back row, something that is appealing to college coaches when they

look for setters. In club ball, though she mostly only plays from the back row, the exposure is significant, as college coaches are more likely to attend those showcases than high school games.

"Coach Cataline is an amazing coach and was a setter herself, so she really helps me through that aspect," Batenhorst said. "Being able to play six rotations and set from the front row, I think that will help me for college. A lot of colleges want setters that play (that way), so I've been able to learn blocking and everything else. For club ball, the coaches are great, and they're all so invested in us with great connections to colleges."

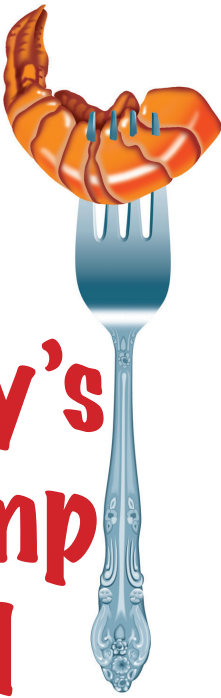
The Batenhorst sisters started their athletic careers playing basketball up until middle school. They started playing with the Katy Volleyball Academy late during their elementary years.

Dani was a late bloomer to the club volleyball scene, starting her freshman year. Ally started club volleyball during the fifth grade, Casey during the sixth grade.

"We all love the team aspect of volleyball," Batenhorst said. "It's different than any other sport, in my opinion. You're so much closer and there's such like a family aspect to it. The game is fast-paced, which is super fun, and there are so many techniques and dynamics to the sport that you can always learn more. There's never a dull moment with volleyball."

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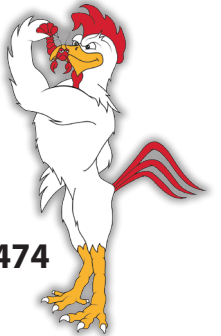


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