

Katy PD earns award

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The Katy Police Department announced via an Oct. 16 press release that it has earned the award of Recognized Law Enforcement Agency from the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Law Enforcement Recognition Program.

"We are the 170th (department recognized) so we're among the 6% of police departments (in Texas) that have this accreditation," Katy Police Chief Noe Diaz said. "It's important to me, as a professional police officer to ensure that the city is aware that this office is healthy. It's accredited."

Diaz said the process to receive the recognition was extensive and involved a group effort from throughout his department, the people at Katy City Hall that support the department and the residents who offer their support to the department as well.

The requirements for KPD to be recognized included meeting high standards, Diaz said.

"The requirement's by the (Texas) Police Chiefs Association at the state level and it encompasses all things police-related – policies, procedures, jail upkeep, property room (processes), records handling, records retention, training for staff, continuing education for staff. Things like that," Diaz said. "So, it's everything that you could think of that would apply to a normal business, so it's basically governmental compliance of a police department."

Katy Mayor and former Police Chief Bill Hastings said he was very proud of the department for the hard work it took to get the Recognized Law Enforcement Agency certification. He also praised Assistant Chief Tim Tyler who had attended a conference in 2018 where he heard about the certification and began working on policies almost immediately afterward to make sure the department was set up to move forward and obtain that recognition.

"When I left (KPD, Tyler) had probably finished maybe three or four policies that were in the works, redoing our manual," Hastings said. "Tim has worked very diligently for the last year

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Fire destroys complex

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Harris County Emergency Services District 48 fire crews responded to a call reporting a fire at 6:18 a.m. the morning of Oct. 14, indicating that the San Tierra apartment complex at 1818 Partnership Way, Katy was ablaze.

"Thirty seconds later, we had multiple callers and (the fire) was upgraded to a full structure fire. The calling party reported black smoke from the construction site next door (to the San Remo Apartments)," said HCESD 48 Division Chief of Community Risk Reduction and Public Information Officer Jason Tharp. "Crews responding from the station could see the column from the station (on Morton Road)."

At 6:28, a second alarm was set due to rapid growth of the fire and aerial trucks were set up to help control the flames which callers reported seemed to have started in the westernmost building on the fourth floor. The large trucks which pump water from ladder mounts were set up on Partnership Way initially, then moved in to fight fire at a second building in the complex, Tharp said.

At about that time, the department reached out to the local



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Blanca Peña snapped this photo as she and her family evacuated their home at the San Remo apartment complex near Katy Asian Town because the unfinished San Tierra Apartment complex neighboring their complex on its north side was ablaze. She said she took the picture because she wanted to have it to discuss the fire with her children and remind them of how brave they were the morning of the fire.

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Most won't have access to COVID vaccine until July

By ARIA JONES
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

If a COVID-19 vaccine is ready next month, Texas health officials predict it won't be widely available to Texans until at least July.

Under the state's vaccine distribution plan, vulnerable people, including health care workers, older people and people with underlying medical conditions would likely be the first to get the vaccine in the early months that it's available.

The estimated timeline presented at a meeting of health officials Monday hinges on the COVID-19 vaccine being approved before the end of the year, though it remains unclear whether that will happen. But the allocation plan provides more information about who will be first in line to get a vaccine in Texas and how long it might take before vaccines are accessible to public at large.

"Just on the face of it, the vaccine allocation will be a complex and demanding task," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, commissioner of

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A COVID-19 testing site in Houston on June 27. Under the state's vaccine distribution plan, vulnerable people would likely be the first to get the vaccine in the early months that it's available. Under the state's vaccine distribution plan, vulnerable people, including health care workers, older people and people with underlying medical conditions, would likely be the first to get the vaccine in the early months that it's available.

Virus forces changes to athletics schedules

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The Katy ISD athletics department is juggling schedules after several COVID-19 cases were reported.

After the novel coronavirus forced the postponement of the Oct. 2 Tompkins-Clear Springs football game by one day due to three positive cases discovered in the Tompkins program that week, the district reported three more cases within three high school athletic programs in the last week, as of late Tuesday, Oct. 20.

First, a COVID-19 case in the Katy High football program postponed the Tigers' Oct. 15 game against Tompkins to Nov. 27 at 11 a.m. at Legacy Stadium. Then, cases were reported in the Taylor High volleyball program that forced the postponement of the Mustangs' district games on Oct. 16, Oct. 17 and Oct. 20. Mustangs coach Louise Crite said her team should return to the court for this Friday's game against Mayde Creek.

And, finally, on Oct. 17, the district reported a case in the Mayde Creek football program. The Rams' game against Katy scheduled for Oct. 22 was postponed to Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium. Instead, Katy will play Cinco Ranch, which was scheduled to be idle this week, this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Legacy Stadium.

To take place of the Cinco Ranch game initially scheduled for Oct. 31, Katy will play a non-district game against Dickinson at noon at Rhodes Stadium that day. Katy and Dickinson were supposed to play Dec. 4 before Dickinson canceled that game to play a district game postponed due to its own district's COVID-19 reports.



Per Katy ISD protocols, members of each program deemed in close contact with the positive individual received direct notification from campus administration, which provided information to ensure the well-being of each person involved.

All players and coaches in each program that revealed a case of COVID-19 were required to get a test. A negative test is necessary to return to practice and/or play in a game.

The rescheduling of each game that had to be postponed provides the district's Emergency Management team enough time to conduct contact tracing and ensure student-athletes and staff are cleared to continue practicing and preparing for games.

Katy ISD also expanded its employee COVID-19 testing services to its students: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.,

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Brookshire Bros. Franz Road location getting a facelift

By R. HANS MILLER
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The Brookshire Brothers store at 5249 Franz Road in Katy is undergoing a facelift that will include updating the storefront with new paint and décor, a new in-store coffee shop, updated restrooms and new refrigerator cases, the store said in a press release.

"We take pride in ensuring our customers have a positive shopping experience, both in the store and online," said Brookshire Brothers President and CEO John Alston.

The store will remain open while the more than \$2 million in renovations are installed. Renovations are expected to be completed in December.

"I love seeing city of Katy businesses, even chains doing well enough to expand, renovate and meet the needs of patrons. Excited about seeing the end result and hope it makes Brookshire brothers even more successful," said Adrienne Davitz, a resident of Katy who will take also take on the mantle of president of the Katy Heritage Society Jan. 1.

The renovations are being done at the same time the store will begin launching its online services under the Brookshire Brothers Anywhere brand, the press release said. The service



COURTESY CHRIS HARRIS

The Brookshire Brothers store on Franz Road in Katy is under renovations but remains open while work is underway. Upgrades, including new décor and a coffee bar, are expected to be completed in December.

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Fire chief retires after nearly 46 years

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Harris County Emergency Services District 48 Fire Chief Jeff Hevey retired Friday, Oct. 16 after more than 45 years in emergency services, the district announced via a press release. Hevey had worked with the department since 2013, though his career started many years ago at a volunteer department in 1974.

“I was in the Air Force, and I was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio,” Hevey said. “I used to drive by this fire station to and from the base every morning, and I kept seeing the sign outside that said ‘volunteers wanted.’”

One day after work, he swung by the department and filled out an application, Hevey said. About a month later, he got a phone call to come by and pick up his firefighting gear – an old rubber raincoat a pair of three-quarter boots and some other somewhat questionable equipment.

“They handed me a helmet that I melted twice,” Hevey said. “I went quickly through them because the helmets were made by a company that hasn’t been in service for probably 40 years, and they gave me some red plastic gloves that I happened to be opening the box for them as they’re handing them to me, and I took a look at the paper inside the box and it says, ‘not for structural firefighting.’”

Hevey underwent his first training and responded to his first emergencies at that department, he said. A tornado in nearby Xenia, Ohio gave him his first experience with a natural disaster, helping a community of about 25,000 people at the time recover from the aftermath. And soon after that – a structure fire near his home at an autobody shop that appeared to specialize in Volkswagens – especially busses, a happenstance Hevey was grateful for.

Hevey said he arrived at the scene, checked in with the firefighter in charge, and began helping get hoses in to where they could be used to put out the fire. Hevey was behind them by about 15 feet when things went awry.

“So, I’m helping them (move) hose and I’m listening to them and the next thing I hear is the largest crash I’ve ever heard – still one of the largest crashes I’ve ever heard – and the next thing I know, the two firefighters are running right over me and knock me down.”

Once Hevey got up, he under-



COURTESY HCESD 48

Chief Jeff Hevey of Harris County Emergency Services District 48 has retired after more than 45 years in the fire service. Hevey is also a U.S. Air Force veteran, husband, father of four and a grandfather to ten children spread across Texas, Wisconsin and Florida.

stood why they were running. A 20-to-30-foot long portion of the ceiling had fallen in because of the fire, and the only thing that had saved Hevey from getting crushed by it was a pair of VW busses on either side of where he was standing when the roof fell.

After that fire, Hevey eventually got out of the Air Force by transferring into fire service as a full time firefighter when the Vietnam War came to an end and the military began to seek reductions in force. His First Sergeant called him and others into his office and asked if they wanted out of the military. Hevey said he did, because he wanted to pursue firefighting.

“I took a (firefighting) test and I scored number six on the test, and they’re hiring 14, I think I might have a chance,” Hevey told his superior at the time.

After getting recommendation letters from his fire chief and the mayor of Fairborn, Ohio where he volunteered, Hevey was released from service and focused on firefighting. He said he liked the privileges of the job, though some might question his definition of “privilege.”

“I went from being a volunteer to being a career firefighter and the one thing I liked about it is that I could go into burning buildings and not get arrested,” Hevey joked.

He said his career really took off when he was at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin he had a push from a mentor, Dean Redman, that caused him to move his career forward. An opening came up for an advanced firefighting position in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and Redman pushed him to take the test required to get the job. Hevey took the test and got hired. From there, his



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Hevey, who celebrated 45 years in the fire service in 2019, is also a cancer survivor who was diagnosed earlier this year and after treating it quickly is now in remission. Hevey said he is in good health and intends to remain active.

career continued to progress and he continued to build, looking back at Redman as someone to model himself after.

“If I could be one third the man that he was when it came to family, managing people and faith that he had – if I could be one third of him – I would be happy with my life,” Hevey said.

Eventually Hevey’s career progressed and he moved to the Katy area to take up the chief’s mantle at HCESD 48. Since then, he’s improved the department’s Insurance Services Office rating from a 3 to a 2, developed community risk reduction programs, expanded the department’s staffing and nurtured HCESD 48’s reputation as a cutting-edge department. And that’s according to his staff and commissioners – Hevey, throughout the hour-long interview the Katy Times had with him, continually gave credit to his staff and supporters without taking any for himself.

Simon VanDyk, former public information officer for HCESD 48 who continues to volunteer at the department after his own company pulled him away, credited Hevey as a mentor and leader who inspired him to build his public relations company that focuses on special districts like municipal utility and emergency services districts.

“I would not be where I’m at had he not trusted me to be the public information officer,” VanDyk said. “I learned so much under his guidance and now that I’m helping multiple agencies, the lessons I learned with his help and the training he provided for me has made a positive impact on how fire departments communicate with their residents across the region.”



COURTESY HCESD 48

During his time at HCESD 48, Hevey focused on developing a team of high quality firefighting professionals. Here, he congratulates Lieutenant of Suppression Training Isaiah Sanchez after swearing him into his new role in December 2019.

Hevey’s board of commissioners agrees with VanDyk.

“Chief Hevey’s hard work and diligence greatly benefits anyone who knows him and we expect the department will strive to follow his stellar example, said HCESD 48 Board President Marshall Kramer. “His leadership has helped the department emerge as a destination organization that is the envy of Harris County.”

Hevey said he is most proud of the community risk reduction he and his team were able to put in place during his time at HCESD 48. By reaching out to the community through home safety reviews, community events, the community paramedic program and similar efforts, residents have become safer, requiring fewer transports to the hospital by EMS staff and there are fewer fires districtwide, he said. Staff retention has also improved, he added.

“We retain people here, I think

Marshall (Kramer) ... said we have like a 10% or less turnover, and that’s good, because there are other industries that have a lot higher turnover, but recently, just nobody’s leaving.”

Except Hevey, who is looking forward to time with his wife, four children and 10 grandchildren who are spread across the country. He said he feels young still and would also like to find a way to continue to be involved in the fire service at some level.

Former Battalion Chief John Paetow, whose wife is the namesake for Paetow High School, will be coming in as the interim fire chief while the district’s board tracks down a permanent replacement, Hevey said. But regardless of who wears the chief’s hat, Hevey said he feels the department will do well.

“I think I’ve got the command staff here in a place that there will be no problems moving forward,” Hevey said.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

- Battered corners: dog-__
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- National capital
- Frogs and toads order
- Bathrooms (French)
- Praise
- Witch
- Consume
- Pork and lamb are two types
- Rocky peak
- Women’s undergarments
- From end to end
- Bed sheets
- South Sudanese king
- Dislike immensely
- Diving seabird
- Breathe noisily
- Full of roots
- Inside
- Small island in a river
- Tear into pieces
- “CSI” actor George
- Make less dense
- Derogatory term for a country native
- Pike and pickerel genus
- Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
- Belgian city
- “The Joy Luck Club” author
- Essence of “Aloha”
- Suggestions
- One who overindulges
- Expression
- Maize dough
- Make into leather
- British noblemen

CLUES DOWN

- One of two or more people or things
- Small, deerlike water buffalo
- Part of a ladder
- Unit of work
- Patriotic women
- Fragrant essential oil
- Aggressive, uncouth man
- One thousandth of an inch
- Brisk and cheerful readiness
- Serving no practical purpose
- Prevent from going forward
- Camera part
- Former CIA
- Colorless, odorless gas
- Long division of time
- Atomic #73
- Make a bleating sound
- The kids love him
- Female condition prior to menstrual period
- Founder of Sikhism
- Sudanese swamp
- He/she can help with your finances
- Part of the human body
- Mortar trough
- Greek island
- Change pagination
- Queens hip hop group
- Precursor to the EU
- A way to go on
- Slender marine fish
- Georgetown’s mascot
- Farm state
- Military leader (abbr.)
- Russian river
- Teams’ best pitchers
- In a more positive way
- Long French river
- Reactive structures in organic chemistry
- Distinctive practices
- Male gypsy
- When you hope to get there
- Men’s fashion accessory
- Journalist Tarbell

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KISD to participate in takeback event

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The Katy ISD Police Department will be participating with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to collect dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications Oct. 24. The nationwide event has collected millions of pounds of unused prescriptions since it began about 19 years ago.

"Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Katy ISD Police Department will have a contactless, drive-thru disposal process where residents can safely drop off their unused medications," said Katy ISD Police Chief Henry Gaw.

The DEA established this nationwide program in order to reduce the abuse of prescription drugs. In 2018, the National Survey on Drug Use and health indicated that about



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The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has set up a nationwide drug takeback event in order to combat the opioid epidemic and other drug-related problems.

9.9 million Americans misused prescription drugs.

The take back day event is a means for

residents to drop their old prescriptions off at the Mark L. Hopkins Law Enforcement Center at 20370 Franz Road in Katy between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 24 rather than having those items lying around. Area law enforcement officers have said abuse of prescription drugs is one of the leading causes of addiction and drug abuse in the greater Katy area.

Additionally, according to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, opioid use is the primary driver of overdose deaths in the state and from 2000 to 2016 the rate of opioid overdoses increased almost threefold from 1.7 deaths per 100,000 people to 4.5 deaths per 100,000 people. Opioids are one of the most commonly abused prescription drug types.

"Unknowingly, family medicine cabinets

might be harboring medicines that are highly susceptible to misuse, abuse and theft," Gaw said.

Katy ISD PD is just one of several points to drop off unwanted prescription drugs. Other regional locations include:

- Houston Community College
- 1010 West Sam Houston Parkway, Houston
- Fort Bend ISD Police Department
- Fort Bend ISD Administration Building
- 16431 Lexington Boulevard, Sugar land
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- 23828 Tomball Parkway, Tomball
- Gateway Baptist Church
- 2930 Rayford Road, Spring

Editor's Note: The list of participating locations is still in development and more area locations are being added over time according to the DEA's website.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS BY COUNTY

The places below serve as early voting locations from Oct. 13 to Oct. 30. Due to pending legal cases, please refer to your county's elections website for information on where to drop off absentee ballots. This information is not comprehensive and only reflects locations in or near the Katy area. Both Harris and Fort Bend counties offer countywide voting.

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| <p>FORT BEND COUNTY</p> <p>HOURS: Fort Bend County early polling locations are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. And 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 27. Then Oct. 28-30 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.</p> <p>CINCO RANCH LIBRARY 2620 Commercial Center Drive, Katy</p> <p>FULSHEAR HIGH SCHOOL 9302 Charger Way, Fulshear</p> <p>GEORGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1001 Golfview Dr, Richmond</p> <p>JONES CREEK RANCH PARK 7714 FM 359 Rd, Richmond</p> <p>KATY RESERVE (FKA CHILDHOOD CENTER) 1711 Spring Green Blvd, Katy</p> <p>RICHMOND WATER MAINTENANCE FACILITY 110 N 8th Street, Richmond</p> | <p>TOMPKINS HIGH SCHOOL 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd, Katy</p> <p>HARRIS COUNTY</p> <p>HOURS: Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and Noon-7 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26. From Oct. 27-29, polls are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Then, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 30.</p> <p>HARRIS COUNTY MUD 81 BUILDING – GREAT ROOM 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy</p> <p>ISGH BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER – COMMUNITY CENTER 17250 Coventry Park Drive, Houston</p> <p>JAMES E TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL – AUDITORIUM LOBBY 20700 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy</p> <p>JOHN PAUL LANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER 9950 Katy Hockley Road, Cypress</p> | <p>KATHERINE TYRA BRANCH LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM 16719 Clay Road, Houston</p> <p>KATY BRANCH HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – MEETING ROOM 5414 Franz Road, Katy</p> <p>MORTON RANCH HIGH SCHOOL – PAC LOBBY 21000 Franz Road, Katy</p> <p>WALLER COUNTY</p> <p>HOURS: Early voting locations in Waller County are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 28. Locations are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30.</p> <p>BROOKSHIRE CONVENTION CENTER 4027 Fifth Street, Brookshire</p> <p><i>SOURCES: Fort Bend County/Harris County/Waller County</i></p> |
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Dept. of Agriculture offering event grants

The Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the Texas Event Grant program for the 2021 grant year. Cities, communities and other organizations may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for community events.

"In Texas, we know one thing is certain: Texas businesses make the best stuff on earth," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said via press release. "Our GO TEXAN members work round-the-clock to get their handcrafted products out the door and on the shelves. The Texas Event Grant funding will help them promote these products, and in turn build their business and their communities. By supporting local products, we keep consumer dollars right here in Texas, and all Texans benefit."

If awarded, grant funds can be used for approved, event-related expenses through TDA's Go Texan marketing program once funding is allocated. Eligible events include conferences, fairs, trade shows, festivals and similar events. Grant expenditures can be used to offset advertising costs, create collateral and increase attendance.

Texans can apply for the grant by visiting www.texasagriculture.gov and clicking on the "grants and services" option at the top of the page.

The Go Texan program was created in 1999 to support businesses in Texas that manufacture products within the state and mark them with a Texas-shaped icon to show they were made in the state. The marking helps Texans identify items made here and thereby spend their money in a way that keeps money in the state.

"This is a no brainer," Miller said. "If you need some help promoting your Texas-made product - this grant is for you. If you're a city or community that wants to promote local businesses and support buying local, this reimbursement grant is also for you. Let the Texas Department of Agriculture help you promote the best Texas has to offer."



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Amazon, Domino's hiring distribution workers for new locations

By R. HANS MILLER
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Newly opened distribution centers for Amazon and Domino's Pizza are bringing jobs to the Katy area which may provide relief to unemployment in the area. Amazon is looking to staff its new 800,000 square-foot with about 3,000 total employees while Domino's is looking to hire about 100 full-time staff for its center.

"The continued growth of Domino's in the U.S. has created a demand for additional supply chain capacity," said John Peoples, Domino's supply chain center director in Texas. "Because of that, we now have this beautiful new center, with even more jobs in the community. We are looking for additional team members to help Domino's stores around the region provide great-tasting pizza to customers each week."

The new Amazon distribution center is located at 22525 Clay Road in Katy and

is looking for employees to fill both full and part-time positions. The center sorts packages that are then transferred to a delivery station or subcontractor for final delivery to Amazon's customers, according to an Amazon press release.

Those interested in working for Amazon can apply by visiting their staffing website at Amazon.Force.com.

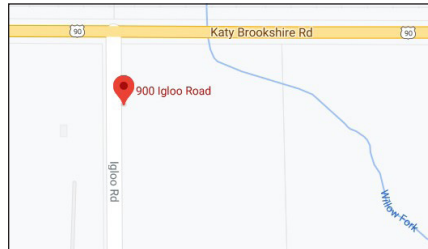
Meanwhile, Domino's is looking to fill only full-time positions at its 900 Igloo Road location in Katy. Positions are in production, maintenance, warehouse and transportation areas of the facility. Those seeking to work in transportation must have Class A and B commercial drivers licenses, according to a Domino's press release. Those interested in applying can do so at jobs.dominos.com.

Both facilities offer benefits for the positions offered. Amazon's base starting pay for their Clay Road facility is \$15 per hour and benefits at Domino's are effective beginning the date of hire.

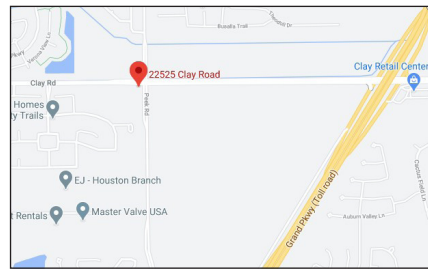


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Amazon and Domino's are bringing jobs to the Katy area through their new warehouses located on Clay Road and Igloo Road respectively.



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Political attack ads a reflection

If you’re looking for a high road in political advertising, you’ll find it somewhere between the South Pole and Hades. Short of photoshopping devil horns on your opponent, anything goes. There are no rules. It’s Thunderdome, where truth is relative and context is but a rumor.

We’ve reached the point in the current election cycle when we’re all sick of attack ads. We’d probably see fewer of them if there was some hard evidence they didn’t work. One thing ad folks – political and otherwise – understand is what motivates potential customers to action.

Negative ads are nothing new. If you’re old enough you might remember Lyndon Johnson’s famous “Daisy” ad in 1964. Johnson was trying to portray his Republican opponent, Barry Goldwater, as a reckless militarist, though Goldwater himself was never mentioned in the ad.

The ad shows a little girl picking a daisy in a field and counting. Before she gets to 10, she’s interrupted by a male voice counting down a nuclear missile launch followed by a mushroom cloud. The tagline reads, “Vote for President Johnson on November 3rd. The stakes are too high for you to stay home.” In other words, a vote for Goldwater is a vote for nuclear annihilation. Unfair but effective. Johnson won in a landslide.

Today, thanks to technology and all sorts of digital hocus pocus, it’s easier than ever to make even the most reasonable statesman look like a hysterical maniac.

In Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, is running against Democrat and former marine fighter pilot Amy McGrath.

In one of a series of ads, the McConnell camp tries to portray McGrath as a far-left radical, unhinged over the election of Donald Trump. McGrath is shown, in most unflattering black and white video and looking positively loopy, saying, in an angry tone, “I am not accepting of this!” McGrath, says the voiceover, wanted to “remove” Trump from office. She’s later called “Extreme Amy McGrath.”

McGrath is running ads of her own in which McConnell appears only slightly less evil than Mr. Burns of “The Simpsons.” One McGrath ad opens with a creepy montage of black and white McConnell photos with McGrath saying,



“Mitch McConnell has spent his whole political career trying to stop people from getting affordable health care.” She goes on to tie McConnell to Kentucky’s high cancer mortality rate and its prevalence of heart and lung disease. Of course, Kentucky has one of the highest obesity rates in the country and is second to only West Virginia in cigarette smoking. So, there’s that.

If we’re wondering why so many good, qualified people spurn political office, we really don’t need to look much further than political attack ads. Not that there aren’t good people currently serving, but exposing oneself to constant ridicule and mischaracterization is not all that appealing to someone who is already successful and shielded from public scrutiny. Why anyone wants to be president, I have no idea.

Politics can be nasty business and it doesn’t get any nastier than a month before an election. But when it’s all about winning, nothing is sacred and money is no object. Advertising Analytics projects \$6.7 billion will be spent on advertising in the 2020 election cycle and at least half of that will be spent in the last 10 weeks of the campaign.

It’s more than a little ironic that Republicans and Democrats alike take turns bemoaning the state of our political discourse and, at the same time, spend millions trying to figure out how to hit the other guy where it hurts the most. Hate and hyperbole are part of the game and, worst of all, if you aren’t willing to engage and get dirty, you probably won’t win.

I can’t pretend to have an answer, only a suggestion for our elected representatives of both parties: Before you yield to political strategists who can rationalize any tactic as long as it achieves the desired result, consider cleaning it up. Elevate the conversation. Talk about issues and vision. Put away the blunt instruments. You can change the tone of the discussion, assuming that’s really what you want.

I approved this message.



50 years of home ownership

This is a year of double milestones: my mother’s house turns 75 and (as of October 30) she will have been living there for 50 years.

She grew up as part of an itinerant sharecropping family during the Great Depression, so I’m glad she has enjoyed all these decades of stability. (I lived in the house from age 10 to age 31.)

One of Mom’s friends dubbed the property “El Rancho Rocky” because of the ample supply of limestone, but the Tyree family pulled together to make something of the place. (Mom was 91 when she finally gave up mowing the five-acre yard for herself.)

Much has changed about the Tyree property and the neighborhood, but many landmarks remain relatively unchanged.

For instance, the Osage orange (French bois d’arc) trees that litter the ground with hedgeapples. And the massive hackberry tree in the front yard. My father suffered his fatal heart attack while sitting beneath it, but Mom prefers to reminisce about the time I sassed her as a teen. She wearied of chasing me around and around the tree trying to discipline me, so she “cut the Gordian knot” by reaching through the tree fork and grabbing me!

The “old O’Neal house” was



built sturdily enough of brick and hardwood; but it has had numerous close calls, such as the April 1974 tornado that swept through the front yard, throwing the rail fence into the road and wrapping the tin roofs of outbuildings around utility poles.

Then there was the lightning bolt that struck right outside the garage door mere seconds after my brother put up his motorcycle.

Indoors, someone was standing in the right spot at the right time to catch the dining room chandelier that had been shaken loose by the horseplay of Dad’s Webelos Scout den upstairs.

Let’s not forget the grass fire I ignited while playing with matches. (On second thought, let’s DO forget that visit by the fire department.)

Only three automobile wrecks have occurred in front of the house, but countless dogs and cats have been “clobbered” (to use Dad’s terminology) by speeding

motorists. Dear old Turf the ginger tomcat was laid to rest near the northwest corner of the house more than 30 years ago.

Mom has a TV, cellphone and microwave oven; but she takes perverse pride in not letting her domicile be invaded by a dishwasher, clothes dryer, internet, cable TV or satellite dish.

I have so many memories of that place: standing in the yard squinting at the disappointing smudge that was the 1986 appearance of Halley’s Comet; listening to “Gospel Time” on the radio in the former breakfast nook; watching a neighbor lady chase her husband through their yard with a butcher knife. (“Woman killer!” he was shrieking. “Killer woman” would probably have been more accurate, but artistic license and marriage license make a good two-fer.)

Oh, to have a time-lapse video of all the changes the neighborhood has gone through in five decades! Alas, the comings and goings have become a blur.

I hope my mother spends many more good years in that house. And I hope each of you will stop and smell the roses (the metaphorical roses – not hers!) and leave a record of the friends, pets and events that distinguish the little slice of the world that YOU call home.

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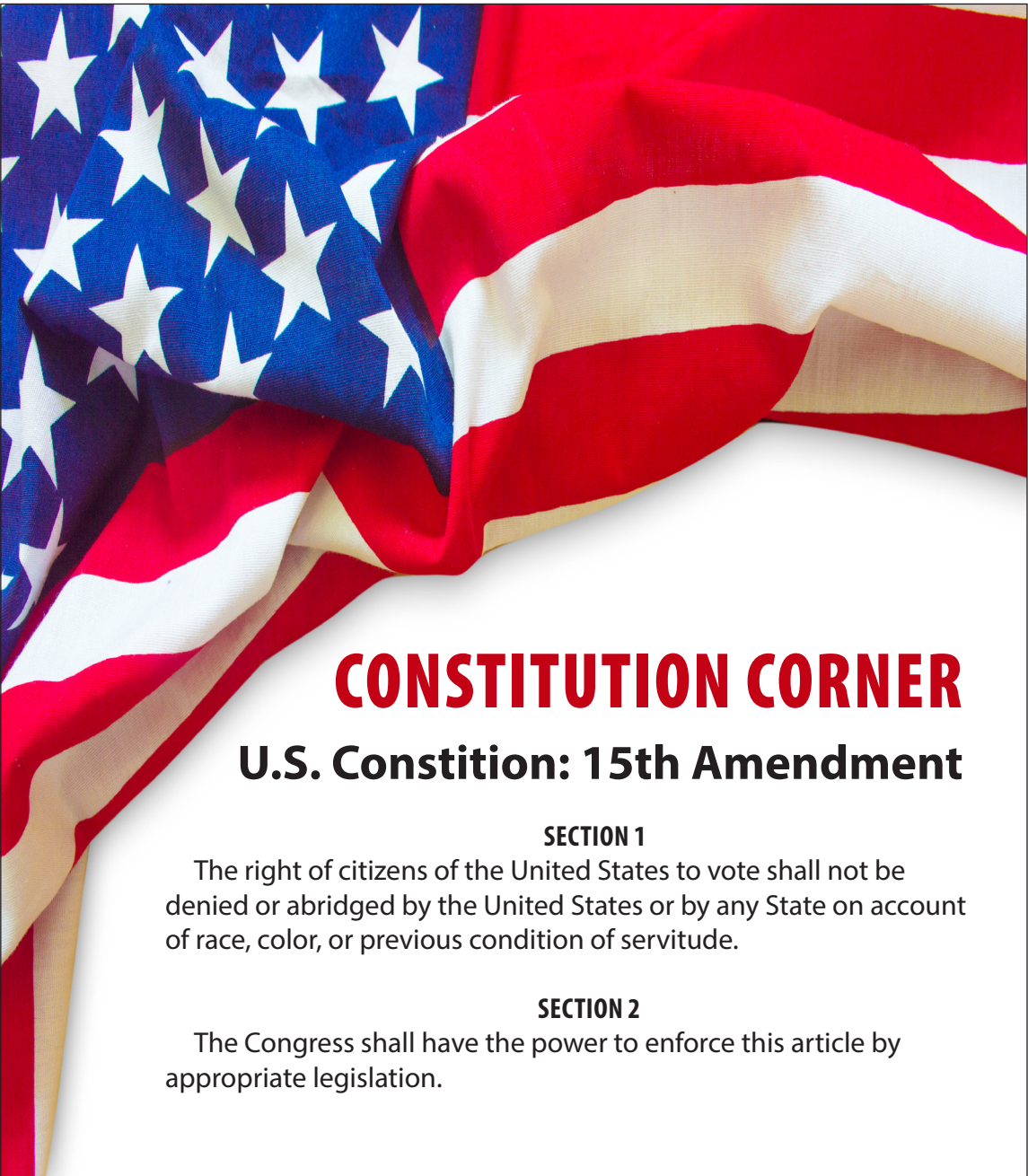
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FRIDAY, OCT. 16

VOLLEYBALL

- Seven Lakes 3, Katy 1
- Tompkins 3, Cinco Ranch 1
- Bryan Rudder 3, Paetow 0
- Taylor at Morton Ranch, ppd.

FOOTBALL

- Taylor 49, Seven Lakes 31
- Cinco Ranch 21, Mayde Creek 17
- Paetow 42, Kempner 7

SATURDAY,
OCT. 17

VOLLEYBALL

- Katy 3, Tompkins 1
- Cinco Ranch 3, Mayde Creek 0
- Seven Lakes at Taylor, ppd.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

VOLLEYBALL

- Katy 3, Mayde Creek 0
- College Station 3, Paetow 0
- Morton Ranch at Seven Lakes, ppd.
- Taylor at Tompkins, ppd.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

FOOTBALL

- 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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

VOLLEYBALL

- Taylor at Cinco Ranch, noon
- Seven Lakes at Tompkins, noon
- Morton Ranch at Mayde Creek, noon

FOOTBALL

- Katy at Cinco Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

VOLLEYBALL

- Mayde Creek at Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Katy at Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Waller at Paetow, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

VOLLEYBALL

- Tompkins at Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow at Brenham, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

- Morton Ranch at Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

VOLLEYBALL

- Alief Taylor at Morton Ranch, noon

FOOTBALL

- Katy vs. Dickinson, at Rhodes Stadium, 11 a.m.
- Taylor at Mayde Creek, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.

STRONG AND AMAZING

Former Cinco Ranch standout Becker beats cancer

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

At 20 years old, Katie Becker is no stranger to life-altering adversity.

During her freshman season at the University of Texas-San Antonio in 2018, Becker was forced to medically retire from playing soccer seven games into her collegiate career. After having four concussions as a first-team all-district standout at Cinco Ranch High, she had another during a match against Rice in Houston on Sept. 23, 2018. Doctors and coaches determined that another concussion could lead to brain damage.

And while it was difficult to give up her first true love—Becker began playing soccer when she was five years old, helped Cinco Ranch to two state tournament appearances in high school and earned a scholarship to compete at the NCAA Division I level—it was nothing compared to what she faced a little more than two years later.

On March 22 of this year, Becker was diagnosed with stage 3 B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.

"I was in shock when they told me at first," Becker said. "I had always heard of cancer being in people a lot older than me and I didn't think it was real. When it processed, I started crying."

The next four months were mentally demanding, and emotionally and physically taxing for Becker, but she was declared cancer-free on July 26 and is in complete remission following a PET scan in late August.

Still, how she got there was a testament to who Katie Becker is—resilient, competitive, fierce,



KATIE BECKER

Former Cinco Ranch soccer standout Katie Becker (in white shirt) poses for a photo with nurses and staff of the Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center Oncology Unit after being declared cancer-free on July 26.

unyielding. She was supposed to find out her results from chemotherapy treatment sometime this month. She found out two months early.

"She's incredibly strong and amazes me," said Ali Russell, Becker's best friend since their freshman years of high school. "The way she was able to have strength, physically and mentally ... it blows my mind."

Diagnosed

Becker, who is still a part of the UTSA women's soccer program as a team manager, started noticing symptoms in February. Her face was swelling when she woke up for morning practices. Doctors initially thought it was allergies. But when she worked out, she got

light-headed easily. Two veins on the side of her neck would pop out.

"It got worse and I started to have a cough and was congested," Becker said.

While on spring break in Florida in March, Becker again saw doctors, who again attributed it to allergies. But when she returned home from spring break, she did another small workout and her neck and shoulders swelled.

"Imagine a linebacker's neck," she said.

Her neck was so swollen, she had to turn her entire body to look to her side.

"Once the swelling never went down, I had three migraines in three days. I wasn't sleeping," Becker said. "A doctor told me to get blood work and an MRI on

my neck. The next day, he called saying I had blood clots in my neck and needed to go to the ER right away."

At Memorial Hermann Hospital in Katy, a growth in Becker's chest cavity was discovered. She transferred to the Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center Oncology Unit downtown and had multiple biopsies.

Doctors concluded that the swelling occurred because the tumor was located in a place that caused superior vena cava syndrome, which happens when the tumor presses on the vein that transports blood from one's head to the heart.

"Of course, we were shocked."

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KATY ISD ATHLETICS

Second-year Cinco Ranch coach Chris Dudley talks to his team in the Legacy Stadium locker room following the Cougars' 21-17 win over Mayde Creek on Oct. 16. The win snapped a 14-game losing skid and handed Dudley his first career head coaching win.

Cougars snap skid, award Dudley win

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Second-year Cinco Ranch coach Chris Dudley had a feeling something good was coming.

Sitting in his office during the early afternoon of Friday, Oct. 16, Dudley felt optimistic about his Cougars going into that evening's district game against Mayde Creek.

We're ready, Dudley thought to himself.

The Cougars had had three "great days" of practices. The scout team gave a crisp look, a significant indicator every Monday and Tuesday that allows coaches an idea of where the team's game plan stood.

"If you're doing (scout team) the right way, there should be a handful of plays where, in a defensive practice, the offense has big gains or scores, because then you can watch video and see where the weakness in your plan is," Dudley said.

The scout team was right. Energy was high. Focus was strong. An epiphany of sorts in midst of a 14-game losing skid, including an 0-3 start to this season.

And then kickoff arrived.

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Key soars above all

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Perris Key notices the looks. The sideways glances. She hears the scoffs.

She feels the disrespect.

Whenever opposing volleyball teams—littered with tall, athletic, imposing hitters—offer amused, if not downright smug, stares toward Katy High's 5-foot-8, always-smiling Key, the senior right side hitter can only laugh.

"For sure, especially in club (season), a lot of teams look at me like, 'Oh, she's small. She can't do anything,'" Key said.

And then she feels a bit sad for them. For only she knows what's about to take place.

"It's always fun to come in and show off," Key said with a wide smile.

Key is the Tigers' athletic sensation, a "dynamo" in almost every sense of the word. Though she has the size of a defensive specialist, Key is the hard-swinging attacker for coach Karen Paxton's club, averaging 3.8 kills per game and thwarting blockers with crafty hitting and a jaw-dropping 28-inch vertical jump.

She doesn't blame anyone if they're taken aback by her numbers and play. You have to see her jump and attack the ball to fully understand. There is a giddy violence behind every swing she takes, as if dismissing each and every doubt kill by kill.

It has earned the attention of University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley volleyball coach Todd Lowery, who runs a winning program in south Texas that is a top contender in the Western Athletic Conference. Key verbally



Katy senior hitter Perris Key

committed to the Vaqueros in September 2019, and her stock has only soared since.

"Perris," Paxton said, "is phenomenal."

For instance, take Key's performance during Katy's 3-1 win over Tompkins on Oct. 17. Key had 24 kills, including eight in the critical third set that broke a 1-1 tie in the game, and only two errors as the Tigers tightened their hold on second place in District 19-6A.

The Tigers saw the Falcons struggling on the right side, and Key took advantage.

"It's so fun," junior setter Mad-die Waak said. "She just jumps so high and hits it so high."

Key has had 14 or more kills in a game six times this season. Though her athleticism is impressive, Paxton singles out Key's versatility as a true difference-maker.

She can play outside, right side

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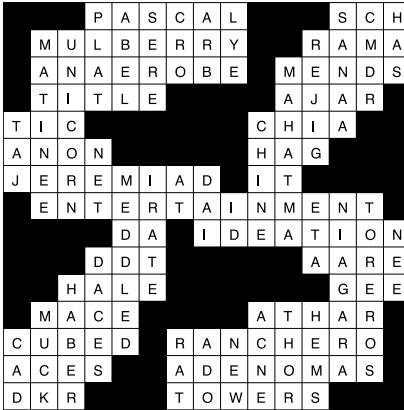
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| Waller County Annex 775 Bus 290, Hempstead, Texas 77445 | | | |
| Katy Area Early Voting Polling Place: | Lugar de votación anticipada en el área de Katy: | Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Khu Vực Katy: | Katy 地區提前投票地點: |
| WALLER: Brookshire Convention Center 4027 5th Street, Brookshire, Texas 77423 | | | |
| VOTING HOURS: | HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN: | GIỜ BỎ PHIẾU: | 投票時間 |
| October 13-16: 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. October 17: 8:00 a.m.-2:00p.m. October 19-23: 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. October 24: 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. October 26-28: 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. October 29-30: 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m. | Del 13 al 16 de octubre: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 17 de octubre: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Del 19 al 23 de octubre: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 24 de octubre: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Del 26 al 28 de octubre: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Del 29 al 30 de octubre: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Ngày 13-16 tháng Mười: 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều Ngày 17 tháng Mười: 8 giờ sáng đến 2 giờ chiều Ngày 19-23 tháng Mười: 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều Ngày 24 tháng Mười: 8 giờ sáng đến 2 giờ chiều Ngày 26-28 tháng Mười: 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều Ngày 29-30 tháng Mười: 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối | 10月13日至16日: 上午8:00至下午5:00 10月17日: 上午8:00 - 下午2:00 10月19日至23日: 上午8:00至下午5:00 10月24日: 上午8:00至下午2:00 10月26日至28日: 上午8:00至下午5:00 10月29日至30日: 上午7:00至下午7:00 |
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| Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg | | | |
| Polling Place: | Lugar de votación: | Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu: | 投票地點: |
| FORT BEND: Merrell Center 6301 South Stadium Ln, Katy, Texas 77494 | | | |
| VOTING HOURS: | HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN: | GIỜ BỎ PHIẾU: | 投票時間 |
| November 3: 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m. | 3 de noviembre: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Ngày 3 tháng Mười Một: 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối | 11月3日: 上午7:00 - 下午7:00 |
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| Main Election Day Polling Place: | Lugar principal de votación el Día de Elección: | Địa Điểm Phỏng Phiếu Chính vào Ngày Bầu Cử: | 主要提前投票站: |
| NRG Arena 1 NRG Parkway, Houston, Texas 77054 | | | |
| Polling Place: | Lugar de Votación: | Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu: | 投票地點: |
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| Election Day Polling Place: | Lugar de votación el Día de Elección: | Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu vào Ngày Bầu Cử: | 選舉日的投票地點: |
| WALLER 419/420: Katy VFW Hall 6206 George Bush Drive, Katy, Texas 77493 | | | |
| 418: Houston Executive Airport 1900 Cardiff Rd., Brookshire, Texas 77423 | | | |
| VOTING HOURS: | HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN: | GIỜ BỎ PHIẾU: | 投票時間 |
| November 3: 7:00a.m.-7:00p.m. | 3 de noviembre: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Ngày 3 tháng Mười Một: 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối | 11月3日: 上午7:00 - 下午7:00 |
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Issued this 9th day of October, 2020 S/Bill Hastings, Mayor; Emitido el 9 de octubre de 2020. Firma/Bill Hastings, Alcalde; Ban hành lệnh này ngày 9 tháng Mười, 2020 Chữ ký/Bill Hastings, Thị Trưởng; 發佈日期: 2020 年 10 月 9 日簽名/Bill Hastings, 市長

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at 5801 Katy Hockley Cut-Off Road. The service provides rapid testing for \$125 per student. Results for the testing are said to take about 30 minutes.

COVID-19 has yet to force Katy ISD to cancel any games. When the district re-scheduled its football and volleyball seasons in August after the UIL released its revised 2020-2021 athletics schedule, Katy ISD made sure to backend schedules to have flexibility for makeup games should that be necessary.

District football and volleyball games were scheduled sooner than usual. The non-district season, primarily scheduled before the start of district play, was split between the start and end of the regular seasons.

The move gives Katy ISD the ability to cancel non-district games at the end of the regular season should district games need to be made up from earlier in the season.

That has already been implemented. Tompkins was scheduled to play Cy-Ranch in a non-district football game on Nov. 28, but since its district game against Katy last week was postponed, the Falcons canceled its arrangement with Cy-Ranch and will play Katy on Nov. 27. Katy already had that week open because it had not been able to find a non-district opponent to fill out the schedule.

“Due to the COVID-19 impacted fall season, district competitions have been and will continue to be adjusted, where possible, to ensure teams have the opportunity to compete against all district opponents,” Katy ISD said in a statement.

| | Katy | James E. Taylor | Mayde Creek | Cinco Ranch | Morton Ranch | Seven Lakes | Tompkins | Paetow | Jordan Soph |
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| Week 1 Sept. 24-26 | Clear Springs Away Sat. Sept. 26 6pm | Cy Springs Home Thurs. Sept. 24 6pm | Corcoran Home Fri. Sept. 25 7:30pm | College Park Home Fri. Sept. 25 6:30pm | Cy Lakes Away Fri. Sept. 25 7pm | Memorial Away Thurs. Sept. 24 6:30pm | Mag. High Away Fri. Sept. 25 7pm | Barbers Hill Home Sat. Sept. 26 6pm | Lake Blinn Away Fri. Sept. 25 7:30pm |
| Week 2 Oct. 1-3 | Cy Woods Away Sat. Oct. 3 6pm | George Ranch Home Thurs. Oct. 1 6pm | Cy Lakes Home Sat. Oct. 3 6pm | Charmek Away Fri. Oct. 2 7pm | Pactow Home Fri. Oct. 2 6:30pm | Rhodes Home Sat. Oct. 3 7pm | Clear Springs Home Sat. Oct. 3 NOON | Morton Ranch Away Fri. Oct. 2 6:30pm | Pactow Away Thurs. Oct. 1 TBD |
| Week 3 Oct. 8-10 | Seven Lakes Home Fri. Oct. 9 6pm | Morton Ranch Home Thurs. Oct. 8 6pm | Dulles Home Fri. Oct. 9 7:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Oct. 9 7:30pm | Mayde Creek Away Sat. Oct. 10 6pm | Taylor Away Fri. Oct. 9 6:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Oct. 9 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Fri. Oct. 9 7:30pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 4 Oct. 15-17 | OPEN | Seven Lakes Away Fri. Oct. 16 6:30pm | Mayde Creek Home Fri. Oct. 16 7:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Oct. 16 7:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Fri. Oct. 16 7:30pm | Mayde Creek Away Fri. Oct. 16 6:30pm | Taylor Home Fri. Oct. 16 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Fri. Oct. 16 7:30pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 5 Oct. 22-24 | Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Oct. 24 6pm | Tompkins Home Fri. Oct. 23 7:30pm | Mayde Creek Home Fri. Oct. 23 7:30pm | Katy Home Sat. Oct. 24 6pm | Seven Lakes Home Fri. Oct. 23 6:30pm | Morton Ranch Home Fri. Oct. 23 6:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Oct. 23 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Fri. Oct. 23 7:30pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 6 Oct. 29-31 | Dickman Home Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Mayde Creek Away Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Taylor Home Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Mayde Creek Away Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Taylor Home Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Oct. 31 6pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 7 Nov. 5-7 | OPEN | Morton Ranch Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Cinco Ranch Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Taylor Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Mayde Creek Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Rhodes Home Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Fri. Nov. 6 6:30pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 8 Nov. 12-14 | Taylor Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Katy Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Seven Lakes Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Morton Ranch Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Cinco Ranch Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Mayde Creek Home Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Thurs. Nov. 12 7pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 9 Nov. 19-21 | Morton Ranch Home Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Tompkins Home Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Seven Lakes Home Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Katy Home Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 21 6:30pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 10 Nov. 26-28 | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Taylor Home Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Nov. 28 6pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |
| Week 11 Dec. 3-5 | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Taylor Home Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Mayde Creek Home Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Parent Night Cinco Ranch Away Sat. Dec. 5 6pm | Warrior Field Away Thurs. Oct. 8 TBD |

Here is the revised Katy ISD varsity football schedule as of Monday, Oct. 19. Changes have been made due to COVID-19.



Ordinance No. 133

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATED TO PUBLIC NUISANCES PERTAINING TO TREE BRANCHES, SHRUBBERY AND OR SIMILAR VEGETATION; TO REGULATE AND ABATE ANY NUISANCE FOUND TO AFFECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF PATTISON; ESTABLISHING ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND NOTICES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

PASSED by a majority vote of the members of the City Council this 1st day of September 2020.

Details about this ordinances can be found on the City of Pattison website: www.pattison.texas.gov under the Information Section. Contact the City Secretary at 281-934-3715 or via email at CitySecretary@pattison.texas.gov with any questions.

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on September 28, 2020, the Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 71 (the “District”) adopted a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of the District’s Online Portal System (“Resolution”), providing rules and regulations governing the use of the District’s online portal system and related mobile application for water usage data. Violation of any of the rules or regulations contained in the Resolution will subject the violator to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. Each separate occurrence and day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. A copy of the Resolution, with all of its rules and regulations, including the penalty listed above, is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/ Pam Kerr
President, Board of Directors

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District

Owner’s Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450

Project (the Work): Furnish, deliver and install smart water meters; provide related goods and services; and provide, by service agreement, an automatic water meter reading system with Internet portal; all as further described in the Contract Documents.

Project location: In Western Harris County, Texas generally between Fry Road and Westgreen Blvd. and south of Kingsland Blvd., also Internet.

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owners Office by November 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM, when they will be opened and publicly read (also by telephone conference call at +1 469-702-0854, Conference ID: 876 475 303#), all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner’s Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on civcastusa.com. A pre-bid conference is set for October 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM by telephone conference call at +1 469-702-0854, Conference ID: 937 888 655#). /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

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SPORTS

KATY

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or even in the middle, where Paxton likes to use Key as a change of pace.

“Perris is our star player,” senior libero Hannah Hoover said. “We rely on her and have so much trust in her.”

Key is an ideal teammate, a testament to her focus on becoming a better leader.

“She’s my hype person,” junior outside hitter Jordan Gamble said. “That’s someone who we’re always talking about what we can do better, so it’s nice to have that relationship with someone.”

The Tigers needed another offensive threat after the graduation of Skylor Weaver, who led Katy with 2.6 kills per set last season. Key worked to become that.

Last season, she averaged 1.7 kills and 0.7 digs per set. This season, following an offsea-son “full of volleyball,” she has upped those numbers to 3.8 and 2.1, respectively.

An eye-opening experience for Key was coaching camps for her club team, Houston Juniors.

“My volleyball IQ got a lot better just being around the game so much in the summer,” Key said. “Once I told (players) what my coaches were telling me, it clicked to me like, ‘Oh, if they’re doing it, I can do it.’ Because I am ath-letic and the vertical helps a lot, a lot of times I’m jumping over people who are bigger than me. I toe a lot; I tip a lot. I have to be smarter than the other team simply because they’re bigger.”

Key works hard studying the game. It shows in how she attacks and counters defenses.

“She has great court awareness,” Paxton said. “She has the ability to where if she gets blocked once, she can change her shot. A lot of hitters tend to go same shot, same tendencies. But she’s worked really hard to be dynamic from different positions.”

Key is meticulous in her ball placement on attacks, no longer simply swinging straight down on every ball. As a blocker, she’s better seeing the set and reading things the right way. She’s smarter on serve-receive.

“I’ve seen her improve all three years, from sophomore to senior year,” Waak said. “She’s amazing. She’s gotten so good, and I’m super happy because she’s pretty great.”

COUGARS

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Cinco Ranch—in a bit of a surprise to anyone but Dudley, his staff and his play-ers—upended Mayde Creek, 21-17, at Rhodes Stadium, knocking off the previously-unde-feated Rams.

The Cougars (1-3, 1-1 District 19-6A) won for the first time since Nov. 3, 2018, against Tompkins and awarded Dudley, a longtime assistant coach at Cinco Ranch and Taylor before succeeding Don Clayton prior to last season, his first head coaching win.

“That first win is so great, so sweet,” said sophomore quarterback Gavin Rutherford, who completed 13 of 38 passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns to one interception. “It means everything to us. And now that we’ve got this, we’re going to keep it going and we’re going to start winning some games. Best believe that.”

The most impressive thing, Dudley said, was the way his team bounced back from the previous week’s 55-0 thumping dealt by Tompkins.

“It’s incredible to me,” Dudley said. “Think about how many teams would have just fold-ed right there and could have divided instead of coming together. It’s such a testament to those kids and the coaching staff for the hard work and preparation. That’s what they can take from this—if you train well and do well during the week, you can carry it over into game night and put yourself in position to win.”

Mayde Creek (3-1, 0-1 19-6A) outgained Cinco Ranch in total yards, 299-181. But Cinco Ranch won the turnover battle, three takeaways to one giveaway, and committed just three penalties for 30 yards to the Rams’ six penalties for 51 yards.

Mayde Creek struggled finishing drives despite averaging 4.6 yards per play. That, and a relentless Cougars defense, kept Cinco Ranch in the game.

Two of Mayde Creek’s turnovers came in the second half, and senior running back Ju-lius Loughridge, the area’s top running back, never got going against Cinco Ranch.

Loughridge had 65 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. His longest run was a 15-yarder early in the first quarter. That was the only time the bruising back had a run for 10 or more yards.

Loughridge entered the game averaging 7.9 yards per carry. He averaged 3.1 against the Cougars.

“We had to be up and be very physical in the gap,” junior linebacker Nathan Rothwell said. “The D-line did a great job making sure they didn’t get washed down or moved out of their gaps. Safeties and linebackers, we did a great job of going in, hitting hard, keeping contain and keeping them from those long runs that kill teams.”

Cinco Ranch shutout Mayde Creek in the second half and took its only lead of the game, 21-17, when Rutherford found sophomore receiver Noah Abboud on a brilliantly placed 10-yard ball deep in the back right corner of the end zone with 4:11 left in the third quarter.

If you take away the Tompkins game when Rutherford threw one pass before being removed from the game due to injury, he has



Cinco Ranch sophomore quarterback Gavin Rutherford.

thrown for 258 yards per game, seven touch-downs to three interceptions and assumed a heavy load of offensive responsibility due to an ineffective running game.

Cinco Ranch is averaging 17.5 rushing yards per game, but ranks first among all Katy ISD teams in passing yards per game.

“For being a sophomore, he’s pretty cool, calm and collected back there,” Dudley said. “He’s got a good pocket presence and can feel the rush and still make plays on the run. There’s some growing things involved in being a sophomore, but to do what he’s done these first four games is pretty incredible for a sophomore.”

That’s all the Cougars’ defense needed. On their three fourth-quarter drives, the Rams punted, turned the ball over on downs in Cougars territory, and fumbled a hand-off that was caused by Cougars senior defensive end Increase Oputa and recovered by junior defensive back Zach Amaya with 1:22 left.

“I was just in the right place at the right time,” Amaya said. “I was reading the tackle, quarterback and running back. Increase got the ball out and I was right there. We had it.”

The Cougars went 0-10 in Dudley’s first season in 2019, losing by an average of 40 points per game.

“We know last year was tough at a lot of levels, and we’re proud of their fight,” Dudley said. “We have a core group of kids back from that team, and for a while they were wearing the burden of trying to make up for last year. It’s tough. You lose that many games in a row like we did, you hear it from everybody, not just from outside our community. It weighs on them.”

But in spite of the 0-3 start this year, Cinco Ranch was different. The Cougars’ first two games against College Park and Channelview each came down to the final play as they lost by a combined 10 points.

“We could easily be 2-0,” Dudley said. “Winning a high school football game is tough to do, and you can’t take those wins for granted.”

Dudley said his team learned how to win against Mayde Creek.

“Three great practices lead to a win,” Rutherford said. “Bad practices won’t get you anywhere. We had three great practices. We were flying around on both sides of the ball and look how it came out. We won.”

H.S. FOOTBALL STANDINGS
AS OF OCT. 21

DISTRICT 19-6A

| | DISTRICT | | OVERALL | | SCORING | |
|---------------------------|----------|---|---------|---|---------|-----|
| | W | L | W | L | PF | PA |
| Taylor | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 143 | 59 |
| Katy | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 153 | 37 |
| Tompkins | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 89 | 28 |
| Cinco Ranch | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 116 |
| Mayde Creek | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 104 | 49 |
| Morton Ranch | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 73 | 83 |
| Seven Lakes | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 77 | 170 |
| x-clinched playoff berth | | | | | | |
| y-clinched district title | | | | | | |

DISTRICT 10-5A, D1

| | DISTRICT | | OVERALL | | SCORING | |
|---------------------------|----------|---|---------|---|---------|-----|
| | W | L | W | L | PF | PA |
| Paetow | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 101 | 62 |
| Richmond Foster | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 130 | 21 |
| Kempner | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 107 | 55 |
| Terry | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 87 | 70 |
| Wisdom | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 107 |
| Angleton | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 85 | 43 |
| Manvel | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 102 | 82 |
| Hightower | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 56 | 72 |
| Milby | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| x-clinched playoff berth | | | | | | |
| y-clinched district title | | | | | | |

KATY ISD FOOTBALL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS
TEAM OFFENSE

| | GP | Rushing | Passing | Total | Average |
|--------------|----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Katy | 3 | 810 | 369 | 1179 | 393.0 |
| Mayde Creek | 4 | 820 | 730 | 1550 | 387.5 |
| Taylor | 4 | 709 | 839 | 1548 | 387.0 |
| Paetow | 3 | 655 | 425 | 1080 | 360.0 |
| Tompkins | 3 | 696 | 371 | 1067 | 355.7 |
| Morton Ranch | 3 | 787 | 179 | 966 | 322.0 |
| Cinco Ranch | 4 | 70 | 895 | 965 | 241.3 |
| Seven Lakes | 4 | 326 | 606 | 932 | 233.0 |

TEAM DEFENSE

| | GP | Rushing | Passing | Total | Average |
|--------------|----|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Katy | 3 | 178 | 344 | 522 | 174.0 |
| Mayde Creek | 4 | 202 | 525 | 727 | 181.8 |
| Tompkins | 3 | 123 | 446 | 569 | 189.7 |
| Paetow | 3 | 572 | 146 | 718 | 239.3 |
| Taylor | 4 | 673 | 325 | 998 | 249.5 |
| Morton Ranch | 3 | 400 | 625 | 1025 | 341.7 |
| Cinco Ranch | 4 | 712 | 832 | 1544 | 386.0 |
| Seven Lakes | 4 | 1143 | 497 | 1640 | 410.0 |

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

| | Carries | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|----|
| Loughridge, Mayde Creek | 89 | 693 | 7.8 | 10 |
| Bankston, Paetow | 63 | 556 | 8.8 | 5 |
| S. Davis, Katy | 34 | 420 | 12.4 | 6 |
| Whitaker, Taylor | 63 | 334 | 5.3 | 4 |
| Christopher, Mortn Rnch | 41 | 261 | 6.4 | 2 |
| David-West, Seven Lakes | 56 | 250 | 4.5 | 3 |
| Shoulders, Tompkins | 42 | 247 | 5.9 | 5 |
| Wilson, Morton Ranch | 40 | 205 | 5.1 | 2 |

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

| | P-A-Int | Yards | Pct. | TDs |
|-------------------------|----------|-------|------|-----|
| Jensen III, Taylor | 46-60-0 | 796 | 76.7 | 7 |
| Rutherford, Cinco Ranch | 51-107-3 | 774 | 47.7 | 7 |
| Wilson, Mayde Creek | 54-104-4 | 730 | 51.9 | 2 |
| Beltran, Seven Lakes | 51-85-2 | 511 | 60.0 | 2 |
| Dumas Jr., Paetow | 28-51-2 | 406 | 54.9 | 4 |
| Milroe, Tompkins | 20-35-1 | 363 | 57.1 | 2 |
| 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 | 22 | 532 | 24.2 | 3 |
| Skinner, Mayde Creek | 25 | 405 | 16.2 | 0 |
| Salverino, Cinco Ranch | 16 | 365 | 22.8 | 2 |
| Abboud, Cinco Ranch | 18 | 278 | 15.4 | 3 |
| Medford, Seven Lakes | 23 | 234 | 10.2 | 1 |
| Davis, Morton Ranch | 6 | 163 | 27.2 | 1 |
| Anderson, Katy | 8 | 145 | 18.1 | 2 |
| McMillan II, Tompkins | 6 | 133 | 22.2 | 0 |

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS
AS OF OCT. 21

DISTRICT 19-6A

| | DISTRICT | | OVERALL | |
|---------------------------|----------|---|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Seven Lakes | 7 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Katy | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| Cinco Ranch | 5 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Tompkins | 4 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| Taylor | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Mayde Creek | 1 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 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 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| College Station | 5 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| Brenham | 5 | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| Magnolia | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Rudder | 3 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| A&M Consolidated | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| Paetow | 1 | 6 | 2 | 12 |
| Waller | 0 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| x-clinched playoff berth | | | | |
| y-clinched district title | | | | |

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BECKER

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Never expected it," said Katie's mother, Margaret. "We were, though, thankful to finally get a diagnosis that, as the doctors said, solves the mystery, determines treatment, and shines a light on the path forward."

'Brutal'

Becker's chemotherapy was a five-day process each week. The first round of chemo was the worst.

Becker said she didn't touch her phone for a week and a half. She slept all day and stared at walls.

"I remember my mom and I would call it a win if I even ate a cracker that day," she said. "It was brutal. Every time I would stand up to go to the bathroom, I would throw up. I tried drinking water and I would throw up."

In three weeks, Becker lost 25 pounds. Even when she was discharged to go home after the first round of treatment, she couldn't keep food down and passed out twice from a lack of strength.

She could not make the 10-foot walk from her bedroom to the bathroom because of severe fatigue. She suffered dry eyes, headaches, dry skin, restlessness and "seeing stars."

"The hardest part was when I would go in for my treatments, I couldn't have any visitors because of the coronavirus," she said.

Indeed, as if the situation itself wasn't dire enough, Becker was not allowed visitors except for Margaret. Even then, that was only permitted after persistent input from Becker.

"She and I could not conceive her being all alone during what she was going through," Margaret said. "She presented her case and thoughts to the unit/floor manager with incredible and enviable maturity, reason, and smarts. He agreed with her and spoke to higher-ups, who also agreed I could stay with her, but with conditions."

Margaret was required to stay in her daughter's room "24-7," and only for the first round of chemo. But it was worth it.

"We were together like that for 10 days," Margaret said. "Thank God, reason, compassion, and empathy prevailed. It was difficult to leave her in the hospital for the next rounds, especially as each successive round required a six-day

stay, but she became familiar with the routine and the staff and was so brave and tough as nails through all of it."

After that first round of chemo, with Margaret no longer present, Becker became well-acquainted with Netflix, taking in her favorite movie "The Old Guard" when she wasn't binging "New Girl." She also became best friends with her phone, dependent upon text messages and calls from family, teammates and Russell.

The dynamic duo

In high school, Becker and Russell were dominant players for Cinco Ranch, the best players for a program that was a regional powerhouse year in and year out. Russell was the star striker, Becker the versatile midfielder.

Coach Fredy Sanguinetti called the pair his "dynamic duo."

Off the field, Becker and Russell are close. Their families hang out together often. And though each eventually went their own ways to continue their athletic careers, Becker to San Antonio and Russell to College Station at Texas A&M, they never left each other's thoughts.

So when Becker was in need, Russell was front and center.

"It was definitely a shock. Pure shock," Russell said of finding out Becker had cancer. "Probably one of the most surreal moments of my life."

Russell's mother is a breast cancer survivor going on almost four years. As the only daughter at home at the time, Russell took care of her mother along with her dad, picking up on how to treat and care for someone.

"With Becker, something that was so important that I learned from dealing with my mom ... she didn't want to be treated differently," Russell said. "It's a sense of security for them to know it's OK and they'll make it through this, because they have a support team treating them like they've always had."

Russell constantly texted Becker. Whenever Becker was permitted to go home, they got together at each other's houses, keeping their distance because of the coronavirus but still talking, being together and having fun.

They made TikTok videos while standing six feet apart, a recom-

mended rule of social distancing when it comes to the coronavirus.

"We tried to make it as normal as possible, being goofy, doing stupid dances, sing-along stuff," Russell said. "So fun and so nice to be able to share."

But it wasn't easy. "It was a challenge," Russell said. "You want to make sure you're saying the right things, but you also know that you being the friend you are is the right way. 'What's the right way for me to respond?' And my mom would ask Mrs. Becker, and Mrs. Becker would say that me being me is the right way. Being as normal as I can, while difficult ... I think it did make a big difference for her."

Along with Russell, UTSA teammate and roommate Lexi Bolton was also a big help for Becker. Bolton, like Russell, had a brother who had cancer when he was younger, so she too knew the right approach for Becker.

Teammate Tara Giesen made a compilation of videos of people praising how strong Becker was and how much they loved her.

UTSA team trainer Shelby Dale called often to check in. UTSA head women's soccer coach Derek Pittman did as well.

"It may not seem like much, but it meant a lot to me to know that people cared how I was doing," Becker said. "The best part was they didn't treat me any differently, and I think in a place where I didn't feel like myself that was really important."

Guiding forces

Though Becker was relatively upbeat and positive, and as strong mentally as she could possibly be, there were dark moments.

"I think the aspect that scared me the most was knowing that my tumor took only three months to progress and how suddenly it came," Becker said. "I feel like a ticking time bomb every PET scan that I have, just being a nervous wreck about if something will show up on the scan."

Becker said the cancer turned her into someone she didn't recognize. Aside from significant weight loss, she did not have eyebrows or hair. It was shocking.

Once a premier athlete used to excelling and being the best during intense workouts and high-stakes games, she could not even walk up stairs without getting tired.

"It was hard to look in the mirror sometimes," she said.

Perhaps worse, despite their best efforts and smiling faces, she also could tell it was affecting her loved ones.

"I remember one night I was in the hospital and my mom thought I was sleeping. She was on the phone and I heard her start to lose it and start crying," Becker said. "It was hard for me."

Margaret leaned on her husband Mark and oldest daughter Leigh for their guidance, love and support.

"It was very difficult, but I just tried to focus on Katie and her care and advocated for her," Margaret said. "My guiding force? Just the very simple fact that she's my child. That's all anyone needs."

Russell tried her best to "read the environment and respond." Sometimes she knew she needed to just let Becker talk and express her feelings. Other times, she knew she had to say something to lift her up.

"The first few days, she was OK," Russell said. "And then the cancer news hit. We were texting and talking, and she told me, 'I'm scared.' What's special about our friendship is we are positive with one another, but we're also real. Our friendship was able to grow in that sense, with her being able to come to me and be so vulnerable with her situation."

Becker also relied on her nurses.

"I didn't see the doctors often, because they have a lot of patients, but I connected with a lot of the nurses on a more personal level and they made the lonely stay there more bearable," she said. "I was the youngest patient in the chemo unit by far, so the nurses would always tell me how I was always an easy patient. Overall, what helped me overcome cancer was my age and the fact that I lived a healthy lifestyle."

'Lucky'

"I've had things that have challenged me happen before," Becker said. "Playing soccer had been my main identity my whole life. I was always working towards the goal of playing in college, and once that dream had finally come true, it was stripped away in a matter of months. So, I think it was crucial that I didn't dwell on the present and what I was going through."

Becker started to see progress when the swelling in her neck and face began to subside. About half-

way through her chemo treatment, she got a PET scan. It showed her tumor had shrunk to more than half of its initial size.

"It was easier to go into the hospital for chemo, because each time I would come out I was that much closer to being done," Becker said. "But as I came closer to the end, my mental state struggled because, for five months, my life had been hospital, doctors and doctor appointments, so being done with treatment meant trying to find a way to get back to normal, even though my life has definitely changed from getting cancer."

Becker said cancer opened her eyes. Anything bad can happen at any moment.

"It's taught me to not be scared of anything and to go after what I want to do in life," she said. "All it takes is a snap of your fingers and your life can change."

On July 26, Becker rang the bell to declare herself cancer-free.

"I was overwhelmed with emotions," she said. "Although I couldn't have anyone with me while I rang the bell, the nurses cheered me on and clapped. I remember leaving the hospital and having a few happy tears come out of my eyes because I was leaving and looking back on the place that I would come in feeling great before treatments and leave feeling drained."

"I don't think it has really hit me until I was walking out that I didn't have to go back. That day made me appreciate how lucky I was to have beaten cancer. Not everyone does."

Becker had a follow-up PET scan on Aug. 25. Three days later, the results showed she was in complete remission. Her next scan will be next month.

"The most important aspect right now is hoping that the cancer doesn't reoccur," Becker said. "The longer amount of time that the cancer isn't on the PET scan, the less chance I have of reoccurrence."

Margaret said she is proud of her "warrior survivor." She credits Dr. Adan Rios, his team and his clinic, and said Becker's circumstance created a "strong trusting and loving bond" within the family of four.

"I think having a positive attitude and having a good mental state helped me immensely in overcoming cancer," Becker said. "This process demanded grit and perseverance. But throughout this process, I learned that you are only handed the battles that you can take."



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