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Costs for 3B Learning Center exceed estimates

Katy City Council narrowly approves new bid

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

At the July 10th meeting of the Katy City Council, a new bid of \$384,305.08 for the completion of the 3B Learning Center was

approved by a close 3 to 2 vote by council members. The 3B Learning Center is located in the Fussell House at 5402 Franz Road and is planned to be a home for bird, bees and butterflies.

Architect David Slattery of Slattery Tackett said that the new bid – about \$35,000 higher than the initial bid – was driven by a number of factors. In addition to increasing construction prices, he noted that the facility – originally built as a residence – was being

converted into a commercial space and thus is now subject to commercial codes – particularly those required by the City of Katy, and the need to comply with electrical codes and to confirm to requirements mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Slattery noted that civil work on the parking area was not included in the original scope of the project and that new inspections also revealed the need for additional work outside the original project scope. Ma-

ior factors in driving the added costs were:
• Parking: the existing parking must be redone, with additional spaces required and with striping of the parking lot.
• Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): this includes installation of sloped sidewalks to facilitate access into the building and the widening of doors and door openings (to permit wheelchair ac-

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City of Katy water restrictions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The City of Katy asks residents and businesses to continue using daily water conservation techniques in order to reduce water usage during current extreme heat conditions, according to a recent post on the city's Facebook page.

The city offers these quick tips on how to lower water usage:

- Lawns only require about 1" of water per week - preferably ½" of water twice per week
- Purchase a rain gauge or irrigation rain sensor to monitor rainfall and adjust your irrigation accordingly
- Keep grass about 3" tall during the summer — tall grass holds moisture better and will eliminate the need to water frequently
- Don't water when it's windy

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FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR

From left to right bottom Row: Jaelyn Mattheussen of Foster High School, Saige Sowa of Austin High School, 2022 Fort Bend County Fair Queen Tristen Drury, Alexandra Mueller of Clements High School, and Gabrielle Arriaga of Clements High School. From left to right top row: Aleida Martinez of Austin High School, Audrey Lee is homeschooled, Aubrey Whited of Travis High School, Kathryn Tompkins of Fulshear High School, Hannah Funderburk of Foster High School, and Caroline Vogel of Kempner High School.

Candidates for Fort Bend County Fair Queen announced

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Fair Queen will be one young lady's title. Ten young ladies are in the chase for the crown of Fort Bend County Fair Queen. Although there will only be one overall winner, several candidates will receive Fair Queen scholarships.

"Our candidates bring excitement and tradition; our county is well-represented. We look for-

ward to seeing these young ladies expand their confidence, public speaking abilities, and social skills as they make their way to the coronation night," said Desiree De Leon Zepeda, Fort Bend County Fair Queen Committee Chairperson.

Running for 2023 Fort Bend County Fair Queen is Jaelyn Mattheussen of Foster High School, Saige Sowa of Austin High School, Alexandra Mueller of Clements

High School, Gabrielle Arriaga of Clements High School, Aleida Martinez of Austin High School, Audrey Lee is homeschooled, Aubrey Whited of Travis High School, Kathryn Tompkins of Fulshear High School, Hannah Funderburk of Foster High School, and Caroline Vogel of Kempner High School.

2022 Fort Bend County Fair Queen, Tristen Drury, helped welcome the candidates and shared

her thoughts on being Queen. Queen Tristen has been busy representing the Fair at community events, including RodeoHouston, the Go Tejano Valentine's Dance, and the Fair's Summer Night Gala. Tristen is preparing to head off to Texas A&M this Fall.

The Candidates will attend an Enrichment/Derby Day, a Group Volunteer event, the BBQ

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Katy PD launches "Operation Slow Down" through end of July

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In an effort to reduce fatalities and serious injuries caused by speeding, the Katy Police Department is participating in "Operation Slow Down," according to the department's Facebook page. The program began on July 4th and will continue through July 30th and is funded by a grant provided by the Texas Depart-

ment of Transportation.

The goal of the initiative is to help remind people to slow down and to make the roads safer for all drivers.

"Speed is the number one factor in roadway crashes in Texas, causing one out of every three traffic deaths," according to the Facebook page. "When you speed, you increase the

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fort Bend County Clerk announces Back to School - Birth Certificate Event

Fort Bend County Clerk Laura Richard will host a Back to School - Birth Certificate Event on Saturday, July 22, at the County Clerk's office located at the Travis Building, 301 Jackson Street in Richmond. Birth certificates for individuals born in Texas will be available for request.

"I am excited to open the office with special weekend hours to provide birth certificate services to those in the public who might not have the time in their busy schedules to come in during weekday hours," County Clerk Richard said.

The Birth Certificate fees are \$23, available to qualified applicants with valid identification. Forms needed to complete the process are available at the office and may be completed there.

Information on fees, forms, and valid identification can be found on the County Clerk's website: www.fbctx.gov/birthcerts.

Maud Marks Library to celebrate its 30th anniversary

The Maud Marks branch of the Harris County Public Library System, located at 1815 Westgreen in Katy, will observe its 30th anniversary with a special celebration on July 24th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A proclamation from Harris County Precinct 4 will open the event, which will feature music, crafts, games, face painting, pony rides, a balloon artist and square dancing, as well as a cake-cutting. A visit from the HCPL Curiosity Cruiser is also planned. The birthday celebration is sponsored in part by Shell Federal Credit Union.

For more information, please email Akhila Bhat, library branch manager, at akhila.bhat@hcpl.net.

Brookshire's new downtown amphitheater to hold grand opening July 29th

The Brookshire Economic Development Corporation has announced the grand opening of the area's brand-new amphitheater with festivities set for Saturday, July 29th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The new building is across the street from the Brookshire Convention Center, which is at 4029 5th Street in Brookshire. The excitement kicks off with the opening ceremony with local, county, and state dignitaries present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Entertainment will be provided by the Earl Sanders Jr. Band from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed



The Maud Marks branch of the Harris County Public Library System will observe its 30th anniversary on July 24th.

by the Brown Sugar Band from 8:30 p.m., to 10 p.m. Pre-event music will be performed by the Royal ISD Band. Free popcorn and water will be provided for all attendees, with a variety of delectable foods available for purchase from food vendors.

Fort Bend Junior Service League seeking applications for grants for charitable organizations

The Fort Bend Junior Service League (FBJS�), a local women's volunteer organization dedicated to improving the Fort Bend County community, is currently accepting Event Beneficiary applications from charitable organizations interested in benefiting from the proceeds of the FBJS� Sugar Plum

Market to be held in early November 2023. This opportunity is designed to provide support and resources to deserving non-profit organizations in their endeavors to create meaningful change designed to support and uplift deserving organizations within our community with grants. For more information, please contact Michelle Vargas, 2022-2023 Director of Public Relations, Fort Bend Junior Service League at (832) 373-7634 or visit their website at www.fbjsl.org.

Harris County Precinct 4 presents class on estate planning and will preparation

Join a representative from the Harris County Attorney's Office to learn what it

means to plan for the future of your estate, and what to look for when planning a will. The seminar, called "Lasting Legacies," will be held at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston, at 10 a.m. on August 22nd. Call 832-927-3000 to register. Visit <http://hcp4.net/radack> for more information.

Inaugural "Women of Katy" luncheon to be presented by KBA and KACC in September

The Katy Business Association and Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will present the very first "Women of Katy" luncheon, a collaborative event featuring a dynamic panel discussion. Distinguished panelists will engage in thought-provoking conversations, exploring topics such as professional growth, leadership, work-life balance, overcoming challenges, giving insight into resources available to women and the importance of community involvement.

In addition to the enriching panel discussion, the Women of Katy Luncheon provides a unique opportunity to network with like-minded individuals who share a passion for personal and professional growth.

This event is open to everyone who seeks inspiration, knowledge, and empowerment, according to the KBA Facebook page. The luncheon is scheduled at Perry's Steakhouse at 11 a.m. on September 26th with limited seating. For more information, please visit WomenofKaty.com.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



The new Brookshire Amphitheater, directly across the street from the Brookshire Convention Center at 4029 5th Street in Brookshire, will hold its grand opening on July 29th. The venue is being developed by the Brookshire Economic Development Corporation.

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- Tea leaf
- They save you a table
- Submissions
- Secretly revealed
- Personification of the sea (Norse)
- Unreal
- No seats available
- Bangladeshi currency
- Leaders
- Famed garden
- Denotes past
- Not living
- Midway between south and southeast
- Small island (British)
- Woman (French)
- Wife
- Two-toed sloth
- Blood group
- Soaks
- Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- Japanese prefecture
- Place to be during a rock concert
- Fully grown humans
- Emaciation
- Sparkling
- Fruits you peel
- Derived from a noun
- Popular items to grill
- Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

- Before
- Actress Dunham
- This (Spanish)
- Director Peter
- Dominant
- English artists' society (abbr.)
- NY Giants legend
- It's in the ground
- No No No
- Pesky insect
- Danish-American muckraking journalist
- Kids love to do it
- Good Gosh!
- Fakes
- A citizen of Denmark
- Mystic syllable
- Commercial
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Helpers
- Water (French)
- Young woman
- Red-brown sea bream
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Comprehends
- Walk with confidence
- Home of the Flyers
- Appetizer
- News organization
- Source of the Nile
- A way to march
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Egyptian bull-god
- Children's author Blyton
- Baseball pitching stat
- Rude young person
- Table napkin
- Monetary unit in Asia
- One-time AL MVP Vaughn

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



From left to right: Nicholas Hartono, Isaiah Clark, Jerry Zhou, Tiffany Kim, Ella Ng, Heather Tan, Susmita Pasala, Rishabh Chowdhury

Cinco Ranch High School students travel to Atlanta for FBLA Nationals

BY VICTORIA DO
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

A five-day trip full of competition, business, sightseeing, and most importantly, fun -- all cemented into the memories of nine exemplary Cinco Ranch High students. Each student had placed top four in their competition event at the Future Business Leaders of America State Conference, landing themselves a spot to compete at Nationals this summer. On June 26th, the group, led by their chapter sponsor, John Bryan, took off for the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the conference, each of the students participated in competition again either at the prestigious Georgia World Congress Center or at the connected Omni Hotel, this time clashing against top students from other states as well as China and Puerto Rico. "I thought the experience was very fun and welcoming," states Susmita Pasala, a sophomore. "It was nice to meet so many new people from different parts of the world." Pin-trading was an especially anticipated event at the conference, where all students could intermingle and trade their unique designated state/country pins with each other. When asked about the experience, sophomore Ella Ng replied, "I really liked pin trading since it was an opportunity to be social and speak to other members of FBLA. I thought it was really funny seeing everyone negotiate and compete just for these pins."

Outside of competition, students also attended workshops with experienced speakers, subjects ranging from how to buy stocks to balancing a schedule. According to Ella Ng, the most valuable lesson she retained was



Rishabh Chowdhury won 6th place in the Marketing event.

"to realize what activities are making us stressed and the importance of letting go of things negatively associated with our life."

Rishabh Chowdhury, awarded 6th place in the Marketing event

While all of the nine Cinco students worked their very hardest in their respective competition events, one outstanding student made his way to top 6th of his event, earning national recognition for his efforts. Rishabh Chowdhury, a junior, competed in the Marketing event, which consisted of both an objective test and a case study presentation. "When the Marketing competition results were displayed on the screen, I was shocked to see my name on the board," Chowdhury states, "it felt completely surreal at that moment, and even now, weeks later, it still feels very weird." When asked about his preparation for the competition, he explained that he created "a 56-page



Cinco Ranch FBLA advisor John Bryan was inducted into the National Advisor Wall of Fame.

document of notes with nearly everything needed to get a high test score." Chowdhury's dedication to studying certainly paid off at Nationals, and he's proven himself as a diligent scholar.

FBLA advisor inducted into Wall of Fame

Cinco Ranch's FBLA advisor, John Bryan, was also inducted into the National Advisor Wall of Fame. This recognition is awarded to advisors with 20 or more years of service to FBLA. "I thought it was quite an honor," Bryan remarked, regarding his award. "It made me think about all the members over the last 21 years who have kept me excited about being their advisor."

COUNCIL

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cess) and the revamping of the restrooms to comply with ADA standards.

- Security fencing designed to keep unauthorized individuals from gaining access to the facility, and to help contain visitors within the property boundaries.

The proposed fencing is expected to be decorative in nature rather than chain link fencing.

- Lighting: LED lights are being installed.

- Detention efforts required by the city, in order to mitigate potential flooding.

The 3B Learning Center is one of the initiatives in the City of Katy's master plan for parks.

In other action, council:

- Granted a petition by 3212 Hillcroft, LLE for extension of certain boundary limits of the City of Katy and annexation of approximately 1.1477 acres in Fort Bend County and the annexation of approximately 1.294 acres being a portion of FM 1463 right-of-way. The area is located near Spring Green and FM 1463.

- Rejected bids for the Parks Building 2 project. Architect David Slattery said the building, which

was originally built as a concession stand, still has some life to it but recommended that it be used for storage rather than an office building as planned.

- Approved participation in the Canvas Donor Program for Functional Art Pieces at Thomas Park, 5919 Fourth Street, authorizing acceptance of specific use donations, if a match to a corporate donor is found. Parks Director Kevin Browne described the program, which uses parts recycled from old wind turbines and made into park benches and planters, as a donation program benefiting cities and nonprofits. The program partners these entities with corporate sponsors who are "going green" or offsetting their carbon footprint by donating the new benches and planters.

Browne emphasized that the program is free, once a match to a corporate sponsor has been found, although the city will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the benches.

The next meeting of the council is set for July 24th at 6:30 p.m.

WATER

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- Over-watered lawns will have a short root system and will not be drought tolerant

- Design a water-efficient landscape by planting drought-tolerant grass and choosing plants that are native to Texas climate conditions.

- Check French Drains for excessive water due to over-irrigation.

Other weekly tips on how to conserve water can be found at www.cityofkaty.com/pw-tip-of-the-week.

For any other questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 281-391-4820 or PublicWorksInfo@CityofKaty.com.

SLOW

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risk of death and serious injury in a collision. You can also face an expensive fine, court costs and your insurance rates can go up."

Driving a safe speed often means more than following the posted speed limit. TxDOT has these safety tips for motorists:

- Watch your speed with road conditions in mind if there is bad weather or if you are driving through a work zone.

- Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy.

- Watch for signs alerting you of reduced speed limits ahead.

- Remember that fines double if you speed in a school zone or a work zone when workers are present.

- Always buckle up – drivers and passengers—day and night. It is your best protection in a crash.

QUEEN

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Cook-off awards, and several other events throughout the next few months. The candidate that is crowned Queen will serve as an ambassador throughout the Fair's 10-day run. She will attend receptions,

livestock shows, and auctions as part of her duties. In addition, the Fair Queen will represent the Fort Bend County Fair at community events, luncheons, holiday gatherings, and other fair activities throughout the year.

The 2023 Fort Bend County Fair Queen will be crowned on Friday, September 29, 2023.

For more information, visit fortbendcountyfair.com or call the Fair Office at 281-342-6171.

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Gardeners invited to summer night parties

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Have fun, help a good cause and learn about gardening.

All three are promised during the two-part Summer Night Seminar Series in July and August presented by Enchanted Gardens, the Mustard Seed Farm and Fort Bend AgriLife. Proceeds will benefit the farm, a nonprofit that offers employment and job-skill training for adults who have disabilities.

The End of Summer Block Party will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Enchant-

ed Gardens, located at 6420 FM 359 in Richmond.

Jay White of Texas Gardener Magazine and Destin Noak @TexasGardenGuy will present "A Year in the Yard - A Gardening Guide for Houston." The duo will give helpful tips for every season to keep your landscape beautiful and your homeowners association happy.

The evening also will include an activity station for kids, a water gun fun battle station, face painting, a vintage airstream cocktail bar for adults, and a street taco food truck. Admission includes kids activ-

ities but food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-night-seminar-series-tickets-658655585587> for tickets to both events.

The second series program will be "Foraging & Mixology in the Garden" from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3. at Enchanted Gardens. Dr. Mark "Merriwether" Vorderbruggen, Texas-based forager, PhD chemist, author, inventor, rogue botanist, hunter, and generally wild guy, will be speaking about "The Basics of Foraging

and Medicinal Landscaping."

After the seminar, Andy Chidester, a favorite gardening guru, will moonlight as a botanical bartender and show some recipes - and pass out samples - for sangria and mojitos using ingredients from your garden.

A food truck serving street tacos will be on site for the event. Food and drinks again will be available for purchase separately from the admission price.

Series sponsors are Enchanted Gardens, MicroLife Fertilizer, Medina and the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners.

Clothed by Faith a recipient of Port Houston Community Grants

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Local nonprofit Clothed by Faith has been awarded a \$7,000 grant from Port Houston for its School Partnerships program. The 2023 Port Houston Community Grants recipients were announced at a meeting of the Port Commission Community Relations Committee on June 27.

Clothed by Faith is a 501-c registered nonprofit with locations in Katy and in Deer Park. According to the organization's website, their objective is simple -- to give one week's worth of clothing, free of charge, to anyone in need. The staff and volunteer team customize a week's worth of clothing, shoes, and new underwear & socks for each child or adult, with clothing and shoes are carefully sorted, selected, and packaged in a gift bag specifically for each client in a manner that offers them confidence, hope and dignity.

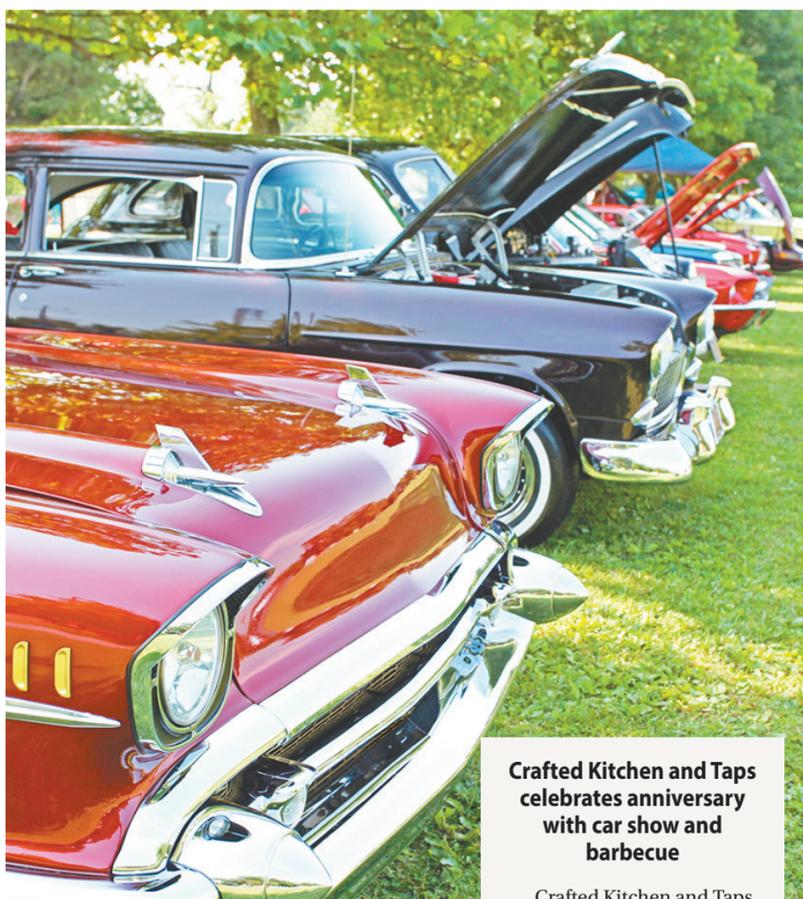
This year, Port Houston is awarding a total of \$395,000 to 18 organizations that will, in turn, have a significant impact on the residents in local communities. Port Houston takes pride in giving back, and the Community Grants Program focuses on investing resources into meaningful projects and programs, while strengthening the region's prosperity. These organizations focus on areas that closely align with Port Houston's outreach priorities, such as STEAM education, careers in maritime and logistics, pollution reduction, promoting equal access to healthcare, and revitalizing parks and green spaces.

"Here at Port Houston, we are excited to contribute to our neighboring communities through the Community Grants Program for the fourth year in a row. With these grants, we aim to provide ongoing support for significant initiatives and endeavors that enrich our local communities and the wider region, and hope to create lasting impact," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston.

Other 2023 Community Grant Recipients include:

- **Rebuilding Together Houston:** Community Revitalization Program: \$50,000
- **SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc:** CDL Training and Wraparound Services: \$30,000
- **STEM-E Youth Career Development Program:** STEAM-focused Workforce-Development Programs: \$30,000
- **Educational Programs Inspiring Communities Inc. (dba The H.E.A.R.T. Program):** HEART Program Vocational Training: \$25,000
- **Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA):** Second Century Vision Program: \$15,000
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities:** Ronald McDonald Care Mobile: \$25,000
- **Houston Community Toolbank:** School Beautification and Tool Lending: \$40,000
- **SPARK Park:** Port Houston Elementary SPARK Park: \$25,000
- **Momentum Education:** STEAM Career Success Mentorship Program: \$5,000
- **Harris Health System:** Food Rx Program at Strawberry Health Center: \$20,000
- **Our Promise for West Baytown, Inc:** Seeds of Promise: \$20,000
- **Bayou Preservation Association:** Improving Waterways through Action & Education: \$13,000
- **City of Pasadena:** Floatable Capture Gates and Work Force Training: \$30,000
- **Young Audiences of Houston:** Full STEAM Ahead! with Young Audiences of Houston: \$15,000
- **Urban Harvest, Inc.:** Piloting Collaborative Pathways for East End Families: \$20,000
- **Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans:** Career and Technology Workforce Development Program: \$20,000
- **The Rose:** Empower Her Health Program: \$5,000

The next application process opens in early 2024. For more details, visit <https://www.porthouston.com/community/outreach/community-grants-program/>.



Crafted Kitchen and Taps celebrates anniversary with car show and barbecue

Crafted Kitchen and Taps, 1443 FM 1463, Suite 100 in Katy, will be celebrating its seventh anniversary with a car show, as well as beer and barbecue, on August 12th, beginning at 12 p.m. The event will feature amazing cars courtesy of Mobile Innovations and Auto Champ. The festivities are sponsored by Yuengling, with swag and samples available in the parking lot. A DJ will also provide entertainment.

CAR SHOWS COMING TO THE KATY AREA

"CARS & CIGARS" cruise-in and meet-up to be held August 5th at Katy Mills Mall

Cigars International of Katy will host a car show on Saturday, August 5th at 5011 Katy Mills Circle, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is free to the public.

Royal ISD to provide free school lunch, breakfast for 2023-2024 school year

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Royal Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals.

This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person: Royal ISD Attention: Joshua Wojciechowski Director of Food and Nutrition 3714 FM 359 Pattison, TX 77466 jwojciechowski@royal-isd.net

KATY AARP Chapter will meet Aug. 8

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy chapter of AARP will meet Tuesday August 8th at Midway BBQ, 6191 Highway Blvd in Katy.

The gathering will start at 6:30 p.m. with a short meeting and announcements. Afterwards, entertainers Jay and Nina Cantu will be singing Classic Country and Pop/Rock songs. Jay has performed in Vegas, the Louisiana Hayride, and throughout the South. Jay and Nina were performers / owners of the popular Liberty Opry show. Visitors are welcome. Allow time to purchase any food before the meeting starts.

For more information, please contact Patty Phelps at pbbp-mid@aol.com.

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Katy ISD reminds volunteers to register for 2023-24 school year

Katy ISD issued a reminder via its Facebook page for all Katy ISD volunteers to register for the 2023-2024 school year. This includes all KEYS mentors, booster club members, business and community partners, or any other individuals who give their

time to Katy ISD campuses. Register at <https://bit.ly/RaptorVolunteer-Registration>. Katy ISD's Raptor safety protocol will require volunteers to register (or re-register) annually, thus creating a new volunteer profile each year, according to the Facebook post.

The district, in a separate Facebook post, reminded parents that the first day of school is Wednesday, August 16th.

The instructional calendar for the 2023-2024 school year may be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/3pMeSYM>.

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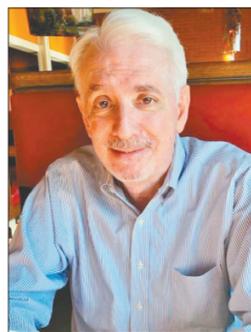
Thomas L. Petruzzo passed away on June 6th from complications of lung cancer.

Born in Rochester, NY on October 5, 1950 to Louis and Anne Petruzzo, he graduated from St. John Fisher College in Rochester where he majored in psychology. He and his wife Marsha married in June of 1974 and moved to Houston in 1977. Upon arriving, Tom worked as a counselor in a psychiatric hospital. Jeana Gobar and Andy Petruzzo, their children, were born soon after that. Jeana lives in the Katy area with her husband Jake and their 3 children-Ethan, Mason, and Abbey. Andy and his wife Jessica live in California.

In the early 80s, Tom became a wine and liquor salesman, first for Quality Beverage and then for Glazers.

Tom leaves his wife of 49 years, Marsha Petruzzo, of Katy. He also leaves his brother, Ron Petruzzo.

A memorial service will be held at Clay's Mortuary, 3923 5th St. Brookshire, Texas on Saturday, September 9th at 11am.



THOMAS L. PETRUZZO
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Katy Area Chamber of Commerce to host "State of the Schools"

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual panel on the state of the three school districts serving the greater Katy area, to be held August 10th at Embassy Suites West Houston, 16435 Katy Freeway.

The luncheon presentation begins at 11:30 and will feature updates from Dr. Ken

Gregorski, Katy ISD superintendent; Rick Kershner, Royal ISD superintendent; and Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Lamar CISD superintendent. Event tickets are \$40.00 for chamber members and may be purchased online on the chamber's website at katychamber.com.

For more information, call the chamber of commerce at 281-391-5289.

Library programs offer chance to practice ESL

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Libraries presents a program for individuals of all nationalities who would like a place to practice their English language and conversation skills. The "ESL Conversation Circles" provide an opportunity for non-English-speaking people to gather in a relaxed setting, and discuss topics of their own choosing while practicing their English skills.

The ESL Conversation Circles will take place at multiple locations in the Fort Bend County library system in August. Reservations are NOT required. The schedule is as follows:

- **Cinco Ranch Branch Library** – 2620 Commercial Center Blvd, Katy: Fridays, August 4, 11, and 18, 2-3 p.m., Multi-purpose Room.
- **Mission Bend Branch Library** – 8421 Addicks Clodine Road: Wednesdays, August 9 and 23, 2:00-3:00 pm, Meeting Room.

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Educators award scholarships to aspiring teachers

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The Katy Area Retired Educators (K.A.R.E.) is proud to announce this year's recipients of the local K.A.R.E. Scholarships. Each year graduating students from all Katy ISD high schools, who are planning to become teachers, are encouraged to submit applications for the scholarships.

This year, K.A.R.E. Scholarships amounting to \$8,400, were awarded to seven members of the Class of 2023 in Katy ISD. Each recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,200.

- Hope Adams – Katy High School
- Emma Bryan – Tompkins High School
- Addie Fowler – Taylor High School
- Donald Nagle – Katy High School
- Hillary Royster – Katy High School
- Rebeca Torres – Mayde Creek High School
- Rena Vela – Tompkins High School

The Katy Area Retired Educators (K.A.R.E.) began awarding scholarships to graduating Katy ISD students who pursue becoming school educators in 2001.

Through the dedicated efforts of the members of K.A.R.E., the number of scholarships and dollar amount of each of the scholarships has increased steadily over the past 22 years. The funding for the scholarships is primarily raised through donations received from the KARE members, special events during the monthly meetings, and in recent years, with help from some supporting local business-



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es. Over the past five years, KARE has provided over 35 scholarships totaling more than \$42,000. The members of KARE see this as an

investment in the future of teachers; just a small step on their way to the noble "calling" of a teaching career. For more information on

the scholarship program, please contact Bob Bryant, Scholarship Chairman, at bobbryant11@comcast.net or 832-444-5756.

The Katy Area Retired Educators (K.A.R.E.) was formed in the 2000-01 school year with only sixteen retired educators. Since that date it has evolved into an organization of over 375 members. It is the local chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. The KARE membership is made up of retired teachers, librarians, counselors, administrators, and other former school district employees. KARE is proud to support present day teachers and public education in Katy ISD and throughout the greater Katy area in many ways. Support from KARE members comes in the forms of mentoring students, substitute teaching, tutoring, providing books and educational supplies, and volunteering on campuses. The organization itself works diligently and actively to assist retired educators (many on a small, fixed teacher retirement income) in their needs, home, and health.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA WINNER



VFW POST 9182

Juliana Gemepino, a student at TAYS Junior High, has won first place in the state of Texas for her drawing in the Illustrating America contest and will go on to compete at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention in July. Go to VFW9182.org for information.

VFW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



VFW POST 9182

Emily Skidmore, graduating from Katy High School, has been awarded a \$3000 scholarship from VFW 9182 Auxiliary. She will be attending University of Missouri. This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Katy ISD graduating student who is a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a Veteran or current service member. See vfw9182.org for details.

Katy ILT student selected for Lone Star Leadership Academy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Cameron Dioguardi, a student at International Leadership of Texas - Katy, has been selected to participate in a summer 2023 Lone Star Leadership Academy camp. Cameron's selection was based on her outstanding academic success, demonstrated leadership ability, involvement in school and community activities and a nomination from her teacher, Elena Anover.

Cameron's Texas State Representative and Senator will be notified of her accomplishment and during the camp, she will visit the Austin offices of her state legislators.

Cameron will join a delegation of outstanding students from across the state to develop leadership skills while learning more about the state of Texas and its leaders. She will also learn about future career and internship opportunities at the

many historic sites that she will visit in the Austin/San Antonio area.

Education in Action, a non-profit organization, hosts Lone Star Leadership Academy camps to empower young people to be informed and active leaders in their communities.



CAMERON DIOGUARDI

Outstanding Texas students are invited to participate in Lone Star Leadership Academy camps in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, and Houston/Galveston. Participants must be in the fourth to eighth grades, maintain an 85 or higher average, demonstrate leadership ability, be involved

in community or schools activities and receive an educator recommendation. Educators are invited to nominate their outstanding fourth to eighth grade students for Lone Star Leadership Academy camps online at www.educationinaction.org/nominate.

For more information, call 817-562-4957 or visit educationinaction.org.

KISD KEYS Mentorship program to hold kick-off in mid-September

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD's Partners in Education department will kick off the district's 2023-2024 mentoring program called KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth toward Success) on September 15th from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Leonard Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy. According

to the district's Partners in Education website, The KEYS Mentor Program matches a caring adult with a student on the brink of success once a week for thirty to forty-five minutes during the school day, with the primary focus of the program on relationship building rather than tutoring.

KEYS is offered at every

Katy ISD campus, each of which has a staff liaison who oversees the school's program. All mentors must make a one school year commitment to a student and complete an application and background check. For more information, please contact Cydney Wright at cydneywright@katyisd.org or call 281-396-2468.



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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ00134 72001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Curry Rail Services, Inc., 1425 11th Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013472001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 6,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on February 28, 2023.

The facility is located at 17000 Premium Drive, in Harris County, Texas 77447. The treated effluent is discharged to a county ditch, thence to an unnamed tributary, thence to Little Cypress Creek, thence to Cypress Creek in Segment No. 1009 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for the county ditch, unnamed tributary and Little Cypress Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1009 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.861944.30.025555&level=18>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Lone Star College - CyFair Library, 9191 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, Texas.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Curry Rail Services, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Alexandra Creany, Curry Supply Holdings, at 814-224-7444.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings At Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2023

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct Hearings At Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. 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 The City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance By Amending The Zoning Map To Zone Approximately 2.467 Acres Of Land In The H&TCRR CO Survey, A-1348, Tracts: 5D, 5F-2, 5G, 5J-1 & 5J-2, In Harris County From "C-1" Commercial District to "R-1" Single-Family District. Amending The City Of Katy's Comprehensive Plan To Conform To The Zoning Classifications Set Forth In This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists. Applicants And Agents Are Kristin Schmidt, William Gill, & Robert Keathley.

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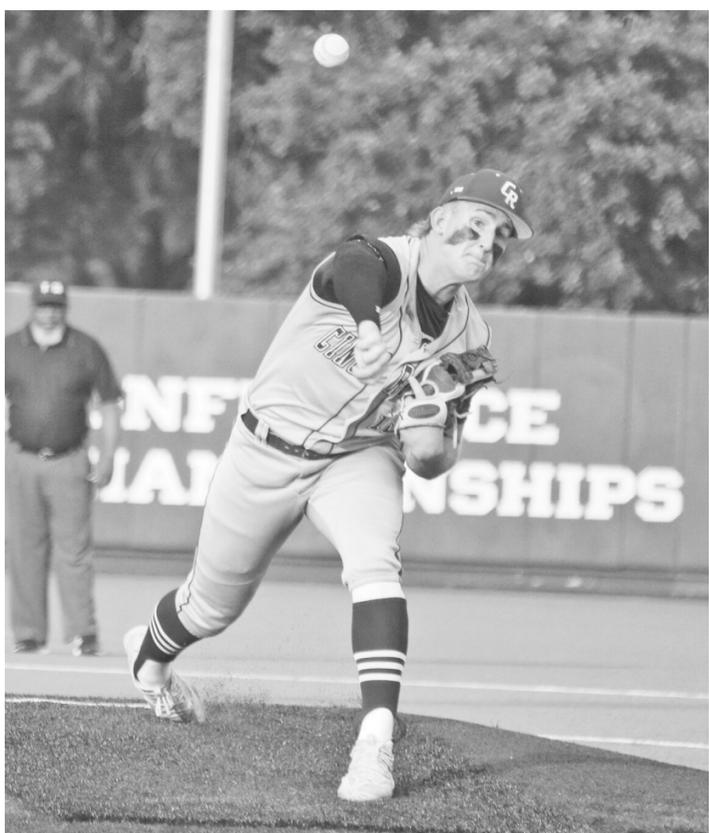
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STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

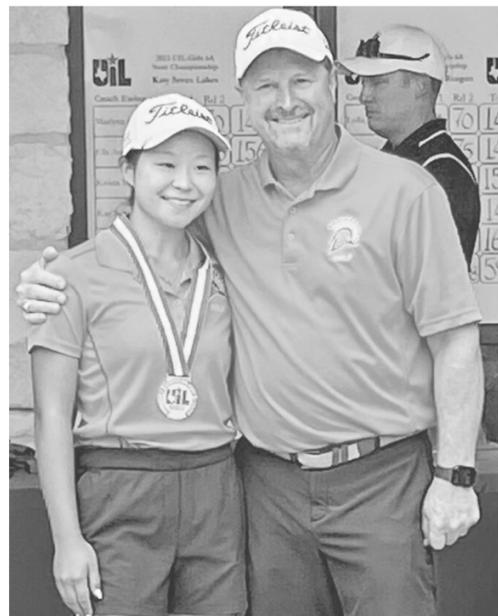
Rutherford, Kim named Katy ISD's top athletes

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD named its Student-Athletes of the Year, with Cinco Ranch's Gavin Rutherford and Seven Lakes' Maelynn Kim taking home the honors for the 2022-2023 school year for their efforts both on and off the field.

"Every year the selection process consists of exceptionally talented student-athletes who demonstrate remarkable prowess in the classroom as well as in the field," said Lance Carter, Executive Director of Athletics. "These students are true role models at their schools and in their communities."

Rutherford finished his high school career as one of the best two sport athletes to come out of Cinco Ranch in school history and in Katy ISD history. He holds the career records in Katy ISD history as well as Cinco Ranch history for passing yards, touchdowns, completions and attempts. He led the Cougars to a 14-9 record over the past two seasons, with the Cougars advancing to the regional semifinals both



COURTESY KATY ISD

Above: Gavin Rutherford pitches during the regional semifinal between Cinco Ranch and Pearland at The University of Houston. Right: Seven Lakes' Maelynn Kim won the Class 6A individual golf state tournament by shooting four under for the tournament.

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56 Katy ISD student-athletes sign to next level

STAFF REPORT

A total of 56 Katy ISD student-athletes formally committed or signed to their college or university of choice just before ending their senior year. Their countless hours of practice, sweat and effort were recognized during a celebration in which each athlete signed a letter of intent for a collegiate sport.

Katy and Tompkins both had 11 signings to lead the district. Katy's included Caleb Koger's signing to the University of Central Arkansas for football and JR Ceyanes signing to Abilene Christian for football. Tompkins included Aidan

Ramshaw signing to Baylor to continue his track career.

Following is the full list of Katy ISD signings during the final signing period.

Cinco Ranch High School Signees:

- Sofia Budnik - Girls Basketball - Eastern Connecticut State University
- Elizabeth Campos - Girls Soccer - Northeastern State University
- Ryan Sidener - Baseball - Navarro College
- Helen Ullrich - Cross Country - Benedictine College

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Cinco Ranch's Ryan Sidener, Sofia Budnik, Elizabeth Campos and Helen Ullrich pose for a photo after signing their National Letters of Intent to play sports at the collegiate level.



Kailey Koval was named to the THSCA Super Elite Swim and Dive Team.



Seven Lakes' Connor Jones was named to the THSCA Super Elite Swim and Dive Team.



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Seven Lakes' Taylor Craft was named to the THSCA Super Elite Swim and Dive Team.

Four Seven Lakes athletes named to Swim/Dive Super Elite Team

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Four Seven Lakes swimmers were named to the Class 6A Texas High School Coaches Association Super Elite Swim and Dive Team, adding to a strong year for Spartans swimmers and athletes.

Connor Jones, Joel Nace, Taylor Craft and Kailey Koval were named to the Super Elite team after strong years and state finishes.

Jones finished third in the 200-yard freestyle at the Class 6A state meet and Nace finished fourth in

the same event. Taylor Craft also competed in the state meet and finished ninth in the 100-yard freestyle while Koval took home a gold medal at state in the 1-meter dive at state. The four were the only Katy ISD representatives on the team.

Kim named to Golf Super Elite Team

Seven Lakes' Maelynn Kim was named to the Class 6A Super Elite golf team after winning this year's Class 6A state tournament.

Kim was one of just five players named to the super elite team, along with Hebron's Stalee Fields, Jersey Village's Daniela Palmeros, Lake Travis' Kate Pickrell and San Antonio Reagan's Lydia Portlock.

Kim won the state golf tournament by finishing four under and winning in a playoff. She shot 70 both days of the tournament and propelled Seven Lakes to an eighth place finish as a team at the tournament. She was the only Katy ISD representative from Katy ISD on the Super Elite Team.



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Tompkins' Adam Benavidez, Aryan Chopra, Nakiara Green, Ilyse Lehmann, Luis Lugo, Eily Morais, Trent McGrath, Nicole Perez-Escobar, Jose Ramos, Aiden Ramshaw and Caden Williams pose for a photo after signing their National Letters of Intent.



Taylor's Carter Celaya and Meredith Saurage pose for a photo after signing their National Letters of Intent.



Seven Lakes Miguel Acosta, Taylor Craft, Grace Havern, Lainey Hieser, Hunter Merritt, Reese Sullivan, Josh Vetter and Emma Wingate pose for a photo after signing their National Letters of Intent.



Paetow's Logan Thomas poses for a photo after signing his National Letter of Intent.



Mayde Creek's Zena Tarhini poses for a photo after signing her National Letter of Intent.



Morton Ranch's Hadley Hyle poses for a photo after signing her National Letter of Intent.

Jordan's Ximena Lopez, Ben Bucic, Davis Duhon and Misaias Herrera pose for a photo after signing their National Letter's of Intent to play sports at the collegiate level.



Katy's Nia Allison, Bronson Burton, JR Ceyanes, Anna Kneisley, Micah Koenig, Caleb Koeger, Jeremy Manibog, Aydan Perdue, Cameron Stukenborg, Connor Timmons and Rodney Trotter pose for a photo after signing their National Letters of Intent.

SIGNINGS

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Jordan High School Signees:

- Ben Bucic - Boys Soccer - University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Davis Duhon - Baseball - Our Lady of the Lake University
- Misaias Herrera - Boys Basketball - Lycoming College
- Ximena Lopez - Track - University of Memphis

Katy High School Signees:

- Nia Allison - Track - New Mexico State University
- Bronson Burton - Football - Avila University
- James Roy "JR" Ceyanes - Football - Abilene Christian University
- Anna Kneisley - Girls Soccer - Midway University
- Micah Koenig - Track - University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- Caleb Koger - Football - University of Central Arkansas
- Jeremy Manibog - Wrestling - Oklahoma State University
- Aydan Perdue - Boys Basketball - Rodgers State University
- Cameron Stukenborg - Baseball - East Central College
- Connor Timmons - Wrestling - Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

- Rodney Trotter - Wrestling - Labette Community College

Mayde Creek High School Signees:

- Simon Cardona - Baseball - Lone Star College
- Anthony Clark - Track and Field - Fort Scott Junior College
- Alan Elliot - Baseball - TCS Post Grad Academy
- Alondra Guardado - Volleyball - York University
- Moise Latan - Baseball - Lone Star College
- Alexia Richard - Soccer - Blinn College
- Italo Rodriguez - Soccer - University of St. Thomas
- Rachel Solano - Track and Field - Southern Arkansas University
- Zena Tarhini - Track and Field - Sam Houston State University

Morton Ranch High School Signees:

- Sienna Adigun - Volleyball - Ranger College
- Daniel Alequin - Football - North Park University
- Makayla BeMent - Basketball - Texas Wesleyan University

- Adrian Covarrubias - Football - Southwestern Assemblies of God University
- Neveah Donaho - Volleyball - Trinity Valley Community College
- Hadley Hyle - Volleyball - Victoria College

Paetow High School Signees:

- Logan Thomas - Football - University of Notre Dame

Seven Lakes High School Signees:

- Miguel Acosta - Baseball - University of St. Thomas
- Taylor Craft - Swim - New Mexico State University
- Grace Havern - Track - DePaul University in Chicago
- Lainey Heiser - Hockey - Williams Smith College
- Hunter Merritt - Soccer - St. Edwards University
- Reese Sullivan - Cross Country and Track - Stephen F. Austin State University
- Josh Vetter - Track and Field - University of Houston
- Emma Wingate - Softball - Tufts University

Taylor High School Signees:

- Carter Celaya - Tennis - University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Meredith Saurage - Softball - Spartanburg Methodist College

Tompkins High School Signees:

- Adam Benavidez - Baseball - University of St. Thomas
- Aryan Chopra - Baseball - University of St. Thomas
- Nakiara Green - Track & Field - Wiley College
- Ilyse Lehmann - Soccer - University of St. Thomas
- Luis Lugo - Soccer - Florida Gulf Coast University
- Emily Morais - Track & Field - Houston Christian University
- Trent McGrath - Wrestling - Texas Wesleyan University
- Nicole Perez-Escobar - Track and Field - Colorado School of Mines
- Jose Ramos - Soccer - The University of Texas at Tyler
- Aiden Ramshaw - Track and Field - Baylor University
- Caden Williams - Track and Field - Pittsburg State University

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seasons.

Over the course of his senior year he completed 209 of 340 passes with a completion percentage of 61.5% while throwing for 3,326 yards and 32 touchdowns to just six interceptions. He averaged over 255 yards per game through the air over the course of the season. Rutherford was named District MVP for his efforts.

On top of his efforts on the football field, Rutherford was a three-year captain on the Cougars' baseball team and helped lead Cinco Ranch to its best ever season, with the team reaching the regional semifinals. Rutherford was a key part of that team, hitting in the No. 3 spot. He also led Cinco into the regional semifinals by pitching a complete game shutout in game three of the regional quarterfinals against Ridge Point. Rutherford has signed with Stephen F. Austin Uni-

versity to continue his football and academic career.

Kim earned the honor of athlete of the year after a huge career that was capped off with a state championship in her senior season. She finished her high school career as a three-time district champion as well.

Over the course of this season, Kim won the District 19-6A championship before winning both the Region III-6A Championship and Class 6A State Championship as well. She led Seven Lakes to a first place finish at the district championships and also the Region III tournament before the Spartans finished in eighth place at the state tournament.

Off the course, she was a top student at Seven Lakes where she showed her dedication. Kim is continuing her golf and academic career at the University of Houston.



Cinco Ranch's QB Gavin Rutherford #12 carries the ball before being pushed out of bounds during a conference game between Cinco Ranch and Morton Ranch at Rhodes Stadium in Katy.

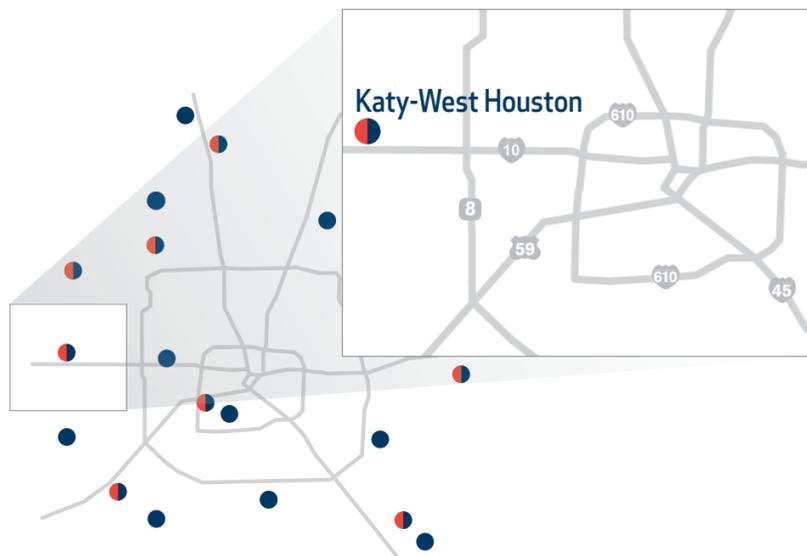
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