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School board approves boundary modifications

Katy ISD board also hears updates on financial rating system and literacy goals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

During Monday's regular Board Meeting, the Katy ISD Board of Trustees voted to approve an

attendance boundary modification (ABM) for two of the district's future schools -- Junior High #18 and High School #10 -- as well as areas served by Haskett Junior High, Stockdick Junior High, Paetow High School, and Katy High School. This ABM would address the rapid growth within the neighborhoods surrounding those campuses. The new ABM will go into effect for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Katy ISD annually reviews its attendance boundaries to ensure the district is adequately addressing its fast growth, as well as student and staff capacity at schools. The district surveyed the families who were identified as potentially impacted by the boundary modifications.

Currently, the northwest quadrant of Katy ISD is experiencing increased growth due to several new housing developments and

businesses coming to the area. Both Junior High #18 and High School #10 are located in this quadrant and are scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

To view the final ABM modifications, visit the Katy ISD ABM website at katyisd.org/domain/.

Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer at Katy ISD announced that the district has achieved an exemplary "A" rating for "Superior Achievement" in the

Texas Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The district has earned this distinction for 21 consecutive years.

The FIRST rating signifies the district's dedication to transparent, efficient, and accountable financial practices. In this year's evaluation, Katy ISD excelled by meeting all critical indicators and amassing an impressive 98-point score in the

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COURTESY OF RANDY ROMMAN

Breaking ground for the new Scott Square Medical Office are (left to right): Katy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris, Dr. Karan Madan of Katy Pain & Spine, Angie Thomason of the KAEDC, Dr. Nimish Dave, Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele, Harris County Precinct 4 Community Engagement Coordinator Maida Guillen, and Adrienne Davitz of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony took place October 12th.

KAEDC celebrates groundbreaking for new medical office building

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy Area Economic Development Council President and CEO Angie Thomason opened the ceremonies for the groundbreaking of a new medical office building near the intersection of SH 99 and I-10. The event took place Thursday, October 12th at 130 Bella Katy Drive in Katy.

The Scott Square Medical Office Building project will be a three-story, tilt wall structure with over 25,000

square feet of medical office space and it is expected to be completed in October 2024, Thomason said. The development comes from a team of five Katy-area doctors, including Dr. Nimish Dave and Dr. Karan Madan of Katy Pain & Spine. Katy Pain & Spine, which has been serving the community for over eight years, will be opening a second office in Scott Square on the second floor. An ambulatory surgery center and pain management center will be opening on the third floor, and the first floor currently has 8,700

square feet of space available for lease. "The available space could be ideal for a radiology office to provide imaging services, a pharmacy, or other medical offices," Thomason said.

Harris County Precinct 4 Community Engagement Coordinator Maida Guillen also welcomed the new facility. Other dignitaries in attendance included Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele and Katy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris.

"We are proud to continue our investment in the community," said Dr. Dave.

Fort Bend County officials outline priorities for growth

Officials address misleading information concerning the mobility and parks bonds

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Judge KP George held a press conference on October 19th to express the proactive steps that he and County Commissioners are taking to address the growing needs of the eighth-largest county in Texas. The proposed Mobility and Parks Bonds are set to play a pivotal role in accommodating the

changing landscape and enhancing the quality of life for residents, according to a press release.

George, along with Fort Bend County Engineer Stacy Slawinski, Fort Bend County Auditor Ed Sturdivant, and Fort Bend County Parks Director Darren McCarthy, spoke about the importance of the Mobility and Parks

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SHERREL ROGERS

At last Thursday's town hall meeting in Brookshire, Waller County Judge Trey Duhon outlined projects which are included in the county's first-ever mobility bond, which is on the November ballot.

Waller County hosts final town hall on mobility bond

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Earlier this year, Waller County Commissioners Court authorized a mobility needs assessment, with the goal of identifying short and long-term needs. As the study concluded, and the results were presented, the Court decided to bring to the voters a \$280 million bond proposition with 25 proposed projects, which were all identified in the study.

The Court has been hosting town hall meetings every Thursday in October to discuss the bond proposition with the public. County Judge Trey Duhon and Commissioner Justin Beckendorff hosted the last of four town hall meetings on October 26th at the Waller County Courthouse Annex at 32225 Hwy 90 in Brookshire, regarding the 2023 mobility bond proposition.

The meeting focused on the reasons that the Court

decided to bring a bond proposition to the public. Judge Duhon said that back in the 40s and 50s, the Commissioners Court paved a large amount of roadways, and today there is about 550 miles of county maintained paved roads, which are need of repair, extension, expansion, and safety improvements. The county is also seeing a large amount of growth, and with the growth comes more cars, Duhon said. Traffic was discussed at the meeting and Judge Duhon and Commissioner Beckendorff said that the county population is expected to double by the end of the decade.

Residents attending the meeting asked questions on how long it would take to pay off the debt, how it would impact their taxes, and asked for clarification on the projects presented. County officials said that the county has 20 years to pay off the debt.

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Commissioner Briones highlights success of Domestic Violence Assistance Fund

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones held a press conference in downtown Houston on Friday, October 27th, highlighting the critical work of the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and the 19 nonprofit groups awarded grants through the Domestic Violence Assistance Fund (DVAf).

Katy Christian Ministries, represented by Executive Director Deysi Crespo, was among the groups recognized.

In 2020, spurred by the alarming increase of intimate partner

violence and the lack of access to safety for survivors during the COVID-19 pandemic, Commissioners Court created the Domestic Violence Assistance Fund allocating an initial \$1 million from the federal CARES Act Response and Recovery fund. Last October, Commissioners approved an additional \$4.7 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding for the DVAf through 2024.

Administered by the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC), the fund provides immediate financial relief to survivors. In March 2023, HCDVCC distributed grants of

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Free legal clinic for veterans set for Nov. 4 in Katy

Event part of Texas Veterans Legal Aid Week

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Veterans can visit a free, in-person legal clinic on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m.-noon, at the Katy VA Outpatient Clinic,

750 Westgreen Blvd., 77450.

Volunteer attorneys will be available to offer advice and counsel on legal issues including family law, wills and probate, consumer law, tax law, property issues, and disability.

The clinic is part of Texas Veterans Legal Aid Week, a statewide effort to provide legal clinics and pro bono legal services to veterans in cities across Texas. Texas is home

to the nation's largest veteran population, with more than 1.5 million veterans residing throughout the state.

The Katy legal clinic is presented by Houston Volunteer Lawyers and the Houston Bar Association's Veterans Legal Initiative.

The legal clinic is open to all U.S. veterans, as well as spouses of deceased veterans, and no appointment is necessary.

All veterans can receive one-on-one legal advice from volunteer attorneys at the clinic. Low-income veterans who need additional free legal representation in civil matters and qualify financially can apply for pro bono services at the clinics.

For more information, contact Andrew Lehmann, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, at 713-228-0733 or veterans@hvlp.org, or visit texaslawhelp.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dia De Los Muertos events to be held at Radack Community Center on November 4th

Join with Harris County Precinct 4 in celebrating Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on Saturday, November 4th at the Steve Radack Community Center at 18650 Clay Road, Houston. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one that has passed. Craft activities for children will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; supplies will be provided. There will be a free showing of the movie "Coco" for children at 12 p.m.

Monthly car show to be held at LaCenterra on November 5th

Calling all car enthusiasts! Join us at LaCenterra as The Car Culture Show returns from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th. The event takes place bi-monthly on Sundays in the Alamo Theater parking lot at 2707 Commercial Center Blvd, LaCenterra Shopping Center in Katy. There will be over 50+ exotic and muscle cars on display, along with a DJ spinning tunes and other exciting amenities. See more details at thecarculture.org.

Experience The Toasted Nutcracker Experience November 9th-10th

The 3rd annual Toasted Nutcracker Experience hosted by The Toasted Yolk Café Katy, benefiting

the Armor of Hope Foundation, will be held this year on November 9th and 10th. Enjoy a fun filled day of shopping at the Nutcracker Market - NRG Stadium - A Sparkling Wonderland with an all-inclusive hassle-free experience for only \$75 which includes:

- Breakfast buffet @ The Toasted Yolk Café
- Two mimosas
- Raffle ticket
- Roundtrip transportation on a luxury bus
- Front door delivery (no parking or parking cost)
- General admission Nutcracker Market ticket

The round-trip luxury buses leave the Toasted Yolk on both days at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Buses leave NRG Stadium back to the Toasted Yolk Katy at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. All net proceeds will go towards helping improve the lives of children both locally and internationally. Tickets and times are limited, and seats may be reserved at armorofhopefoundation.org/eat-drink-and-be-merry/

Service clubs to host Veterans Day Breakfast on November 10th

The Brazos River Rotary Club and the Fulshear-Simontony Lions Club are hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, November 10th at 8 a.m. at the ballroom at the Weston Lakes Country Club, 5304 Windrush Street, Fulshear. All veterans, veteran spouses and veteran

supporters are invited to attend. \$10.00 per person; complimentary for veterans. Limited seating -- RSVP to (281) 346-1967 by November 3rd. Business casual attire.

Vehicles & Veterans Car Show November 11th

Combat Wounded of Texas will host a "Vehicle & Veterans" car show at 1818 Katyland Drive from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on November 11th. Entry fee is \$20.00; all donations support veterans' Gold Star families at Christmas. Admission is free to the public.

Free Family fun at DICK'S House of Sport Fall Festival on November 11th

Enjoy games and win prizes at the Fall Festival hosted by DICK'S House of Sport, 24600 Katy Fwy, Suite 1100 in Katy, from 12 to 4 p.m. on November 11th. There will be opportunities for family photos as well as shopping with local vendors. Free admission.

Pie donations for veterans sought by November 16th deadline

A Better Solution in Home Health Care is in need of donations of 250 pies for the Thanksgiving holiday. These pies will be given to the American Legion ALA Unit 164 in Katy and Operation Home Front to be distributed to veterans and their families who are in need. A donation of \$10.00 or a pie may be

dropped off on November 16th at 10707 Corporate Drive in Stafford. For more information, call 281-721-4874.

LaCenterra kicks off the holiday season with annual tree lighting on November 17th

Take part in the lighting of LaCenterra's 51-foot Christmas tree during the center's annual Tree Lighting Celebration. Presented by Texas Children's Hospital, the festivities will be held on Friday, November 17th from 6 to 9 p.m. at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy.

Christmas Wonder Lights launches first toy annual toy and food drive with Giftathon on November 25th

Supporting Katy Christian Ministries, Christmas Wonder Lights will conduct its first annual toy and food drive November 1st through December 5th. Donations may be dropped off at 2900 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road #B203. The group will also hold a Giftathon on November 25th from 4 to 8 p.m. - bring new and unwrapped toys and canned goods to help provide over 1000 children with a special gift this season. The Giftathon will feature a silent auction, Santa photos, live music, an ugly sweater contest, and holiday shopping along with a raffle and door prizes. Volunteers and raffle items are still needed. For more information,

call 281-545-7740 or email info@christmaswonderlights.com.

ALA Unit 164 announces November events

The American Legion Auxiliary announces the following events for November:

- Veterans Breakfast November 4th (1st Saturday of each month), 7 to 10 a.m. - all you can eat for \$10. Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katyland Drive, Katy.
- Pies for Hope - \$15 to sponsor a pie for Camp Hope for PTSD Veterans. Sponsorships will be collected at Midway BBQ, 6025 Highway Blvd., Katy, on November 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30pm or go to alaunit164katytx.org to donate.
- Veteran's Day - November 11th - Passing out commemorative poppies at Bass Pro Shop, 5000 Katy Mills Cir, Ste 415, Katy, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Brookshire Brothers, 5249 Franz Rd., Katy from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Texas Roadhouse, 20840 Katy Fwy, Katy from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patsy's Pet Market collecting dog blankets and dog beds during November

Drop off gently used or new dog blankets and dog beds for the Houston Animal Rescue Team (HART) at Patsy's Pet Market, 1644 S. Mason Road in Katy. The "Beds & Blankets" drive will continue throughout November. For more information, call 832-437-0401.

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1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "ooohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Tough vegetable
57. Green outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



Celina Wells (center), Katy Christian Ministries' Crisis Center Director, presents the 2023 Brittany Whalen Rumsey Award of Excellence to Sarah Nejd (right, at podium) during Thursday's Silent Witness ceremony at Westland Baptist Church.

Local organizations support victims of domestic violence

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

In a somber, moving ceremony held Thursday night at Westland Baptist Church, the staff of Katy Christian Ministries' Crisis Center remembered and honored more than 50 victims of domestic violence from the Harris County area at the annual "Silent Witness" event.

Each victim's name was read aloud as a white rose was placed in a vase in remembrance of each life lost. Victims included males and females and spanned all age groups and many different ethnicities.

Around the room, each victim was represented by a red silhouette bearing their name. The Silent Witness Project consists of a travelling exhibit of these life-sized red wooden silhouettes – each of which stands for a person who was murdered by their intimate partners and/or family member.

"The mission of this project is to remind us of the impact of domestic homicides and family violence within our communities," according to the event program. "Because the victims no longer have a voice, the silhouettes are called Silent Witnesses."



Laura Tellez, crisis center counselor, reads the names of more than 50 persons killed in domestic violence incidents in Harris County in 2022. A white rose was placed in a vase in remembrance of each victim.

Sarah Nejd, who was honored during the evening with KCM's Brittany Whalen Ramsey Award, said that more than 24% of all domestic violence victims in Texas were killed in Harris County in 2022. Nejd is the founder of Families to Freedom, a nonprofit group which provides transportation for victims and families fleeing domestic violence.

KCM's Crisis Center provides emergency crisis intervention and advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. Services include safety planning, a 24/7 Hotline, therapy services, shelter placements, support groups, assistance with

Crime Victims Compensation, protective orders, Texas VINE, and more.

American Legion Women's Auxiliary collects donations for victims of domestic violence

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary collected over 75 pairs of Pajama's for women and children in support of Domestic Awareness Month during October, said Linda Malsbary, president ALA Unit 164. The organization partnered with the office of Harris County Constable Ted Heap Precinct 5 and their coordinator Barbara McInnis.



Deysi Crespo, executive director of Katy Christian Ministries (sixth from left) was among the representatives of nonprofit groups which have been awarded grants through Harris County's Domestic Violence Assistance Fund. The nonprofits were honored at a Friday press conference conducted by Lesley Briones, Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 4.

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up to \$350,000 to 19 recipients, including Katy Christian Ministries and the Fort Bend Women's Center. The funding increases access to safety for survivors by allowing service providers to give immediate financial support to help them leave abusive situations and seek stability.

SCHOOLS

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process, district officials said.

The Texas Schools FIRST program, established in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amended under House Bill 5 of the 83rd Texas Legislature, is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts. Its primary goal is to ensure that school districts excel in managing their financial resources.

"Katy ISD has grown exponentially since the inception of the Texas Schools FIRST rating. To consistently earn a 'Superior Achievement' rating every year while experiencing tremendous growth across the district is something we are especially proud of," said Smith. "This accomplishment signifies that our district is not only dedicated to student learning but is also adept at achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently, making the most of our taxpayers' hard-earned dollars."

The board twice went into closed session, consulting with legal counsel on personnel matters. Following the first closed session, the board voted 5-0 to recommend sending notice of proposed mid-contract termination of a probationary contract employee, West Memorial Elementary teacher



The Haskett Junior High School orchestra performs the national anthem at Monday night's school board meeting.

Colleen Colca, for good cause. During the second closed session, the board considered a Level Three DGBA grievance regarding employee Marilyn Huon.

- In other actions, the board:
- Heard an update on the Strategic Design Elementary Literacy program.
 - Was introduced to LaTwanda Wilson, who has been appointed as the new principal of Robert E. King Elementary. Her official start date will be Monday, November 27, 2023.
 - Witnessed the swearing in of new KISD police officer Xoco Thomas.
- Future board meetings will occur:
- Board work study meeting on November 6th
 - Regular board meeting on November 13th

GROWTH

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Bonds.

"Our county is a great place to live and work, and that's no secret. As we continue to attract businesses and residents, we want to ensure that we maintain the quality of life our residents are accustomed to and attract industry to our region. That's why these proposed bonds, will help us address the needs of our growing community," said George.

On November 7, Fort Bend County residents will head to the polls to cast their votes on the \$865 million Mobility and Parks Bond. The Bond proposal contains 98 projects, which include a Mobility Parks Bond, valued at \$712 million, and the Parks Bond, totaling \$153 million.

The Mobility Bond will focus on improving the transportation infrastructure, including road maintenance, and new road construction. With this bond, Fort Bend County aims to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, and make commuting more efficient for residents.

County Engineer Stacy Slawinski noted that there are 70 new roadway projects and over 20 projects that are traffic and pedestrian improvement projects. Additionally, Slawinski highlighted the FM 2759 project

from FM 762 to the city of Thompsons, stating that the current asphalt road will connect to the future Bridge when the Fort Bend Toll Road is extended over the Brazos River. The bridge will bring a significant amount of traffic to Thompsons, so the FM 2759 project is necessary to take on the higher demand.

The Parks Bond will prioritize the development and enhancement of parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces. Some of the projects include creating a safe crossover from Freedom Park in Precinct 1 across Westheimer Parkway, constructing a senior center in Precinct 2 in Rosenberg, in Precinct 3 building a splash pad and cricket field in Sta-Mo Park, and re-opening the T.W. Davis WMCA in Precinct 4.

During the press conference, George took the opportunity to address what he called "the misleading and distorted messages that have been circulating within the community regarding the Mobility and Parks Bonds," highlighting that it is important for residents to rely on accurate sources of information and to be aware of deceptive tactics aimed at misleading the public.

George urged residents to visit the County's website at fbctx.gov for more information on the Bond proposals.

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PROP B
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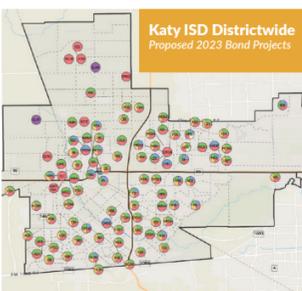
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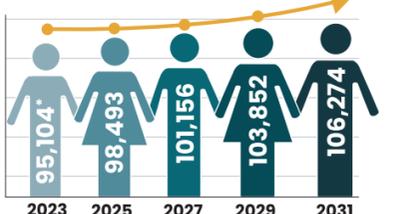
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Katy's First Baptist Church reaches 125th anniversary

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy's First Baptist Church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in November, according to church officials.

"On November 19th, we will celebrate and glorify God regarding the great heritage of Katy's First Baptist Church that 125 years of sacrifice and effort have made," said church representative Bob Baldwin. "We want to recognize many of our predecessors through media and attendance. Dr. Wisdom, who was our pastor for 17 years (1985-2002), will be preaching on November 19th. Other previous staff will help with worship and prayers. We invite all previous members to come celebrate with us."

The anniversary weekend celebration will also include:

- Saturday, November 18th - Family Fun Games and Drive in Movie Theatre, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Sunday, November 19th - Worship Service at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow

The church will start its next 125 years under the leadership of a new pastor. "We are very happy to announce that yesterday Katy's First Baptist called Dr. Rob Lyerly be our new Senior Pastor," said Baldwin. "Dr. Lyerly (Pastor Rob) grew up in South Carolina and felt the call to be a pastor while playing professional baseball. Pastor Rob is committed to preaching the Gospel each week and doing his best to shepherd God's church at Katy's First."

The congregation was founded in 1898, three years after the townsite of Katy was laid out and platted by J. O. Thomas, according to "Preserving the Vision: The First 100 Years of the First Baptist Church of Katy." The book, published in 1998 by the historical subcommittee of the centennial committee of the church, chronicles the first 100 years of the church's history.

According to the book, a union Sunday school had been organized as early as 1895 or as late as 1898 - called "union" because it welcomed all denominations. Quakers, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and others met together, and the Baptist and Methodist groups were responsible for the services, which were conducted on alternate Sundays. Although the Baptists organized in 1898 under the name "Zion Baptist Church," they had no building of their own and they began meeting in the local schoolhouse located at Avenue A and Sixth Street. After the 1900 storm destroyed the schoolhouse, services were held in the Featherston and Morrison homes until the schoolhouse was rebuilt in 1901, and then in the Methodist Church after that building was completed in 1904. In 1907 the church voted to change its name to the Katy First Baptist Church. In April 1914 the Baptist church moved into their very own unfurnished building (built at a cost of \$1,380.00) and organized a Baptist Sunday school.

During the twenties and thirties, the church grew steadily under the leadership of short-term pastors, most of who were half-time seminary students who served for \$50.00 per month. During the pastorate of the Reverend N. Ray Harrel from 1936 to 1938, a two-story annex of classrooms was added to the church building and in 1936 the church purchased hymnals for use in its worship services. In 1939, the church spent \$1850.00 to purchase its first parsonage, a two-story frame building adjacent to the church at the



Left: One of several locations for Katy's First Baptist Church was this building at East Avenue and Third Street. Right: The most significant event in the church's last 25 years was the relocation to the Pin Oak campus, according to church officials.



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COURTESY KATY'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Rob Lyerly will join Katy's First Baptist Church as the new senior pastor.

corner of East Avenue and Third Street.

The first Vacation Bible School was conducted in the summer of 1941. But World War II brought change. The church continued its missionary efforts, taking up a special offering to send Bibles to the Russians. The Humble Katy Gas Plant went into operation in 1943 to provide wartime gasoline, bringing many newcomers to Katy. Through the encouragement of church leadership, many of these "outsiders" became new members and leaders in Katy Baptist Church. In 1946, the church voted to build a larger auditorium and educational space. In 1948, the name First Baptist Church of Katy was chosen by the members.

Continued growth in membership required additional expansion in the church plant and facilities and a parking lot was added in 1950 and an electric organ was purchased in 1953. In 1958 a new four-bedroom brick parsonage on East Avenue was built at a cost of \$27,280.00 and the old parsonage was sold for \$1000.00. In 1963 the church faced the difficult decision of building a new larger Worship Center or starting a new mission. The Katy Bible Church was formed as a result of this experience.

In June of 1974, the past practices of the pioneers were revisited, as the Baptist Church held a special evangelistic service at the Katy Methodist Church on Sunday night.

The church met with all other denominations in the FVW Park for Sunday evening services on September 6, 1976.

In the spring of 1977, First Baptist Church of Katy began a Spanish Language Mission. This ministry evolved into a self-supporting church as the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Katy on Highway Boulevard. In 1986 a missionary effort resulted in the self-supporting church, Primera Iglesia Bautista de Brookshire.

Other missions started by the First Baptist Church of Katy include:

- First Baptist Church of Addicks in 1947
- First Baptist Church of Alief in 1953
- First Baptist Church of Pattison in 1987
- Christ the King Baptist Church in 1987
- Mision El Buen Pastor in 1990
- The Fellowship at Cinco Ranch in 1994
- New Vision Baptist Church (Katy) in 1997

A building committee was formed in 1980 and affirmed the membership's desire to build a two-story Christian Life Center, remodel the Worship Center, refurbish the older buildings, convert the fellowship hall into a chapel, and expand the office area to include a new pastor's office. But space continued to be a problem and five portable buildings were purchased in 1981.

In 1985 a Long Range Planning Committee was reactivated and it struggled with the concept of relocation. In 1986 the committee presented a motion to find land for the church, which was overwhelmingly adopted. The church found 20 acres on Pin Oak Road at Roberts Street, which was purchased in 1993 for \$450,000.00 and dedicated in 1994. A one campus relocation was approved in 1997.

In 1998, the church celebrated its 100th birthday. The new vision statement said, in part: "We will be intentionally involved in

the lives of people in a changing metropolitan Katy who are in need of God's restoration by focusing on large group worship, small group Bible study and need-based ministries."

The church's current ministries are:

- First Steps for preschool
- K1 Littles - Birth-PreK
- K1 Kids - K-5th grade
- K1 Youth - 6th-12th grade
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Sunday School
- Worship Band and Choir
- Home campus to Berean Christian Academy

The church also includes the following among its missions, according to the church website:

- Feed the Hunger
- Katy Christian Ministries
- Pregnancy Help Center
- American Chinese Fellowship
- Compassion International

Now with a membership of 366, the church faces new challenges as it looks toward its next 125 years.

"The biggest challenge facing the church in Katy today is living and ministering in an American culture that is growing more hostile to biblical truth," Baldwin said. "While opposition to the gospel is not rare in church history, we must be aware that the dynamic of our era has changed over the last few decades."

"The next 25 years are solely in the Lord's hands," Baldwin continued. "But, we will strive, by His grace, to be faithful in every capacity. We will endeavor to remain steadfast on the unchanging standard of Scripture, be zealous in love and good works, and live each day for God's glory."

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Local wealth advisor Manske to release second finance book

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A local author is publishing his second book with McGraw Hill -- "Outsmart the Money Magicians: Maximize Your Net Worth by Seeing Through the Most Powerful Illusions Performed by Wall Street and the IRS." The book exposes "tricks" used by Wall Street and the IRS that can impede efforts by investors to make their hard-earned wealth grow.

Chris Manske is president of Manske Wealth Management, one of the top wealth management companies in Houston as recognized by Houston Business Journal and Financial Advisor magazine, with over half a billion dollars in assets under management. Manske's first book, "The Prepared Investor: How to Prevent the Next Crisis from Affecting Your Financial Independence," teaches investors how to invest during a crisis. Manske has been interviewed by such media venues as CBS News MoneyWatch, U.S. News & World Report, and Business Insider about current financial and economic issues and about leadership.

The book launch for "Outsmart the Money Magicians" will be celebrated in November at Chris' offices in the renovated 1910 Warrant Building in downtown Houston. The complete redo and restoration of this historical icon won an award from Paper City magazine. Chris also commissioned a painting for his offices by local artist Allan Rodewald to complete a series painted in the 1830s



The Manske family dines out at Da Vinci restaurant, celebrating the good grades the triplets earned in their first semester of seventh grade. Left to right: Adriana, Chris, Charlotte, Avery, Amelia and Jessica. Adriana, Avery and Amelia are triplets.

by Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School of painters. Chris and Jessica Manske and their four daughters (three are triplets) are longtime contributors to the Katy community and notable citizens in the Houston area.

Jessica, a former schoolteacher, has devoted her time as a volunteer to the cause of education in Katy. She currently serves as the Healthy Lifestyles Chair for Beckendorff Junior High PTA and as co-chair of the Grant Oversight Committee of the Katy ISD Education Foundation, which has provided over \$2.5 million in support of higher learning in Katy. She is also a small group intervention specialist at Roosevelt

Alexander Elementary School. Jessica has held prominent positions with Volunteers in Public Schools and the Katy Council, reporting to the State of Texas PTA overseeing PTAs at 70 schools. She has been an officer of the National Charity League and has been active with the Destination Imagination organization since 2010. One of the teams she supported was ranked 12th in the entire world.

Jessica and the four Manske daughters volunteer at The Brookwood Community for disabled adults, the Neighborhood Kidz Club of Katy, and the Camp Hope PTSD Foundation of America.

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Six Katy ISD high schools receive Advanced Placement Exam Awards

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Advanced Placement (AP) College Board has acknowledged the academic excellence of six Katy ISD high schools, commending their performance from the May 2023 AP Exams. The schools that earned this recognition are Cinco Ranch, Jordan, Katy, Seven Lakes, Taylor, and Tompkins High School.

These six Katy ISD high schools succeeded in meeting each of the following criteria that was established by the AP College Board. According to the AP College Board website, these criteria are anchored in research-based relationships between AP and college outcomes:

- College Culture: 40% or more of the graduating cohort took at least one AP Exam during high school.

- College Credit: 25% of more of the graduating cohort scored a "3" or higher on at least one AP Exam during high school.

- College Optimization: 2% or more of the graduating cohort took five or more AP Exams during high school. At least one of those exams was taken in 9th or 10th grade, so that students are spreading their AP experience across grades rather than feeling disproportionate pressure in any single year.

Also noted by the College Board, schools on the AP School Honor Roll may also earn the AP Access Award. Schools earn the additional award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics. These six Katy ISD High Schools

earned the following distinction(s):

- Cinco Ranch High School - Silver
- Jordan High School - Gold
- Katy High School - Bronze
- Seven Lakes High School - Silver and AP Access Award
- Taylor High School - Bronze
- Tompkins High School - Silver and AP Access Award

"We take immense pride in the remarkable accomplishments of our Katy ISD high schools on the AP Exams," said Dr. Christine Caskey, Chief Academic Officer at Katy ISD. "This achievement is the result of the hard work of each student and staff member. Their accomplishments reflect the district's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and exemplify our dedication to inspire excellence and transform learners into leaders," she added.

RISD STUDENTS CLEAN UP



Royal National Honor Society members Alejandro Rodriguez, Jermaine Burton, and Donis Addison and Falcon student Frankie Foller took the initiative to visit Falcon Stadium to clean up the grounds following the 2023 Homecoming Game. They gave three hours of their time on Saturday morning October 21st to clear trash and restore the stadium to optimum condition.

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STEPHENS ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES 50TH DAY OF SCHOOL



Students and staff at Stephens Elementary celebrated the 50th day of school with "50's Day" on Friday, October 27th by dressing up in 1950's attire – including poodle skirts. Stephens Elementary is located at 2715 N Fry Rd in Katy.

Katy's 'Special Buddies' program seeks partners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A special program at Katy High School is seeking assistance in order to provide fun activities for special needs students at the campus. Special Buddies is a program through which students can partner with special needs students for monthly events, culminating in a prom for the special needs students.

Katy City Council Member Rory Robertson, who also teaches at a local junior high school, described the program in a recent post to the City of Katy Residents Forum Facebook page.

"Thanks to my wife being a special education teacher, I was introduced to the Special Education

world about 20 years ago and now also teach a Special Education class at a local junior high. I enjoy working with the families and the children. These kids are remarkable, and I always want to help when I can," Robertson posted. "My son Dane is a Junior at Katy High School and joined many of his friends in a program called Special Buddies. They all have a blast engaging in fun and exciting activities. This is all about inclusion and is a fantastic program."

Robertson called for local businesses to commit to donating to this cause to help fund the prom and other programs. For more email RobertsonWardB@gmail.com.

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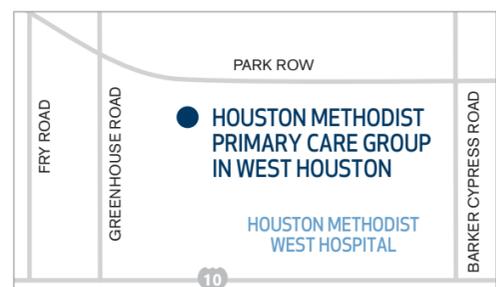
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BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins had a clear goal on Thursday. The Falcons were in a nearly must win situation. A win over Jordan would put Tompkins into the playoffs, while a loss would leave them having to rely on outside results in order to keep a playoff streak alive. The players answered the call for the Falcons, as all three units stepped up with big plays on the way to a 49-24 win as Tompkins clinched a playoff berth for the sixth straight season. "These guys live the culture every day," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey after clinching the playoff appearance. "17 and 18-year-old kids buying into that culture is not an easy thing so it's a blessing that we have as a staff that they do. These guys listen, they ask questions and we love that and we love to answer those. It's not just doing what you're told in this culture. They make us better as coaches and we make them better. Our

core values lead the way and these guys go out there and prove it every day on the field. It's just fun to watch them put it together in the games." The Falcons came out fired up and jumped ahead early. It took just two plays for Tompkins to go 77-yards as Caleb Blocker ran in a 25-yard score under a minute into the game. Tompkins defense got the ball right back as Josh Davis made an interception and the Falcons came right back to score again on a Blocker 15-yard run to go up two scores. Jordan found a way back into the game after that and scored on an unlikely play to trim the deficit to one score. Dominic Cangolosi had to come in at quarterback for a play after Colin Willetts helmet came off on a scramble and Cangolosi threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Zechariah Sample on that play, making it 14-7. Tompkins came back with the answer as Wyatt Young ran in



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

The Tompkins Falcons celebrate a touchdown during a high school football game between Morton Ranch and Tompkins on October 13, 2023, in Katy.

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores
• Tompkins 49, Jordan 24
• Morton Ranch 48, Mayde Creek 7
• Paetow 13, Taylor 10
• Katy 66, Seven Lakes 7

Thursday
• Seven Lakes vs. Cinco Ranch, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
• Jordan vs. Morton Ranch, 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Friday
• Tompkins vs. Paetow, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
• Taylor vs. Katy, 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Scores
Bi-District
• Cinco Ranch 3, Fort Bend Travis 0
• Tompkins 3, George Ranch 0
• Seven Lakes 3, Fort Bend Austin 0
• Ridge Point 3, Jordan 2

Schedule
Area — Times and Dates TBD
• Cinco Ranch vs. Jersey Village
• Tompkins vs. Cy-Ridge
• Seven Lakes vs. Stratford

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday
State Meet
• Tompkins, Katy, Seven Lakes, Mayde Creek, Taylor and Paetow runners at Old Settlers Park

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday
• Seven Lakes at Langham Creek, 5:30 p.m.
• Morton Ranch vs. Waller, 5:30 p.m.
• Jordan vs. Fulshear, 7 p.m.
• Katy at Cy-Ridge, 7 p.m.
• Mayde Creek vs. Alief Elsik, 7 p.m.
• Paetow vs. Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.
• Taylor vs. Oak Ridge, 7 p.m.
• Tompkins at Bridgeland, TBD

Tuesday
• Morton Ranch at Cy-Falls, 5:30 p.m.
• Cinco Ranch vs. Cy-Ranch, 6:30 p.m.
• Paetow vs. Willis, 6:30 p.m.
• Katy vs. C.E. King, 7 p.m.
• Mayde Creek vs. Klein Oak, 7 p.m.
• Taylor vs. Elkins, 7 p.m.
• Seven Lakes vs. Manvel, 7 p.m.
• Tompkins vs. Klein Cain, TBD



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Devon Perkins makes a pass during a game between Jordan and Paetow at Legacy Stadium.

Paetow upsets Taylor for second straight win

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow never stopped believing. The Panthers went through struggles this season — they had growing pains and tough losses, but through it all the team stayed together, kept working and believed in themselves.

That belief has shown through for the Panthers over the last month — even in losses they have fought and made things close. Over the last two weeks, the Panthers have turned the corner, first beating Seven Lakes last week before topping playoff bound Taylor on Friday 13-10 at Rhodes Stadium in a game that was a scrappy fight from start to finish.

"I'm so proud of these guys," said Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. "I tell these guys all the time that no matter what our record is, we're a championship football team and we are going to play at a championship level.

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CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

Tompkins boys win team gold

Seven Lakes' Montgomery takes individual gold

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD sent a number of runners to the state cross country tournament last week, but none took home bigger individual accolades than Seven Lakes' Matthew Montgomery.

Montgomery, a senior, took home the gold medal in the boys finals of the Region III-6A meet, finishing five seconds clear of his nearest competitor, running the 5000 meters in 15 minutes, 11.39 seconds to finish first and clinch his spot at the state meet. He was joined on the medal stand by Tompkins' Parker Woods, who finished third with a time of 15 minutes, 23 seconds.

Tompkins took home the top team honors of the boys tournament, finishing first overall with 78 points, while Katy took the silver medal, finishing second with 130 points.

Tompkins' team was led by Wood and his third place finish, while Griffen Saacke finished 10th, Austin Garcia finished 16th, Aaron Ramshaw finished 29th and Mathias Pitzel finished 33rd. Juan Perez Salas and Diego Reyes rounded out the finishers for Tompkins, finishing 34th and 51st.

Katy's team that took the silver medal consisted of David Kalwahali, who finished 11th, Ryder Darcey who finished 18th, Joshua Perez who finished 24th, Evan Couture who finished 45th and Logan Morris who finished 52nd. Benjamin Robins finished 71st and Diego Mion finished 72nd for the Tigers.

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Tompkins sweeps past George Ranch in bi-district round

Christin Cowart gets ready to spike the ball during Tuesday's match between Tompkins and George Ranch at the Tompkins gym.



BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins was hyped up and ready for Monday.

There aren't many firsts left to accomplish for a program that has had an undefeated district championship, regional championship and state final appearance just last year, but Monday presented a unique and fun chance for every member of the Falcons team.

For the first time, the Falcons had the chance to host a playoff game in their home gym, and they didn't disappoint their fans on the Halloween themed night, sweeping George Ranch (25-19, 25-15, 25-16) in the bi-district round to advance to area.

"It was amazing," said Tompkins head coach Allison Merrell. "There was no rush, the girls got to get on the court early, got to use their own locker room — this whole environment was so comfortable. Even when we were getting ready, you could feel it, and then the fan support was amazing. It was just an awesome experience."

The Falcons had to fight in the first set. George Ranch jumped out to an early lead and led midway through the set, but Tompkins came back with a strong ending, dominating down the stretch to take it 25-19.



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Callie Funk tips the ball over the net during Tuesday's match between Tompkins and George Ranch at the Tompkins gym.

The Falcons settled in from there, not letting George Ranch get into the game at all in the second and third sets and winning them 25-15 and 15-16 to earn the sweep.

"Our serve receive was good and our blocking worked really well tonight," said senior setter and outside hitter Erica Dellesky. "Those are two of the most important aspects of the game so if you're doing those well then it's going to help you a lot. We really executed our game plan exactly like we wanted to."

One reason that gameplan was so

successful was because of the pressure put on them by Tompkins being able to use two setters at any particular time. Dellesky and Caelyn Dumas both switched out between setting and hitting and both were exceptional in the win by confusing and executing well against George Ranch.

"They even confuse me out there," Merrell said. "There was one point tonight where I tried to yell at one of them about a play and they both looked at me confused because I should have been yelling at the other one. I know that if I can't keep them straight, then I know the other side has a hard time too. But they both just do such a phenomenal job of running the floor and getting the ball where it needs to be."

The Falcons advance to play Cy-Ridge in the area round, time and date to be determined. Tompkins feels like they're exactly where they need to be at the moment and are excited to go on another run as they attempt to go deep in the playoffs.

"We just want to keep playing as long as we can — that was the goal last year and that's what it is again," said junior middle blocker Simi Elliot. "The most important thing is we have to focus on the game in front of us and keep focused every practice. We're going to keep working and getting better every day."

Community welcome for Katy High film night

STAFF REPORT

Katy High School will host its final film night of the regular season at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Members of the community are welcome to come out — meet at the field house by Tier Field, follow the paw prints on the sidewalk and go upstairs to the meeting room on the left.

There are no tickets required for the replay of the game and you are not required to be a parent to attend. There will be a replay of the Katy vs. Taylor game where the Katy coaches will give their comments on a play by play basis. Questions are welcome from the audience throughout.

While the Katy vs. Taylor replay will be the final film night of the regular season, it won't be the last of the season. Katy will host a film night the Monday after each playoff game and all are welcome to attend.

Cinco Ranch sweeps past Fort Bend Travis

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

For Cinco Ranch, everything had been building to Tuesday.

The Cougars had put together a very successful year, notching a spot as one of the best teams in the state and going on a 16 game unbeaten streak on the way to clinching an undefeated district title.

But all of that was leading to where the Cougars really wanted to be — the playoffs. Cinco has been strong each of the past two years, making it to the regional quarterfinals in 2021 and the regional final last year, and this year they think they have what it takes to go even further.

That was on full display in the Cougars' bi-district match against Fort Bend Travis, as Cinco dominated its way to a three set sweep (25-20, 25-13, 25-13) with the Cougars getting the win and advancing to area for the third straight season.

"We really have a lot of the same team that we had last year, but I think the biggest difference is we just want it more," said senior middle blocker Emily Killam. "Going into playoffs last year we didn't know what to expect and when we got to the fourth and fifth round it was almost a surprise. Now, we have a goal in mind. We want to get to state and we are playing with the intention to get there, not just the intention to get by."

Travis threw everything it had at Cinco in the game and made the first set competitive, taking a lead late in the first set before the Cougars took a breath and regrouped to take the first set 25-20.

"They just calmed down their nerves and we played under control," said Cinco Ranch head coach Danielle Wells. "We talked about defense a little bit and playing our type of game and the girls did a good job of that. They relaxed and just played a lot better once they got into the groove of the game and settled in."

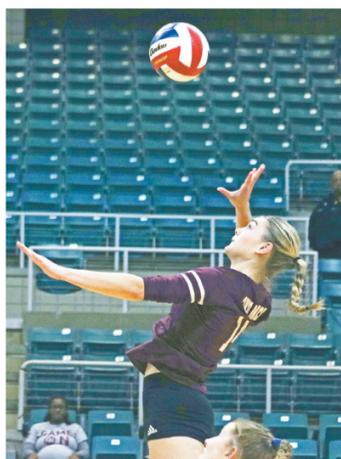
From there, Cinco never let Travis back into things. The Cougars went on to win the last two sets by over 10 points and clinch a sweep.

Cinco advances to play Jersey Vil-



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Cinco Ranch players celebrate after winning a set during Tuesday's bi-district match between Cinco Ranch and Fort Bend Travis at the Merrell Center.



Emily Killam gets ready to spike the ball during Tuesday's bi-district match between Cinco Ranch and Fort Bend Travis at the Merrell Center.

lage in the area round, time and date to be determined. Jersey Village comes off a 3 sets to 1 victory over Westside in the bi-district round.

"Tonight was great," said junior outside hitter Gabi Martinez. "We're all super excited to be back here in the playoffs and we know that we have a chance to go far. We're ready to work hard and do everything we can to do that"

Seven Lakes advances, Jordan falls in bi-district

Seven Lakes advanced to the area round for the second straight year, sweeping Fort Bend Austin 3-0 to earn the Spartans a spot in the second round.

Temí Sam-Olibale led the way offensively for Seven Lakes with 11 kills while Sameena Burns had 10, Heidi Wingate had eight and Lily Lott added six. Wingate also had three blocks while Clara Belcher led the team with three assists.

Seven Lakes will get a rematch in the area round as the Spartans will play Stratford. Seven Lakes narrowly lost the matchup last year to Stratford in five sets (23-25, 12-25, 25-23, 26-24, 12-15) nearly erasing a two set deficit to win but coming up just short. If they were to win that match and Tompkins were to win its area round match it would set up a regional quarterfinal match between the two Katy ISD schools.

Jordan meanwhile, nearly pulled off a huge upset over a one seeded Ridge Point, one of the stronger teams in the Houston area. The Warriors took the lead twice in the match, winning set one and set three, but Ridge Point mounted a comeback to win sets four and five as the Warriors season came to an end with a strong performance in their first ever playoff appearance.

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a 48-yard touchdown, but Sample took the ensuing kickoff back 95-yards for a touchdown to get the Warriors right back into it. Jordan's defense came up with a stop after that and the offense turned the opportunity into points after driving down the field with Willetts throwing a 7-yard score to Andrew Marsh to tie it, but Tompkins responded with a score just 30 seconds before halftime as Young threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Adebisi Bello, putting the Falcons up 28-21 at halftime.

Tompkins came out with a concerted effort to pound the ball in the run game on offense and control the tempo and clock, keeping the ball away from the explosive Jordan offense. It paid dividends as it kept the defense fresh and it was that unit that made a couple of key steps in the second half.

"It was huge for us to keep control of the clock and run time as an offense," said senior offensive lineman Ashton Funk. "They have a lot of good players on their offense so any time you can keep it away from them it's a win. We just wanted to make sure we got everything out of every play."

The first of those stops came right at the beginning of the half. Jordan moved the ball well on its first drive and got to the 4-yard line for a first and goal, but the Falcons pushed them backwards three straight plays and forced a field goal. The Falcons' offense came back with a strong drive and even when Young had to go to the sideline with a small injury, his backup Justin Thierheimer came in and made an impact throwing a 23-yard touchdown to Rhys Phillips. The Falcons made a defensive stop after, but the Warriors' defense

came up with a big play in turn, forcing a fumble at their own 1-yard line and recovering it in their own endzone early in the fourth quarter to keep their chances alive. But the Tompkins defense made a stop of its own on the next drive, forcing Jordan into a fourth and extremely long and then a turnover on downs. Young scored on a 29-yard touchdown to make things even harder for the Warriors and then Tompkins did a surprise outside kick, getting the ball back with Young capping things off with another touchdown, a 33-yard run.

Young finished the game with 231 yards rushing and three rushing touchdowns, adding 61 yards through the air and a passing touchdown. Blocker ran for 208 yards and two scores and caught two passes for 25 yards while the Falcons rushed for 487 yards as a team.

"Our offensive line is the center of us — they are the central part of everything we do on offense," Young said. "I can't say enough about them. They control the line of scrimmage the whole game, they let the guys in the backfield get shifty and open things up for us. I give those guys all the credit because they block everything up perfectly and that is the start of everything."

Tompkins will close out the regular season with a game against Paetow before heading into the playoffs. In all likelihood the Falcons will be the second seed out of Division I in the playoffs.

"We had our bumps at the beginning of the season, but guys are starting to reach their full potential and it's exciting," Davis said. "Everyone here just goes out there and plays hard and as long as we keep doing that we are going to keep getting better."

TOMPKINS 49, JORDAN 24

Jordan	14	7	3	0	--	24
Tompkins	21	7	7	14	--	49

First quarter

T: Caleb Blocker 25 run (Williams Duncan kick) 11:14
T: Blocker 15 run (Duncan kick) 6:18
J: Dominic Cangolosi 58 pass to Zechariah Sample (Wilson Kalvass kick) 4:52
T: Wyatt Young 48 run (Duncan kick) 0:42
J: Sample 95 kick return (Kalvass kick) 0:28

Second quarter

J: Colin Willetts 7 pass to Andrew Marsh (Kalvass kick) 3:39
T: Young 20 pass to Adebisi Bello (Duncan kick) 0:30

Third quarter

J: Kalvass 29 field goal, 7:59
T: Justin Thierheimer 23 pass to Rhys Phillips (Duncan kick) 4:02

Fourth quarter

T: Wyatt Young 29 run (Duncan kick) 3:28
T: Wyatt Young 33 run (Duncan kick) 1:24

Team stats

	JORDAN	TOMPKINS
First downs	14	26
Yards rushing	23-67	52-487
Yards passing	219	95
Passes	11-18-2-1	7-9-95-2-0
Punts	0-0	1-13
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalty-yards	6-75	10-80

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 17-231-3; Caleb Blocker, 28-208-2; Jhase McMillan, 7-48; Jordan: Tanner West, 9-54; Van Keith Brown, 3-26; Jeremy Alo-Perry, 2-(-3); Colin Willetts, 8-(-10); Passing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 5-7-61-1-0; Justin Thierheimer, 2-2-34-1-0; Jordan: Colin Willetts, 10-17-161-1-1; Dominic Cangolosi, 1-1-58-1-0; Receiving – Tompkins: Adebisi Bello, 2-28-1; Caleb Blocker, 2-25; Rhys Phillips, 1-23; Dylan Rodriguez, 2-19; Jordan: Zechariah Sample, 3-81-1; Van Keith Brown, 3-75; Andrew Marsh, 4-57; Jeremy Alo-Perry, 1-6;

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Everything we do is to represent that and you can see how they wear it with pride. They deserved everything tonight." It was a defensive battle from the opening kickoff where both teams had to fight for every inch.

Taylor started the game with the ball but Paetow made an interception by Jaeden Spelmon to set themselves up in good field position early. Taylor though, made a play right back with an interception of its own by Victory Kalu-Uka and drove down the field before having to settle for a 28-yard field goal converted by Jackson Waller. The Taylor defense continued to make big plays and after another stop the Mustangs scored a touchdown on a 30-yard pass from Daniel Bruns to Jeremy McCullough. The Panthers made two big interceptions after that though — Carmelo Brooks made the first and after the Taylor defense kept Paetow's offense off the board. Jamaal Commie made an interception and returned it inside the Mustangs five yard line, which the Paetow offense converted into six on a 2-yard pass by Jackson Farrar to Jabari Bush late in the second half, as Taylor took a 10-6 lead into halftime, with both defenses playing very strong.

"This defense, we all just play for each other," Commie said. "We just stuck to our keys and played our role. We're a defense with attitude and we are always going to play hard. We wanted to win for everyone in this program — the players and the coaches — and it was a great feeling to get this one."

Both teams continued the defensive battle in the second half as neither were able to get on the board. That continued late into the fourth quarter, when the Paetow offense came alive. The Panthers took a drive from deep in their own territory and drove the length of the field and scoring on a fourth and goal from the two yard line on a Kaleb Molina run with 3:37 remaining. Taylor had a chance to get down the field and win it, but the Panthers forced a turnover on downs to end the game and secure their second straight win.

"Kaleb is one of the hardest working kids I know, and when kids like that get rewarded, it's awesome," Hicks said. "He does everything the right way and is a great kid. I'm so proud of that guy and happy he got that moment. He made some big time plays tonight!"

Paetow will end its season with a game against Tompkins and will look to extend the win streak to three games.

"This is great and I'm so happy right now, but we want another one," Molina said. "This was a good week but now we have to turn the page to next week, keep the momentum going and get another win. This is our last game and we want to go out the right way."



Both the Katy boys and girls teams qualified for the Class 6A state meet as teams.

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The district also sent a few individual runners to the state meet along with Montgomery. Taylor had two runners individually qualify for the state meet in Michael Klahn, who finished in ninth place and Carlos Varela, who finished 17th. Paetow's Elijah Emerson finished 13th and also qualified to the state meet.

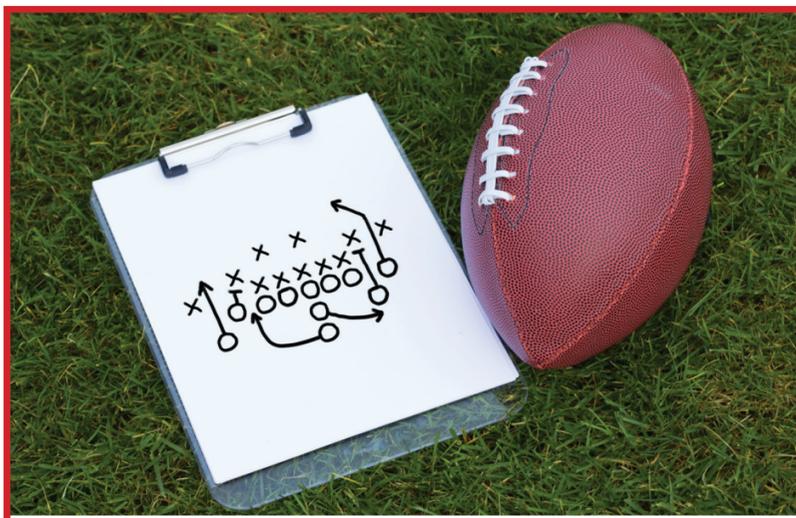
On the girls side, Katy finished fourth as a team to qualify for the state tournament, while Tompkins narrowly missed out on making it as a team, finishing fifth.

Katy was led by Maddy Hunter, who finished fourth overall with a time of 18 minutes, 20.7 seconds, while Lauren Acopa finished 27th, Victoria Guerrero finished 47th and Hailee Greene finished 53rd. Heidi Greene and Gracie Rocha rounded out the finishers for Katy, finishing 56th and 84th respectively.

Rowan Saacke reached the medal stand for Tompkins and qualified individually for the state meet by finishing second with a time of 17 minutes, 57.16

seconds, while Mayde Creek sent two runners to the state meet individually in Claudia Klander, who finished fifth overall with a time of 18 minutes 21.59 seconds, and Jamie Klander, who finished sixth overall with a time of 18 minutes, 22.80 seconds to round out the individual qualifiers from the school district.

Royal's Kevin Martinez also made the state tournament individually, finishing 18th overall in the Region IV-6A meet with a time of 17 minutes, 43.73 seconds.



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TEXAS LEGISLATURE DESIGNATES NOVEMBER 3RD AS TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES DAY

Texas High School Coaches Association and school communities plan celebrations of Texas coaches.

San Marcos, Texas (October 16, 2023) – High school and middle school coaches all over Texas now have a day specifically designated to celebrate their positive impact on students and communities. Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, which designates November 3rd as Texas High School Coaches Day, was sponsored by Senator Lois Kolkorst and House Representative John Kuempel. The resolution passed in both the House and the Senate by a vote of 140-1 and signed by Governor Abbott on May 19, 2023. SCR 38 designates the first Friday in November as Texas High School Coaches Day for a period of ten years.

Participation in high school athletics has positive lifelong benefits for student-athletes. Student-athletes learn time management skills, leadership skills, the value of hard work, teamwork, and how to work through adversity. An article published by the National Federation of High Schools outlines that students also show a "stronger sense of self-confidence in building relationships with others and having an expanded capacity for empathy." Additionally, studies like those published in the Medicine & Science in Sports and Exercise Journal have shown that students who participate in sports are less likely to drop out of school, consistently have higher grades, and are more likely to seek a post-high school education than students who do not participate in sports. Without dedicated coaches to lead high school sports programs, students would miss out on the benefits of sports.

"Texas high school and middle school coaches are unique in that they are integral to the schools and communities they coach," said Joe Martin, Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA). "Public school coaches are full-time teachers, department chairs, hall and cafeteria monitors, disciplinarians, and grief counselors. They are field trip bus drivers, pep rally leaders, part-time field and facility maintenance workers, security guards, and janitors. They are the first to arrive on campus and the last to leave at night. But above all, they care for students and the community without expectation of praise and recognition. That is why we are thankful that Texas Legislatures voted to create a day specifically for our school coaches; Texas High School Coaches Day will be celebrated to recognize the incomparable role that Texas coaches play in our communities." Schools are asked to participate in Texas High School Coaches Day by recognizing their coaches through social media, pep rally recognition, thank you cards, and other creative ways. On October 30th, THSCA will begin a week-long social media campaign highlighting videos from Texas-raised professional athletes thanking coaches for their positive impact. Parents and communities are asked to find their ways to recognize the high school and middle school coaches in their school communities.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02 "TECHNICAL CODES AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS" OF CHAPTER 3 "BUILDING REGULATIONS", OF THE CITY OF KATY CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES; ADOPTING THE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED CODES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien.

Sale to be held ONLINE at storagetreasures.com

The facility is Fairfield Mini Storage 20131 Schiel Rd, Cypress, Texas 77433. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on November 2, 2023, and end at 12:00 pm on November 8, 2023. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Heather Gartman, Paul Beisert.

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Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal. Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 is accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for concrete pavement work located at Fire Station 3. The Proposal is due no later than Tuesday, November 14th at 12:00 p.m. at Martinez Architects, LP 900 Rockmead, Suite 250, Kingwood, TX 77339. The Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal will be utilized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code and Ch. 2269, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code. For additional information regarding this project, please contact Mr. Ricardo Martinez (ricardom@martinez-architects.com, 281-800-1023). Request for Proposals may be reviewed or requested from Martinez Architects, made available from Associated General Contractors, McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, Virtual Builders Exchange.

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When: Saturday-November 4th-9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday-November 5th-12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Address: 5702 Dahlia Lane Katy, Texas

Contact: David Garner 337-296-6472 or Wendy Garner Hankins 281-330-5077

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO REVISE A SUBDIVISION PLAT FILED FOR RECORD WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

APPLICATION: Tanya Coury, owner, requests to revise Lots 3 & 5, of Briarmeadow Subdivision, Sec 1. The revision will create 4 Lots from existing Lots 3 & 5. The new lots will be 3n, 3s, 5n, & 5s. Briarmeadow Subdivision, Sec 1 is in the George A Dennett Survey, Abstract No. 123, recorded in Vol 357, Pg 485 of the W.C.D.R.

This replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant's property.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on November 15, 2023, 9:00am at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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The facility is Langham Creek Mini Storage 18619 FM 529 RD, Cypress, TX 77433 Bidding will open at 10:00 am on November 10, 2023, and end at 10:00 Am on November 17, 2023. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Tom Brewer, Ronald Henderson, Tatiana Valencia, Gustavo Ocampo Rodriguez, Mardia Victor, Sharon Boone, Linda Garcia, Dorothy Simon Rosvold, Kearra Blue, Lason Hood, Patrick O McGuire, Samantha Montgomery, Aliyah Peck.

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage license by Palinuro Italian Cuisine FGB to be located at 27131 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Suite 900 Katy, TX 77494. The officer of said corporation is Gabriele Stabile, owner.

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Invitation for Bids

Waller County will receive bids for Highway Construction Activities related to the road realignment for Diemer Road in Hempstead, Texas under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Street Improvements Contract No. 20-065-062-C180 until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 electronically via Civcast or hard copy submittal to 2322 West Grand Pkwy North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449. Bids must be addressed to Matt Breazeale. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 in Commissioners' Court at Waller County Swing Space located at 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, TX 77445.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

Reroute a section of Diemer Road with use of excavation, road base, and application of roadway surfacing and complete associated appurtenances.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com.

There will be a pre-bid conference at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449, with a virtual option. To join via Microsoft Teams, the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 495215434# when prompted. Attendance is not mandatory.

A bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to Waller County or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 9B "OKD OLD KATY DISTRICT," OF THE CITY OF KATY'S ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 621; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH ONLY THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY.

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All contractors and subcontractors must be cleared (i.e., not suspended or debarred) prior to any formal action authorizing the award of a contract to the contractor. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Section 3 Businesses, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids.

Waller County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by Waller County for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to Memorial Municipal Utility District will be received in the office of Costello, LLC, 2107 CityWest Blvd, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas 77042 until 10:00 a.m. local time, Friday, November 17, 2023 and then publicly opened and read for the **MEMORIAL MUD WATER PLANT No. 2 – GST AND HPT REPAIRS**. Proposals received after closing will be returned unopened.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

Each **PROPOSAL** shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, the "bid security", in an amount not less than ten percent of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds and Guaranty on the forms provided within five days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. Bid sureties will be returned to all but the three lowest acceptable bidders the day of opening of **PROPOSALS**, and the remaining bid sureties will be returned after execution of the Contract.

The successful bidder must furnish **PERFORMANCE, PAYMENT, and MAINTENANCE BONDS** on the forms furnished with the **PROPOSAL**, in the amount of one hundred percent of the total Contract price, from a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Plans, specifications and bid documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at the CivCastUSA Website (www.CivCastUSA.com). Reproduction charges will apply according to CivCastUSA rates.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all **PROPOSALS** and to waive irregularities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the **PROPOSAL**, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the **PROPOSAL**.

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Week 11 KATY ISD PREVIEWS

Final playoff spot comes down to last week of regular season

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

ALL GAMES DISTRICT 19-6A

Thursday

Seven Lakes (2-7, 1-6) vs. Cinco Ranch (5-4, 4-3), 6:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Cinco Ranch 56, Seven Lakes 17

It's a much different situation for Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch as they enter the final week of the regular season. The Spartans are out of the playoff race and playing for pride, while Cinco Ranch still has a chance to get in but will need help from other games as well as a win.

The Spartans come off a loss to Katy and will be looking to close out the season on a positive note. Seven Lakes was unable to slow down the Katy run game and it took a while for the Spartans to get into the game offensively. Shaan Patel threw a 25-yard touchdown to Davis Yates for the Spartans' lone touchdown in the game while Seven Lakes ended up six rushing touchdowns to the Tigers. They'll look to be better in that area headed into this week.

Cinco meanwhile comes off its bye week and will be well rested and very motivated coming into this week. There is only one scenario where the Cougars get into the playoffs — they need to get a win over Seven Lakes on Thursday and then they would need Jordan to lose to Morton Ranch on Thursday night as well. The Cougars will rely on an offense that has been explosive in many games this season and a defense that has gotten better as the season has gone along. The run game has been a strong point for the team behind Tessiah Young and Marcus Gaddin, while Davis Roup has been a good addition as quarterback for the Cougars.

Cinco Ranch will have to have a strong day against the run game of Seven Lakes, as the Spartans will try to ground and pound their way into the endzone on offense, while the Cougars will have to be balanced on offense as they look for a big win. Seven Lakes' defense will have to be ready to stop both the pass and the run while the offense of the Spartans will have to be balanced, mixing in the team's talented backfield with play action



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Daniel Bruns throws a pass during Thursday's game between Taylor and Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

and shots downfield.

Jordan (6-3, 4-3) vs. Morton Ranch (2-7, 2-5), 7:15 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Morton Ranch 36, Jordan 33

Jordan and Morton Ranch face off in a rematch of their final regular season games for last year, but while Jordan is in the same position they faced last year, the Mavericks are not and will just be playing for pride and to close out the season the right way. The matchup between these two was one of the most exciting of the whole season with huge stakes.

The stakes are the same as last year for Jordan: win and you are in the playoffs, which would be the first ever playoff appearance for the Warriors. Jordan is coming off two straight losses and will look to bounce back as they continue to get healthier towards the end of the regular season. Jordan comes off a loss to Tompkins where they just could not stop the Falcons' run game, giving up 487 yards on the ground overall. The Warriors' pass game had explosive plays, with Zechariah Sample going for 81 yards on three catches, Van Keith Brown

getting 75 yards on three catches and Andrew Marsh getting 57 yards on four catches, but the run game for the Warriors couldn't keep up only gaining 67 yards on the ground.

Morton Ranch will need to trust its run game, as the opposing run game has been a weakness of Jordan's. They will try to use both quarterback and running back in the run game while adding deep shots with the pass game. The Morton Ranch defense will have to be strong against the pass, especially as they hope to put together four strong quarters.

Jordan will have to do better against the run game, especially against a team that likes to run the ball in Morton Ranch while offensively they will look to continue their strong pass game and add more run as they look to clinch a playoff spot.

Friday

Tompkins (6-3, 5-2) vs. Paetow (2-7, 2-5), 6:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Tompkins 41, Paetow 17

Tompkins and Paetow both come into Friday's game having played well in the last few weeks

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS							
	Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1	Katy	8	1	7	0	335	90
2	Tompkins	6	3	5	2	260	152
3	Taylor	5	4	5	2	141	115
4	Jordan	6	3	4	3	237	171
5	Cinco Ranch	5	4	4	3	180	178
6	Morton Ranch	2	7	2	5	216	264
7	Paetow	2	7	2	5	98	145
8	Mayde Creek	3	7	2	6	144	332
9	Seven Lakes	2	7	1	6	90	264

with both on winning streaks as they enter the final week of the season.

Tompkins is riding a five-game winning streak and comes off a win over Jordan that clinched a playoff spot for the Falcons and will look to build off that coming into this game. Wyatt Young and Caleb Blocker combined to be a dominant force in the team's last win. Young ran for 231 yards and three touchdowns while Blocker ran for 208 yards and two touchdowns, Young also threw for 61 yards and a score as the Falcons wore down Jordan on the way to the win. The Falcons' defense also stepped up, not allowing a touchdown in the second half and limiting Jordan especially in the run game, where they only gave up 67 yards.

Paetow meanwhile won its second in a row by beating Taylor. The Paetow defense was huge in the game — the Panthers held Taylor to under 200 yards of total offense while recording three interceptions and stopping Taylor multiple times on fourth down. Offensively, Jamaal Commie had 48 yards rushing while Kaleb Molina added 38 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Jackson Farrar only completed one pass but it was for a touchdown to Jabari Bush.

Tompkins will try to do the same thing they have been doing, using a bruising run game to get ahead and control the clock while getting turnovers and stops on defense. Paetow will try to do the same things on defense, where they have been excellent, while the Panthers will try to be more explosive on offense as they try to win a third straight.

Taylor (5-4, 5-2) vs. Katy (8-1, 7-1), 7:15 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 49, Taylor 7

What looked like it might be a battle for the District 19-6A championship coming into last week now is just a game for bragging rights,

as both Katy and Taylor are locked into their positions in the playoffs and the final district standings.

Katy comes off a big win against Seven Lakes, which was the Tigers' seventh straight win and kept them unbeaten in district play. Katy also managed to clinch the district title last week and the top spot in the playoffs out of the district by beating Seven Lakes and with Taylor losing. The Tigers' run game was once again a big catalyst in the win. Tremayne Hill, Romel Jordan and Chase Johnsey combined to dominate the game and combined to run for six touchdowns, while the Tigers' defense only allowed one touchdown in the game and kept Seven Lakes offense from ever getting into the game.

Taylor meanwhile, comes off a loss to Paetow that won't affect playoff chances but killed the team's chances of winning a district title, and the Mustangs will be looking to bounce back with a strong performance before heading into the playoffs. It was a defensive battle in the last game for the Mustangs from start to finish. Both teams were held under 200 yards of total offense in the game as both Taylor and Paetow struggled to move the ball and both defenses played well. The Mustangs held Paetow to just 11 yards passing in the game. Offensively, Daniel Bruns threw for a 109 yards and a touchdown, and Dante Archie caught five passes for 34 yards and ran for 41 yards while Jeremy McCullough had 32 yards receiving and a touchdown.

It will be a battle of strengths in the game. Both teams will want to run the ball and stop the run and both have strong front sevens and offensive lines. While both teams have their spots in district and the playoffs secured, both will be wanting to close out the regular season with a win.

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Cougars announce first Big 12 basketball schedule

STAFF REPORT

Seventeen regular-season home games and a Saturday exhibition against UNC Pembroke inside the Fertitta Center highlight the University of Houston's Men's Basketball 2023-24 schedule after the Big 12 Conference released complete team conference schedules on Tuesday.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Kelvin Sampson, Houston enters a new era when it tips off in the Big 12 for the first time in 2023-24.

All 18 Big 12 games will be shown on the ESPN family of networks with two contests being aired on CBS Sports (vs. Texas, Feb. 17 / at Baylor, Feb. 24).

Houston will meet Cincinnati, Iowa State, Kansas, Texas and UCF

in home-and away series. The Cougars meet Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and West Virginia in home games inside the Fertitta Center only and travel to face Baylor, BYU, Oklahoma and TCU on the road only.

The Cougars open league play when they play host to West Virginia inside the Fertitta Center on Saturday, Jan. 6. Houston goes on to meet Texas Tech (Jan. 17), UCF (Jan. 20) and Kansas State (Jan. 27) at home in the month with road tilts at Iowa State (Jan. 9), at TCU (Jan. 13), at BYU (Jan. 23) and at Texas (Jan. 29) to close out January.

In February, Houston opens the month against Kansas (Feb. 3) in the Cougars' first road trip to Lawrence, Kan., since Dec. 15,

1984. Additional road games in the month include at Cincinnati (Feb. 10) and at Baylor (Feb. 24) with home games against Oklahoma State (Feb. 6), Texas (Feb. 17), Iowa State (Feb. 19) and Cincinnati (Feb. 27) inside the Fertitta Center.

Sampson leads the Cougars into Norman, Okla., on Saturday, March 2, to face the Sooners. As head coach from 1994 to 2006, Sampson led the Oklahoma to 281 wins, four Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles, 11 NCAA Tournament appearances and the 2002 NCAA Final Four.

The Cougars close their regular-season road schedule at UCF on Wednesday, March 6, and play host to Kansas on Senior Day inside the Fertitta Center on Saturday, March 9.



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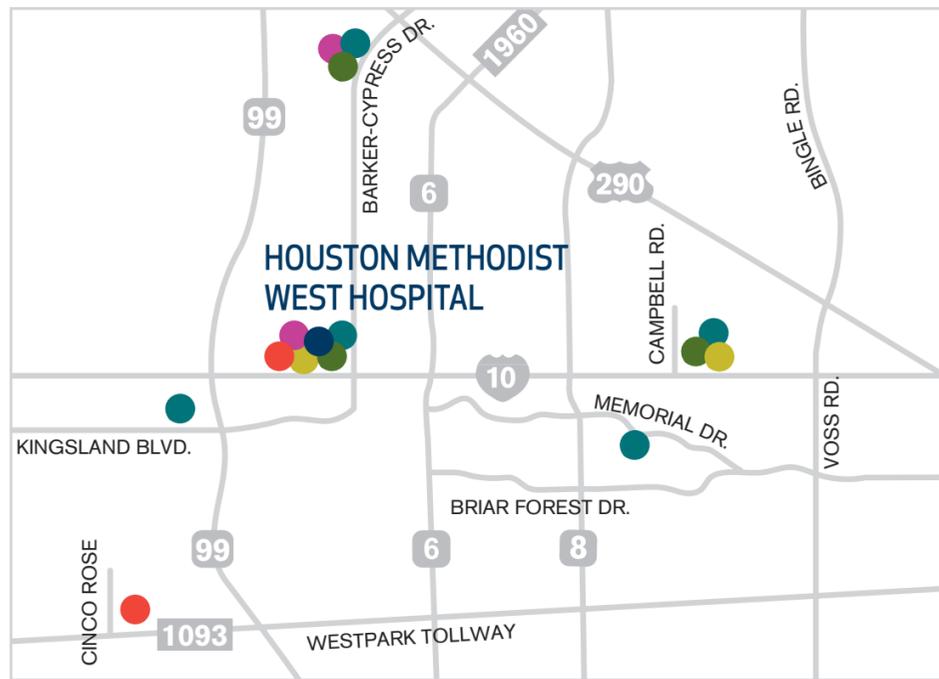
Houston forward Ja'Vier Francis (5) looks to pass during an NCAA men's basketball game between the Houston Cougars and the Southern Methodist Mustangs on Jan. 5, 2023 in Houston. Houston won, 87-53.

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