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FORT BEND COUNTY

County preparing for 2023 infrastructure bond

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Fort Bend County commissioners are talking with local officials and the public to identify items for a possible bond for county voter consideration in November.

"All the precinct offices are working with (Fort Bend County) engineering to establish a list of what the precincts need, and also

what our municipalities need," Pct. 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales said. "Also, engineering has its own list it will be presenting to us. The summer is when will call for an election, but we have to put out the list and what the cost will be."

Pct. 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers said the county is working to develop a project list where projects are jointly decided upon.

"We have a lot of old roads," Meyers said, adding that the county is performing paving assessments of its roads and bridges so it can assess conditions and identify the most critical needs.

"It's becoming a safety issue," Meyers said. "That's one of the things we're really going to be focused on this summer. We're meeting with cities and MUDs to address some of this older infra-

structure that needs a program for fixing."

Morales said there has always been a city/county list of priorities.

"Each commissioner meets with the cities in their precincts," Morales said. "They have their lists, and we ask them to prioritize the projects. More often than not, it's a joint funding between the city and the county. That's what we've done in the past, and I anticipate that's

what we'll do in the future."

When the commissioners finalize the project list and its cost, they will call for the bond election in August. No final figure has been settled upon, but Meyers said he expected the county to contribute about \$400 million—essentially \$100 million per precinct. He said commissioners will work with

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Alejandro Avendano, third from left, listens during the first meeting of the 2023 Katy Community Bond Advisory Committee. Avendano is committee chairman. The committee's task is to put together a bond package for voter approval in November.

KATY ISD

Screenings important in treating colorectal cancer

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

March was Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, but for people ages 45 and older, it's always wise—never mind the month—to get themselves screened, a Katy doctor said.

"Basically, it's a cancer of the colon or rectum," Dr. Tareq Kamal, a colorectal surgeon at Houston Methodist West in Katy, said. "It happens on the inside of the colon or the rectum. It can grow and spread towards lymph glands and other organs."

The American Cancer Society recommended recommends colorectal cancer screening when one turns 45. If one has a family cancer history, screenings should start earlier than that. One might be at a higher risk for colorectal cancer if one has a family history of this cancer, a personal history of colorectal polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, such as Crohn's and ulcerative colitis, or genetic syndromes, including Lynch syndrome and Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP).

"Routine screenings can help prevent colorectal cancer or find it at an early stage, when it's smaller and more easily treatable," Kamal said. "Caught early, we can often remove the cancer fully and achieve better outcomes."

Kamal said about 106,000 new cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed in the US each year. This is the third-most common cancer diagnosed. Kamal said the rate of men getting this cancer is 33% higher than women.

Kamal is new to Katy—he relocated to Texas last September—but he's been a surgeon since 2007 and completed his training in colorectal cancer treatment in 2016. He did his residency in Chicago and practiced medicine in Michigan before coming to Texas.

A surgeon like Kamal sees a patient after the patient has had a colonoscopy and the cancer diagnosis has been confirmed. The patient undergoes a CAT scan to make sure the cancer hasn't metastasized and spread elsewhere. The patient undergoes a full exam and the surgeon checks the patient's family history. Based on these results and routine bloodwork, he said, the next step in the treatment is decided upon.

The type of surgery performed depends on the location of the tumor, Kamal said.

"We use minimally invasive, robotic techniques, to remove these cancers," Kamal said, adding that the robotic surgeries have been used for at least the last 10 years.

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Katy ISD Bond Committee members, at first meeting, receive district projections

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The over 140 Katy ISD Community Bond Advisory Committee members met March 29 to review current and future enrollment projections, long-range facilities plans and the school district's financial capacity.

Population and Survey Analysts (PASA), a demographic firm, emphasized the

substantial growth taking place in the Katy area, predominantly in the northwest quadrant of the district, where communities are currently under development.

"Moderate growth scenarios project a student enrollment of over 100,000 students by 2027 and nearly 10,000 more by 2032," Kris Pool, PASA planning director, said. "Over the next 10 years, PASA projects

27,681 single-family units, which is approximately 60% of the total new housing projections."

During the group's first meeting, participants learned how instructional spaces impact learning outcomes, including climate control, lighting, and

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Royal ISD police officers receive training to teach anti-drug, anti-violence programs to students

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Starting on March 27, about 2,700 students PreK-12 in Waller County will be educated on the curriculum implemented by L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence), a nationwide nonprofit that works with communities to help students understand the dangers of drugs and violence.

Marilyn Vaughn, Royal ISD police chief, along with officers Dalton Williams and Lyndon Stamps, received the training to teach the program.

Now, during the school day, students at Royal Early Childhood Center, Royal Elementary School, Royal Stem Academy, Royal Junior High School and Royal High School will learn how to strengthen their goal setting, decision making and communication skills in addition to receiving age-appropriate lessons on the dangers of

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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Royal ISD Police Chief Marilyn Vaughn, seen here speaking at a Royal ISD Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, recently received training from L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence), a nationwide nonprofit.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



John Swift and Aimee Falgout visit during the KCM Cajun Fest, held April 1 at MKT Distillery, 5373 1st St. Proceeds from the event, which featured a cookoff, live music and other family activities, benefits Katy Christian Ministries.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Arc of Katy hosting Family to Family presentation April 12

The Arc of Katy, in partnership with the Kingsland Baptist Special Needs Ministry, will be offering a comprehensive overview of the Family to Family Network. The event is from 6-7 p.m. April 12 at Kingsland Baptist Church, 20555 Kingsland Blvd. Child care will be provided at no cost. For childcare, please email specialneedsministry@kingland.org by April 7.

Come connect with other parents, guardians and caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the first of a series of informational meetings. The goal of Empowerment Through Knowledge is to provide families and caregivers information and tools to better understand and support their children's needs throughout their lifetimes.

Family to Family Network over the past 30 years has helped families understand their rights and responsibilities as well as find services and support for their children with disabilities from early childhood through their adult years. Mary Jane Williams, Family to Family Network executive director, will present.

The Arc of Katy is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has served individuals and families in Katy and the surrounding area for more than 30 years with a mission to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that enable each person to be included as a respected and active member of their community throughout their lifetime. For more information, visit the website thearcofkaty.org.

is at 6:30 p.m. The Katy A&M Club business meeting is at 7 p.m., with the muster ceremony at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar for beer and wine will be available.

There is no charge to attend Aggie Muster. Those who do not want to purchase a meal are welcome to attend and watch the ceremony. RSVPs are requested for free general admission tickets, with overflow seating available for those who will not eat dinner.

Meal tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids, for a barbecue meal from Midway Barbecue. While there is plenty of seating and space for everyone, people are encouraged to bring a folding/bag chair.

The muster ceremony, unique to Texas A&M, honors Aggies who have died, particularly over the last year. It also celebrates Aggies who have gathered. The guest speaker is Paul Pausky, who formerly worked in the university's student career services department.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction and Meal benefit the Katy A&M Club Scholarship Fund.

To purchase tickets, visit the website, the abbreviated URL for which is <http://bit.ly/40IciQA>.

To add a name to the Muser Roll Call, visit the website aggienetwork.com/news/155056/add-a-name-to-the-2023-aggie-muster-roll/

For more information, email the Katy A&M Club at KatyAMCclub@gmail.com or contact Kelli Elizondo at 254-718-1837 or Kelli.Elizondo@gmail.com.

Katy Taste Fest set for April 22

The Katy Taste Fest, featuring signature biggest from Katy's top restaurants, is set for April 22. All net proceeds support local Katy charities.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website KatyTasteFest.com.

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FULSHEAR SIMONTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officials with the Fulshear Simonton Fire Department held a ceremonial groundbreaking March 30. Actual construction began April 3. The station will serve the Cross Creek Ranch area.



KATY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Katy Police Chief Noe Diaz welcomes Luis Vences, the department's newest officer, to the department.

Katy A&M Club observes Aggie Muster April 21

The Katy A&M Club invites all Katy-area Aggies to attend Katy A&M Club Muster April 21 at No Label Brewing, 5351 1st St.

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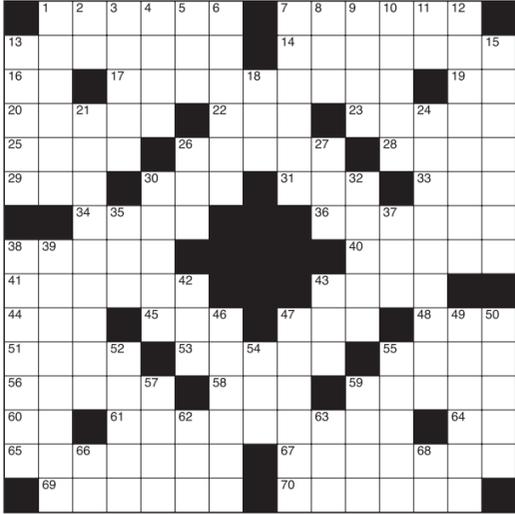
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- Partly cooked with hot water
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- White poplar
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- Emit energy
- Something you can take
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- Prickly plant
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COMMITTEE

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flexible spaces.

Additionally, the group reviewed Katy ISD's long-range facilities plan which has guided the district through more than nine bonds the Katy community

has passed since 1994.

"The plan documents every facility in the district, along with life expectancies for the building's mechanical and plumbing systems, roofs, and

interior finishes," Lisa Kassman, Katy ISD facilities, planning and construction director, said. "Addressing these campus needs and updating systems when needed, is a priority in order to

maintain building integrity."

Avoiding major breakdowns and emergencies, which can cause instructional disruptions, is the primary reason a component life-cycle replacement schedule

is needed. Building components include items such as flooring, chillers, HVAC equipment and fire alarms, as needed.

The committee was scheduled to hold its second meeting April 5.



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Fort Bend County Pct. 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers and Pct. 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales pose for a photo at the 10th annual Morales Pig Roast and Crawfish Boil. Those who didn't get a chance to have their photo taken with Morales at the casual, festive event could pose with the life-sized cardboard cutout of him on the right.

COUNTY

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the county's budget officer and auditor to make sure the figure fits within the county's financial ability. He said the cities and MUDs would also contribute, making the total figure to be about \$600-\$700 million.

"We have to figure out what the priority projects are within a bond amount that the voters will go along with," Morales said.

Morales said Katy, a part of which is in his precinct, has submitted a project, as has Fulshear, but some of other cities in his precinct have not done so — at least, not yet. Some of the money, Morales said, might be applied to unfinished projects where construction money might be needed.

Meyers said the county had

\$100 million of excess costs related to inflation with regard to the county's our old mobility projects that we're going to have to cover. The county committed to do the projects, he said, but securing the right-of-way and getting the utility companies to move can take up to a couple of years.

In one case, Meyers said, he had what he called "one dinky

little road" where the utility did not want to check its pipeline. As a result of delays, he said, the project cost has gone up. Meyers said that particular road is now in Morales' precinct.

Commissioners welcome public input as they prepare their list.

"They can contact Vincent, or myself, or any of the commissioners," Meyers said.



HOUSTON METHODIST WEST

Dr. Tareq Kamal is a colorectal surgeon at Houston Methodist West in Katy.

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The technology has become more available to doctors and they have more experience with them, he said. "The results of been very positive and comparable to other forms of surgery," Kamal said, adding that one benefit of the technology is that patients tend to have shorter hospital stays.

Kamal said rectal cancer is treated differently from colon cancer. Rectal cancer is more complex, he said, and the patient will undergo an MRI so the medical team can decide the best options for surgery and treatment.

While age and family history are beyond a patient's control, it is possible to reduce risk for colorectal cancer by following some basic guidelines. Kamal said eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, losing weight, and avoiding tobacco, and limiting or avoiding alcohol can all help lower the risk of colorectal cancer. Such a diet, Kamal said, would involve reducing or avoiding red meat and processed foods. As for exercise, Kamal said, any form of exercise that lowers one's body mass index (BMI) and improves cardiac ability are good.

ROYAL

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bullying, drugs and violence.

"We welcome the Royal ISD Police Department into our family, and we're confident that the impact Chief Vaughn, Officer Williams and Officer Stamps will have on their community will contribute toward our goal of strengthening police-community relationships," Nick DeMauro, L.E.A.D. CEO, said. "We're thrilled for the children in Waller County to reap the benefits of our program as they'll take away crucial life skills in addition to learning about the importance of drug and violence prevention."

L.E.A.D. provides services "On the Street" and "In the Classroom" as

it brings law enforcement and communities closer together. The "In the Classroom" program is taught by 3800 trained instructors in 41 states. L.E.A.D. has a proven effective, law enforcement-focused anti-drug, anti-violence curriculum for K-12 students in the U.S. The L.E.A.D. curriculum is taught over the course of a 10-week program to educate youth on how they can make smart decisions without the involvement of drugs or violence.

Vaughn believes students gaining knowledge that will help them learn how to make more informed decisions in their day-to-day lives is the main benefit that

L.E.A.D. will provide.

"The material we teach will vary for each grade level that we're teaching since the children are of numerous ages," Vaughn said. "However, I have no doubt that all 2696 students in the organization will learn a valuable lesson that they'll find useful throughout the rest of their school careers and beyond. Officer Williams, Officer Stamps and I are very impressed with the program, and we can't wait to observe the kids begin to make better choices throughout it."

Vaughn said she looks forward to spending time and building a relationship with the students in the

classroom and is grateful to L.E.A.D. for giving her the chance to do so.

"Communication is lacking between the police and kids, and these 10 weeks will be the perfect opportunity to start working on it," Vaughn said. "I'm certain that we'll form strong bonds with the students by having the opportunity to teach them

such a prominent subject matter, and I'm excited to see how the relationships develop."

Vaughn said the interaction with the police officers during the school day is one of the program's greatest aspects.

"It's great that we'll get to know the students on a more personal level while we educate them on the

harms of bullying, drugs and violence, which is a topic that may be better coming from us as opposed to their families or friends," Vaughn said. "Our interaction with the children will also help to bridge the gap between our police department and the community in Waller County, which is incredibly important to L.E.A.D. as it is to us."

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Let's get our kids behind the wheel

The sun is shining today and Spring is upon us. Such days remind me still of the excitement I knew when I turned 16 in April and was finally able to get my driver's license—a wondrous rite of passage fewer and fewer teens choose to experience today.

According to a 2019 article in The Wall Street Journal, in the 1980s half of all 16-year-olds were driving. But by 2020 it was just 25 percent.

Why? Driving tests began getting stricter and more challenging in many states in the mid-1990s—though passing my test in a 1976 “Starship-Enterprise-sized” station wagon was no easy feat.

The cost of cars has risen and today's teens are able to get around easily enough using ride-sharing services.

But the biggest reason is simply that many teens have zero desire to drive on their own—because the hunger to get out of the house and socialize is no longer a big incentive.

A study by Common Sense Media finds that teens are spending an average of eight hours a day on social media apps.

They may think their online habits are enabling them to socialize with “friends,” but several studies, including a 2021 Journal of Adolescence study, see a clear correlation between the explosion in social media in 2012 and increasing isolation, depression and anxiety in teens.

A 2020 Netflix documentary, “The Social Dilemma,” explains in detail how the nature of social media encourages teen isolation and depression.

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The more they know about you, the more often items will appear in your newsfeed that are designed to give you



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Instead of becoming excited at age 16 that they can learn to drive a car and come and go freely, too many kids are content to sit alone in their rooms endlessly texting each other or consuming TikTok.

dopamine spikes and keep you online as long as possible—so their advertisers have never-ending access to sell to you.

As you spend time online with social media apps, you are constantly being psychologically manipulated—constantly comparing your looks to famous people, constantly seeking praise and “likes” from strangers or suffering deeply if someone online in any way mocks or criticizes one of your posts.

It's pretty clear that young people, whose brains are still developing, are being profoundly impacted by social media in many important and trivial ways we don't fully understand yet.

Which brings us back to driving. Instead of becoming excited at age 16 that they can learn to drive a car and come and go freely, too many kids are content to sit alone in their rooms endlessly texting each other or consuming TikTok.

It's too bad. Kids today don't know how much fun, freedom and real social interaction they're missing without cars.

Cruising the park in a 1972 VW Beetle with my friends is one of the best memories I have of my teen years.

I know the social media challenge is complex, but here's a good start:

Hey, kids, the weather is breaking. Get your license, turn off our phones and go for a cruise in the park!

Purcell, creator of the infotainment site ThurbersTail.com, which features pet advice he's learning from his beloved Labrador, Thurber, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.com.



Planning a post-East hiatus?

Right now, the land echoes with songs such as “Power in the Blood” and “Because He Lives,” but past performance assures me that the ditty waiting in the wings is (apologies to Alice Cooper) “God's Out for Summer.”

Yes, countless people (whether unchurched or nominally religious) are counting down the days until Easter goes hopping down the bunny trail for another year.

Admittedly, these folks have endured four or five stressful months. Sure, there have been talking snowmen, Cupid and green beer to keep them distracted; but some killjoy inevitably brings up “the reason for the season” or delves into the real-life travails of Saints Nicholas, Valentine and Patrick.

To add insult to injury, these people weren't permitted to focus solely on statesmen, scientists and entertainers during Black History Month. No, some meddlesome reporter fixated on the vital role of Black churches in the civil rights movement.

Then came their Lenten sacrifices (or listening to other people brag/complain about their Lenten sacrifices), leading up to all that cringe-inducing talk about the crucifixion.

Understandably, numerous worshippers and innocent bystanders are suffering religion fatigue. They're yearning for a spring and summer of lawn-mowing, fishing, barbecuing, home repairing and vacationing.

True, Mother's Day may inspire memories of mom as a God-fearing woman and Memorial Day has its somber side; but for all intents and purposes, these folks



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

No, despite what your wishful thinking might whisper to you, God won't be out for summer. He doesn't run out on you. But time does. Use your time wisely, year-round.

have a six- or seven-month reprieve from religious thoughts.

The fun doesn't come to a screeching halt until those pesky Pilgrims remind us what ingrates we are and Linus trots out his Nativity speech for the umpteenth time.

(I'm writing this from a Christian perspective, but I'm sure there are Jews, Muslims and members of other faiths who suffer burnout from their own holidays and traditions.)

However you've been rationalizing your downtime (recharging your batteries, cleansing your palate, getting back to the Real World), I implore you not to perpetuate the cycle of making spirituality a purely seasonal observance.

Every day is a day the Lord has made, not just the days after Halloween.

From a practical perspective, it's hard to get back in the saddle after

a prolonged absence from thinking about the meaning of life. It's like schoolchildren. I don't begrudge them their summer vacation; but unless the kids frequent the library in July or take educational trips, they invariably return to school in the autumn needing to re-learn the math and grammar they supposedly learned in May.

Nature abhors a vacuum, but Satan loves one. Theoretically, you can fill your mind with secular thoughts that are always productive or at least benign; but it's so much easier to drift toward endeavors that are selfish or self-destructive.

Several prominent Bible figures were praised for their steadfastness. I don't remember a single account of lackadaisical religious observance having a happy ending.

How do you keep up the momentum after Easter? Regular fellowship with good people is the ideal, but do what you can. Download another “verse of the day” app. Browse the bookstore for thought-provoking Christian apologetics books. Learn from a sacred-minded shut-in. Consider recalibrating your music playlist to contain maybe a couple fewer kick-your-butt-in-a-barroom and get-nekkid-ASAP songs and a couple additional songs of praise and glory.

No, despite what your wishful thinking might whisper to you, God won't be out for summer. He doesn't run out on you.

But time does. Use your time wisely, year-round.

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Jacqueline Ruyle wins Texas Children's Hospital Grand Prix

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

In an exciting conclusion to the \$30,000 Texas Children's Hospital Grand Prix, Jacqueline Ruyle and her horse, Cyramo Z, claimed victory by just 0.004 seconds at the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show.

Ruyle and Cyramo Z were one of eight entries to advance to the April 1 jump-off at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center. As the second pair to return for the Oscar Soberon-designed short course, Ruyle and Cyramo Z blazed across the finish in 37.423 seconds.

Arizona's Allison Kroff and her horse T-Quick Hurricane Z, owned by TC Sport

Horses LLC, flew through the finish in a nearly identical time of 37.427 seconds to take second place. Finishing in third place were Martien Van Der Hoeven and her horse Mefisto Il Mondo, owned by Brienne Dofort.

"It's awesome," Ruyle said. "My family's here. My brother's here, and his new wife is here. It's really cool because my family can just drive in and watch; people that really haven't seen me compete before can watch."

Saturday night marked Ruyle and Cyramo Z's second Pin Oak grand prix victory in as many years. The duo first topped the \$50,000 Hildebrand Fund Grand Prix in 2022. Since that inaugural Pin Oak grand prix victory, Ruyle and Cyramo Z's winning resume has

grown. In July 2022, they earned their first FEI win, and they have since racked up several others.

"[Cyramo Z] is so fast and so brave," Ruyle said of the horse. "We had a very successful winter circuit in Wellington. We won almost every class we entered - we won the welcome, we won the prix, we won the next welcome. Actually, I just found out today that I had the fastest jump-off time of all the WEF 2023 circuit, so that was a huge accomplishment."

With Ruyle, Kroff and Van Der Hoeven rounding out the top three, fourth place went to Maddie Chenoweth on Navaro Van't Verahof, owned by Triple C Equine LLC. Taking fifth place were Tessa Downey and

Isabelle, owned by Horse Orchard LLC. As the highest-placed under-25-year-old rider, 17-year-old Downey also earned the win in the \$10,000 U25 Grand Prix, sponsored by American National and held concurrently with Saturday night's featured class. For full results of the \$30,000 Texas Children's Hospital Grand Prix, visit the website Horse-ShowsOnline.com.

Running through April 16 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, the 77th Pin Oak Charity Horse Show features top hunter, jumper and equitation competition while benefitting the Texas Children's Hospital. For more information, visit the website PinOak.org.

Katy's No Label Brewing Co. wins at International Beer Competition

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

No Label Brewing Co., recently earned high honors for a handful of its most adventurous brews at an industry awards ceremony March 18 in New York City.

No Label Brewing, at 5351 1st St., brought home more hardware for its trophy case from the recent New York International Beer Competition, besting more than 700 entries across 30 categories from 15 countries in one of the beer world's most popular events.

The working-class-celebrating

brew Hard Hats & Six Packs (4.5% ABV, 18 IBU), a Japanese rice lager, won gold honors. Don Jalapeño (6.0% ABV, 17 IBU), the brewery's jalapeño-infused collaboration with the world-renowned Blood Bros. BBQ from Bellaire, took home silver honors. The ale features peppers sourced and smoked on location at Blood Bros., then delivered hand-to-hand to No Label for boiling and brewing.

"This beer represents the friendship between our two companies, and I just could not be any happier about this win," Tom Paynter, No Label co-owner and creative director, said.

The sturdy Cali Boy West Coast IPA (7.5% ABV, 90 IBU), and the flavorful El Carlito (8.3% ABV, 22 IBU), its Weizenbock, took home Bronze honors.

"We won a World Beer Cup award last year for Cali Boy West Coast IPA, and then we were blessed with a second accolade for it," Paynter said. "It's very humbling. It recharges our team's beer batteries, and it's just terrific to bring more attention to Katy. We're now on a mission to aggressively push our beer into the Dallas and Austin areas."

No Label will soon enter the Austin and Dallas areas with two

new collaborations. Team No Label is pairing with Austin's Meanwhile Brewing for a mystery brew that will be previewed at Wild West Brew Fest April 7 in Pflugerville and their respective taprooms. An additional collaboration with Denton County Brewing will be available in late spring.

"Bringing our beers to the rest of Texas is incredibly important for our brewery, but making collabs with all these breweries along the way makes it just so much fun," Paynter said.

For more information, visit the website nolabelbrew.com or call 281-693-7545.

"This beer represents the friendship between our two companies (No Label Brewing Co. and Blood Bros.), and I just could not be any happier about this win."

-TOM PAYNTER, No Label co-owner and creative director

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Waller County celebrating its sesquicentennial

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Waller County Judge Trey Duhon had a vision to celebrate the Waller County Sesquicentennial on May 5 with a grand celebration.

He organized a committee, invited county residents and asked several people to take the lead. Robert Pechukas, policy and administration director for the Waller County Commissioners Court and Walter Sass, of Weisser Engineering & Surveying, were selected to lead the team. Jackie H. Craver, local volunteer, and Mary Kay Cosmetics director, became the leader of a small group of experienced volunteers to create events for the celebration and then took on the volunteer events coordination.

After months of work, the Waller County Sesquicentennial schedule of events has evolved into two weeks of celebrations, covering the entire county and culminating on May 5 at the Waller County Courthouse.

The county-wide events start with the presentation of the 150th Proclamation at Waller County Commissioners Court at 9 a.m. April 19, followed by the official kick-off at 10 a.m. on April 28 at the Waller County Courthouse.

The Hempstead Garden Club will host the Sesquicentennial Tea & Fashion Show at The Grand Texana at 12 p.m. for lunch (pre-sale tickets only). The Sesquicentennial Queen's Contest and Judging is that evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Hempstead High School auditorium. All girls who live in Waller County and are seniors in high school, graduating in May, are eligible to enter the contest.

Applications are available on the Waller County website, co.waller.tx.us. From the website,



FILE PHOTO

The Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead will be the site for some of the county's sesquicentennial activities.

click the 150th Celebration tab. Completed applications are due by April 6. Scholarships are \$2,000 for the queen, \$1,500 for the princess and \$750 for the duchess.

The Sesquicentennial Parade is April 29 in Hempstead, the Waller County seat, and begins with lineup of all entries at 9 a.m. on FM 1887 and San Antonio Street near the Waller County Library. The parade, sponsored by the City of Hempstead, will bring to life the theme "Celebrating 150 Years!", rolling down the streets of Hempstead at 10 a.m. The Parade Entry form is on the Waller County website.

Following the parade, the celebration will move to the Waller County Fairgrounds for the Annual 4-H BBQ, Auction and 4-H Queen's Contest. There will be lots of Sesquicentennial events with some-

thing for everyone in the family, from the youngest to the oldest. Events will include an Antique Car & Tractor Show, Art Show, Quilt Show, and Ole West Reenactment. All fliers, guidelines, and entry forms can be found on the Waller County website. The sesquicentennial celebrations on this day will conclude with the crowning of the sesquicentennial queen, princess and duchess & presentation of the scholarships and music by Texas Swing Unlimited.

On April 30, an old-fashioned Social in the Park will take place at the Hempstead Downtown Gazebo, with food, games and entertainment from 1-5 p.m.

Waller County Judge Trey Duhon will officiate the 150th Sesquicentennial Day on May 5 beginning at 1 p.m. on the front lawn of the Waller County Court-

house. The Brothers of the Brush (beard contest), the Sesquicentennial Belles, and Oldest Native Resident (woman and man) will be introduced. At 2 p.m., the Centennial Capsule that was buried on May 5, 1973, will be opened. A new Bicentennial (200th) capsule will be created to be opened on May 5, 2073. There will also be a 150th Waller County Birthday Cake.

Many county cities and communities will celebrate their importance in Waller County history. The City of Brookshire will start the city celebrations at 10 a.m. April 22 in Downtown Brookshire. Events will include family fun activities and a business fair. Brown Sugar Band will conclude the day with favorite songs and music.

On April 23, the Monaville Community will have an old-fashioned ice cream social with

desserts, games for the young and old, including free ice cream for all, bounce house for the kids, and corn hole. Festivities will take place at the Monaville Volunteer Fire Department on Cochran Road.

On May 1, the City of Pattison will host a Waller County Branding Party and dinner from 3-7 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their old brands that are registered in Waller County. Mayor Joe Garcia will be on hand to brand a commemorative board.

On May 2, the City of Waller will host an open house from 1-5 p.m. at City Hall and the new Waller Museum. A proclamation will be read at 3 p.m. by Mayor Danny Marburger. Refreshments will be served.

On May 3, Prairie View will celebrate with a farmers' market experience at the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at 10 a.m. in the Carden-Waller Cooperative Extension Building on the Prairie View A&M University campus. A lunch and tour will then be sponsored by the City of Prairie View, with Mayor Ron Leverett.

On May 4, Katy will celebrate at Katy Heritage Park with tours of the park and its homes from 6-8:30 p.m., with Mayor Dusty Thiele reading a proclamation in celebration of the Waller County Sesquicentennial. Refreshments will be served.

All related information, fliers, entry forms, etc. can be found on the Waller County website co.waller.tx.us. From the website click the Waller County Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration link. Information is also on the Facebook page: Waller County Sesquicentennial 05/05/23. Email wallercounty150@gmail.com.

Five-year study examines health of bees in East Texas

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The American bumblebee population is alive and well in East Texas, according to early indications from a five-year research project.

The project, which started in 2022, is a collaboration between Stephen F. Austin State University, Sam Houston State University and Texas A&M Forest Service to assess the health of bee communities in 74 East Texas counties. The survey is funded through a \$500,000 state grant.

Dan Bennett, an associate professor of biology at Stephen F. Austin State University, said the results from samples collected in the study's first year are positive. "We're catching lots of bumblebees of multiple species, and we're capturing quite a few of the American bumblebee," said Bennett, the lead entomologist for the project. "We're finding them most places we look, and

that's a very good sign."

It's a good sign, Bennett said, because the American bumblebee is not doing well in other parts of its range and is being considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

"It's very early to say, and maybe we'll get different results this year, but the early indications are that the American bumblebee is doing well here," he said. "And that's very important because it has almost disappeared from places like Pennsylvania and Massachusetts."

Attracting bees

Samples were collected from traps in each of the 74 surveyed counties for two weeks each in July, August and September, timed to avoid interfering with major pollination cycles and to minimize the risk of capturing queens during hive-building activities in the spring.

Texas A&M Forest Ser-



TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Early indications from a five-year research project suggest that the American bumblebee population is alive and well in East Texas.

vice staff members set the majority of the traps and retrieve the samples.

Allen Smith, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health Coordinator,

said the bees are attracted to the bright color of the traps, which are set across both urban and rural areas.

"Traps are placed anywhere from fence lines around airports to the edge of rights of way to open forest canopy where we would have flowering plants nearby," he said.

Photos are taken of the area where the traps are set "so we can look at the vegetation and see what's growing there," Smith said.

Smith said the agency's involvement streamlined the project, allowing an established network of statewide personnel to cover a lot of ground in setting and collecting the traps so researchers could focus on analyzing the data.

Smith developed a computer application for the collection teams to log data related to the traps, allowing the university teams to see when and where the traps were placed and when they were collected.

It makes sense for Texas A&M Forest Service to play a role in the study, Smith said, because of the agency's access to the land throughout the region where the study is being conducted as well as the agency's experience surveying insects in forests of East Texas.

"Everyone that's working on this project for us deserves credit. We even have fire personnel out there helping out," Smith said.

Early questions

Questions have already

emerged from the study's early findings, Bennett said.

"Are they going to decline soon? Is there a disease coming? What's the difference between here and where the populations have already declined?" he said.

The samples will give researchers an idea of how the bumblebee population is doing, Bennett said, and possibly shed light on where they might be in the future.

"We want to know where the bees are, why they are there, and how that relates to human activities," Bennett said. "We're looking at the entire landscape and the correlates of habitat diversity."

Counting pollen

Along with American bumblebees, the researchers are focusing on populations of long-horned bees, which are important pollinators of agricultural crops. As the project progresses, the pollen from the bee samples will be used to determine floral relationships.

"We'll try to figure out which types of plants are represented on the bees based on the pollen that they carry," Bennett said. "Maybe there are certain flowers that they need that we don't quite know just yet."

Justin Williams, a biological sciences professor at Sam Houston State University, serves as the botanist for the research project.

Using scanning electron microscopes, Williams and his students identify the pol-

len grains collected from the bees. Williams said his team has identified about 80% of the pollen from the bees trapped during the study's first year.

"We are trying to find the diet of these bees," Williams said, with the goal of introducing more of the flowers that the bees prefer.

Williams said sampling locations and methods will be refined through the study's third year.

"That's when we're going to start bringing all of our data together," Williams said. "Then we'll start working on a modern inventory of the bees that we have."

Williams said he's hoping to find species of bees that haven't been seen in decades.

"It's not that they've gone extinct or disappeared, it's just that people haven't looked for them," he said. "Natural history just isn't as appreciated today as it should be, and that's why this project is so important."

A teaching tool

In addition to the bee survey and pollen analysis, researchers are planning to incorporate an educational outreach component.

"We'll be visiting Master Gardeners and botanical gardens and giving talks, and it's our aim to make a poster that we can give out that has general information on identification of the bees of East Texas along with photos of the more common bees," Williams said.

Part of that educational message, Williams said, is that we need more natural areas for bees and other species to thrive.

"Let those wildflowers be out there, because they are food for the bees," he said. "Part of the reason bees might be struggling is our insistence on mowing all the time. You can mow, but let's do that after the flowers have finished blooming."

Bennett said he hopes the research highlights the significance of bees and the role they play in the ecosystem.

"Without them, we would be left with fewer things to eat, or the things we have to eat would be much more expensive," he said. "I want people to appreciate what bees are doing for us and understand that if they decline, in a way, so do we."

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FORT BEND COUNTY

KP George hosts Women's History Month panel

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

In honor of Women's History Month, the Office of Fort Bend County Judge KP hosted a High Tea Panel Discussion at March 30 at Jones Creek Ranch Lodge to celebrate and recognize women who have made significant contributions and achievements in business, government, and their communities.

"Throughout the year, we celebrate the incredible women in our county who have dedicated their lives to helping our communities," George said. "During Women's History Month, let's remember the progress we've made in support of women as we strive to create a more equitable society."

The panel discussion featured April Jones, AL Jones Contracting Consulting Services president; DeKeha P. Shepherd, Costello, Inc. COO/Executive Vice President; Tricia Krenek, Fort Bend County justice of the peace, precinct 1, place 2; and Coretta Middleton, Community Supervision & Corrections administrative assistant.

Over 80 guests attended the event, which was moderated by Judge George's Communications and Public Information Manager Tami Frazier, who led the discussion and interactive Q & A from the audience. Topics included finding equity in the workplace, the benefits and consequences of leadership, finding a work-family balance and barriers to female leadership.

Fort Bend County's departing Health and Human Services Director Dr. Jacqueline Minter was memorialized for her work within the county by Judge George's Chief of Staff Shaneka Smith at the close of the ceremony.

Jones founded AL Jones Consulting Contracting Consulting Services, LLC., a small minority woman-owned business, in 2018,



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Over 80 guests attended a panel discussion honoring Women's History Month in Fort Bend County.

specializing in mitigating risks in reviewing and negotiating contracts in the oil & gas field and supply chain management. Jones earned a bachelor's degree in political science/legal studies from the University of St. Thomas.

Shepherd is a professional engineer who has over 25 years of civil engineering experience, specializing in land development in the Houston area. She is responsible for the management and performance of all divisions and human resources at Costello, Inc. Shepherd is a graduate of the University of Houston.

Krenak is an attorney, certified mediator, local volunteer and public servant. Krenek graduated from the University of St. Thomas, earn-

ing both a bachelor's and master's degree in business before earning a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

Middleton is a graduate of Southern University and A&M College. She built a career at LabCorps, Prudential Insurance Company and Pennzoil Oil Company. She led many petroleum and service projects at Pennzoil Oil and Chevron Phillips Company, LP, and she was promoted to treasury supervisor at Chevron Phillips. Additionally, Coretta worked with her husband at Middleton Law Firm, P.L.L.C. for 16 years. Currently, Coretta works for the Fort Bend County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.



Shaneka Smith, right, chief of staff for Fort Bend County Judge KP George, honors Dr. Jacqueline Minter, left, for her service as the county's health and human services director.

Johnson Development plans 'Best of the 'Burbs' tour for Fulshear area

COMMUNITY REPORT

Johnson Development is planning a model home tour for its Houston-area properties, including Cross Creek Ranch, Cross Creek West and Jordan Ranch in the Fulshear area.

The homes will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 12-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. In addition, the three communities will have more than 160 available homes that can also be toured.

"We are excited to showcase some of the nation's top builders in 12 of our beautiful Houston-area communities," Christen Johnson, Johnson Development senior vice president of marketing, said. "Not only do our communities offer world-class amenities, but buying a new home often allows for a number of advantages, including customizations, lower maintenance costs and potential energy savings. Additionally, for those with a keen design eye, this is a great time to come see vibrant, bold colors and flex entertaining spaces found throughout the homes."

Fulshear's Cross Creek Ranch will have 25 model homes open during the Best of the 'Burbs tour. Visitors can stop at the welcome center for details on the community's many



JOHNSON DEVELOPMENT

People looking for trending home design can tour 46 model homes in the west Houston area that are participating in Johnson Development's Best of the 'Burbs home tour this April.

amenities as well as enjoy Music on the Patio at Italian Maid Café in Cross Creek Ranch on April 14 and 28.

An Earth Day celebration will be open to the public on April 22. The 3,200-acre community is ranked among the 50

best-selling communities in the nation. For more information, visit the website crosscreektexas.com.

One of Johnson Development's newest communities, the 1,258-acre Cross Creek West, is located in Fulshear on FM 359 and Jordan Road. Cross Creek West, which opened for sales late last year, will have eight model homes on the tour. In the works is the Waterhole Amenity Center, expected to open in summer 2024.

Dozens of artisans will showcase their creations at an Art Market set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 29. For more information, visit the website CrossCreekWestTX.com.

Jordan Ranch, a 1,350-acre project, is located one mile south of Interstate 10 and a few miles west of the Grand Parkway in Fulshear. Thirteen model homes will be open for touring in Jordan Ranch, named "Community of the Year" in the 2022 Houston's Best PRISM Awards hosted by the Greater Houston Builders Association. The public is invited to attend the Hip Hop Hooray event from 2-5 p.m. April 8. For more information, visit the website jordanranchtexas.com.

For more information, including tour maps, visit the website houstonhometour.com.



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KATY

Home Run Dugout sports bar and restaurant opens

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Home Run Dugout, the first-ever sports bar, restaurant, and entertainment venue featuring indoor soft-toss baseball, is now open in Katy at 1220 Grand West Blvd. A brand-new way to play baseball with friends, Home Run Dugout has reinvented the batting cage, offering an immersive, social gamified playing experience suitable for sluggers of all ages and skill levels.

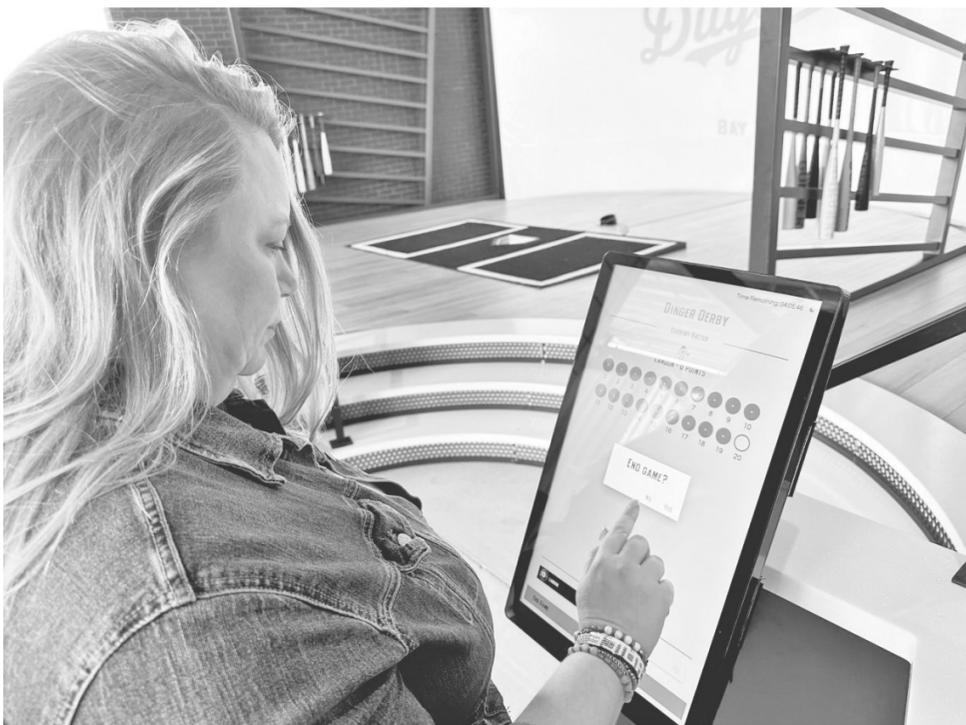
Co-founded by Nick Hermandorfer and Tyler Bambrick, Home Run Dugout was founded with the dream to have everyone experience the greatest feeling in sports: hitting a home run. Austin-based Hermandorfer, who graduated as a two-sport NCAA athlete from Princeton University, has always been passionate about the power of sports bringing people together. After working in the start-up world in Austin, he decided to pursue an MBA at the University of Texas and launched Home Run Dugout, LLC in 2015.

A Houston native, Tyler Bambrick, co-founder and COO of Home Run Dugout, is a proud graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After two deployments to Afghanistan, Tyler earned his MBA from the University of Texas. While living and going to school in Austin, Tyler joined Nick and his vision of making Home Run Dugout a reality.

In partnership with strategic investors Nolan Ryan and Ryan Sanders Baseball, Nick and Tyler opened the first Home Run Dugout in 2019 at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The Home Run Dugout Katy location is the first full-scale stand-alone Home Run Dugout venue, and was brought to life through the strategic partnership of Lagniappe Capital Partners, BCS Capital, and the friends and families of Hermandorfer and Bambrick.

"People are seeking out activities to experience with friends and family besides going to a bar and watching TV," Hermandorfer said. "We believe life is all about shared experiences, and we are confident that a little friendly competition is the best way to bring people together over drinks, laughter and home runs."

The 46,000-square-foot venue has 12 indoor Batting Bays, similar to the concept of batting cages (without the cage), featuring proprietary, state-of-the-art pitching



Above: Erin Woolsey, Landon's mother, sets the backdrop for the virtual ballpark in which Landon is "batting." The settings include those for every Major League Baseball ballpark. Left: Landon Woolsey of Katy swings for the fences—albeit a virtual one—March 30 at the opening of Home Run Dugout in Katy, 1220 Grand West Blvd.

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technology and augmented reality, which allows players to simulate their hit in any Major League Baseball stadium, including Houston's Minute Maid Park, and digitally track the ball's exit velocity, distance and location.

The "secret sauce" is a patented ground-up, soft-toss pitching machine located in each Batting Bay, which safely delivers pitches over the strike-zone with no risk of foul balls, as the machine minimizes the horizontal trajectory of a pitched ball. Instead, the ball

pops up from the ground. Each bay features a 20x15 foot screen and five TVs, allowing players to track not only hitting stats, but be in control of whatever sporting event or other programming they want to watch. Each Batting Bay can fit groups of up to 12 people and accommodates players of all skill levels. Dallas-based sporting goods company Warstic, co-founded by four-time MLB All-Star Ian Kinsler and musician Jack White, supplies ten different sizes and models of bats at each Bay, suitable for all

bring the vision and design to life of the space, which models a baseball stadium concourse and gives visitors a broad view of the wiffle ball field diamond as soon as they enter the venue. Baseball-themed design features can be found throughout, including weathered steel walls in the main dining and bar area that mimic the color of a baseball glove. The private event space which comfortably seats up to 65 guests, with its own bar and two Batting Bays, includes a white and blue tile wall with a repeating number pattern, featuring significant numbers in baseball history.

The restaurant's extensive menu features elevated ballpark-inspired fare, with shareables like crispy chicken sliders, smoked chicken wings, and buttermilk onion rings, lighter options including a Texas cobb salad, Caesar salad, and poke bowl, and flatbreads including pepperoni and smoked brisket, among others.

Staying true to its ballpark roots, the hot dog grill serves up four different types of dogs, including a Chicago dog, ballpark classic, dugout dog with chili, spicy slaw, and crispy onions, and the NY classic with sauerkraut and mustard. Entrée plates include a classic burger, truffled patty melt, chicken tinga tacos, smoked ribeye sandwich, and smoked yardbird, among others. Dessert options include churros, classic root beer float, and a brownie sundae, and a kids meals menu with all the favorites.

"We're an immersive baseball entertainment experience, but we're also a full restaurant and bar," Bambrick said. "We look forward to bringing Katy a new happy hour hangout, game day watch party headquarters, date night spot, and corporate event venue. Home Run Dugout has an experience for everyone."

Home Run Dugout will be open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-midnight; Friday from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

"Hitting a home run is an unmatched experience, whether you're an athlete or not," Hermandorfer said. "Our mission is to share that experience with as many people as possible, rain or shine. Even if you want to sit it out, you can still enjoy a cold beverage and delicious food while heckling your friends and family at bat."

skill levels.

For those looking to take their game outside, the venue's Biergarten Baseball mini-field is the perfect spot for league play or a pick-up game of wiffle ball or kick ball, complete with stadium lights, an outfield net, RS3 Turf, and a vintage scoreboard. The field offers open play on a first come first served basis, and eventually will host league play, Dinger Derby tournaments, movie nights, and concerts.

Beyond the baseball experience, the venue features a full-service restaurant, concert stage, and three bars. A massive patio and biergarten wrap around the mini-field, with shaded seating, fire pits, and Adirondack and hanging papasan chairs, with seating for nearly 500 guests. Partners, Matchstick by HFA and ARCO/Murray, helped



FORT BEND COUNTY

The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court recognized Women's History Month at its March 28 meeting. Pct. 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers said the county has a long list of impressive women who have contributed significantly to their communities and families.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Special Good Friday tour offered at 3J Museum

The Joshua, Judges and Jesus (3J) Museum is offering a special Good Friday tour—both in person and online—at 10 a.m. April 7, Good Friday.

Scott Stripling, Bible Seminary provost and 3J museum director, will explain first-century burial practices, discuss evidence of a mass resurrection in 33 A.D. in Jerusalem and highlight authentic artifacts related to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

The free event will also include worship led by Jordan McClinton, 3J co-director. Israel Steinmetz, graduate programs dean, will give a public reading of scripture.

Visitors can participate in person in the 3J Museum on the campus of The Bible Seminary (TBS) at 2655 S. Mason Road. Online participants can watch live via livestream or later via the online recording. For more information, visit the website TheBibleSeminary.edu/easter.

PPECF scholarship application deadline is April 8

The Phenomenal Pearls Education and Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships. Applications are open to high school and college students.

The foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization that works with the Chi Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to provide programs and services that empower communities in need. According to its website, the foundation's mission is to intellectually and financially empower individuals and the community to achieve more by mobilizing the power and resources of volunteers and donors.

Application deadline is April 8. For more information, visit the website ppecf.org.

Harris County ESD 48 offering free car seat checks April 12

Harris County ESD 48 is offering free children car seat checks from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12 at its Station 5, 21201 Morton

Road.

A limited number of car seats will be available to those who demonstrate financial need. Child and vehicle must both be present.

Appointments are required, and can be made by emailing dxsuarez@texaschildrens.org.

For more information, visit the website www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org.

MS 150 set for April 30-May 1

The MS 150, an annual fundraiser to benefit Multiple Sclerosis research, is set for April 30-May 1. Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease that can affect a person's vision, coordination, and mobility. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, there are about one million Americans who have MS.

Riders who will begin their journey from Legacy Stadium, 1830 Katyland Dr., will do so April 30. They will proceed from Katy to LaGrange, where they will spend the night at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. The next day, riders will ride to Kyle Field at Texas A&M University in College Station. For more information, see the website, the URL for which is bit.ly/3KtszDF.

Home of Champions football camp set for May 20-June 2

Coach Gary Joseph and his Katy High coaching staff will lead the 20th annual Home of Champions football camp, which is set for May 20-June 2 at Tiger Stadium on the Katy High campus, 6331 Highway Blvd.

The camp is open to all students ages 6-13. Daily sessions are two hours long and feature position-specific instruction. Cost is \$60.

For more information, contact Gary Joseph at 281-220-9881 or email homeofchampions@gmail.com. To register, visit the website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3JWDfZG.

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Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital expansion underway

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital's \$167 million expansion is progressing on schedule and hospital officials April 3 ceremonially broke ground on several associated projects, including a third medical plaza, a parking garage and the expansion of the Emergency Center and OR. Jerry Ashworth, Memorial Hermann Katy CEO, also said that a new 40-bed medical/surgical acute care unit will open to patients later this week, bringing the hospital's total bed count to 254.

"Today we recognize many months of planning and countless hours of preparation that have gone into this expansion and celebrate the tremendous opportunity to continue to grow alongside our flourishing community," Ashworth said. "Our top priorities throughout this process have been to add ample physical space to accommodate more patients, and equally as important, to significantly grow our capabilities and specialty services to ensure our neighbors can access routine and complex healthcare needs close to home. As a result of this growth, we are also increasing our workforce and are actively filling several new positions here at the hospital."

Updates provided included:

Parking Garage and Medical Plaza III

Upon completion, the parking garage will add more than 600 parking spaces on the west side of the campus, while Medical Plaza



Memorial Hermann Katy officials perform a ceremonial groundbreaking for a \$167 million expansion to the hospital.

III will provide additional clinical office space for affiliated physicians. The projects are expected to be complete in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

Emergency Center and Operating Room (OR) expansion

In Phase I, the Emergency Center, which serves as the Katy area's only Level III trauma center, will double in size to 40,000 square feet and add additional treatment

rooms, including two state-of-the-art trauma rooms, space for more CT scanners, upgraded equipment and more. Additionally, the project will add two operating rooms, with shell space to add up to four more. Phase II will include renovations to the existing Emergency Center. The estimated date of completion for both phases is the end of 2025.

6 East opens on April 5

A new 40-bed medical/surgical acute care unit located on the sixth

floor of the East Tower opens on April 5. 6 East will serve a variety of patients, including those who are recovering from surgery or have an acute illness.

"This new unit could not have come soon enough. Our community has grown exponentially and 6 East will add patient capacity where we need it most," Vivien Bond, chief operating officer at Memorial Hermann Katy chief operating officer, said. "Every detail, from a new nursing care model focused on personalized care to

the thoughtful design of the unit, was developed with our patients and their families in mind."

5 East to add 40 more beds

Construction also is underway on a 40-bed immediate care unit (IMU) on the fifth floor of the East Tower. An IMU is a step down from intensive care but provides more advanced care than the medical/surgical acute care unit. 5 East is projected to open later this year and will increase the hospital's bed count to nearly 300.

Other projects in the works or expected to commence soon include a major overhaul of Women's Services, including relocating the nursery, doubling the number of obstetrical emergency rooms and adding labor and delivery rooms, a cesarean section suite and four neonatal intensive care unit rooms. Additionally, expansion is planned for the cardiac catheterization lab, food services spaces, the Rockets Sports Medicine Institute at Memorial Hermann Sports Park-Katy and the Memorial Hermann Breast Care Center.

The expansion is also adding job opportunities, both clinical and administrative. Qualified candidates can learn more at the website memorialhermann.org/careers/. The hospital is also looking to bring on additional volunteers. For more information, visit the website memorialhermann.org/locations/katy/volunteer.

For more information on Memorial Hermann Katy, call 713-222-CARE (2273) or visit memorialhermann.org.

City adopts comprehensive plan

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council, at its March 27 meeting, formally adopted a new 2040 Comprehensive Plan for managing the city's growth. But while the vote proved anticlimactic, the effort to reach that moment was some time in the making.

"This started in January 2022," Gary Mitchell, Kendig Keast Collaborative president, said in an interview before the council meeting. "We were still coming out of the COVID phase, so we had some outreach challenges, but we had a great response to an online survey, with over 500 responses."

From there, as people continued coming out of the pandemic-induced isolation, Mitchell and his Kendig Keast colleagues held a series of town hall meetings. They gathered feedback from citizens and city leaders. Kendig Keast is a community planning firm hired by the city to update and revise the plan.

"The previous plan was around 2000-01," Mitchell said. "There was still a lot of growth for Katy in the pipeline in terms of open land and population. Really, that wave is kind of winding down now. We know what's in the pipeline."

The housing growth, within the city, focuses on Katy Court, recently approved by the council, and Cane Island. But when looking at the future, Mitchell said, the focus turns to taking care of what the community now has. Infrastructure and transportation are big concerns, he said.

"Pass-through traffic is a concern," Mitchell said, adding that pass-through traffic is a concern for communities throughout the area.

"The things I've always talked about, and the council members say themselves, is, look at this incredible small-town feel, downtown, right off the interstate that connects to all amenities of Houston," Mitchell said. "It's just that small-town atmosphere, is what's so important here."

Mitchell said he has been involved in community planning work for about 20 years. When it came to revising Katy's plan, he said the challenge was to get turnout at the town hall meetings due to the pandemic. But that was not just in Katy, but in other places as well. Even with those issues, he said, the community response has been strong.

Revising the plan began with a renewed focus on the

city's parks and recreation facilities. Looking at those facilities got people thinking about water usage and transportation.

"There are a lot of commonalities," Mitchell said, adding that Katy voters in 2021 approved a \$4.2 million bond comprising hike and bike trail system improvements and acquisition of the parks department administration building.

"We really started on the parks plan first and got that adopted last fall," Mitchell said. "It set the stage for thinking about the city."

Mitchell said he sees more opportunities than challenges when thinking about Katy's future.

"It's just the resources that Katy has been able to put into beautification, the downtown square, just how it projects itself," Mitchell said.

The plan passed unanimously.

"I am very happy with the comprehensive plan," Ward A Council Member Janet Corte said after the meeting. "It was a lot of work and will be a useful guide for future strategic planning."

To see the plan in full, visit the website online. encodeplus.com/regs/katy-tx/.

BEAUTIFYING BROOKSHIRE



SHERREL ROGERS

Springtime is here, and people all around Southeast Texas are focusing on sprucing up their yards and gardens. Here, Lasker and Son Lawn Service takes a momentary break as they perform landscaping work at Brookshire City Hall.

Katy ISD Purchasing Department honored with 2023 Award of Merit

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD Purchasing Department was among 71 educational organizations across the Lone Star State recognized by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) with the 2023 Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations.

Katy ISD met the criteria established by TASBO after demonstrating its professional purchasing operations, its best practices with colleagues as well as documenting the district's policies and procedures in areas of purchasing operations. The award, which was established in 2009, recognizes school districts and other educational organizations that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services.

"As our nation faces economic struggles across



KATY ISD

The Katy ISD Purchasing Department was recognized by the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

various realms, the Katy ISD Purchasing Department is constantly looking for new mechanisms to efficiently use school funds," Christopher J. Smith, Katy ISD chief financial officer, said. "Our team is continually thriving to set the standard when it comes to utilizing taxpayer

dollars in order to continue offering the world-class education every Katy ISD learner deserves."

Purchasing department employees were honored during the 2023 TASBO Annual Conference awards reception, held Feb. 15 in San Antonio.

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Royal Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students competed and placed in top 5 in District and earned the opportunity to be the first FBLA students from Royal High School to compete on the State level. Representing Royal are, from left, Javier Ramos, spreadsheet applications; Christian Ibarra, database design; Allyson Villafana, help desk; Glodie Poshu, word processing, and Aiden Magana, computer applications.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS



ROYAL ISD

Waller County Pct. 3 Commissioner Kendric Jones (in white hat and white shirt) hosted a Battle of the Bands on March 25. Royal was well represented by multiple bands, including the Junior High Jazz Band, the Junior High Symphonic Band and the Royal Marching Sound Machine. Community members were invited to this first-of-its-kind event to hear some of the best entertainment from rock & roll, country and pop bands in the area. The junior high and the high school received \$1,000 each for their presentations, scoring a total of 98 points out of 100.

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ROYAL ISD PHOTOS

Tate Campbell won in the reserve champion broilers category at the Royal ISD FFA Livestock Show.



Kaelyn Hein won in the grand champion broilers category at the Royal ISD FFA Livestock Show.



Isabel Bishop won in the grand champion horticulture category at the Royal ISD FFA Livestock Show.



Stephanie De La Rosa won in the reserve champion horticulture category at the Royal ISD FFA Livestock Show.

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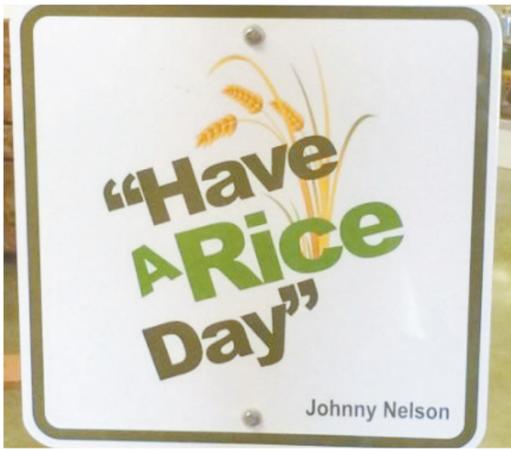
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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Johnny Nelson was a Katy mayor and longtime city administrator. His famous "Have a rice day" saying refers to the city's rice farming heritage, and he played a role in creating the city's heritage museum. The City of Katy on May 13 will celebrate the fifth anniversary of naming the museum in his honor.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PREPARATIONS



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Todd Lux, right, of Brookshire Hyundai, presents Tony McAnelly with a legacy sponsorship check for Brookshire's upcoming celebration in honor of the Waller County Sesquicentennial. For more information about the Waller County Sesquicentennial, see the story on page A6.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Baskets & Bunnies set for April 8

The Easter Bunny is coming to Katy. At the Baskets & Bunnies event, set for 9 a.m.-12 p.m. April 8 at Katy City Park, 5720 Franz Road. Three fields have been set up for the Easter egg hunts as follows:

- 10 a.m. on field 1 is for children ages 0-4.
- 10:45 a.m. on field 2 is for children ages 8 and above.
- 11 a.m. on field 1 is for children ages 5-7.

In addition to the Easter Bunny, this family-friendly event features Easter egg hunting, holiday crafts, inflatables and other activities. For more information, call 281-391-4840 or email katyparks@cityofkaty.com.

Katy Heritage Society hosting May 4 celebration

The Katy Heritage Society is hosting a celebration as part of the Waller County Sesquicentennial. The Katy event set for 6-8:30 p.m. May 4 at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Dr. Tour local museums, enjoy a live quartet performance, enjoy complementary hot dogs and treats, play games and more. For more information, contact the Katy Heritage Society at 281-377-5710.

Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum celebrating its fifth dedication anniversary May 13

The Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum is celebrating its fifth anniversary of its dedication. The event is from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 13 at the Museum, 6002 George Bush Dr. The event includes light refreshments, tours, a scavenger hunt and touch-a-truck. The museum is named in honor of Nelson, a former mayor and longtime city administrator.

Katy to celebrate "A Night on the Town" May 19

Downtown Katy merchants invite the public to enjoy "A Night on the Town," from 5:30-8 p.m. May 19 in Downtown Katy. Stroll around the town square while enjoying our live entertainment, downtown businesses, fun activities and more.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD Financial Services Department honored with statewide award of excellence

The Katy ISD Financial Services Department is among the third group of educational institutions recognized by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) with the prestigious 2023 Award of Excellence in Financial Management. Since the establishment of this recognition, Katy ISD has received the award every year after demonstrating professional standards, best practices and innovations in the area of financial management and reporting.

"The Katy ISD Finance Team works tirelessly behind the scenes to support the vision of our District and our commitment to our 93,000+ students," Christopher J. Smith, Katy ISD chief financial officer, said. "Each day our team makes financial decisions focused on internal controls and responsible planning and spending that will maintain the educational excellence, of which Katy ISD is known for."

The award is given to school districts, open-enrollment charter schools and educational services centers in Texas. The criteria to qualify for the Award of Excellence in Financial Management is stringent, based on financial accounting and reporting guidelines identified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. Best practices in financial reporting are identified by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Association of School Business Officials International, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Council of the Great City Schools and the Legislative Budget Board. Applicants must submit documents across 11 key areas, which are reviewed by a TASBO accounting subcommittee.

Katy ISD Financial Team employees were honored during the 2023 TASBO Annual Conference awards reception on Feb. 15 in San Antonio.

Katy ISD student awarded a surprise \$40,000 scholarship

Morton Ranch High senior Justus Hadnot will be heading to college with an extra \$40,000 in the fall.

On March 30, Hadnot learned he had earned one of two monthly scholarships awarded by Big Future, College Board's online guide, which helps students plan for life after high school. Hadnot will be attending Fort Scott Community College in Kansas, where he plans to run track and major in Management Information Systems. The scholarship money will assist Hadnot with college financial needs while on his post-secondary journey.

"Justus is an outstanding Maverick," Julie Hinson, Morton Ranch principal, said. "Justus has not only excelled in the classroom, but he is also very active in track and very well-liked by his peers. In fact, we announced him as being a part of our 2023 prom court this morning. What a great day for Justus and his family."

Big Future simplifies the path to life after high school by recommending students take small steps to explore career interests, identify potential majors, find colleges and scholarships, and seek access to financial aid. Each step provides a student a chance at winning a scholarship.

All Class of 2024 and Class of 2025 students are now eligible to win \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships they can use at two or four-year institutions. There are no essay, test score, citizenship status, family income, or minimum GPA requirements. Drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 are held every month. Students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year have extra chances at scholarships and earn double the entries for every drawing.

College Board has dedicated \$25 million to the program that lays out six simple steps which any student can take to get to college.



KATY ISD

The Texas Association of School Business Officials have honored the Katy ISD Financial Service Department, led by Christopher J. Smith, center, the district's chief financial officer.



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Morton Ranch senior Justus Hadnot received a \$40,000 scholarship from Big Future.

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COMEBACK FOR THE AGES

Seven Lakes erases two-goal deficit in regional quarterfinal win over Cinco Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

There was no chance at a comeback. Not down two goals, not with under two minutes left in the game, not with everything against you and so little time left.

These are all things Seven Lakes could have told themselves with just moments left in Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal against Cinco Ranch. When everything looked against the Spartans down two with seconds ticking away in the match, no Seven Lakes player ever lost their belief.

The Spartans stared down defeat and didn't give in. They chose to fight, and they somehow found a way, scoring two goals in the last 90 seconds of regular time before going on to win the game in penalties as things finished 2-2 (4-3) in favor of Seven Lakes.

"This is the most wild game I have ever been a part of, whether it be as a player or a coach," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "It was a roller coaster — the swings of highs and lows, the drama, it just had a bit of everything. We overcame a massive obstacle today and something like that can give you that push to take you where we want to go. We're going to try to do the district well from here on out."

Seven Lakes came into the game with all the confidence after having beat the Cougars twice in the regular season and having not trailed since the team's first game of the season, but it was Cinco Ranch that came out the aggressor, putting the Spartans on the back foot and creating opportunities of their own.

The Cougars got their reward in the second half, when Miguel Leite got hold of a cross and headed it home to give Cinco the lead, and the Cougars got another with five minutes remaining when Victor Moreno volleyed a rebounded shot for a goal.

But Seven Lakes didn't blink — the Spartans kept the pressure, kept pushing and got their goal with one minute and 25 seconds remaining on a shot from Kortay Koc off of a deep cross. They continued that pressure into the dying seconds and with just two seconds left in the match got another opportunity, earning a penalty from a high kick in the box, which Aidan Morrison calmly stepped up and buried to tie the game and send it to extra time.

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Daniel Ejerenwa heads a ball during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Taylor shuts down Morton Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor got back in the win column on Friday, downing Morton Ranch 10-3 in a strong offensive showing from the Mustangs. Taylor improved to 14-9-1 this year and 2-5 in district play.

The Mustangs got a great outing from Layne Bishop on the mound, starting and going six innings while allowing just two earned runs on three hits, striking out five and walking one in the process, while Chase Marshall led Taylor with four RBIs.

Marshall opened the scoring for Taylor in the third inning, hitting a single to drive in two and Adam Fitzgerald followed that up with an RBI single before Bishop drove in another with a single of his own.

Brandon Hasselbring got Morton Ranch back into

See **BASEBALL**, page B3

Nathan Johnson pitches during Thursday's game between Taylor and Seven Lakes at the Taylor baseball field.

TYLER TYRE



Jordan shuts out Paetow to make second straight regional tourney

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan continues to find a way through tough situations.

The Warriors have found themselves with their backs against the wall in each of their past two playoff games, trying to find a way past a difficult opponent that matched them step for step.

Jordan has never been fazed in these moments. They've been here before, they've overcome adversity and they know what it takes to win at the highest level in the playoffs.

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TYLER TYRE

Ben Bucic headers a ball clear during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal between Jordan and Paetow at Legacy Stadium.

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Cinco Ranch outlasts Tompkins in offensive thriller

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

FRIDAY

Cinco Ranch got into an offensive thriller with Tompkins on Friday, as both teams filled up the scoresheet in a 14-11 win for Cinco Ranch that kept the Cougars second in district with a 13-8 overall and 7-3 in district play

Madison Rosario and Chela Kovar were huge for the Cougars in the win,

with both driving in four runs in the win to lead Cinco. Kovar also went four innings on the mound in the thriller, allowing seven earned runs over four innings on 10 hits, while striking out and walking three each.

Gissel Morales gave Cinco the lead in the first inning when she hit an RBI double but Morgan Brown tied it in the bottom of the first when she hit a sacrifice fly, followed up by a Cami Hearn single as the Falcons went up 2-1.

Cinco tied the game on an error in the second before Kovar hit a solo home run to give the Cougars the lead in the third followed up by a Sophie Hassall RBI single. Tompkins came back with a big third inning themselves though, Leah Gershman tied the game with a two-run double, Rachael Foit gave Tompkins the lead on an RBI single, Gershman came around to score

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SOCCKER ROUNDUP

Seven Lakes, Tompkins girls fall in regional quarterfinals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Seven Lakes and Tompkins girls soccer teams both had their seasons come to an end on Friday night, as both schools' terrific years were ended by strong opponents in games that went down to the wire.

Seven Lakes fell 1-0 to Ridge Point in a battle that lasted all 80 minutes. The two teams remained scoreless through the first half but Ridge Point was able to take a lead early in the second half before holding on the rest of the way.

Tompkins also fell 1-0, as the Falcons faced Stratford and were unable to get past a tough defense.

Stratford took the lead in the 25th minute of the match, getting a header off a corner, and Tompkins battled offensively but was unable to get the run to tie things.

The two losses bring soccer season to an end on the girls side in Katy ISD in what was another strong year, where two schools made it back to the regional quarterfinals.



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Above: Ally Townsend takes a free kick during Friday's bi-district game between Seven Lakes and George Ranch at Legacy Stadium. Left: Tompkins' players celebrate after a Valentina Gianinetto goal during Tuesday's Class 6A area round game between Tompkins and Bellaire at Legacy Stadium.

JORDAN

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That confidence and calm came up huge for Jordan once again on Friday, as the Warriors overcame an extremely tough opponent in Paetow 1-0 in the regional quarterfinals of the play-offs, as the Warriors clinched a spot in the Regional Tournament for the second straight season.

"It's just special, I couldn't tell you how we do it. We just have a mix of things and we're so determined and never give up on it," said Jordan senior center back Ben Bucic. "We have a great team with the best chemistry I've ever seen. Our coaches are so good, and we have great fan support that backs us up. It's just a combination of things and there's just something about us where we find ways to win these games."

Bucic provided the difference in the game. Not only did the senior help hold the Panthers scoreless throughout, being a big body on the back line, but he also scored the game's only goal when he headed in a corner kick in the 63rd minute of the game, giving Jordan the lead for good in a hard fought victory.

"It's just an amazing feeling," Bucic said. "We threw everything at it — we knew how tough of a matchup it was going to be and to get that goal, to get this win, it just means everything. We got it done and I couldn't be happier."

It was a back and forth game, but Paetow was aggressive and on the front foot in the first half, creating a number of chances, but Jordan's goal keeper Elijah Betancourt came up with a number of big saves to keep things tied at zero.

But the balance started to shift in the second half, as Jordan was able to match the Panthers physicality, start to make things happen on the offensive end and find their footing in the game. The Warriors created a number of chances early in the second half before Bucic gave them the lead in the 63rd minute, as Jordan was able to see things out the rest of the way.

"We just competed with them every step of the way," Jordan head coach Jason Meekins said. "We got into the second half and I turned to our coaching staff and said 'we are beating them to balls right now.' We just kept that going through the first 15 minutes of the second half, beating them to balls and creating chances. We knew we would have to compete — they're big and physical up front but we were able to stick with them and win those challenges when we needed to."

The Warriors came into the matchup 0-4 against Paetow over the past two years, but that was just more motivation for them as they wanted to prove they were the better team.

"It was personal for us," Betancourt said. "They won both against us in 5A last year and then they won against us twice this regular season. We just wanted to come out and prove we could compete with them and that we could beat them."

The Warriors advance to play the winner of Dobie and Pearland in the regional semifinals next Friday.

"We've been here before and we understand what it takes to win big games," Meekins said. "That's a huge thing for our guys and what they did last year. When we get into these tight games, we know how to play a full 80 minutes. Our kids buy in to us as coaches and what we teach, and they fight for each other. You couldn't ask for more."

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on an error and Avery Andry hit a single to put Tompkins up 7-4.

Kovar came out and hit a solo home run again in the top of the fourth and Cinco continued to chip away with Madison Roysse grounding into a double play but bringing in a run in the process.

Tompkins scored twice more in the bottom of the inning, getting one run on an error and another off a Gershman single, but Cinco answered back in the top of the fifth. Morales drew a bases loaded walk before Kovar drove in two on a single to tie the game and Roysse drove in two more on a single of her own to give the Cougars an 11-9 lead.

Tompkins was unable to get on the board after that until the seventh inning. But the Falcons found a way to tie things in the bottom of the seventh, as Tayden Alexander grounded into a fielders choice to drive in a run and a run scored off an error to tie the game.

Cinco went back ahead in the top of the eighth when Faith Piper drove in a run, and Morales gave the Cougars two more insurance runs with a two-run home run. Cinco then didn't allow a run in the bottom of the eighth to secure the extra inning win.

Samantha Crumrin started on the mound for Tompkins and went 5.2 innings, allowing two earned runs on 12 hits while striking out two and walking one, Gershman led the Falcons with three RBIs. Tompkins fell to 11-7 overall and 6-3 in district play with the loss.

Mayde Creek shuts out Paetow

Mayde Creek earned a big win over Paetow on Friday to get back into a tie for second place in district, beating the Panthers 7-0 to move to 12-6-1 overall and 7-3 in district play.

Alyssa Gonzalez pitched a shutout for Mayde Creek, going seven innings and allowing just three hits over seven innings, striking out 10 and walking two. Julissa Aquino and Aneesa Nycole-Ocanas led the Rams with two RBIs each in the game.

The Rams got on the board in the third inning, when Debanhi Carrizales of an RBI on a fielders choice and Aquino followed that up with an RBI single of her own. They kept things going getting another run on a stropped third strike before getting two more when Ocanas drove in two on a fielders choice and then another off an error making the game 6-0 Rams after three. The Rams added another in the bottom of the sixth when Aquino drove in a run on a single, and Gonzalez didn't allow a run in the seventh to clinch the win.

Shy'Lynn Brown started on the mound and went 2.1 innings for Paetow, allowing three earned runs on four hits while striking out five and walking three. Paetow fell to 12-16 overall and 2-8 in district play with the loss.

Abel's big day leads Seven Lakes past Taylor

Seven Lakes continued its surge up the district rankings on Friday, beating the Mustangs 9-3 to improve to 9-12 this season and 5-4 in district play.

Ashley Abel led the way offensively, driving in five runs on three hits in what was a huge day for the senior, and Amy Abke kept up a her superb senior season, pitching 6.2 no hit innings, striking out 15 and walking two in the win.

Dulce Franco gave Seven Lakes the lead in the first inning on an RBI single and Abel made things 3-0 in the fourth inning when she hit a two-run home run.

The Spartans broke things open in the fifth inning. Sarah Petree drove in a run off a single and Franco doubled to bring around another, Emma Wingate drove in a run off a single and Ashley Abel hit a two-run home run to increase the Spartans lead to 8-0. Abel then hit a double in the top of the seventh, driving in a ninth run for the Spartans. Sophia Ybanez hit a three run double in the bottom of the seventh for Taylor but that was all the Mustangs could get in the loss.

Ari Hughes pitched a complete game for Taylor, allowing four earned runs on 14 hits while striking out one and walking none. Taylor fell to 12-11-1 on the year and 4-6 in district play with the loss.

Katy run rules Morton Ranch

Katy had two pitchers combine for a strong day on the mound, allowing just one hit in a shutout 15-0 win over Morton Ranch as the Tigers improved to 23-3 overall and 10-0 in

district play.

Cameryn Harrison led the way offensively for Katy, driving in four runs, while Lauryn Soeken drove in four runs as well while also earning the win on the mound, striking out five and walking one without allowing a hit over three innings.

Smith started the day strong for Katy in the first inning, driving in two on a double and Soeken followed that up with a grand slam to increase Katy's lead to 6-0.

Smith started the scoring in the second inning as well, driving in a run on a double and Harrison followed that up with a double of her own. Katy then got a third run in the inning off an error. Harrison then hit a home run in the top of the fourth to drive in three more runs. Brooke Fenchner made it 14-0 in the fourth, hitting an inside the park home run that drove in two and Ashtyn Reichardt hit a solo home run in the fifth to put the game to bed. Jiselle Lopez started the game at pitcher for Morton Ranch and went five innings, allowing seven earned runs while striking out one and walking five. Morton Ranch fell to 5-12 and 0-8 in district with the loss.

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Katy opens up three game lead in district

Katy increased its lead atop of District 19-6A to three games on Tuesday, beating Tompkins 13-2 in a run rule to move to 22-3 on the season and 9-0 in district play.

Cameryn Harrison was her usual strong self on the mound, allowing one earned run over six innings on four hits, while striking out nine and walking two to earn the win. Peyton Watson had three RBIs and Ella-Kate Smith had two RBIs to lead the Tigers.

Ashtyn Reichardt gave Katy the lead in the bottom of the first when she hit an RBI single and the Tigers never looked back. Montgomery Henderson doubled it a batter later on another single and Peyton Watson made things 3-0 in the inning by driving in another run on a double.

Tompkins made it a two run game in the third inning when Samantha Crumrin hit a sacrifice grounder.

Katy finally found its groove offensively in the fifth inning. Maddie Smith hit a solo home run to open the inning and Katy got two more runs off errors before Harrison hit a one-run double and Watson hit a single to drive in another before Katy got a final run in the inning off an error.

Tompkins got a second run in the sixth inning when Crumrin grounded into a fielders choice, but Katy ended things in the sixth inning. Ella-Kate Smith hit an RBI single before Watson drove in a run on a single and Avery Porter ended things on a single that drove in two, securing the run rule win.

Crumrin started on the mound and went four innings for Tompkins, allowing four earned runs on seven hits while striking out two and walking two, she also drove in both of the teams runs. Tompkins fell into a three-way tie for second place in district with the loss, as the Falcons' record dropped to 6-3 in district and 12-6 overall.

Jordan run rules Mayde Creek

Mayde Creek suffered a setback on Tuesday, getting run ruled by Jordan as the Warriors had a strong day on the mound and at the plate to earn a 10-0 win as Jordan improved to 11-9-1 overall and 3-6 in district play.



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Cinco Ranch's Gissel Morales #7 makes the catch for an out during the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy HS.

Ryan McIntosh had a strong day on the mound, allowing just two hits over five innings while striking out nine and not walking a batter to secure the shutout victory. She also added two RBIs along with Lyra Berry and Aislyn Duhon who both drove in two each as well.

Jordan got on the board in the first inning, when Madeline Williams drove in a run on a double. Maddie Jovanovic then singled later in the inning and multiple errors by the Rams allowed four runs to come across as Jordan took a 5-0 lead to end the first inning.

Things stayed that way until the fourth inning, when Jordan got two runners on and McIntosh came to the plate to hit a two-run double. Berry hit a triple to make things 9-0 in the fifth inning before Cady Bowyer drove in a run on an RBI double to end the game and clinch the run rule win.

Alyssa Gonzalez started on the mound for the Rams and went four innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking four. The Rams fell to 11-6-1 overall and 6-3 in district play as they also fell into that three way tie for second place.

Cinco Ranch wins tough matchup with Taylor

Cinco Ranch earned a huge win on Tuesday to move into a three way tie for second place in district, surviving everything Taylor threw at them to win 3-2 and advance to 12-8 on the year and 6-3 in district play.

Chela Kovar continued to impress with her outing on the mound, starting and pitching a complete game, allowing one earned run while striking out six and walking three.

Taylor was the first to get on the board in the game, as Izzy Allen drove in a run on a single in the third inning, but Cinco Ranch came back to tie things in the fourth inning, when Kovar came to the plate and hit a solo home run. Taylor again took the lead in the sixth inning, when Sophia Ybanez hit a sacrifice grounder to make the game 2-1 in favor of the Mustangs.

But the Cougars found a way, and after getting a runner to third in the bottom of the seventh, Madison Roysse tied the game on an RBI single, and Faith Piper walked things off when she hit a single to bring in the winning run.

Ari Hughes started at pitcher and went seven innings for Taylor, allowing three earned runs on six hits while striking out three and walking none. The Mustangs record dropped to 12-10-1 overall and 4-5 in district play with the loss.

Paetow earns walk off, extra inning win over Morton Ranch

Paetow earned a huge win on Tuesday over Morton Ranch, coming from behind and walking off in the eighth inning to beat the Mavericks 6-4, as the Panthers improved to 12-15 on the year and 2-7 in district play.

Jade Catherwood was a big part of the win for the Panthers, going 4.2 innings on the mound and allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out one and walking two, while also driving in two runs and hitting the walk off for Panthers, while Samantha Guillory also had two RBIs for Paetow on the day.

It took until the fourth inning for either team to get on the board, and it was Morton Ranch that took the lead first, when the Mavericks got two runs on two different errors to take the lead.

Paetow got back into the game in the fifth inning when Guillory drove in two runs on a triple to tie things, but Morton Ranch answered back in the top of the sixth off of a Madison Burciaga double as Morton Ranch went back ahead 3-2. But Paetow again had the response, loading up the bases before Alanna Winters was hit by a pitch, tying the game as it went to extra innings.

Jiselle Lopez handed Morton Ranch another lead in the top of the seventh, hitting a sacrifice fly to drive in Michelle Meeks, who had led off the inning with a triple, but Paetow limited the damage to that. Mia Galarza tied the game with a sacrifice grounder in the bottom of the eighth and then Catherwood doubled, driving in two runs to end things and clinch the win for the Panthers.

Lopez started on the mound for Morton Ranch and pitched a complete game, allowing six earned runs on 10 hits while striking out six and walking three. The Mavericks fell to 5-12 on the year and 0-8 in district play with the loss.

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the game in the fourth inning by hitting an RBI single and Christopher Soto drove in another run on a single to make things 4-2 after four innings.

Marshall opened things up in the fifth inning though, hitting a two-run home run, and Kenny Ingram brought in another in the sixth when he hit a sacrifice grounder. Morton Ranch got a run back in the sixth on a sacrifice fly, but Taylor's offense closed things out with the seventh, as Bishop brought a run in on a grounder and two more runs scored on a passed ball. Dylan Weaver came in to close things out on the mound, pitching a clean bottom half of the seventh with two strikeouts to clinch the win.

Zane Heiliger started on the mound for Morton Ranch and went six innings, allowing three earned runs on 11 hits while striking out four and walking one. The loss dropped the Mavericks to 6-14-1 overall and 1-8 in district play.

Cinco survives tight game with Jordan

Cinco Ranch was pushed up to its limits but was able to keep its lead in District 19-6A by beating the Warriors 4-3 and improving to 20-3 overall and 8-1 in district play.

Cinco Ranch overcame early struggles in the game to win. Charlie Atkinson started on the mound for the Cougars and went two innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits while striking out three and walking one. He was relieved by Thomas Guy who threw four innings of scoreless ball before Logan Sosolik closed things out with one inning where he did not allow a hit.

The Cougars jumped ahead in the first inning when they got a run on a wild pitch before Connor Ficarra grounded into a double play but brought another run home.

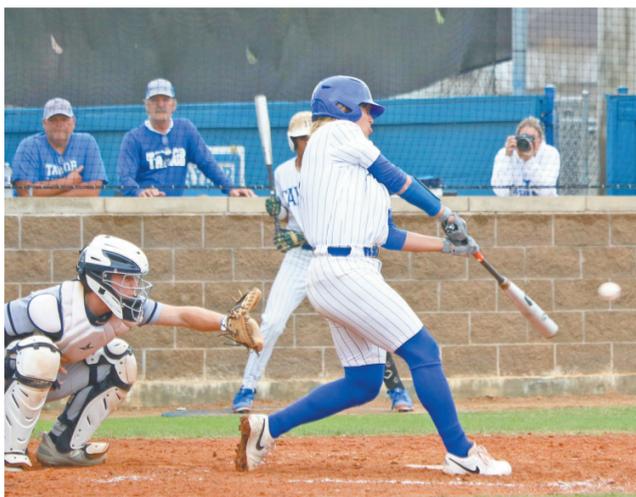
Ryan Miller brought things back to a one-run game in the bottom of the first before Jordan tied the game on a fielders choice and JD Ortigoza hit a sacrifice grounder, giving Jordan a 3-2 lead after two innings.

Cinco was unable to answer back until the seventh inning, as the Cougars found their bats with the game on the line. The Cougars tied the game on a Lucas Franco double and Ficarra drew a bases loaded walk to put Cinco Ranch back ahead before clinching the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Davis Duhon started on the mound for Jordan and went five innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits while striking out one and walking five. Jordan fell to 8-9 overall and 3-4 in district with the loss.

Katy run rules Paetow behind Lucas shutout

Katy kept pace with the pack on



MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy's Graham Laxton (1) fields a ball hit to short stop during the seventh inning during a Region III-6A quarterfinals baseball game at Langham Creek High School, Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Friday, run ruling Paetow 13-0 in a game where pitching and offense were both strong from start to finish.

Lucas Moore started on the mound and completed the shutout for Katy, going six innings and allowing just three hits while striking out six and walking three in the win.

The Tigers jumped ahead early and never looked back. Cole Kaase drove in a run on a triple in the first inning and Sutton Hull followed that with a two-run home run to put Katy up 3-0. Katy got two more in the third inning when Josh Dunayczan hit a two-run single. Kaase drove in another run in the fourth inning and AJ Atkinson brought in another in the fifth on an RBI single. The Tigers kept things going in the sixth, as Kaase drove in a run on a single and Graham Laxton brought in two more when he hit a triple, followed by Reese Ruderman hitting a one-run double, Andrew Hilton hit a sacrifice fly and Aiden Barrientes grounded into a fielders choice, increasing the Katy lead to 13-0 before Moore pitched a clean bottom of the sixth to seal the win.

Seven Lakes shuts down Mayde Creek

Seven Lakes had a balanced day on Friday, beating Mayde Creek 8-1 to move to 14-7 on the year and 5-2 in district play.

Nathan Johnson started on the mound for Seven Lakes and went two innings, allowing three hits and striking out one but now allowing a run before five innings of one run ball in relief secured the win.

The Spartans went ahead in the first inning when Max Greathouse drove in two runs with a single. Tyler Berra drove in another run on a sacrifice grounder in the third

inning before another run came across on an error to increase Seven Lakes lead to 4-0. Mayde Creek got a run back in the fourth inning when Brandon Lumkins hit an RBI double. But Seven Lakes answered back in the sixth inning, getting a run on a bases loaded walk and a balk before Jake Steffes drove in a run on a single before getting their eighth run from a passed ball. Seven Lakes was able to not allow anything the rest of the way to seal the win.

Lumkins got the start on the mound for Mayde Creek and went five innings for the Rams, allowing four runs on five hits while striking out two and walking four. The Rams fell to 6-14-1 on the year and 1-8 in district play with the loss.

TUESDAY

Tompkins shuts out Taylor

Tompkins stayed within a game of first place in District 19-6A with a big win on Tuesday, beating Taylor 7-0 and improving to 14-6-1 on the year and 6-2 in district play.

It was a strong day on the mound from Hudson Melaerts, who pitched 6.1 innings of shutout ball and only allowed two hits, striking out four and walking three to earn the win, while Ivan Gomez led the Falcons with two RBIs.

Tompkins was able to take the lead early, as Landon West hit a sacrifice grounder in the first inning to get the Falcons on the board. Tompkins added on in the third inning, scoring two runs on two different wild pitches.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the sixth, when the Tompkins bats really heated up. Drew Markle hit a double to drive in a run before Ivan Gomez drove in another with a single of his own, Gavin Brewer then hit a sacrifice fly to make it 7-0 Tompkins. The Falcons then only allowed one

runner in the bottom of the seventh as they secured the win.

Bryce Krenek started on the mound and went three innings for Taylor in the loss, allowing three earned runs on one hit while striking out one and walking seven. Taylor fell to 13-9-1 on the year and 1-5 in district with the loss.

Koger leads Katy past Jordan

Caleb Koger put on a great pitching display Tuesday to lead Katy past Jordan, 5-1, as the Tigers won their sixth straight district game and moved to 16-4-3 overall and 6-2 in district play this season.

Koger went six innings on the mound and gave up just one run in the win off of five hits, striking out six and walking three.

Katy took the lead in the second inning off of a wild pitch and things stayed that way all the way until the sixth inning, when the Tigers got two more runs on two wild pitches before Reese Ruderman hit a single, driving in a fourth run for Katy. Monty Bogner got one run back for Jordan in the seventh on an RBI single but that was all the Warriors could muster.

Bogner started the game on the mound for Jordan as well and went 5.1 innings, allowing three earned runs on three hits while striking out four and walking three. Jordan fell to 8-8 overall and 3-3 in district with the loss.

Cinco stays atop district with win over Mayde Creek

Cinco Ranch kept its one-game lead over the pack in district with a 14-2 win over Mayde Creek, as the Cougars' offense continued its strong season behind Torin Green, who had three RBIs, while four players each had two RBIs for the Cougars in the win.

It was a balanced and consistent day for Cinco, as they scored at least two runs in every inning, starting in the first when Gavin Rutherford drove in the first run of the game on a sacrifice fly followed by Connor Ficarra hitting a sacrifice fly to bring another run home.

The Cougars kept it going in the second inning, getting a run off a wild pitch and a passed ball before Rainer Castillo hit an RBI double and Paul Acosta drove in another run on a double in the third to make things 6-0.

The Rams got both of their runs in the third inning, one off of a bases loaded walk and another on an AJ Robinson sacrifice grounder. But Cinco answered back in the top of the fourth, as Logan Sosolik drove in a run on a triple and Green followed that up with a single to bring Sosolik home. DeYoung brought in another run in the fifth on a double and Cinco added another on a wild pitch from Mayde Creek before the

Cougars drew a bases loaded walk to bring things to 11-2.

Ethan Muniz made it a ten run game in the sixth with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and Cinco got two more on an error and a bases loaded walk to bring the lead to 12 runs before having a strong bottom half of the sixth to close the game out.

Brayden Hodge started on the mound for Cinco and went three innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits while striking out three and walking one, earning the win.

Marcus Rodriguez got the start on the mound for Mayde Creek and went four innings, allowing seven earned runs on eight hits while striking out two and walking three. The Rams fell to 6-13-1 overall and 1-7 in district play with the loss.

Seven Lakes offense surges in win over Morton Ranch

Seven Lakes had a huge day offensively on Tuesday to overcome Morton Ranch for a 10-6 win, moving to 13-7 on the year and 4-2 in district play in the process, as the Spartans moved into fourth place in district with the win.

Lawson Moreno had a strong day on the mound for the Spartans, starting and lasting four innings, allowing one earned run on two hits while striking out five and walking three to earn the win.

Seven Lakes got ahead early, as Jake Steffes hit a two-run single in the first inning followed up by a sacrifice fly by Max Greathouse and another run off an error as they went up 4-0 after the top of the first.

The Spartans kept things going as well scoring two more runs on the second off an error and a Miguel Acosta single, and they scored twice more in the third, with Taylor Tiedt driving in a run on a single and Acosta following that up with another RBI single.

Morton Ranch answered back in the fourth inning. Brandon Hasselbring hit an RBI single and they got another on a bases loaded walk, but Seven Lakes put things away in the sixth, as Greathouse drove in a run on a bunt single and Ethan Hernandez made things 10-4 by bringing in a run with a single of his own. Morton Ranch got two more runs in the seventh on a two-run double from Kalon Baker, but that was all they could muster as Seven Lakes came away with the win.

Hassebring got the start on the mound for Morton Ranch, allowing four earned runs on eight hits while striking out one and walking three over 2.1 innings of work. The Mavericks fell to 4-17 overall and 1-7 in district play with the loss.



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Above: Seven Lakes players celebrate after winning Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium. Right: Ben Aviles Vera celebrates after making the game winning penalty kick save during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium.



SPARTANS

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"I knew that I had to do it, there was no choice, I had to make that penalty," Morrison said. "My seniors were counting on me and I couldn't let them down, I had to make it for them. I cleared my head, took a deep breath and slotted it home."

Neither team could break the deadlock in extra time, forcing the game to go to penalties. Seven Lakes missed their first attempt, but Cinco Ranch missed later, evening things. Then Ben Aviles Vera, made the biggest play of the match, getting his hand on the final Cinco Ranch penalty attempt and saving it, clenching the Spartans a spot in the regional tournament by doing it.

"I knew he was going to go that way," Vera said. "We had

watched film and I knew he liked the side to me left. I prepared for it and got a good jump and I was waiting. It was just an amazing feeling to make that save and celebrate with my teammates."

The Spartans aren't done — their goal is to get back to state and finish the job. The next step in that is in the regional semifinals, where Seven Lakes will take on Clear Springs at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

"Tonight was unexplainable," Morrison said. "I still can't believe it happened. I can't compare this to anything, I wouldn't give it up for anything and nights like tonight make me feel like I could do this for my whole life. It was amazing."



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Aidan Morrison takes a penalty kick during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

WEEK OF APRIL 7

SCORES & SCHEDULES

GIRLS SOCCER

Scores

- Ridge Point 1, Seven Lakes 0
- Stratford 1, Tompkins 0

BOYS SOCCER

Scores

- Seven Lakes 2, Cinco Ranch 2 (Seven Lakes 4-3 on penalties)
- Jordan 1, Paetow 0

Friday

REGIONAL SEMIFINAL

- Seven Lakes vs. Clear Springs, 5:30 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium
- Jordan vs. Dobie, 7:30 at Deer Park's Abshier Stadium

SOFTBALL

Thursday

- Jordan vs. Katy, 6 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Taylor, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

- Katy vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.

BASEBALL

Thursday

- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.

Monday

- Morton Ranch vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 6 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday-Wednesday

- All Katy ISD teams at District 19-6A meet

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bond election will be held in such DISTRICT, on May 6, 2023, in accordance with the following Order:

ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Royal Independent School District (the "District") has the power to issue bonds pursuant to Chapter 45, Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to call and conduct an election to obtain voter authorization for the issuance of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District may enter into one or more election agreements (the "Election Agreements") with Waller County (the "County"), by and through the County's Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") and possibly other political subdivisions (the "Participants"), in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the "State") and applicable federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the "Election") shall be held on May 6, 2023 ("Election Day"), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the "Election Order"), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Polling Places; Election Officers. Except as otherwise provided herein, the boundaries and territories of the respective county election precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the District are hereby designated as the voting precincts of the District for the Election and the precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the corresponding county precinct number of each precinct. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in **Exhibit A** to this Election Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code").

In the event that the Superintendent, or his designee, shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interests to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent, or his designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Section 3. Propositions. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following propositions (each, a "Proposition" and collectively, the "Propositions"):

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,069,530 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A NEW AG SCIENCE EXPO CENTER, CTE ADDITIONS FOR CULINARY ARTS AND WELDING, AND HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS TO RELOCATE JUNIOR ROTC AND COSMETOLOGY PROGRAMS TO THE CTE FACILITY) AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") OF THE ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,351,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF ATHLETIC STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

Section 4. Ballots. The ballots shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$138,069,530 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A NEW AG SCIENCE EXPO CENTER, CTE ADDITIONS FOR CULINARY ARTS AND WELDING, AND HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS TO RELOCATE JUNIOR ROTC AND COSMETOLOGY PROGRAMS TO THE CTE FACILITY) AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,351,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF ATHLETIC STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

Section 5. Voting. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

Each voter desiring to vote in favor of each Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "FOR" the Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against each Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating "AGAINST" the Proposition. Voting will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 6. Early Voting. The Board hereby appoints the Administrator as the regular early voting clerk for the District. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations, on the dates and at the times as shown in **Exhibit B**. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 24, 2023 and end on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerks shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the Propositions. The mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is as follows:

Name: Ms. Christy A. Eason
Official Mailing Address: 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, TX 77445
Physical Address: 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, TX 77445
E-mail Address: vote@wallercounty.us
Phone Number: (979) 826-7643
Fax Number: (979) 826-7645
Website Address: <https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/Elections.current>

The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

Section 7. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the judges and alternate judges or clerks appointed by the Board, in accordance with the Election Agreements, the Education Code, the Election Code and the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver one or more Election Agreements, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code. The terms and provisions of each Election Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Election Order. To the extent of any conflict between this Election Order and an Election Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Election Agreement shall prevail, and the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to make such corrections, changes, revisions and modifications to this Election Order, including the exhibits hereto, as are deemed necessary or appropriate to conform to the Election Agreement, to comply with applicable state and federal law and to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced by this Election Order. The Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in the Election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station.

Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in both English and Spanish and persons capable of acting as translators in both English and Spanish shall be made available to assist Spanish language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

Section 9. Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results. The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of his responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of a Proposition, then the issuance and sale of the bonds described in the Proposition shall be authorized in the maximum amount contained therein, and the bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and in such denominations determined by the Board to be in the District's best interest. Proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to each Proposition shall be used in accordance with any limitations imposed by Subsection 45.003(g), Education Code.

Section 10. Training of Election Officials. Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the Administrator.

Section 11. Notice of Election; Voter Information Document. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by the Election Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, the notice of the Election shall include the District's internet website address, which is <https://www.royal-isd.net/>.

A voter information document for each Proposition in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is hereby approved, together with such revisions as may be approved by the Superintendent, and shall be posted and provided in accordance with law.

Section 12. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for a least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 13. Mandatory Statement of Information.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, as set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over a specified number of years not to exceed the lesser of forty (40) years or the maximum number of years authorized by law and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to exceed 15%), as authorized by law and determined by the Board, (vi) as of the date of the adoption of this Election Order, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$50,734,994.40 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$14,197,024.10, and (vii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.358817 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

(b) Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.50%. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. In addition, the estimate contained in this subsection (b) is (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Texas Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to and does not give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with the Propositions submitted by this Election Order.

Section 14. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all reasonable or necessary actions to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the Superintendent and his designees are hereby authorized to complete and update, as necessary, the exhibits hereto with the necessary information as same is made available to the District.

Section 15. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED January 17, 2023.

/s/ Scott Hartman
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Cori Vahalik
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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EXHIBIT A

Election Day Polling Place Information

HOURS (HORAS)

Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(Entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.)

**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

Voting Precincts* (Recintos Electorales)*	Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)
101, 102, 103, 104, 105	Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445
208	Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484
311, 312	Waller County Community Center, 21274 FM 1098 Loop, Prairie View, TX 77446
313	Monaville Fire Dept., 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, TX 77484
314, 315	Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, TX 77423
106, 416	Pattison Volunteer Fire Dept., 2950 FM 359 N, Pattison, TX 77423
418, 419	Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, TX 77423

*Voters must vote at their voting precinct's assigned location. Please call 979-826-7643 for additional information or questions. (Los votantes deben votar en la ubicación asignada de su precinto de votación. Llame al 979-826-7643 para obtener información adicional o hacer preguntas.)

EXHIBIT B

Early Voting Polling Place Information

**MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION
(LUGAR PRINCIPAL DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS/DATES/TIMES
(LUGARES/FECHAS/HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445	Monday, April 24	8 AM – 5 PM
	Tuesday, April 25	8 AM – 5 PM
	Wednesday, April 26	8 AM – 5 PM
Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484	Thursday, April 27	8 AM – 5 PM
	Friday, April 28	8 AM – 5 PM
	Saturday, April 29	8 AM – 5 PM
Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, TX 77423	Monday, May 1	7 AM – 7 PM
	Tuesday, May 2	7 AM – 7 PM

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
PVAMU Memorial Student Center, 155 L.W. Minor Street, Prairie View, TX 77445	Monday, April 24	8 AM – 5 PM
	Tuesday, April 25	8 AM – 5 PM

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
Waller County Community Center 21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, TX, 77446	Wednesday, April 26	8 AM – 5 PM
	Thursday, April 27	8 AM – 5 PM
	Friday, April 28	8 AM – 5 PM
	Saturday, April 29	8 AM – 5 PM
	Monday, May 1	7 AM – 7 PM
	Tuesday, May 2	7 AM – 7 PM

EXHIBIT C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$138,069,530 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A NEW AG SCIENCE EXPO CENTER, CTE ADDITIONS FOR CULINARY ARTS AND WELDING, AND HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS TO RELOCATE JUNIOR ROTC AND COSMETOLOGY PROGRAMS TO THE CTE FACILITY) AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$138,069,530
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$133,208,500
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$271,278,030
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$50,734,994
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,197,024
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$64,932,018
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District's Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Principal	Interest	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Proposed Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
30 Years	\$138,069,530	\$133,208,500	\$271,278,030	\$336,210,048

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: 2-15% for tax years 2023-2026 and 0% thereafter.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the debt obligations to be issued: 5.50%.

(4) If the assumptions contained herein are met, the District does not anticipate the need for a tax rate increase to pay debt service on debt obligations issued pursuant to the proposition set forth in this Voter Information Document (the "Proposition"). Therefore, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes imposed on a residence homestead to repay the debt obligations, if approved, is expected to be \$0.00. However, whenever the District issues debt obligations, additional property taxes must be levied and collected to pay debt service on the debt obligations. Accordingly, Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, requires that the following statement appear on the ballot for all school district bond propositions: "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE," regardless of the anticipated impact on the tax rate.

(5) Assumes state-mandated homestead exemption.

(6) Assumes homestead does not qualify for idiosyncratic exemptions, including, but not limited to, the state-mandated (a) homestead exemption for the elderly and disabled (for which tax payments are capped based on the homeowner's tax payment in the year the exemption is obtained), and (b) homestead exemption for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

(7) Numbers in (1) above only include the Proposition described above and existing debt. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without

any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition submitted by the District's Bond Election Order.

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ROYAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,351,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF ATHLETIC STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$6,351,000
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$2,826,250
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$9,177,250
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$50,734,994
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,197,024
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$64,932,018
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District's Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Principal	Interest	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Proposed Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
30 Years	\$6,351,000	\$2,826,250	\$9,177,250	\$74,109,268

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: 2-15% for tax years 2023-2026 and 0% thereafter.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the debt obligations to be issued: 5.50%

(4) If the assumptions contained herein are met, the District does not anticipate the need for a tax rate increase to pay debt service on debt obligations issued pursuant to the proposition set forth in this Voter Information Document (the "Proposition"). Therefore, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes imposed on a residence homestead to repay the debt obligations, if approved, is expected to be \$0.00. However, whenever the District issues debt obligations, additional property taxes must be levied and collected to pay debt service on the debt obligations. Accordingly, Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, requires that the following statement appear on the ballot for all school district bond propositions: "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE," regardless of the anticipated impact on the tax rate.

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AVISO DE ELECCIÓN PARA EMISIÓN DE BONOS

A LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES Y CUALIFICADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL:

SE NOTIFICA que se celebrará una elección para emisión de bonos en dicho DISTRITO, el 6 de mayo de 2023, de acuerdo con la siguiente Orden:

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES PARA EMISIÓN DE BONOS PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN DE ESCUELAS

CONSIDERANDO que la Junta Directiva (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Royal (el "Distrito") tiene la facultad de emitir bonos de conformidad con el Capítulo 45 del Código de Educación de Texas; y

CONSIDERANDO que la Junta ha determinado que es necesario y apropiado convocar y realizar una elección para obtener la autorización de los votantes para la emisión de dichos bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO que el Distrito puede celebrar uno o más acuerdos electorales (los "Acuerdos Electorales") con el Condado de Waller (el "Condado"), por y a través del Administrador Electoral del Condado (el "Administrador") y posiblemente con otras subdivisiones políticas (los "Participantes"), de acuerdo con las leyes del Estado de Texas (el "Estado") y la legislación federal aplicable.

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL:

Sección 1. Convocatoria a elecciones; Fecha; Electores Elegibles; y Horario. El 6 de mayo de 2023 ("Día de las Elecciones"), es decir, setenta y ocho (78) días o más a partir de la fecha de adopción de esta orden (la "Orden de las Elecciones"), se celebrará una elección (la "Elección") dentro y en todo el territorio del Distrito en la que todos los electores residentes y calificados del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar. La Junta considera que la celebración de la Elección en esa fecha es de interés público. El horario de apertura de los centros de votación el Día de las Elecciones será de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Sección 2. Centros de Votación; Funcionarios Electorales. Salvo que se disponga lo contrario en el presente documento, los límites y territorios de los respectivos recintos electorales del Condado que se encuentran total o parcialmente dentro de los límites territoriales del Distrito se designan por la presente como los recintos electorales del Distrito para la Elección y los números de recinto para los recintos electorales del Distrito serán el correspondiente número de recinto del Condado de cada recinto. Los lugares de votación del Día de las Elecciones serán los indicados en el **Anexo A** de esta Orden Electoral. Los jueces de distrito y los jueces suplentes para la Elección serán nombrados de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código Electoral").

En el caso de que el Superintendente, o la persona que éste designe, determine ocasionalmente que (a) un centro de votación designado a partir de ahora no está disponible o no es adecuado para su uso, o que sería en el mejor interés del Distrito reubicar dicho centro de votación, o (b) un juez presidente o un juez presidente suplente designado a partir de ahora no está calificado o no está disponible, el Superintendente, o la persona que éste designe, queda por la presente autorizado a designar y nombrar por escrito un centro de votación sustituto, un juez presidente o un juez presidente suplente, y a corregir o modificar los anexos de esta Orden de Elección, dando la notificación que exige el Código Electoral y como se considere suficiente.

Sección 3. Propuestas. En la Elección se someterán a los electores residentes y cualificados del Distrito las siguientes propuestas (cada una, una "Propuesta" y colectivamente, las "Propuestas"):

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA A

¿SE AUTORIZA A LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA (LA "JUNTA") DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR BONOS DEL DISTRITO, EN UNA O MÁS SERIES O PLAZOS, POR UN MONTO DE \$138,069,530 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO (INCLUYENDO, PERO NO LIMITADO A, UN NUEVO CENTRO DE EXPOSICIÓN DE CIENCIAS AGRÍCOLAS, AMPLIACIONES DEL CTE PARA ARTES CULINARIAS Y SOLDADURA, Y RENOVACIONES DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA PARA REUBICAR LOS PROGRAMAS JUNIOR DE ROTC Y COSMETOLOGÍA A LAS INSTALACIONES DE CTE) Y LA COMPRA DE LOS TERRENOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, BONOS QUE VENCERÁN, DEVENGARÁN INTERESES Y SE EMITIRÁN Y VENDERÁN DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA LEY EN EL MOMENTO DE LA EMISIÓN; Y SE AUTORIZA A LA JUNTA A RECAUDAR, IMPONER Y PROMETER, Y HACER QUE SE EVALÚEN Y RECAUDEN, IMPUESTOS ANUALES AD VALOREM SOBRE TODA LA PROPIEDAD IMPONIBLE EN EL DISTRITO QUE SEAN SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITE EN CUANTO A LA TASA O EL MONTO, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS, Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO (INCLUIDOS LOS ACUERDOS DE CRÉDITO EJECUTADOS O AUTORIZADOS EN ANTICIPACIÓN DE, EN RELACIÓN CON, O EN CONEXIÓN CON LOS BONOS), TODO SEGÚN LO AUTORIZADO POR LA CONSTITUCIÓN Y LAS LEYES DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA?

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA B

¿SE AUTORIZA A LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA (LA "JUNTA") DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR BONOS DEL DISTRITO, EN UNA O MÁS SERIES O PLAZOS, POR UN MONTO DE \$6,351,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DEL ESTADIO DE ATLETISMO EN EL DISTRITO, BONOS QUE VENCERÁN, DEVENGARÁN INTERESES Y SE EMITIRÁN Y VENDERÁN DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA LEY EN EL MOMENTO DE LA EMISIÓN; Y SE AUTORIZA A LA JUNTA A RECAUDAR, IMPONER Y PROMETER, Y HACER QUE SE EVALÚEN Y RECAUDEN, IMPUESTOS ANUALES AD VALOREM SOBRE TODA LA PROPIEDAD IMPONIBLE EN EL DISTRITO QUE SEAN SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITE EN CUANTO A LA TASA O EL MONTO, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS, Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO (INCLUIDOS LOS ACUERDOS DE CRÉDITO EJECUTADOS O AUTORIZADOS EN ANTICIPACIÓN DE, EN RELACIÓN CON, O EN CONEXIÓN CON LOS BONOS), TODO SEGÚN LO AUTORIZADO POR LA CONSTITUCIÓN Y LAS LEYES DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA?

Sección 4. Papeletas. Las papeletas se ajustarán a los requisitos del Código Electoral y llevarán escrito o impreso lo siguiente:

BOLETA OFICIAL**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA A**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DE ESCUELAS POR \$138,069,530 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, EXPANSIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO (INCLUYENDO, PERO NO LIMITADO A, UN NUEVO CENTRO DE EXPOSICIÓN DE CIENCIAS AGRÍCOLAS, ADICIONES AL CTE PARA ARTES CULINARIAS Y SOLDADURA, Y RENOVACIONES EN LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA PARA REUBICAR LOS PROGRAMAS JUNIOR ROTC Y COSMETOLOGÍA A LAS INSTALACIONES DEL CTE) Y LA COMPRA DE LOS ESPACIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

BOLETA OFICIAL**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA B**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$6,351,000 PARA LA REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN, MEJORA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE LAS INSTALACIONES DEL ESTADIO DE ATLETISMO DEL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

Sección 5. Votaciones. Se pueden utilizar máquinas de votación electrónicas para celebrar y llevar a cabo la Elección el Día de las Elecciones; sin embargo, en caso de que no sea posible utilizar dichas máquinas de votación electrónicas, la Elección podrá llevarse a cabo el Día de las Elecciones mediante el uso de papeletas de votación (salvo que se disponga lo contrario en esta sección). Las máquinas de votación electrónicas o las papeletas de papel pueden utilizarse para la votación anticipada por comparecencia personal (salvo que se disponga lo contrario en esta sección). Tal y como exige el Código Electoral, el Distrito proporcionará al menos un sistema de votación accesible en cada centro de votación utilizado en las Elecciones. Dicho sistema de votación deberá cumplir con las leyes de Texas y federales que establecen el requisito de sistemas de votación que permitan a los votantes con discapacidades físicas emitir un voto secreto. Las papeletas de papel pueden utilizarse para la votación anticipada por correo.

Cada votante que desee votar a favor de cada Propuesta deberá marcar la papeleta indicando "A FAVOR" de la Propuesta, y cada votante que desee votar en contra de cada Propuesta deberá marcar la papeleta indicando "EN CONTRA" de la Propuesta. La votación se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral.

Sección 6. Voto Anticipado. La Junta por la presente nombra al Administrador como secretario regular de votación anticipada para el Distrito. La votación anticipada, tanto por comparecencia personal como por correo, se realizará de acuerdo con el Código Electoral.

(a) La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se llevará a cabo en los lugares, en las fechas y en los horarios que se indican en el **Anexo B**. La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal comenzará el lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y finalizará el martes 2 de mayo de 2023.

Para el uso de aquellos votantes que tienen derecho por ley a votar anticipadamente por correo, los secretarios de votación anticipada proporcionarán a cada votante una papeleta con instrucciones para marcar la papeleta indicando su voto "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de las Propuestas. La dirección postal a la que pueden enviarse las solicitudes de papeletas y los votos por correo es la siguiente:

Nombre: Sra. Christy A. Eason
Dirección postal oficial: 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, TX 77445
Dirección física: 816 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, TX 77445
Dirección de correo electrónico: vote@wallercounty.us
Teléfono: (979) 826-7643
Número de fax: (979) 826-7645
Dirección web: <https://www.co.waller.tx.us/page/Elections.current>

Por la presente, se autoriza y ordena al Administrador que designe la junta de votación anticipada y otros funcionarios necesarios para llevar a cabo la votación anticipada para la Elección.

Sección 7. Manejo de la Elección. La Elección será manejada por funcionarios electorales, incluyendo los jueces y los jueces o secretarios suplentes designados por la Junta, de conformidad con los Acuerdos Electorales, el Código de Educación, el Código Electoral y la Constitución y las leyes del Estado y de los Estados Unidos de América. El Presidente de la Junta Directiva, el Superintendente y sus respectivos designados están autorizados a celebrar, ejecutar y entregar uno o más Acuerdos Electorales, de acuerdo con las disposiciones aplicables del Código Electoral. Los términos y disposiciones de cada Acuerdo Electoral se incorporan a esta Orden Electoral. En la medida de cualquier conflicto entre esta Orden de Elección y un Acuerdo Electoral, los términos y disposiciones del Acuerdo Electoral prevalecerán y el Presidente de la Junta Directiva, el Superintendente y sus respectivos designados están autorizados a hacer las correcciones, cambios, revisiones y modificaciones a esta Orden Electoral, incluyendo los anexos a la misma, que se consideren necesarios o apropiados para adecuarse al Acuerdo Electoral, para cumplir con las leyes estatales y federales aplicables, y para llevar a cabo la intención de la Junta, tal como se evidencia en esta Orden de Elección. El Administrador será responsable de establecer la estación central de recuento de los votos emitidos en la Elección y de designar el personal necesario para dicha estación.

Sección 8. Material Electoral Bilingüe. Todos los avisos, instrucciones y boletas electorales cor-

respondientes a la elección se entregarán a los votantes tanto en inglés como en español y se dispondrá de personas capaces de actuar como traductores tanto en inglés como en español para ayudar a los votantes de habla hispana a entender y participar en el proceso electoral.

Sección 9. Entrega de las Papeletas de Voto; Recuento; Tabulación; Escrutinio de los Resultados; Declaración de Resultados. El recuento de los votos será realizado por uno o más equipos de funcionarios electorales asignados por los jueces presidentes, cada equipo estará formado por dos o más funcionarios electorales. Una vez concluidas sus responsabilidades en virtud del Código Electoral, incluido el recuento de las papeletas con votos y la tabulación de los resultados, el presidente del tribunal informará por escrito el resultado de las elecciones al Distrito, de acuerdo con el Código Electoral. La Junta escrutará los votos y declarará los resultados de la elección.

Si la mayoría de los electores residentes y calificados del Distrito que voten en la Elección, incluidos los que voten por adelantado, votan a favor de una Propuesta, entonces se autorizará la emisión y venta de los bonos descritos en la Propuesta en el monto máximo contenido en la misma, y los bonos se emitirán y venderán al precio o precios y en las denominaciones que determine la Junta para el mejor interés del Distrito. El producto de los bonos emitidos y vendidos de conformidad con cada Propuesta se utilizará de acuerdo con las limitaciones impuestas por la Subsección 45.003(g), Código de Educación.

Sección 10. Entrenamiento de Funcionarios Electorales. De acuerdo con el Código Electoral, se puede llevar a cabo una escuela pública de instrucción para todos los funcionarios y secretarios electorales según lo dispuesto o contratado por el Administrador.

Sección 11. Anuncio de Elecciones; Documento de Información al Votante. La Notificación de la Elección se hará en la forma requerida por el Código Electoral y otras leyes aplicables. En la medida en que lo exija la ley, el anuncio de las Elecciones incluirá la dirección de la página web del Distrito, que es <https://www.royal-isd.net/>.

Por la presente se aprueba un documento de información al votante para cada Propuesta en la forma adjunta a la presente como Anexo C, junto con las revisiones que puedan ser aprobadas por el Superintendente y se publicará y proporcionará de conformidad con la ley.

Sección 12. Notificación de Reunión. La Junta encuentra, determina, recita y declara oficialmente que la notificación por escrito de la fecha, hora, lugar y tema de la reunión en la que se adopta esta Orden de Elección se publicó en un tablón de anuncios ubicado en un lugar conveniente para el público en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito durante al menos setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la hora programada para la reunión; que se dio un aviso telefónico o telegráfico de dicha reunión a todos los medios de comunicación que han consentido en pagar todos los gastos incurridos por el Distrito en relación con la provisión de dicho aviso, tal como lo exige la Ley de Reuniones Públicas de Texas, Capítulo 551, Código de Gobierno de Texas, según sus enmiendas; y que dicha reunión estuvo abierta al público, tal como lo exige la ley, en todo momento durante el cual se discutió, se consideró y se actuó formalmente sobre esta Orden de Elección y el tema de la misma.

Sección 13. Declaración Obligatoria de Información.

(a) De conformidad con la Sección 3.009 del Código Electoral de Texas: (i) el lenguaje de la propuesta que aparecerá en la boleta electoral se establece en la Sección 4 de esta Orden Electoral, (ii) los propósitos para los cuales se autorizarán los bonos se establecen en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (iii) el monto de capital de los bonos que se autorizarán se establece en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (iv) si la emisión de bonos es autorizada por los votantes, se podrán imponer impuestos suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o monto, para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de crédito, como se establece en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (v) los bonos autorizados en virtud de esta Orden Electoral pueden emitirse con un vencimiento de un número determinado de años que no supere el menor entre cuarenta (40) años o el número máximo de años autorizado por la ley y que devenguen intereses a la tasa o tasas (que no excedan el 15%), según lo autorizado por la ley y determinado por la Junta, (vi) a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden de Elección, el monto total del capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$50,734,994.40 y el monto total de los intereses pendientes de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$14,197,024.10, y (vii) la tasa impositiva del servicio de la deuda ad valorem del Distrito a partir de la fecha de adopción de esta Orden Electoral es de \$0.358817 por cada \$100 de valoración de la propiedad imponible.

(b) Basándose en las condiciones del mercado a la fecha de esta Orden de Elección, se estima que la tasa de interés efectiva neta máxima para cualquier serie de los bonos es 5.50%. Esta tasa de interés máxima estimada se proporciona a título informativo, pero no constituye una limitación de la tasa de interés a la que pueden venderse los bonos, o cualquier serie de ellos. Además, la estimación contenida en esta subsección (b) está (i) basada en ciertas suposiciones (incluyendo suposiciones concernientes a las condiciones económicas y de mercado prevalecientes en el momento(s) de la emisión de los bonos) y derivada de proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) sujeta a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales prevalecientes en el momento en que se emitan los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) proporcionada únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 3.009, Código Electoral de Texas, y no para ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretende ni da lugar a un contrato con los votantes ni limita la autoridad de la Junta para emitir bonos de acuerdo con las Propuestas presentadas por esta Orden Electoral.

Sección 14. Autoridad del Superintendente. El Superintendente tendrá la autoridad para tomar, o hacer que se tomen, todas las acciones razonables o necesarias para asegurar que la Elección se lleve a cabo de manera justa y que los resultados sean contados y tabulados adecuadamente para el escrutinio por parte de la Junta, acciones que se ratifican y confirman por la presente. Si limitar la generalidad de la frase inmediatamente anterior, por la presente se autoriza al Superintendente y a las personas designadas por el mismo a completar y actualizar, según sea necesario, los anexos del presente documento con la información necesaria a medida que el Distrito disponga de ella.

Sección 15. Autorización de Ejecución. El Presidente o Vicepresidente de la Junta está autorizado a ejecutar y el Secretario de la Junta está autorizado a dar fe de esta Orden de Elección en nombre de la Junta; y el Presidente o Vicepresidente de la Junta está autorizado a llevar a cabo todas las demás acciones legales y necesarias en relación con la celebración y consumación de la Elección.

Sección 16. Fecha de Entrada en Vigor. Esta Orden Electoral entra en vigor inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

[Sigue la página de la firma]

APROBADO el 17 de enero de 2023.

/firma/ Scott Hartman
Presidente del Consejo Directivo

CERTIFICA:

/firma/ Cori Vahalik
Secretaria de la Junta Directiva

ANEXO A**Información de Centros de Votación para el Día de las Elecciones****HOURS (HORAS)**

Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.)

**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

Voting Precincts* (Recintos Electorales)*	Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)
101, 102, 103, 104, 105	Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445
208	Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484
311, 312	Waller County Community Center, 21274 FM 1098 Loop, Prairie View, TX 77446
313	Monaville Fire Dept., 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, TX 77484
314, 315	Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, TX 77423
106, 416	Pattison Volunteer Fire Dept., 2950 FM 359 N, Pattison, TX 77423
418, 419	Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, TX 77423

**Voters must vote at their voting precinct's assigned location. Please call 979-826-7643 for additional information or questions. (Los votantes deben votar en la ubicación asignada de su precinto de votación. Llame al 979-826-7643 para obtener información adicional o hacer preguntas.)*

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ANEXO B

Información sobre los Centros de Votación Anticipada

**MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION
(LUGAR PRINCIPAL DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS/DATES/TIMES
(LUGARES/FECHAS/HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA)**

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
Waller County Road and Bridge Department, 775 US-290 BUS, Hempstead, TX 77445	lunes, 24 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	martes, 25 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	miércoles, 26 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484	jueves, 27 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	viernes, 28 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	sábado, 29 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, TX 77423	lunes, 1 de mayo	7 AM – 7 PM
	martes, 2 de mayo	7 AM – 7 PM

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
PVAMU Memorial Student Center, 155 L.W. Minor Street, Prairie View, TX 77445	lunes, 24 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	martes, 25 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM

Polling Locations (Lugares de Votación)	Dates (Fechas)	Times (Veces)
Waller County Community Center 21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, TX, 77446	miércoles, 26 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	jueves, 27 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	viernes, 28 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	sábado, 29 de abril	8 AM – 5 PM
	lunes, 1 de mayo	7 AM – 7 PM
	martes, 2 de mayo	7 AM – 7 PM

ANEXO C

DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA A

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DE ESCUELAS POR \$138,069,530 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, EXPANSIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO (INCLUYENDO, PERO NO LIMITADO A, UN NUEVO CENTRO DE EXPOSICIÓN DE CIENCIAS AGRÍCOLAS, ADICIONES AL CTE PARA ARTES CULINARIAS Y SOLDADURA, Y RENOVACIONES EN LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA PARA REUBICAR LOS PROGRAMAS JUNIOR ROTC Y COSMETOLOGÍA A LAS INSTALACIONES DEL CTE) Y LA COMPRA DE LOS ESPACIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$138,069,530
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$133,208,500
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$271,278,030
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$50,734,994
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$14,197,024
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$64,932,018
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

(1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital	Interés	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
30 años	\$138,069,530	\$133,208,500	\$271,278,030

(2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del Distrito: 2-15% para los ejercicios fiscales 2023-2026 y 0% a partir de entonces.

(3) Tasa de interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda a ser emitidas: 5.50%.

(4) Si se cumplen los supuestos aquí contenidos, el Distrito no estima necesario aumentar la tasa impositiva para pagar el servicio de la deuda de las obligaciones de deuda emitidas de conformidad con la propuesta establecida en este Documento de Información al Votante (la "Propuesta"). Por lo tanto, el aumento máximo anual estimado del monto de los impuestos sobre la propiedad de una residencia para reembolsar las obligaciones de la deuda, si se aprueba, se espera que sea de \$0.00. Sin embargo, siempre que el Distrito emite obligaciones de deuda, deben recaudarse impuestos sobre la propiedad adicionales para pagar el servicio de la deuda. En consecuencia, la Sección 45.003, Código de Educación de Texas, exige que la siguiente declaración aparezca en la boleta electoral para todas las propuestas de bonos del distrito escolar: "ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD", independientemente del impacto anticipado sobre la tasa impositiva.

(5) Supone la exención de la vivienda familiar exigida por el Estado.

(6) Supone que la vivienda familiar no califica para exenciones idiosincrásicas, que incluyen, entre otras, (a) la exención de vivienda familiar para personas de edad avanzada o discapacitadas (para quienes los pagos de impuestos tienen un límite máximo basado en el pago de impuestos

del propietario en el año en que se obtiene la exención), y (b) la exención de vivienda para veteranos discapacitados y sus familias, cónyuges sobrevivientes de miembros de las fuerzas armadas fallecidos en acción, y cónyuges sobrevivientes de socorristas fallecidos o heridos de muerte en el cumplimiento del deber.

(7) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita anteriormente y la deuda existente. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta presentada por la Orden de Elección para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROYAL - PROPUESTA B

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$6,351,000 PARA LA REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN, MEJORA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE LAS INSTALACIONES DEL ESTADIO DE ATLETISMO DEL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$6,351,000
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$2,826,250
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$9,177,250
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$50,734,994
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$14,197,024
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$64,932,018
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

(1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital	Interés	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
30 años	\$6,351,000	\$2,826,250	\$9,177,250

(2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del Distrito: 2- 15% para los ejercicios fiscales 2023-2026 y 0% a partir de entonces.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3083 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON MARCH 27, 2023:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 4, "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 4.10, "REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS OF PROPERTIES USED AS SHORT-TERM RENTALS"; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR A VIOLATION, WITH EACH DAY CONSTITUTING A SEPARATE VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PATTISON
2023-2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Pattison is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application (s) for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$500,000 for the drainage in the City of Pattison. The application is available for review from April 7, 2023 to April 11, 2023 at the Pattison City Hall during regular business hours.

AVISO PUBLICO
LA CIUDAD DE PATTISON
2023-2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

La ciudad de Pattison está dando aviso de la intención de presentar una solicitud del Programa de Subvenciones de Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas para una subvención del Fondo de Desarrollo Comunitario de \$500,000 para los mejoramientos a los sistemas de drenaje en la Ciudad de Pattison. La solicitud está disponible para su revisión de Abril 7, 2023 hasta Abril 11, 2023 en el Ayuntamiento de Pattison durante el horario regular.

NOTICE OF SALE
HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3
(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Located within Harris and Waller Counties, Texas)

\$8,920,000
Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2023

Bids to be Submitted: 10:00 A.M., Central Time
Bids to be Awarded: 1:30 P.M., Central Time
Monday, April 17, 2023

Place and Time of Sale: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read bids for the purchase of the \$8,920,000 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds") at the designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:30 P.M., Central Time, Monday, April 17, 2023.

Address of Bids: Bids for the Bonds may be delivered to the District electronically, by telephone or delivered directly to the District in a sealed envelope, addressed to the "President and Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3," and delivered to the District's Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010 prior to 10:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Monday, April 17, 2023, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bidders must submit a signed "Official Bid Form" and a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$178,400 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

Information: The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010; Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the Bonds will be made only by means of the "Official Notice of Sale," "Preliminary Official Statement," and the "Official Bid Form."

Board of Directors
Harris-Waller Counties
Municipal Utility District No. 3

Katy Independent School District
ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 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 Leah Wilson
Position 5 3-year term currently held by Greg Schulte

Voting on Election Day will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at sites listed on Attachment A.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023 and ending on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at the following five locations:

Leonard Merrell Center Room 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Main Early Voting Location)	Seven Lakes High School Gym Lobby 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School PAC Lobby 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
Cinco Ranch High School PAC Lobby 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494	Pactow High School PAC Hallway 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493	

A special **Saturday** early voting by personal appearance will also be held at these same five locations on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Applications by mail may also be emailed to evkisd@katyisd.org or faxed to 281-644-1905.

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 (April 15, 2023) 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, April 6, 2023, nor later than the tenth (10th) day before Election Day, April 26, 2023, in a newspaper published in the District.

Issued this the 23rd day of January, 2023.

/s/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, President

<https://www.katyisd.org>

Attachment A

Katy Independent School District
May 6, 2023 School Board Election

List of Polling Sites (Election Day)

Katy ISD Precinct	County Precinct(s)	Polling Place
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Gym Lobby 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School PAC Lobby 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building Jury Assembly Room 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Competition Gym 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School PAC Lobby 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary LGI Room 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813, 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School Gym Lobby 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 804, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123	Mayde Creek Junior High LGI Room 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary Main Student Hallway 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary Main Student Hallway 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Jordan High School Gym Lobby 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
13	Fort Bend—1004, 1132, 1133, 1160	Beck Junior High Gym Hallway 5200 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77450

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Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN

Por la presente, se ordena la celebración de una elección a realizarse el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023 para el propósito de elegir **síndicos de la Junta Escolar** para cubrir los siguientes términos en un cargo:

- Posición 3 Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Ashley Vann
- Posición 4 Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Leah Wilson
- Posición 5 Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Greg Schulte

La votación el Día de Elección se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. en los sitios indicados en el Anexo A.

La votación anticipada en persona se realizará cada día de semana en el horario de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. a partir del lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y hasta el martes 2 de mayo de 2023, en los siguientes cinco lugares:

- Leonard Merrell Center Sala 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Localidad principal de votación anticipada)
- Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494
- James E. Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450

- Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
- Paetow High School Corredor de PAC 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493

También se llevará a cabo una votación anticipada en persona especial de **sábado** en los mismos cinco lugares el sábado 29 de abril de 2023 de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m.

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo deberán enviarse por correo a:

- Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
- Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex
- 6301 South Stadium Lane
- Katy, TX 77494

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario de oficina del martes 25 de abril de 2023. Las solicitudes por correo también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a evkisd@katyisd.org o por fax al 281-644-1905.

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 veintidós (21) días antes de la fecha establecida de las elecciones (15 de abril de 2023) 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 6 de abril de 2023, ni después del décimo (10.º) día antes del Día de Elección, el 26 de abril de 2023, en un periódico publicado en el Distrito.

Emitido a los 23 días del mes de enero de 2023.

/firma/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, Presidente

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Adjunto A

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy Elección de la Junta Escolar del 6 de mayo de 2023

Lista de sitios de votación (Día de Elección)

Precinto de Katy ISD	Precinto(s) del Condado	Lugar de votación
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building Sala de reuniones del jurado 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Gimnasio para competencias 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
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Aviso de Elección de Funcionarios Generales de la Ciudad de Katy

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE LA CIUDAD DE KATY, TEXAS EN EL CONDADO DE FORT BEND, HARRIS Y WALLER:

Por la presente se notifica que se ordena la celebración de una elección conjunta con el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy el 6 de mayo de 2023, de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm con el fin de elegir:

Elección de los Siguietes: Concejal Distrito A

VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA POR PRESENCIA PERSONAL TENDRA LUGAR:

De lunes a viernes entre las 7:00 am y las 7:00 pm comenzando el lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y terminando el martes 2 de mayo de 2023; y el sábado 29 de abril de 2023, en los siguientes cinco lugares:

- Leonard Merrell Center Sala 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Ubicación Principal de Votación Anticipada)
- Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494
- James E. Taylor High School Vestíbulo del PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450

- Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo del PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
- Paetow High School Corredor de PAC 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493

DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES – SÁBADO 6 DE MAYO DE 2023 LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN:

Horario - 7:00 am a 7:00 pm

Distrito A
Centro Cívico Katy
910 Ave C
Katy, Texas 77493
(solo el día de las elecciones)

SOLICITUD DE BOLETA POR CORREO

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo se enviarán a:
Justin R. Graham, administrador electoral
Katy I.S.D., Complejo de Apoyo Educativo
6301 Carril del estadio sur
Katy, TX 77494

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el Martes, 25 de abril de 2023. Las solicitudes por correo también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a evkisd@katyisd.org o por fax al 281-644-1905.

Emitido el día 7 de marzo de 2023.

William H. Thiele, Alcalde

CITY OF KATY NOTICE OF GENERAL OFFICERS' ELECTION

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS IN FORT BEND, HARRIS & WALLER COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given that a joint election with Katy Independent School District is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of:

Election of the Following: Councilmember Ward A

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED:

Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning Monday, April 24, 2023, and ending Tuesday, May 2, 2023; and on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the following five locations:

- Leonard Merrell Center Room 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Main Early Voting Location)
- Seven Lakes High School Gym Lobby 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494
- James E. Taylor High School PAC Lobby 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450

- Cinco Ranch High School PAC Lobby 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
- Paetow High School PAC Hallway 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493

ELECTION DAY – SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023 POLLING LOCATION:

Hours - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ward A
Katy Civic Center
910 Ave C
Katy, Texas 77493
(only on Election Day)

APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL

Applications for ballot by mail shall be delivered to:
Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Applications by mail may also be emailed to evkisd@katyisd.org or faxed to 281-644-1905.

Issued this the 7th day of March 2023.
William H. Thiele, Mayor

凱蒂市 普通幹事選舉通知

致得克薩斯州凱蒂市的登記選民 在本樓、哈里斯和沃勒縣：

特此通知，特此命令與凱蒂獨立學區的聯合選舉於 2023 年 5 月 6 日上午 7:00 至下午 7:00 舉行。為了...的目的：

選舉以下人員：議員選區 A

將按個人形象進行早期投票：

週一至週五上午 7:00 至下午 7:00 之間。從 2023 年 4 月 24 日星期一開始，到 2023 年 5 月 2 日星期二結束；以及 2023 年 4 月 29 日星期六，在以下五個地點：

- Leonard Merrell Center 房間 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (主要提前投票地點)
- Seven Lakes High School 健身房大堂 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494
- James E. Taylor High School PAC 大廳 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450

- Cinco Ranch High School PAC 大廳 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
- Paetow High School PAC 走廊 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493

選舉日——2023 年 5 月 6 日星期六投票地點：

時間 - 早上 7:00 到晚上 7:00

選區 A
Katy Civic Center
910 Ave C
Katy, Texas 77493
(備選選區)

郵寄投票申請

郵寄投票申請應送達：
賈斯汀·格雷厄姆 (Justin R. Graham)，選舉管理員
凱蒂 I.S.D.，教育支持中心
體育場南巷 6301 號
凱蒂，德克薩斯州 77494

郵寄投票申請必須在下班前收到
2023 年 4 月 25 日，星期二。郵寄申請也可以通過電子郵件發送至 evkisd@katyisd.org 或傳真至 281-644-1905。

2023 年 3 月 7 日發布。

William H. Thiele, 市長

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Building And Standards Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct Public Hearings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2023

THE HEARINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 3.02.053 (4), THE CITY OF KATY BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL CODE, REGARDING HEAT DETECTORS.

Katy獨立學區 選舉命令

茲定於2023年5月6日（週六）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Leah Wilson擔任
第5席位 3年任期，目前由Greg Schulte擔任

選舉日投票將在附件A所列地點於上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行。

親自出席的提前投票將於2023年4月24日（週一）至2023年5月2日（週二）期間的每個工作日的上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行，五個選舉地點如下：

Leonard Merrell Center 143-144室 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (主要提前投票地點)	Seven Lakes High School 體育館大堂 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School PAC大堂 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
Cinco Ranch High School PAC大堂 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494	Paetow High School PAC走廊 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493	

上述五個地點另將於2023年4月29日（週六）上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行特別的週六親自出席提前投票。

郵遞選票申請應寄至：
Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
Katy I. S. D., Education Support Complex
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

郵遞選票申請必須在2023年4月25日（週二）辦公結束前寄達。郵遞申請還可通過電子郵件發送至 evkisd@katyisd.org或傳真至281-644-1905。

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充當適當的選舉通知。應於固定選舉日期（2023年4月15日）的至少二十一（21）天前，在用於張貼理事會會議通知的公告欄上發布選舉通知。此外，應於選舉日前第三十（30）天（2023年4月6日）至第十（10）天（2023年4月26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：2023年1月23日。

/簽名/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, 主席

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Katy獨立學區 2023年5月6日學區理事會選舉 投票地點名單（選舉日）

Katy ISD投票區	縣投票區	投票所
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School 體育館大堂 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
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5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High 競賽體育館 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School PAC大堂 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
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Một cuộc bầu cử theo đây được lệnh tổ chức vào thứ Bảy, ngày 6 tháng Năm, 2023, để bầu chọn Các Ủy Viên Hội Đồng Quản Trị Trường Học cho các nhiệm kỳ giữ chức sau đây.

- Vị Trí Số 3 Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do bà Ashley Vann đảm trách
- Vị Trí Số 4 Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do bà Leah Wilson đảm trách
- Vị Trí Số 5 Nhiệm kỳ 3 năm hiện do ông Greg Schulte đảm trách

Vào Ngày Bầu Cử, các cử tri sẽ bỏ phiếu từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối tại các địa điểm ghi trong Tài Liệu Kèm Theo A.

Thủ tục đích thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ được tiến hành vào mỗi ngày trong tuần từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối bắt đầu từ **thứ Hai, ngày 24 tháng Tư, 2023** và kết thúc vào **thứ Ba, ngày 2 tháng Năm, 2023**, tại năm địa điểm sau đây:

Leonard Merrell Center Seven Lakes High School James E. Taylor High School
Phòng 143-144 Sảnh Khu Thẻ Dục Sảnh Khu PAC
6301 S. Stadium Lane 9251 S. Fry Road 20700 Kingsland Blvd.
Katy, TX 77494 Katy, TX 77494 Katy, TX 77450
(Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Chính)

Cinco Ranch High School Paetow High School
Sảnh Khu PAC Hành Lang PAC
23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. 23111 Stockdick School Road
Katy, TX 77494 Katy, TX 77493

Một buổi đích thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm đặc biệt vào **ngày thứ Bảy** cũng sẽ diễn ra tại năm địa điểm tương tự vào **thứ Bảy, ngày 29 tháng Tư, 2023**, từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối.

Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư vui lòng gửi qua thư bưu điện tới:
Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư phải nhận được trễ nhất là cuối giờ làm việc thứ Ba, ngày 25 tháng Tư, 2023. Cũng có thể gửi đơn xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư qua email tới evkisd@katyisd.org hoặc qua fax tới số 281-644-1905.

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Ban hành hôm nay, ngày 23 tháng Một, 2023.

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Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Katy Cuộc Bầu Cử Hội Đồng Quản Trị Trường Học Ngày 6 Tháng Năm, 2023

Danh Sách Các Địa Điểm Phòng Phiếu (Ngày Bầu Cử)

Phân Khu Katy ISD	(Các) Phân Khu theo Quận	Địa Điểm Phòng Phiếu
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Đại Sảnh Phòng Thẻ Dục 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School Sảnh Khu PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building Phòng Hội Đồng Thẩm Phán 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Phòng Thẻ Dục Thi Đấu 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School Sảnh Khu PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary Phòng LGI 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813, 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School Đại Sảnh Phòng Thẻ Dục 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 804, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123	Mayde Creek Junior High Phòng LGI 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary Hành Lang Chính của Học Sinh 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary Hành Lang Chính của Học Sinh 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Jordan High School Đại Sảnh Phòng Thẻ Dục 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
13	Fort Bend—1004, 1132, 1133, 1160	Beck Junior High Hành Lang Phòng Thẻ Dục 5200 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77450



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Braden Williams makes a sack during a game between Cinco Ranch and George Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

6 Katy ISD players named to Bayou Bowl rosters

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD had six players named to the West team of the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association Bayou Bowl, which will be played on June 10 at Eagles Stadium in Mount Belvieu.

Paetow's Jason Blue, Mayde Creek's Donovan McKey, Cinco Ranch's Braden Williams, Katy's Blake Geiman, Morton Ranch's Jamill Lindsey and Jordan's Tosin Odulate were all named to the West team, as Katy ISD was very well represented on the rosters, with two more players making the team than last year.

The Bayou Bowl has been around for 20 years in Houston, and is used as an All-Star game to showcase local senior football talent around the Houston area. Proceeds from the event go to scholarships for male and female athletes in the greater Houston area.

Jason Blue was a big part of Paetow's pass offense last season, catching 19 passes which was tops on the Panthers while gaining 161 yards in receiving and catching one touchdown. Blue has signed to play football at Trinity University.

McKey was one of the top performers on the Rams' defense last season, leading Mayde Creek with 121 tackles while garnering eight tackles for loss and three sacks. McKey will be continuing his football and academic career at Southeastern Oklahoma State.

Braden Williams became the Cinco Ranch all-time tackle leader during his senior season for the Cougars, while the linebacker totaled 116 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and eight sacks during his senior year. Williams is signed to play football at McMurry University.

Geiman had a strong senior year, helping lead the Tigers to the state semifinal game and being named honorable mention on the Class 6A All-State team. Lindsey had 39 tackles and two tackles for loss last year before signing to play at Stephen F. Austin University. Odulate had 68 tackles to go with 21 tackles for loss and seven sacks to lead the Warriors to a strong opening varsity season.



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Morton Ranch's Jamill Lindsey celebrates after a game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.



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Paetow's Jason Blue pitches the ball back to Koby Truehill during Friday's game between Tompkins and Paetow at Rhodes Stadium.

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