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Sheriff's deputies arrest man in fatal accident



DEVIN DELVALLE

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Sheriff's deputies arrested Devin Delvalle, 20, in fatal vehicle-pedal cyclist accident. On September 28, 2023, at approximately 6:46 a.m., the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding an accident involving a motor vehicle and a pedestrian in the

6000 block of Mason Road, Katy. Upon arrival, deputies learned a juvenile male was riding his bicycle in a crosswalk when he was fatally struck by a vehicle being driven by Devin Delvalle. Delvalle remained at the scene, fully cooperative with deputies and investigators. After further investigation, Delvalle was booked into the Fort Bend County

Jail and charged with Motor Vehicle Collision Involving Pedestrian Or Other Vulnerable Road User Within Area Of Crosswalk. His bond is currently pending magistration. This incident remains an ongoing investigation. "This is a very sad and tragic incident on both sides, for the driver, and especially for the victim's fami-

ly," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Drivers need to slow down and pay attention, and that's extremely important in areas that are heavily traveled by children." The victim was a student at Cinco Ranch High School and a member of the football team. The Katy Times is withholding the student's name out of respect for the family.

KP George hosts public meetings on \$865M bond issue

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fort Bend County Judge KP George is hosting a series of community meetings to inform residents about the 2023 Fort Bend County Bonds that will appear on the November 7 ballot. The bond propositions consist of 98 mobility projects for Proposition A for a total of \$712.6 million and Proposition B related to parks projects for a total of \$153 million, resulting in a total bond amount of \$865.6 million. "These informative sessions are designed to provide the public with a comprehensive understanding of the proposed bonds and encompass a range of vital projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Fort Bend County," said a press release from the county. "These initiatives include, but are not limited to, infrastructure improvements, public safety enhancements, and parks and recreational facilities." The second of these meetings took place Tuesday, September 27th, at Fulshear High School in Fulshear with about 60 people in attendance. Joined by Fort Bend Precinct 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales, County Engineer Stacy Slawinski, County Parks and Recreation Director Darren McCarthy and other staff, George outlined the projects covered by the bond in each of the county's four precincts as well as county-wide projects.

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Event organizer Stacy Jacobs of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce (left) looks on as panelists speak during the "Women of Katy" luncheon at Perry's Steakhouse on September 26th. Panelists included (left to right) Dr. Jacinta Anyaoku, physician and owner of Hibiscus Health & Wellness; Jamie McMartin, owner and team leader of the Jamie McMartin Group; Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones; Jamie Retherford, President and CEO of Think All In LLC; and Natalie Thomas, founder and owner of Katy Moms Network.

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Katy Business Association President Olivia Martin and Katy Area Chamber of Commerce VP/Business Development Stacy Jacobs organized and emceed the inaugural "Women of Katy" event at Perry's Steakhouse on September 26th. The pair said that they plan to establish "Women of Katy" as a series of quarterly events.

WOMEN of KATY

KACC, KBA collaborate to present inaugural "Women of Katy" event featuring local panelists

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Over 145 women gathered for lunch at Perry's Steakhouse in La-Centerra on Tuesday, September 26th to hear from other successful women of Katy.

It was the first-ever "Women of Katy" event - jointly hosted by the Katy Business Association and the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. Major corporate sponsors of the event included Goldman Sachs "10,000 Small Businesses," Frost Bank, ER Katy, Memorial Hermann Katy and Houston Methodist West Hospital.

Attendees came to hear advice and business tips from local entrepreneurs and from Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones. In addition to Briones, panelists included Jamie

McMartin, owner of The Jamie McMartin Group; Dr. Jacinta Anyaoku, physician and owner of Hibiscus Health & Wellness; Natalie Thomas, founder and owner of Katy Moms Network; and Jamie Retherford, president and CEO of Think All In, LLC.

"Each panelist was carefully selected for their exceptional leadership qualities in their respective fields or within our community," said Stacy Jacobs, VP/Business Development for the Chamber. "We aimed to infuse this program with a fresh and inspiring perspective, believing that each of them possessed a unique and invaluable message that deserved to be shared with the Women of Katy," added Olivia Martin, president of the Katy

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Callegari to be honored with West Houston Association's 2023 Impact Award

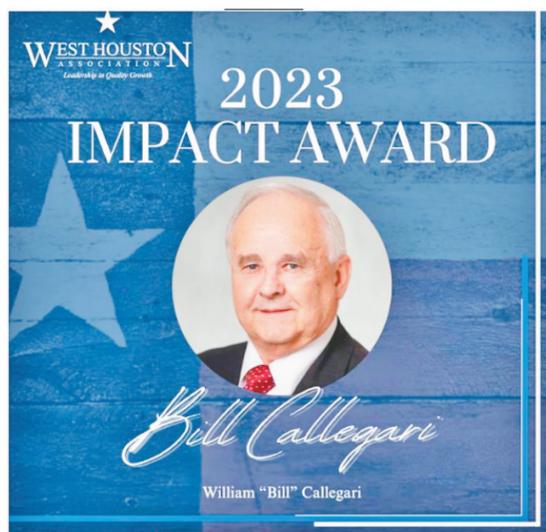
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Longtime local community leader Bill Callegari will receive the 2023 Impact Award from the West Houston Association, in recognition of his many years of service to the West Houston area. The honor is to be conferred at WHA's Public Officials and Awards Reception at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on October 11th.

The Impact Award is an exceptional honor, only given every few years; the last time it was given by the WHA was in 2019, said the association.

For more than fifty years, Callegari has been a major force within the water industry both regionally and across the state. Over the course of his professional career, Callegari founded and ran several major water

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Cancer survivor gives back during childhood cancer awareness month

Canaan's Classic Charity Disc Golf Tourney Benefits B.I.G. Love Cancer Care

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

HOUSTON — September was National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, but cancer doesn't end at the end of the month. One local 15-year-old cancer survivor, Canaan Bryant, knows this all too well. Canaan is dedicated to paying it forward and hosting the 3rd Annual Canaan's Classic Disc Golf Tournament.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 7, at Jones Creek Ranch Park, 7714 FM 359, Richmond. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with the tournament presentation starting at 8:50. Awards and scholarship presentation will be made at approximately 1 p.m.

As of press time, only 15 spots remained available; to register, go to <https://www.biglovecancer-care.org/canaans-classic>.

To date, Canaan's Classic has raised over \$165,000 for cancer families.

Canaan was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in May of 2020. What started out as a sore knee quickly turned into a life-threatening diagnosis. After a year of aggressive treatment, Canaan is now celebrating three years of remission. With a steel rod in his leg, and a heart full of determination, Canaan's desire remains, to give back to other cancer kids.

"We are so grateful for Canaan's health and now wish to serve the cancer community in a real and tangible way," said Melissa Bryant, Canaan's mom. "By partnering with B.I.G. Love Cancer Care, an organization that served us in our greatest time of need, we will be doing just that."

B.I.G. Love's mission is simple yet profound: to ensure that no family faces pediatric cancer alone. Their services include: supplying food for families, financial assistance for housing and bills, funeral help, transportation assistance, end-of-life support and wishes, survivor scholarships plus a host of basic comfort items, toys and holiday fun. Today, their programs reach more than 100,000 patients and their families annually.

Proceeds from the event will benefit B.I.G. Love Cancer Care. For information on how to donate, please visit the website: <https://biglovecancer-care.org/donate.html>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free presentation for special needs families at Cinco Ranch Library on October 9th

Attorney Boyd Handley of The Handley Law Office will present an information session on guardianship and alternatives to guardianship. Learn what guardianship is and why it – or alternatives to it – may be needed. Also learn the difference between full and limited guardianship and get information to help you choose which is better for your family. Boyd Handley is the parent of a young adult of whom he and his wife share guardianship. He gives an informative presentation from a legal perspective and from a parent who has been through the process. Brazos Bend Guardianship Services offers a Guardianship Assistance Program for those who qualify. The session will be held on Monday, October 9th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cinco Ranch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd., Katy. The event is free but reservations are necessary. For reservations, call Brazos Bend Guardianship Services at 281-232-7701.

Fussell Senior Center announces October events

The Fussell Senior Center, located at 5370 E. Fifth Street in Katy, has announced the following events for October:

- Bridge 101 on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Concepts taught include rules, bidding and strategy. Visit the Fussell Senior Center to sign up.
- Quilting Bee on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Woodland Park Community Center, 443 Danover Road, Katy. Advanced, amateur and novice quilters are invited to share in fabric art. No supplies or skills are needed.
- Art of Painting with Carmen, Saturday, October 21st at 10 a.m. at the Fussell Senior Center at 5370 E. Fifth Street, Katy.
- Senior Night Out, Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Los Cucos, 5831 Highway Blvd., Katy. No sign-up or membership required.

Congressman Troy Nehls celebrates opening of new local office with rope cutting on October 6th

Congressman Troy Nehls invites area



SUSAN ROVEGNO

The Fulshear Scarecrow Festival, featuring Trunk or Treat, live music, vendor booths, games and more, will be held at 29255 FM 1093 near THRIVE Church in Fulshear from 3 to 6 p.m. on October 28th.

residents to the grand opening of his new district office at 6510 FM 359 Suite 200, Fulshear on October 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. Meet members of Nehls' team and tour the new office. An official rope cutting is scheduled for approximately 4:45 p.m.

St. Faustina Festival to be held October 7-8

Enjoy free entry, food, desserts, live music, auction, raffle, games and a petting zoo at the St. Faustina Festival on October 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on October 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Cody Ray Henry Band and The Last Supper Club Band. The festival will take place at St. Faustina Church, 28102 F.M. 1093, Fulshear.

Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union offers free shredding event on October 21st

On October 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union will be offering a free shredding service at its Katy branch at 25525 Katy Mills Drive, Katy. Bring loose leaf items in a box; staples and paper clips may be included. Items NOT accepted include binder clips, newspapers, spiral-bound notebooks and CDs. Limit: five boxes/bags per vehicle. For more information, go to bvscu.org/services/shred-days/.

Hope Impacts hosts annual golf fundraiser on October 23rd

Hope impacts, a local nonprofit

which provides housing assistance and other services to the homeless, will be hosting its eighth annual golf tournament fundraiser on October 23rd at Weston Lakes Country Club, 5304 Windrush St. in Fulshear. For more information, call (713) 705-7884 or go to hopeimpacts.org.

Keep Katy Beautiful to hold fall community garage sale on October 28th

It's time to get the closets cleaned out and the garages organized! Host a garage sale at your home on Saturday, October 28, and help Keep Katy Beautiful to promote reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Register your garage sale online by October 23 to be included on the garage sale map at cityofkaty.com/residents/community-garage-sale.

Fulshear Scarecrow Festival coming on October 28th at Cross Creek Ranch

Celebrate fall with the Fulshear Scarecrow Festival, featuring Trunk or Treat, live music, vendor booths, games and more. Free admission. The event – a project of the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fulshear -- will be held at 29255 FM 1093 near THRIVE Church in Fulshear from 3 to 6 p.m. on October 28th. Trunk or treat registration is free for family trunks and nonprofits. Vendor spaces are still available. For more information, contact the chamber at 832-600-3221.

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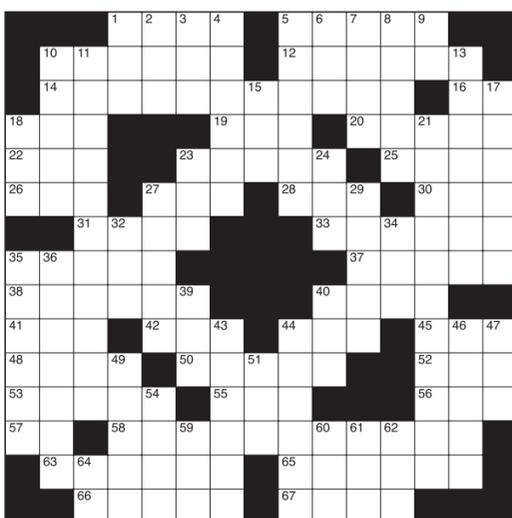
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CLUES ACROSS

- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Byproduct of fire
- Talked
- Unique skill
- Unembarrassed
- Where teenagers go
- Boxing's GOAT
- Used to anoint
- Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- Auburn great Newton
- Some are for Christmas
- Dried, split pulses
- Self
- Where to get your mail
- High schoolers' test
- Flightless bird
- Expectorated
- Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- Type of patch
- French river
- Told on
- Hillside
- Peyton's little brother
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Progressive country musician
- Witness
- Brews
- Yellowish-brown
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)

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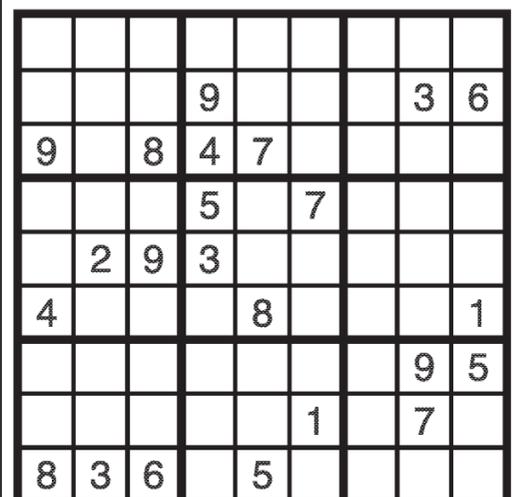
- Mexican agave
- Type of "cast"
- Popular breakfast food
- Atomic #52
- Position north or south of the equator
- Gadget
- Another recording
- Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- Dark brown
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Partner to flow
- A very large body of water
- Accumulate on the surface of
- Central cores of stems
- Angry
- Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- Fastened with a pin
- On your way: ___ route
- Soviet labor camp system
- Enmities
- B complex vitamin
- Go quickly
- Toast
- A team's best pitcher
- Philly culinary specialty
- Small child
- Unhappy
- Trims away



- Full of tears
- Touch softly
- Former OSS
- A person's chest
- Came from behind
- Fall back
- Nellie __, journalist
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Weather
- Sports broadcaster Ian
- Electroencephalograph
- Phenyl salicylate
- Web of Things
- Ship goods as cargo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Young female
- OJ trial judge
- One's grandmother
- West Siberian river

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

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

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Business Association and president and CEO of KTX Window Cleaning.

Each panelist explained what she did and why she did it; Briones responded that in her office “we get to drive change.” She spoke of the importance of creating structure and putting it in place “to guard your sanity.” Thomas talked about the founding of Katy Moms Network and how that had evolved from a platform to help local moms to a platform that also helps small businesses grow.

Panelists also described their most exciting current project. “COVID took away our ability to connect,” said Thomas as she described the special events she is launching in order to bring the “moms community” together. Briones talked about trying to build bridges among organizations to help them work together. “At the end of the day, the question is ‘did you fix the problem,’” she said. McMartin described her plan to help real estate agents in her firm to create a legacy program through which they could earn future passive income from all their past hard work. Dr. Anyaoku mentioned her participation in “Leadership Katy,” a program of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. Retherford discussed her plans for acquiring more government contracts through MBE programs.

Speakers also discussed their tips for digital marketing, con-



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Flanked by the event organizers, the panelists from the inaugural “Women of Katy” event unite for a photo. Left to right: Stacy Jacobs, vice president/business development of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Jacinta Anyaoku, physician and owner of Hibiscus Health & Wellness; Jamie McMartin, owner and team leader of the Jamie McMartin Group; Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones; Jamie Retherford, President and CEO of Think All In LLC; Natalie Thomas, founder and owner of Katy Moms Network; and Olivia Martin, owner of KTX Window Cleaning and president of the Katy Business Association.

tent brand messaging and other marketing strategies, as well as systems that they had created for their companies in order to manage communication with employees and to stay on top of the growth of their businesses. Speakers also explored challenges they faced as

entrepreneurs and discussed how they managed to stay motivated and how they each led their teams, as well as preventing personal burnout. Retherford talked about the importance of continuous learning. “You have to be methodical in your learning,” she said.

“It was a natural fit for these two established Katy-based member organizations -- Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and Katy Business Association -- to market and facilitate this type of program,” said Stacy Jacobs, VP/Business Development for the chamber.

“We were able to put this program together so quickly because of the incredible and quick response of local sponsors and the existing infrastructure of the Katy Area Chamber and Katy Business Association.”

“We began researching and developing this program around February 2023. It wasn’t until we gained the support from an executive at Goldman Sachs 10KSB program who saw our vision. We began planning in Summer 2023 and as partners on this program, our individual strengths complemented each other and we were able to execute a successful first inaugural event,” added Martin.

Martin said that there are plans for “Women of Katy” to become a quarterly event. “Future ‘Women of Katy’ programs will continue to passionately focus on fostering support, inspiration, and unity among women,” said Martin. “We look forward to providing business resources, informational sessions, and connections among the Women of Katy. Whether you are an aspiring professional, established entrepreneur, a community leader, or simply someone looking to connect with influential women in the Katy area, the ‘Women of Katy’ program welcomes you with open arms.”

To learn more about future “Women of Katy” events, check the chamber website at katychamber.com and the Katy Business Association’s website at thekba.org.

Waller County mobility bond project list finalized

According to the Waller County website, these projects slated for Precincts 3 and 4 made the cut for inclusion in the county’s first-ever mobility bond. See the complete list at www.co.waller.tx.us/page/MobilityBondInfo.

WALLER COUNTY MOBILITY PROJECTS IN PRECINCTS 3 AND 4 (KATY AREA)

Precinct	Project	From	To	Project Type	Description	Cost Estimate
4	Morton Road	FM 2855	Pitts Road	Capacity	Widen from 2 to 4 lane with median and sidewalks; intersection improvements	\$40,618,000.00
4	Schlipf Road	Morton Rd	US 90	Capacity	New roadway to 4 lane with median	\$29,815,000.00
3 & 4	Clay Road	FM 2855	Waller Co. line	Capacity	Widen from 2 to 4 lane with median and sidewalks; intersection improvements	\$34,951,000.00
4	Bartlett Rd.	Franz Rd	Clay Road	Capacity	New roadway to 4 lane with median and sidewalks; intersection improvements	\$26,800,000.00
3	Stockdick Rd.	FM 2855	Schlipf Road	Capacity	Widen from 2 to 4 lane with median; intersection improvements	\$12,500,000.00
1 & 3	Cochran Road	US 290 Business	Brumlow Rd	Capacity	Widen from 2-lane to 3-lane with center -turn lane; intersection improvements	\$11,500,000.00
3	Adams Flat Rd	FM 359	Wilson Rd	Maintenance	Mill and overlay existing 2-lane roadway	\$778,000.00
2 & 3	Old Houston Hwy at Blinka Rd			Intersection improvement	Additional signage, striping and realignment of curb radii.	\$42,000.00
3	Wilson Rd at FM 529/362			Intersection improvement	Add LED flashing chevrons, relocate stop sign and signal cabinets and install guard rail. If warranted, consider traffic signal.	\$21,000.00
3	Morrison Rd at FM 529/2855			Intersection improvement	Install overhead flashing beacon, additional signage, striping, and pavement markings. Widen shoulder on W leg of intersection or construct EB right-turn deceleration lane	\$192,000.00
4	Neumann Rd	FM 362	Depot St	Maintenance	Mill and overlay existing 2-lane roadway	\$1,638,000.00
2 & 3	Penick and Mathis Rd	Betka Rd	Hebert Rd	Maintenance	Mill and overlay existing 2-lane roadway	\$2,625,000.00

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utility companies, helped create the Association of Water Board Directors - Texas, and served on several professional committees and boards relating to environmental control, water, and wastewater treatment. Callegari served seven terms in the Texas Legislature representing the Harris County communities of Katy and Cypress. Among his many legislative successes, he authored water resource management legislation, created the Texas Hurricane Center for Innovative Technology, and worked to amend the Texas Constitution making way for water districts to receive reimbursement for creating parks and recreational facilities.

“On behalf of WHA’s Board of Directors, it’s an honor to recognize the extraordinary life’s work of Mr. Bill Callegari with our 2023 Impact Award,” said WHA CEO and President Dr. Alan Steinberg via LinkedIn.

The West Houston Association has a 40-year history of bringing new ideas to Greater West Houston in infrastructure, public policies and planning. The 501 c4 nonprofit organization – made up of property owners, major employers, and related community interests -- aims to create a better living and working environment for the 1.6 million residents and 600,000 employees in Greater West Houston. The organization advocates for improved mobility, better infrastructure, and a sustainable quality of living environment for the region.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Fort Bend County Judge KP George informs area residents about the upcoming mobility and park bond issues slated for the November 7th election, at a meeting at Fulshear High School on September 26th.

BOND

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Bond projects planned for Precinct 1 in the northern portion of Fort Bend County and the Katy area include:

- Road repairs and traffic safety improvements
- Upgrades to Skinner Lane, Settegast Ranch Road, Falcon Landing Blvd. and other roads
- Upgrade Fulshear Bend Drive to a 6-lanedivided concrete roadway
- Sidewalk construction
- Funding for SH 99 Frontage Road projects
- Turf conversion for baseball fields at Freedom Park
- Development of Daily Paark and Jones Creek Ranch Park
- Creative of a Precinct 1 dog park (location to be determined)

County-wide projects include:

- Expand the emergency network infrastructure monitoring system
- Implement Smart Signal Technology initiative
- Conduct pedestrian mobility study
- Construct 4th Street with contributions from Precincts 1 and 4
- Upgrade next gen ITS with Precincts 2, 3 and 4 contributions
- Introduce via micro-transit with contributions from Precincts 3 and 4
- Develop a sports complex in central Fort Bend County
- Expand multi-purpose parks and recreational facilities county-wide

Future meeting dates include:

- October 16th from 6 to 7:00 p.m. at University Branch Library, 14010

University Blvd., Meeting Room #1, Sugar Land.

- October 18th from 6 to 7:00 p.m. at Sienna Branch Library, 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd., Missouri City.

Additional meeting dates, times, and locations will be announced in the coming weeks to ensure accessibility for all residents of Fort Bend County.

“I invite all our Fort Bend County residents to participate in these important community meetings to become informed about the upcoming bond proposal,” stated Judge George. “Our resident’s input and engagement are essential in shaping the future of our county.”

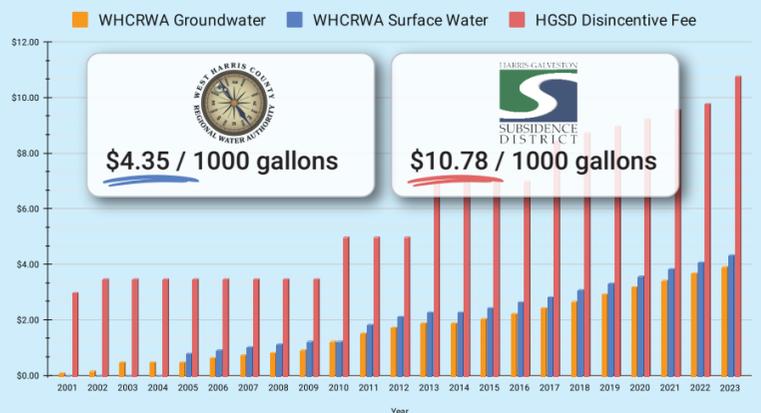
For more information and updates regarding the community meetings, please visit fbctx.gov/bond-projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

MUDs in the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District Regulatory Area 3 that do not meet the surface water conversion requirements as mandated by the Texas Legislature would be forced to pay the HGSD’s \$10.78 per 1000 gallons disincentive fee.



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Katy ISD students shine at Lone Star leadership camps

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Ten Katy ISD students were among 840 outstanding 4th through 8th graders from across Texas who recently had the opportunity to hone their leadership skills at the 2023 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps. During the camps, which took place in Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston, students completed problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercises in creativity, and practiced

presentation skills.

Throughout the weeklong camps, these distinguished students developed leadership skills while also learning about the great state of Texas. "It's always wonderful to see students taking on a leadership role and making it a priority to learn about the rich history of the State of Texas," said Dr. Christine Caskey, Chief Academic Officer at Katy ISD. "In addition to visiting the Alamo, Natural Bridge Caverns and other iconic sights these students also visited the State Capitol where

they met with elected officials to learn about teamwork," Caskey added.

Students also visited and learned about notable and historically significant Texas Sites. Venues included the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, Perot Museum, the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas-Fort Worth, the Texas Capital, the Supreme Court of Texas, but watching on the Lone Star Riverboat, the Alamo, NASA, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, and others.

STUDENTS REPRESENTING KATY ISD

Student	School	Academy Camp
Emery Bradley	Bryant Elementary	Austin/San Antonio Camp
Jayden Adetoro	Haskett Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Sydney Rogers	Katy Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Samantha Richter	Memorial Parkway Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Lexie Troutman	Memorial Parkway Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Katherine Marinho	Seven Lakes Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Iyanna Padilla	Tays Junior High	Dallas/Fort Worth Camp
Victor Gheorghisor	WoodCreek Junior High	Houston/Galveston Camp
Kristopher Hodgins	Jordan High School	Austin/San Antonio Camp
Kaila Pierson	Seven Lakes High School	Austin/San Antonio Camp

11 Katy ISD music ensembles recognized as national winners in Mark of Excellence Awards

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Eleven Katy ISD music ensembles were recently recognized as national winners in The Foundation for Music Education Mark of Excellence Competition. Only the top 25% of entrants receive the National Winner distinction. The second 25% are named as Commended Winners.

"The Foundation of Music Education is an organization that recognizes the highest performing ensembles across the nation. Katy ISD recently

had 11 ensembles including bands, orchestras and choirs receiving this district honor," said Damon Archer, Executive Director of Fine Arts. "Congratulations to these directors and students for receiving this well-deserved recognition," added Archer.

This year, the national event received 440 entries from 40 states. The Mark of Excellence project seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievements in performance by high school and middle/junior high band, choirs and orchestras.

MARK OF EXCELLENCE NATIONAL WINNERS:

Music Ensemble

Seven Lakes High School Sinfonia Orchestra
Seven Lakes High School Symphony Orchestra

Seven Lakes Junior High Varsity Treble Choir
Seven Lakes Junior High Tenor Bass Choir
Joe M Adams Junior High Honors Band
Seven Lakes Junior High Chamber Orchestra
Jordan HS Sinfonia Orchestra
Jordan High School Symphony

Director

Desiree Overree
Desiree Overree, John Mays & Sean Carlton
Kristin Likos
Kristin Likos
Darlene Blose
Jennifer Gingell & Bethany Hagin
Kyle Davis
Kyle Davis & Daniel Galloway

MARK OF EXCELLENCE COMMENDED NATIONAL WINNERS:

Music Ensemble

Cinco Ranch JH Honors Band
Tays Junior High Chamber Orchestra
WoodCreek Junior High Chamber Orchestra

Director

Rachelle Isaacson
Bryanna Porter
Klayton Hoefler



Elementary Campus Principals

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Forty Katy ISD campuses earn prestigious Energy Star Certification

Forty Katy Independent School District campuses have earned the Energy Star Certification by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Energy Star certified buildings are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide. The Energy Star certification based on key factors like occupancy, hours of operation, and other metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States based on actual, verified energy performance, according to a press release from KISD.

Katy ISD's operations and campus teams continue to conserve energy through strategies that include fine-tuning air conditioning (AC) run times, identifying unused AC/lighting schedules, overnight equipment checks, updating technology and other protocols. These energy efficient practices save the district approximately \$2 million per year.

"Thanks to the community

support of the bond projects, the Katy ISD Operations Division has been able to install new equipment that is both energy-efficient and more reliable for campuses and district facilities," said Chief Operations Officer Ted Vierling. "Through future bond projects and component replacements, additional Katy ISD campuses and facilities will be evaluated and added to this prestigious list," Vierling added.

The following campuses have been awarded the Energy Star certification:

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- Bear Creek Elementary
- Bethke Elementary
- Bryant Elementary
- Campbell Elementary
- Cimarron Elementary
- Crech Elementary
- Davidson Elementary
- Exley Elementary
- Fielder Elementary
- Franz Elementary
- Golbow Elementary
- Hayes Elementary
- Holland Elementary

- Jenks Elementary
- Kilpatrick Elementary
- Leonard Elementary
- McElwain Elementary
- Memorial Parkway Elementary
- Nottingham Country Elementary
- Randolph Elementary
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- Stanley Elementary
- Stephens Elementary
- Sundown Elementary
- West Memorial Elementary
- Williams Elementary
- Wilson Elementary
- Wolfe Elementary
- Wolman Elementary
- Wood Creek Elementary
- Adams Junior High
- Beckendorff Junior High
- McMeans Junior High
- Memorial Parkway Junior High
- West Memorial Junior High
- Jordan High School
- Tompkins High School
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VFW scholarship deadline is Oct. 31

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local VFW Post 9182 reminds local junior high and high school students that October 31st is the deadline to apply for the "Voice of Democracy"

scholarships. A high school student can earn a \$30,000 college scholarship or a middle school student can win \$5,000. According to the post's website, the National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regard to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 64,500 9-12 grade students from across

The rules and forms may be found at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>.

the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

Local post winners will receive cash awards for first, second, and third place. Winning entries are sent to VFW District 17 with those winners sent on to the VFW Department of Texas and those winners on to National. At each level there are cash or scholarship awards.

To apply, download and complete the entry form and submit to VFW Post 9182, Attn: Voice of Democracy, P.O. Box 37, Katy, TX 77492 by midnight, Oct. 31.



Angels Programs

ASC Educational and Outreach Program Provides breast health knowledge to women in the Houston Metropolitan and surrounding areas while raising awareness about prevention, early detection, and disparities in the community.

Angel Network Program Provides monthly membership 'support group' meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month. During the pandemic, these meetings are held virtually and features speakers from within the health care community.

Scholarship Program Provides scholarships to current high school graduates in pursuit of a higher education. This scholarship is dedicated to those whose mothers have succumbed to breast cancer or if the mother is going through treatment during the student's senior year in high school.

Mental Health Program Provides counseling services to women facing mental distress before, during and after breast cancer treatment.

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Breast Health Matters

Enlighten, Encourage, Empower, and Educate

Angels Impact

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- Being an advocate and standing in the gap
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Katy native serves aboard U.S. Navy floating airport

BY JOSIAH TROMBLEY, NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Seaman Kaitlyn Galer, a native of Katy, is one of more than 5,000 sailors serving aboard the self-contained mobile airport, USS Abraham Lincoln.

Equipped with a full flight deck and more than 60 aircraft including attack fighter jets and helicopters, aircraft carriers are one of the largest warships in the world.

Galer, a 2020 Sam Houston State University graduate, joined the Navy one year ago.

"Prior to the military, I played basketball and was a manager in fast food," said Galer. "It has been useful in my career thus far not only for my work ethic but for leading

others in the right way."

This year commemorates 50 years of women flying in the U.S. Navy. In 1973, the first eight women began

flight school in Pensacola. One year later six of them, known as "The First Six," earned their "Wings of Gold." Over the past 50 years, the Navy has expanded its roles for women to lead and serve globally, and today women aviators project power from the sea in every type of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard aircraft. According to Navy officials, our Nation and our Navy is stronger because of their service.

With 90 percent of global

commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to

emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to trained sailors and a strong Navy.

As a member of the Navy, Galer is part of a world-class organization focused on maintaining maritime dominance, strengthening partnerships, increasing warfighting capabilities and sustaining combat-ready forces in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy's main goal is to patrol the water and make sure peace is kept across the

sea," said Galer.

Galer has many opportunities for accomplishment during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment is completing a seven-month temporary active duty deployment with USS Chester Nimitz," said Galer. "I'm proud because not many people can say that they did that. I also made it back home safely."

As Galer and other sailors continue to perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy means a lot to me because I know that I'm making my family proud while doing something I love to do," said Galer. "It also means my younger family members will always have someone to look up to."

Galer is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my parents, Shelley Galer and Kevin Galer, my grandpar-

ents, Dave and Helen Galer, and my brothers, Clint Lyons, Cody Gomez, Ethan Galer, and Caleb Galer for their support and getting me to where I am today," said Galer.



KAITLYN GALER

KATY'S FIRST UMC 125TH ANNIVERSARY

State Representative Mike Schofield, whose district includes Katy, presents a proclamation commemorating the church's 125th anniversary to Senior Pastor Mark Kimbrough at the Family Life Center of Katy's First UMC, 5601 Fifth Street, Katy, on September 24th.



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Katy mayor Dusty Thiele reads a special proclamation recognizing the 125th anniversary of Katy's First United Methodist Church at the Family Life Center on September 24th as Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris looks on.

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FIGHT LIKE A GIRL

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Early detection is key in fighting breast cancer, says Candice Cross

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

If there is only one message that Candice Cross can share with the Katy community – it is that “early detection matters.”

Candice discovered that she had breast cancer when she went in for her annual mammogram. Even though her grandmother had survived breast cancer, Candice never expected that it would happen to her.

When she received her diagnosis, she was in shock.

“Life stood still,” Cross said. All I could think was my children and their futures. My oldest son was in his senior year at Katy High School and was about to have surgery himself. We were focused on assisting him with getting into The University of A&M and scholarship applications were due. I didn’t have time to deal with this. I needed to focus on my son who had worked so long to get to where he was...how could this be happening now. You might think I was too focused on my son, but he had been fighting his own health battles since birth, with multiple surgeries and medical procedures. After 18 years, this was going to be his last surgery. There was no time for me to be sick, especially now.”

But the challenges were just beginning. Her insurance wouldn’t cover the hospital, but they would cover the surgeon.

“When I went in to get my mammogram, as they were getting ready to begin, a nurse came in and said there had been a mistake,” said Cross. She was told that her insurance company will not cover the procedure.

“[The nurse] said you might want to reconsider having this done today. Flustered, knowing I had already taken off work, I let her know it would be fine and that I would just cover the cost myself. I had no idea how



PHOTO COURTESY OF CANDICE CROSS

important that decision would be in my life.”

“In addition to this, later on, when I found out that I needed surgery, this time the insurance company said they would cover the cost for the surgeon but not the hospital,” continued Cross. “I had done my research -- it was crucial that I have my procedure done at MD Anderson; however, that was now not an option. This was completely insane! Later that day my surgeon’s nurse called and let me know. On that phone call, I realized how costly this would be to my family -- there was no way this could be happening. I told the nurse I was sorry, but I would not be having the surgery. I can just wait to see if it gets worse. No one knows for sure yet, so I still have time.”

During the call Cross had no idea her surgeon was listening in and heard her response. Cross said that she was speechless, when her surgeon interrupted on the phone, saying “Hold on right there...” The surgeon went on to say the surgery needed to be done and she would go to any hospital that Cross’ insurance would approve.

“There was such passion in her voice,” said Cross. “She cared so much about me.”

Cross ended up having treatment at Texas Women’s Hospital in the Medical Center, under the care of her original surgeon.

“Because my symptoms were discovered at the earliest possible time, and I went for my yearly mammogram, I was blessed to only have a small surgical procedure,” said Cross. “If I would have waited or had chosen not to have my yearly mammogram, the results could have been very different.”

The cancer forming cells that were found were detected very early on. “My surgery was very small compared to other women,” said Cross. “With incredible technology, education, and the ability to have yearly mam-

mograms have helped so many women.”

“When my grandmother had breast cancer, there were no choices and no options -- you had to have a full mastectomy immediately. When she was alive, this was a disease that was never talked about. This might surprise you, but her sons didn’t even know she had the surgery back then.”

Following the surgery, Cross said that she did have to take some time off work from her job in real estate.

“However, my colleagues at Keller Williams Premier helped me every step of the way,” she said. She also credits family and friends for their unwavering support. “I have the most incredible family,” she said. “My husband and my children were there every step of the way. We knew whatever the outcome was it was part of our Lord’s plan, and it would be okay.”

“One of the most cherished memories I have from recovering are from my friends who didn’t just support me during this journey but also supported my children,” Cross added. “We tend to forget this can be very hard on the families especially the children.”

Cross wants to emphasize the importance of early detection. “If I would have chosen to walk away the day I had my mammogram, my entire world would’ve looked very different,” she said. “From one mom to another...I know how busy life can get. It can be difficult to think of ourselves; however, early detection can make such a difference.” Cross added this quote from Charlotte Ross, which was sent to her from a friend: “Mammograms are really like a gift. You can either catch everything early or count your lucky stars because nothing was

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National Mammography Day to be celebrated on October 20th

FROM STAFF REPORTS

National Mammography Day is observed annually on the third Friday in October as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year, the date falls on Friday, October 20th.

History of National Mammography Day

According to https://www.nationaldaystoday.com/national-mammography-day/#google_vignette, President Bill Clinton officiated the National Mammography Day as a national Holiday in 1993. It has been part of the Breast Cancer Awareness week every year and it is used to encourage women to get breast cancer screening. The history of the mammogram, however, dates back to 1913, when a German doctor used an X-Ray machine to detect breast cancer. In 1956, the imaging of the mammography was improved so that better results could be realized. The technology has since progressed even more and currently, there are 2D and 3D mammograms available.

How to celebrate National Mammography Day

Some things that you can do to celebrate the National Mammography Day include the following:

- Get your mammogram to reduce your risk of breast cancer – early detection is critical
- Organize a fundraiser or attend one so that more women are supported in their fight against breast cancer
- Help someone who is affected by breast cancer – drive her to her appointment, offer pampering services including massage therapy or visit and help with cleaning and cooking
- Post on social media to help rally others to participate and to boost breast cancer awareness in the community

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Beverly Bivens Allen



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BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

A servant leader, Beverly Bivens Allen, a mother of five daughters, was hit hard with a recent cancer diagnosis of Stage 4 Triple Negative Breast Cancer (the most aggressive form). Today, as she faces the momentous challenge of overcoming breast cancer, she now shares her personal story of accepting the reality of change, working while healing and shining a light on symptoms of Triple Negative Breast Cancer in African-American women.

Like many other women, Allen skipped her mammogram during the pandemic. "It was the one and only time, I went without because I had no family history of breast cancer (so I thought), so I figured I'd be okay," she said. "In early 2022, I overlooked indicators such as an enlarged breast, an erect nipple and leather texture skin under the left breast. Unfortunately, on August 9, 2022, I was informed that I was positive for Breast Cancer by my OBGYN, Dr. Taryll Jenkins."

"My initial reaction was disbelief," continued Allen. "After talking to my OBGYN, I sat on my balcony in disbelief. My main concern was for my five daughters, Alexandria (29), Arianna (24), Alyssa (23), Amari (21) and Asia (20). I was praying that I did not pass breast cancer to them. Having to call each of them was the most devastating thing that I had ever had to do. Thankfully, after genetic testing, it was determined that the breast cancer was not genetic."

After being diagnosed, Allen says that she had to share the news with others in an attempt to help someone else avoid the same faith. She posted a 25-minute video on Facebook filled with truth and humor to share with her family and friends, including all of the missed indicators she experienced and to encourage women to get a mammogram. A day later, a childhood

friend saw the video after finding a lump, went for a mammogram and discovered she was positive for TNBC. "She thanked me for the video and I encouraged her to share her story," said Allen. "We were able to encourage one another along the way. Today, she is cancer-free. Unfortunately, after a series of tests and scans, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Triple Negative Breast Cancer. I'm grateful that I was able to complete my last cancer treatment almost a year to the day of first starting chemotherapy."

Starting September 16, 2022, Allen started six rounds of intense chemotherapy and had a left bilateral mastectomy, along with 12 cycles of immunotherapy and 33 rounds of radiation (with 6 additional rounds of chemotherapy). "I did not have any challenges receiving treatment," Allen said. "St. Luke's CHI provided a wonderful surgical experience with a diverse medical team of minority physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses. We cannot underestimate the value of cultural competencies when it comes to cancer treatment and care. The level of comfort I felt through my tears is indescribable."

Allen was able and determined to work and stay busy during her treatment, even taking Zoom calls during chemotherapy and immunotherapy sessions. As the Development Director for The Source, non-profit women's clinic, she was able to host a Charity Pickleball Tournament at the Houston Racquet to help provide access to healthcare for under-resourced women including vital breast exams. The event raised close to \$300,000.

Allen says she was supported during her fight by family and friends. "As a native Wisconsinite, I am grateful to both my Wisconsin and my Texas family and friends who sustained me during this cancer journey. I could not have made it without their continuous love and support. I am grateful for the countless prayers, get well cards, HEB

healthy meals and scheduled chemotherapy 'dates.' In addition, my The Source held "special" prayer calls and prayed for my healing during weekly staff meetings. I am so grateful that God led me to The Source for such a time as this."

Allen has several bits of advice for others who are fighting breast cancer:

- **A positive mindset is key.** Avoid anything or anyone that steals your joy and peace.
- **Supplementation is important.** Allen said that a nurse told her not to worry about her Vitamin D level, later to learn that Vitamin D deficiency is a direct link to breast cancer.
- **Know your family's medical history.** Allen's mother passed in 2019 of a stroke, so her focus was on heart health, with cancer never crossing her mind. After receiving the cancer diagnosis, Allen was forced to reach out to her father, with whom she had no relationship, to ask him his family history. At age 50, she learned that there was a history of breast cancer on her father's side of the family. In fact, he himself had had a mammogram to check for breast cancer.
- **If you are told you have dense breasts, please continue to stay on top of your annual mammograms.**

Allen also has advice for well-meaning friends and family who want to help someone fighting cancer. "Show up!" she said. "Showing up does not have to be anything major. Send a card, host a prayer call or deliver a meal."

Allen's desire to educate others fuels her current involvement in the fight against cancer. "This month, as a part of health education, I will be sharing my journey with under-resourced women who may have questions about breast cancer," she said. "I believe my life has been spared to help others thrive. Also, I plan on creating a journal to help women navigate the journey and share more 'hacks' I've learned along the way."

Katy Mills kicks off "Shop with Purpose"

to benefit Susan G. Komen

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy Mills announced its fall campaign, "Shop with Purpose" to support Susan G. Komen, the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization via a press release on October 2nd. During the month of October, retailers will participate in a range of activities to raise funds to support Susan G. Komen's mission to prevent and cure breast cancer.

The Shop with Purpose program will include a digital Savings Pass, valid for discounts at select retailers and will be available for a \$10 donation, with 100% of all proceeds will benefit Susan G. Komen.

The Digital Discount Pass can be used at the following participating retailers. Valid October 1-31. Katy Mills Mall is located at 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy.

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Memorial Hermann to host women's health symposium Oct. 21

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Memorial Hermann Katy will host a morning of presentations on wellness and cancer prevention from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on October 21st at 23900 Katy Freeway. A featured panel of affiliated physicians will explore a variety of health topics, from primary care to gynecological care to cancer care. Experts will share tips for prevention, early detection and proper screenings. Panelists include:

- Tiffany Ikwaagwu, MD Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Solafa Elshatanoufy, MD Urogynecology Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
- Sarwat Makkani, DO Internal Medicine Primary Care
- Alpa Nick, MD Gynecological Oncology

Blood pressure and glucose screenings will be offered before and after the program. A brunch of lite bites will be provided. The event is free, but seating is limited. To RSVP: Call 713.222.CARE (2273) or visit memorialhermann.org/patients-visitors/classes-events.

CROSS

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discovered -- either way, you're ahead of the game."

Her advice for others who are fighting breast cancer: "Don't give up. There are so many women fighting this disease and there are people all around you who care. Seek out medical professionals who have the passion of caring about you, empowering you and are willing to fight this battle right by your side."

Cross' final message: "Through this experience I realized the importance of being able to talk to others about breast cancer, especially within your families. It's not an easy topic to discuss especially with children. I applaud schools for bringing awareness of this disease to our children. It empowers them to have the knowledge we didn't have growing up. So when they have families, this discussion will be more comfortable."

For over 10 years -- long before her diagnosis -- Cross has been involved in raising awareness about cancer prevention. She is on the Executive Board of Directors of Cinco Charities for The Ballard House, and for the past 10 years has had the opportunity to assist with putting on Katy Sip N Stroll, a wine and food tasting event which benefits the Ballard House.

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Gi Pruden fights cancer in her personal life and as a service to the community

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Long-time volunteer Gi Pruden has been quietly fighting breast cancer on the personal front as well as through her community service.

After her annual breast exam, her radiologist ordered an ultrasound to exam a suspicious lump. "I was suspicious after I had the biopsy, so I prepared myself for what could have been bad news," said Pruden. "When I was told it was cancer, I was sad and upset for my children, knowing how it would affect their future and upcoming lives as I would start treatment and surgery." Pruden's mother had passed away from colon cancer.

Following her diagnosis, Pruden underwent a lumpectomy and radiation at a surgical outpatient clinic in Houston. "Surgery went very smoothly, but I must admit it was during COVID, so I had to go into



PHOTO COURTESY OF GI PRUDEN

surgery and treatments by myself which was lonely," she said. Pruden said that she was exhausted during radiation, and she had nausea after surgery and throughout radiation. She coped by getting as much bed rest as possible. "I disliked getting questioned so the quiet and letting me be joyful."

Support and encouragement from family and friends helped her as she recovered. Her advice

for friends and family who want to help: "Less questions and more doing - like, don't ask 'what do you need?' Send food or flowers, or a small gift - any messages of support. Questions made me reflect -- action items made me appreciate."

Her advice for others who are fighting breast cancer: "Keep moving forward -- doing the hard work does lead to an easy life."

Pruden said that she wants

to bring awareness to the importance of annual check-ups. "[They are] very very, very important -- that how my cancer was able to be found and treated." She added, "Size does not matter -- early detection does. Cancer can affect anyone; it does not discriminate. Plus, it's nothing that you did or could have done -- get treated and move forward."

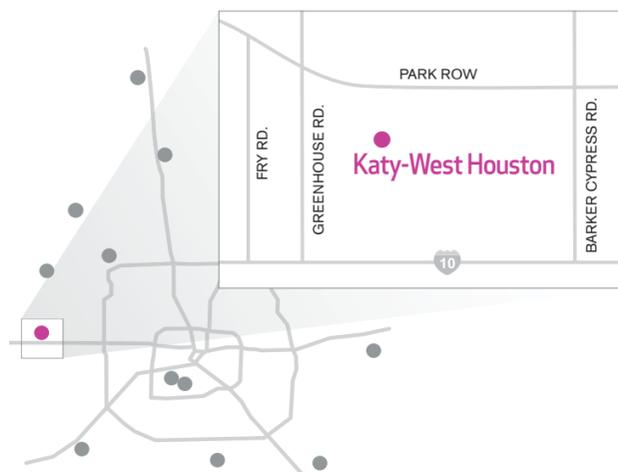
As well as fighting cancer in her personal life, Pruden is involved in a cause that benefits people with cancer as well as those who suffer from other serious medical conditions. She is a committee member and volunteer for Katy Sip N Stroll, a bi-annual event to raise funds for The Ballard House, whose mission is to provide temporary housing in the Katy community with a warm, safe environment for individuals and their families who are hospitalized or receiving treatment for a serious medical condition.

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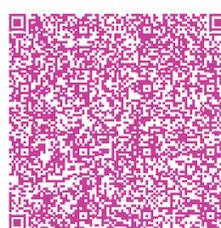
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Tompkins has complete performance in 48-13 win over Taylor

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Something has clicked for Tompkins over the past two weeks.

The Falcons were a young team heading into the year and faced their fair share of adversity, but as we reach the mid way point, the Falcons have settled it.

It was evident last week when the Falcons (3-3, 2-2) earned a bounce back win, their first District 19-6A win of the year, and they followed it up with an even better performance, dominating in all three phases on the way to a 48-13 win over Taylor (2-3, 2-1) on Thursday.

"This is what we've been working towards," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "We went from two quarters of good play to four quarters last

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Caleb Blocker turns upfield during Thursday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Tompkins 48, Taylor 13
- Cinco Ranch 35, Mayde Creek 0
- Katy 42, Jordan 35
- Seven Lakes 24, Morton Ranch 21

Thursday

- Katy vs. Paetow, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Jordan, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 4:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Tompkins at Clear Lake, 4:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.



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Tremayne Hill runs the ball during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium.

KATY OUTLASTS JORDAN

TIGERS RISE TO THE TOP OF DISTRICT 19-6A

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy was tested on Friday.

The Tigers entered Friday knowing how important it would be to earn a win over Jordan this week and how the winner of District 19-6A could be determined by the matchup.

There was pressure, there was noise and there was talent on the other side of the ball, but none of this was new to Katy.

Jordan (4-1, 2-1) gave Katy (5-1, 4-0) everything it had, but in the end, Katy was able to overcome a 14 point deficit, beating the Warriors 42-35 and staying perfect in district play.

"This was a huge win for us," said Katy junior quarterback Gunner Nelson. "But it's important not to be happy with it. This isn't going to be our biggest win of the year. It's a good one but it's on to the next."

Jordan started the day with all

of the momentum, scoring twice in the first quarter. Chad Gasper took over on the Warriors' first drive, running in a 55-yard score and then they added a second touchdown late in the quarter.

Katy snapped out of its offensive funk going into the second quarter. The Tigers drove the length of the field and scored on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Gunner Nelson to Cade McCall. But Jordan took over and looked poised to score again before Jeremiah Smith changed the momentum of the game by intercepting a pass and returning it 41 yards to tie the game. Jordan responded though late in the half with another touchdown to take the lead. But after halftime the entire game shifted.

"It was an emotional game and I think our guys got caught up in that at times," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "There were

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Left, top: Cade McCall catches a pass during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium. Left, bottom: Jordan's offensive line and Katy's defensive line lines up for a play during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium.

DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Cinco Ranch honors student's memory at varsity football game

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch honored a student on Thursday during the team's varsity football game against Mayde Creek.

The student, who was a member of the subvarsity football team, was honored after his death on Thursday morning.

He was riding his bike to school when he was struck and killed by a vehicle in a crosswalk.

"The Cinco Ranch High School community is deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of one of our students," Katy ISD said in a statement. "We extend our deepest

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Zack Millen and Noah Matthews carry the jersey of their teammate, who was killed by a vehicle while riding a bike to school on Thursday.

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Katy and Jordan hold steady in state rankings

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy and Jordan both remained in the same rankings as last week in this week's Class 6A Dave Campbell Texas Football state rankings, with the Tigers securing a top 10 spot and Jordan not falling after putting up a strong performance in a loss.

Katy stayed at No. 8 after the Tigers' win over Jordan, as all of the top eight won on the week. Jordan meanwhile, stayed at No. 25 despite suffering its first loss of the season, as the Warriors hung tough with Katy in a close game. Houston area teams in the poll included North Shore, Atascocita, Summer Creek, Willis and Tomball Memorial.

DAVE CAMPBELL TEXAS FOOTBALL CLASS 6A RANKINGS

Rank	School	(Record)	Week 6	Prv rank	Rank	School	(Record)	Week 6	Prv rank
1	Duncanville	(4-0)	Idle	1	14	Northwest Nelson	(5-0)	Idle	14
2	Galena Park N. Shore	(5-0)	W	2	15	Houston Lamar	(6-0)	W	16
3	DeSoto	(4-0)	Idle	3	16	Dickinson	(4-1)	Idle	17
4	Austin Westlake	(5-0)	W	4	17	Willis	(6-0)	W	18
5	Austin Vandegrift	(5-0)	W	5	18	Pflugerville Weiss	(6-0)	W	15
6	Southlake Carroll	(5-0)	Idle	6	19	Tomball Memorial	(5-0)	W	19
7	Humble Atascocita	(5-0)	W	7	20	SA Reagan	(5-0)	W	20
8	Katy	(5-1)	W	8	21	Rockwall	(5-1)	W	22
9	North Crowley	(5-0)	Idle	9	22	Prosper	(5-1)	W	23
10	Humble Summer Creek	(5-0)	W	10	23	Dripping Springs	(4-1)	W	24
11	Lake Travis	(4-1)	Idle	11	24	Coppell	(5-0)	W	NR
12	Cibolo Steele	(4-1)	Idle	12	25	Katy Jordan	(4-1)	L	25
13	McKinney	(6-0)	W	13					

Dropped out: No. 21 Sheldon King



PHOTOS COURTESY CINCO RANCH FOOTBALL TWITTER

Cinco Ranch hung the jersey of their teammate up during its game on Thursday. The teammate died after being struck by vehicle while biking to school Thursday morning.

CINCO

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sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time and offer them our love and support while protecting their right to privacy. The school, with the full support of Katy ISD, is utilizing every resource available to provide the community with counseling services as we safeguard their emotional wellbeing."

Cinco Ranch won the game 35-0.

"Our hearts are heavy. This one is for you." The Cinco Ranch football X, formerly Twitter, account posted.

Thoughts came in for Cinco Ranch from around the district as well.

"Prayers going out to his family and Cinco Ranch football," Morton Ranch senior quarterback Mike Gerald posted on X, formerly Twitter. "This is bigger than football."

NOTICE OF JOINT SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of the County of Waller County, Texas:
A los votantes registrados del Condado de Waller County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2023, for voting in a Joint General/Special Election.

- For the purpose of voting for or against fourteen proposed constitutional amendments proposed by the 88th Legislature, the State of Texas.
- For the purpose of voting for or against the Mobility Bond proposed by Waller County
- For the Regular and/or Special Election to be held by Katy ISD – Waller Co, Waller County MUD 56, East Waller Co Management District

Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m., el 7 de noviembre de 2023, para votar en una Elección General Conjunta/Especial.

- Con el propósito de votar a favor o en contra de catorce propuestas de enmiendas constitucionales propuestas por la 88va Legislatura, el Estado de Texas.
- Con el propósito de votar a favor o en contra del Bono de Movilidad propuesto por el Condado de Waller
- Para que la Elección Regular y/o Especial sea realizada por Katy ISD – Waller Co, Condado de Waller MUD 56, Distrito Administrativo de East Waller Co

WALLER COUNTY JOINT SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED ELECTION DAY LOCATIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2023 7AM – 7PM

VOTING PRECINCTS	POLLING LOCATION
101, 102, 103, 104, 105	Waller County Annex (Road and Bridge), 775 Bus. 290 Hempstead, Tx
208, 210	Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, Tx
207, 209	Cowboy Church, 27633 FM 1488, Hockley, Tx
311, 312	Waller County Community Center, 21274 FM 1098 Loop, Prairie View, Tx
313	Monaville Fire Dept., 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, Tx
314, 315	Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, Tx
106	Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 40998 Mt. Zion Rd., Brookshire, Tx
417, 418	Waller County JP4 Building, 32225 US Highway 90 Business, Brookshire, Tx
416, 419	Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St., Brookshire, Tx
420	Katy VFW, 6206 George Bush Dr., Katy, Tx

WALLER COUNTY JOINT SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

ALL LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN THE SAME HOURS AS LISTED

MAIN LOCATION	Monday	Oct 23	8 AM – 5 PM
Waller Co Annex (ROAD AND BRIDGE) 775 Bus 290, Hempstead, TX	Tuesday	Oct 24	8 AM – 5 PM
Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, TX	Wednesday	Oct 25	8 AM – 5 PM
Waller Co. Community Center, 21274 FM 1098 Loop, Prairie View, TX	Thursday	Oct 26	8 AM – 5 PM
Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, TX	Friday	Oct 27	8 AM – 5 PM
	Saturday	Oct 28	9 AM – 2 PM
	Monday	Oct 30	8 AM – 5 PM
	Tuesday	Oct 31	8 AM – 5 PM
	Wednesday	Nov 1	8 AM – 5 PM
	Thursday	Nov 2	7 AM – 7 PM
	Friday	Nov 3	7 AM – 7 PM

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Week 7 Katy ISD Previews

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

ALL GAMES DISTRICT 19-6A

Thursday

Katy (5-1, 4-0) vs. Paetow (0-5, 0-3), 6:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Katy 54, Paetow 0
 • Katy and Paetow kick off the week with a matchup of teams that have had about as different of seasons as you could have so far this year.
 The Tigers have steadily improved throughout the year and picked up their most important win of the season last week, beating Jordan to move into first place in the District 19-6A standings. The Tigers did it behind a balanced offense and a defense that got timely takeaways. Tremayne Hill ran for 198 yards on 34 carries, while Gunner Nelson threw for 138 yards and accounted for five touchdowns in the win. On defense, Jeremiah Smith came away with an interception that he returned for a touchdown and Noah Coughran also had an interception. Katy did struggle against big plays in the pas game though, allowing 336 yards through the air.
 Paetow showed improvements in its last game as well, as it also came against Jordan before the Panthers had a bye last week. Paetow ran the ball successfully throughout the day and limited the Jordan offenses pass game for large portions of the game. Javanaugh Waldron led the Panthers in rushing yards with 36, while Devon Perkins threw for 64 yards in the loss.

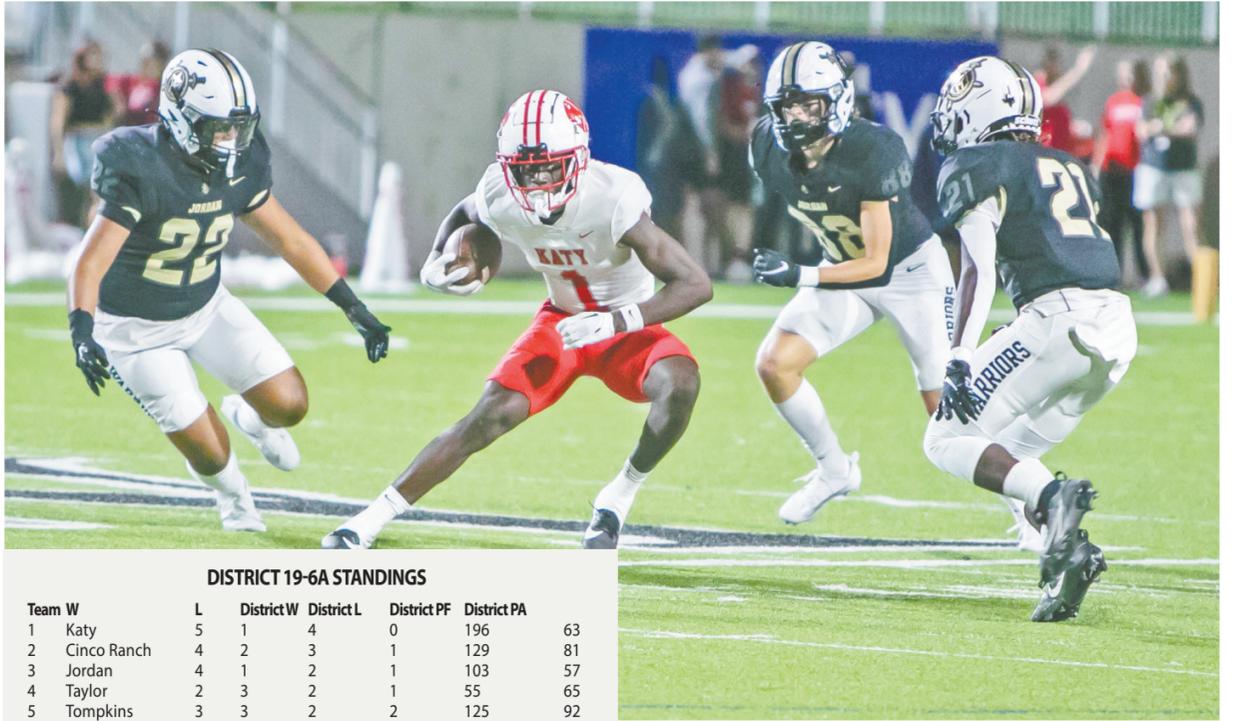
The Tigers will be looking to keep things rolling and continue to get better on the defensive side of the ball, while Paetow will look to continue to get better and make it a tough game.

Morton Ranch (1-5, 1-3) vs. Taylor (2-3, 2-1), 7:15 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Morton Ranch 45, Taylor 31
 • Morton Ranch and Taylor both come into this week needing a bounce back after losses last week, as both teams look to stay in the playoff race with more important games coming up.
 Morton Ranch came comes off a tough loss to Seven Lakes where things came all the way down to the wire.
 The Rams have had a good run game all year and Mike Gerald has stepped up in the quarterback position, elevating the pass game to help the offense, but the defense is where Morton Ranch has had struggles.
 Taylor meanwhile, comes off a loss to Tompkins. The Mustangs weren't able to keep pace with the Falcons in the game as Tompkins run game helped the Falcons pull away.
 Javion Garrett led the way running the ball for Tylor, getting 64-yards on six rushes while Dante Archie had 30 yards on nine carries. Daniel Bruns threw for 167 yards in the game to help the team through the air, with Archie catching two passes for 53 yards and Jeremy McCullough catching five passes for 32 yards.
 Both teams will be determined to get back on track and get a win. Morton Ranch will



Zechariah Sample catches a pass during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium.



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Above: Israel Olotu-Judah cuts upfield during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium. Below: Jeremy McCullough makes a catch during Thursday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium.

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS

Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1	Katy	5	1	4	0	196
2	Cinco Ranch	4	2	3	1	129
3	Jordan	4	1	2	1	103
4	Taylor	2	3	2	1	55
5	Tompkins	3	3	2	2	125
6	Seven Lakes	2	3	1	2	34
7	Morton Ranch	1	5	1	3	99
8	Mayde Creek	2	4	1	3	42
9	Paetow	0	5	0	3	36

try to be strong in the run game and use their strong play action game off of that, while Taylor will try to get back to success by running the ball as well and limiting things on the ground defensively.

Friday

Cinco Ranch (4-2, 3-1) vs. Jordan (4-1, 2-1), 6:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Cinco Ranch 53, Jordan 41
 • Cinco Ranch and Jordan are in a battle with Taylor for second in district and it wont get much bigger in terms of district games left for either team.
 The Cougars come into the matchup having really hit their stride as of late and have won three straight with sophomore quarterback Davis Roup looking very strong so far. Roup threw for 172 yards and a touchdown in the Cougars win over Mayde Creek last week and more importantly, the Cougars had balance on offense. Tessaiah Young was huge on the day, rushing for 97 yards and a score while Marcus Gadlin added 72 yards on the ground as well. Gavin Beavers continued to put up numbers in the receiving game, catching seven passes for 60 yards. The Cougars defense also stepped up in securing a shutout.
 Jordan also comes off a game where there are plenty of positives to take despite losing to Katy. The Warriors in one of their first truly big games in school history fought tooth and nail and made it a game with the Tigers all the way until the final whistle, coming up just short. Tanner West had a breakout performance for Jordan in the game, catching five passes for 195 yards and a touchdown while adding 67 yards rushing. Colin Willetts had 336 yards through the air and Zechariah Sample had 93 yards receiving and Chad Gasper added 95 yards on the ground. But Jordan's defense just couldn't stop the Katy run, especially in the second half, allowing 215 yards on the ground.
 This will be a battle of strengths in the game. Both teams like to spread the ball around through the air and have good secondaries. The key for Cinco will be trying to limit explosive plays and again getting the run game going and keeping the Jordan offense off the field. The Warriors will try to continue to be explosive offensively and be improved against the run against a very good team.

Seven Lakes (2-3, 1-2) vs. Mayde Creek (2-4, 1-3), 7:15 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Seven Lakes 24, Mayde Creek 13
 • Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek will both be searching for a key second win in district when they face off on Friday.
 The Spartans had a game that went down to the wire that they won over Morton

Ranch, where the Spartans run game and defense stepped up to earn the win. Barrett Hudson and Jake Farris were both strong in the win, as the game was within one score almost entirely throughout.
 Mayde Creek on the other hand comes off a loss, being unable to hang around with Cinco Ranch in a shutout. Cole Jensen had an efficient game, completing 14 of 23 passes for 103 yards, but also threw two interceptions. Christian Bradford led the Rams in rushing with 13 yards and Trey Williams had 56 yards receiving. Mayde Creek's defense wasn't able to slow down the Cougar offense, allowing 172 yards through the air and 186 on the ground.
 This looks like it could be a very close game between two teams that will be determined coming in both thinking they could get a win. The Spartans will look to pound the run game and limit the Mayde Creek's offense through the air while the Rams will try to force Seven Lakes to pass the ball and on offense will look to have both an efficient pass and run game.



Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The WALLER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal:	George G Huntoon III, George J Hittner, Neil A Williams, Sara J Burson, E. Kay Shepard
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.80000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.80000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

There were no residential homesteads on either January 1, 2022 or January 1, 2023, therefore the tax that would have been imposed on a residential homestead is \$0.00. Due to this the tax election rate is not applicable for 2023 tax year.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3110 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KATY BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "R-1" SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT FOR APPROXIMATELY 3.71 ACRES OF LAND IN THE H&TCRR CO SURVEY SECTION 43, ABSTRACT 1711, TRACTS: 5D, 5F-2, 5G, 5J, 5J-1 & 5J-2, AND W.A. STANBERRY SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 1, IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
836 AUSTIN ST. HEMPSTEAD, TX 77445
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2023
9:00 AM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioner Court of Waller County, Texas, will conduct two (2) Public Meetings AT 9:00 AM on Wednesday, the 11th day of October, 2023, at the Waller County Courthouse, Hempstead Texas, following Commissioner's Court.

- Public meeting for Brazos River Flood Study being funded by the Flood Infrastructure Fund. The purpose of this study is to identify existing drainage issues and potential projects in the Brazos River Watershed within Waller County. Meeting will cover the project scope, results of the existing conditions analysis, proposed projects, and the flood response plan.
- Public meeting for Spring Creek Flood Study being funded by the Flood Infrastructure Fund. The purpose of this study is to identify existing drainage issues and potential projects in the Spring Creek Watershed within Waller County. Meeting will cover the project scope, results of the existing conditions analysis, proposed projects, and the flood response plan.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3109 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Katy Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023 in the Education Support Complex Board Room
6301 S. Stadium Lane
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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Katy Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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times when we tried to sit there and win the game on one play instead of going out and playing the way they should. I told them at halftime that they just needed to take a deep breath. But once we regrouped in the second half, it was a different game. Credit to Jordan, they have a lot of good football players and it was good for our kids to see that.”

Katy came out of the locker room and was improved in every facet of the game. The line was making huge holes to run through, the defense was getting stops and the scoreboard started to shift.

The Tigers tied it a minute and a half into the third quarter on a 25-yard pass from Nelson to Colton Sanders and then took the lead four minutes later with another Nelson touchdown pass, this time to Luke Carter. But Jordan kept fighting back from every punch and tied things up on a huge 78-yard touchdown from Colin Willetts to Tanner West.

Katy took the lead in the fourth quarter when Nelson found McCall for their second touchdown connection of the game and after Jordan tied it up again, Nelson took it upon himself to score the last touchdown of the game, running in a 2-yard score. Jordan had a final chance to drive the field and tie things, but Katy's defense held on to secure the win.

Katy was led in the win by Nelson, who had 138 yards passing and five total touchdowns, and by sophomore running back Tremayne Hill, who rushed for 198 yards on the ground and was exceptional in the second half.

“It's Tremayne's time to step up and shine,” Joseph said. “We have a running back who's going to be out for a couple of weeks, but it's also given the opportunity for Tremayne to step in and have this chance to grow up. I



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Israel Olotu-Judah gets past Zion Jones during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium.

was thankful that we were run to football in the second half. He's a hard runner and doesn't go down with that first hit. We have a lot of confidence in him.”

Katy will play Paetow next, while Jordan will have another tough district game against Cinco Ranch.

“We all just keep growing as a team,” Hill said. “It's all about that and we keep getting better in practice. The guys are pushing me and it's all around. The defense gets better, the offense gets better and everyone's game just keeps going to a higher level.”

KATY 42, JORDAN 35

Jordan	14	7	7	7	--	35
Katy	0	14	14	14	--	42

First quarter

J: Chad Gasper 55 run (Wilson Kalvass kick) 10:39
J: Jeremy Alo-Perry 1 run (Kalvass kick) 3:00

Second quarter

K: Gunner Nelson 9 pass to Cade McCall (Hunter Ondrush kick) 11:44
K: Jeremiah Smith 41 interception return (Ondrush kick) 5:33
J: Gasper 1 run (Kalvass kick) 3:58

Third quarter

K: Nelson 25 pass to Colton Sanders (Ondrush kick) 10:38
K: Nelson 3 pass to Luke Carter (Ondrush kick) 6:27
J: Colin Willetts 72 pass to Tanner West (Kalvass kick) 1:09

Fourth quarter

K: Nelson 28 pass to McCall (Ondrush kick) 11:19
J: Gasper 2 run (Kalvass kick)
K: Gunner Nelson 2 run (Ondrush kick) 5:04

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Tremayne Hill, 34-198; Chase Johnsey, 2-14; Gunner Nelson, 2-3-1; Jordan: Chad Gasper, 17-95-3; Tanner West, 7-67; Jeremy Alo-Perry, 1-1-1; Colin Willetts, 2-(-10);
Passing – Katy: Gunner Nelson, 9-14-138-4-0; Jordan: Colin Willetts, 14-26-336-1-2
Receiving – Katy: Cade McCall, 3-44-2; Israel Olotu-Judah, 2-36; Colton Sanders, 1-25-1; Chase Johnsey, 1-19; Oliver Ginn, 1-11; Luke Carter, 1-3; Jordan: Tanner West, 5-196-1; Zechariah Sample, 4-93; Andrew Marsh, 4-37; Colin Willetts, 1-10;

Team stats

	JORDAN	KATY
First downs	14	15
Yards rushing	27-153	38-215
Yards passing	336	138
Passes	14-26-1-2	9-14-4-0
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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The MAYDE CREEK M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on **October 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Mayde Creek Event Center, 19600 Misty Cove, Katy, TX 77449. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Cyrus Dumas, Betty Alvarenga, Jessica Graham, and Lee Crenshaw

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.72000/\$100 Adopted	\$.69000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.03000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-4.16%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 212,444	\$ 234,373
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 212,444	\$ 234,373
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,529.59	\$1,617.17
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$87.58 5.72%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate. The voter-approval tax rate is \$0.719 and therefore, notwithstanding the above, no election is required. The board of directors proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of rehabilitation of aging infrastructure.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The MEMORIAL M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on **October 23, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.** at 805 Hidden Canyon, Katy, Texas 77450. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Timothy C. Miller, Miguel G. Hull, W.F. Trotter Jr., Crystal Sampson, Thomas H. Williams

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.35300/\$100 Adopted	\$.32500/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.02800/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-7.93%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 274,360	\$ 304,134
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 274,360	\$ 304,134
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 968.49	\$ 988.43
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 19.94 2.05%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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TOMPKINS

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week and then we put together a complete performance this week. We reminded the guys at halftime that this wasn't over and they had to come out and play for four quarters. Taylor is a tough, physical team and it was good to see these guys come out and have everyone do their job. If we focus on that and continue to do it, we'll have success."

Tompkins dominated up front on both sides of the ball, rushing for 275 yards while barely allowing over 100 yards rushing to a Taylor team with a strong offensive line. The Falcons were led by Caleb Blocker, who ran for 216 yards and two scores on the day, averaging nine yards per carry while helping the Falcons to a win.

"The offensive line was amazing today and they were locked in all week," Blocker said. "They're just such a good unit and I love those guys. They've made me look really good this year and I just have to give them their kudos because those guys deserve it!"

Tompkins defense opened the day with a stop before the offense came down the field and scored, getting in the endzone on a 3-yard pass from Justin Thierheimer to Rhys Phillips. Thierheimer added a seven yard pass to Adebisi Bello early in the second quarter before Blocker ran in a 1-yard touchdown. Taylor tried to get answer back late in the half, but Dazer Van Leeuwen came away with an interception to get Tompkins the ball back and William Duncan made it 31-0 at half with a field goal.



Justin Thierheimer hands the ball off to Caleb Blocker during Thursday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium.

"I knew they were trying to throw and I could see their quarterback telegraphing where he wanted to go with it" Van Leeuwen said. "I just wanted to take advantage and help the team. We had already been doing good but getting another score before half I knew would be huge. I'm just glad I made the play. The whole defense played really well today. We've gotten back to the basics and guys are making plays."

Theirheimer added another touchdown, again to Phillips, in the third quarter before Taylor answered back on a 1-yard run by Daniel Bruns. Caleb Blocker

increased Tompkins lead with a 5-yard touchdown run and the Falcons capped the day off by blocking a punt which Jhase McMillan recovered and brought in for another touchdown. Duncan added a field goal in the fourth before Taylor made things slightly closer with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Bruns to Tristian Chambers.

The Tompkins defense kept the Mustangs' offense in check all day, limiting the Taylor offense to 104 yards on the ground in the win and it showcased the team's improvement.

Tompkins has a bye before

taking on Morton Ranch in week eight, while Taylor will have another important game next week, facing Morton Ranch.

"The focus out there and the sense of urgency has really been better the last few weeks and you can see the team getting it," McVey said. "The seniors are understanding what they need to do and taking ownership of the program, making sure things are right and fixing it when it's not. That's always a great thing. You want it to come from your players — the more they hold each other accountable the better and that's what is happening."

TOMPKINS 48, TAYLOR 13

Taylor	0	0	6	7	--	13
Tompkins	7	17	21	3	--	48

First quarter

T: Justin Thierheimer 3 pass to Rhys Phillips (William Duncan kick) 1:23

Second quarter

T: Thierheimer 7 pass to Adebisi Bello (Duncan kick) 9:13
T: Caleb Blocker 1 run (Duncan kick) 2:16
T: Duncan 33 field goal, 0:19

Third quarter

T: Thierheimer 4 pass to Rhys Phillips (Duncan kick) 7:13
TA: Daniel Bruns 1 run, 3:57
T: Blocker 5 run (Duncan kick) 2:46
T: Jhase McMillan 10 punt block recovery (Duncan kick) 1:07

Fourth quarter

T: Duncan 39 field goal, 6:32
Ta: Daniel Bruns 25 pass to Tristian Chambers (Jackson Waller kick) 4:36

Team stats

	TAYLOR	TOMPKINS
First downs	15	17
Yards rushing	25-104	36-275
Yards passing	167	63
Passes	17-27-1-2	11-18-3-0
Punts	4-45	3-43
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalty-yards	3-34	6-55

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 24-216-2; Ronnie Quinn, 5-50; Sweet William, 4-8; Justin Thierheimer, 2-3; Dylan Rodriguez, 1-(-2); Taylor: Javion Garrett, 6-64; Dante Archie, 9-30; Ethan Jacobson, 4-1; Daniel Bruns, 2-(-4); Passing – Tompkins: Justin Thierheimer, 11-18-63-3-0; Taylor: Daniel Bruns, 17-27-167-1-2; Receiving – Tompkins: Rhys Phillips, 2-16-2; Adebisi Bello, 2-16-1; KJ Madison, 1-13; Dylan Rodriguez, 2-10; Dante Johnson, 1-9; Caleb Blocker, 1-(-1); Taylor: Dante Archie, 2-53; Jeremy McCullough, 5-32; Cameron Lewis, 4-29; Tristen Chambers, 1-25; Jared Grafe, 3-19; Ethan Jacobson, 1-9;



Left: Adebisi Bello celebrates after making a touchdown catch during Thursday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium. Far left: Dante Archie is brought down by Tompkins players during Thursday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium.

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**Water District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate**

The West Memorial Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Memorial Municipal District Sewage Treatment Plant located at 22025 Kingsland Blvd., Katy, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:	K. L. Cryar, P. Leo, E. Vanderloo, A. Khan, & J. Wells
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	(none)

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ <u>0.360</u> /\$100 Adopted	\$ <u>0.3375</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>-\$0.023</u> /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		<u>-6.2500%</u>
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ <u>203,432</u>	\$ <u>224,520</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>-\$40,686</u>	<u>-\$44,904</u>
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ <u>162,746</u>	\$ <u>179,616</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ <u>585.88</u>	\$ <u>606.20</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ <u>20.32</u> <u>3.4683%</u>

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

**WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX RATE**

The CIMARRON M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on October 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:	David F. Jones, Gary Russell, David Aitken IV, Mia Hull
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	John Linn

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.32000/\$100 Adopted	\$.30000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ <u>-.02000</u> /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		<u>-6.25%</u>
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 256,230	\$ 282,022
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 51,246	\$ 56,404
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 204,984	\$ 225,618
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 655.94	\$ 676.85
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 20.91 3.18%

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HOPE RETURNS

Texans win second straight as Watt is inducted into ring of honor

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Texans fans finally have something to hold on to. Hope returned to NRG Stadium on Sunday, along with the player that gave the fans and the city so much hope for a decade during his hall of fame career. JJ Watt returned to town for his ring of honor ceremony, becoming the second Texans player in franchise history to have his name put in the rafters, after Andre Johnson. And then the team on the field came out and showed why there should be hope in the future. The Texans put together a complete performance by beating the Steelers 30-6 and winning back to back games and getting their first home win since 2021. "The future is so bright here and these guys are hungry," said rookie linebacker Will Anderson. "We just want more and we're going to come out and fight. We have that greedy mentality and the energy that coach DeMeco (Ryans) brings

every day is so contagious. We feel it and we want to go out there, play for each other, play for this city and make everyone proud." The Texans came out fired up and it showed on their opening drive. Houston easily drove down the field and despite two touchdowns being called back on penalties, still got into the endzone on a 2-yard pass from CJ Stroud to Nico Collins. The Texans' defense though was the true story all day and it started from the Steelers' first drive of the game, where Jerry Hughes sacked Kenny Pickett and the next play Steven Nelson made a terrific play on the ball to intercept a pass and bring it back inside Steelers territory. Houston's offense kept moving the ball through the first half but it was kept out of the endzone, three times settling for field goals, but still went into the locker room with a 16-0 lead and only allowed 53 yards throughout the half. "The defense did a really nice job today and that's exactly how we want to play defense," said Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans. "We swarmed to the ball, we won the turnover battle and guys were flying around having fun and playing for each other. I really liked the way we played up front and then the guys behind them made plays. All the guys played together



Above: Texans' tight end Dalton Schultz (86) celebrates after making a 6-yard touchdown pass during an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Pittsburgh Steelers on October 1, 2023 in Houston. Below: Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud (7) extends the ball toward the goal line but was ruled down short of the line. PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

and did their job. That's winning football."

The Steelers came out with a different attitude on both sides of the ball in the second half. Pittsburgh moved the ball on both of its first two possessions in the half but the Texans held the Steelers to field goals on both drives. The Steelers got the ball again with a chance to make it a one score game, but Jonathan Greenard made a huge play with a sack on fourth and one, giving Houston the ball back.

The Texans took momentum from there going into the fourth. Houston milked the clock and added a touchdown on a trick play pass from Devin Singletary to Dalton Schultz and Stroud capped things off with a 51-yard touchdown to Collins as the Texans came away with a huge win and a .500 record.

Stroud threw for 306 yards in the win and with that has thrown for 1,212 yards and six touchdowns while throwing zero interceptions through his first four games. It's the second most passing yards by a quarterback through four starts in NFL history and the third longest streak without an interception to begin an NFL career.

Houston will be on the road against Atlanta next week in what could end up being another winnable game as Houston tries to improve to a winning record.



"We don't care if people think we're good or if they think we're bad," Stroud said. "We're going to come out here and do what we do and compete. We're the man in the arena. What we focus on is ourselves and going out there and winning. Texans fans deserve

to feel special. It isn't ok that we hadn't won a home game since 2021. We're turning this culture around and we are going to continue going to work every day so that people can walk around and root for us with pride. That's something we take personal."



Former Houston Texans player JJ Watt speaks during an induction ceremony to the Texans' Ring of Honor at halftime during an NFL game between the Texans and the Steelers on October 1, 2023 in Houston.

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