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Above: The national anthem was performed by Tompkins High School students Ava McCulloch, Anna Sinocic and Oscar Tamez, all members of the Tompkins Wind Symphony, which is the school's varsity concert ensemble.

Right: Mark Zhao, a fifth-grade student at Alexander Elementary, led the Pledges of Allegiance.

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Katy ISD board approves naming of high school #10

School board establishes special committee to study teacher retention; demographic trends and 10-year enrollment numbers projected in annual update

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

By unanimous vote at the November 13th meeting, Katy ISD Board of Trustee members confirmed that the district's new high school #10, opening in 2024, will be named Freeman High School,

in honor of one of Katy's founding families. The Freeman family, deeply ingrained in Katy's history, has been prominent in civic leadership, with members serving as mayor, city council members, and contributing to the volunteer fire department and school board.

"The family name of 'Freeman'

is a familiar one in our community, as the family has a 125-year history in Katy that spans six generations," said Victor Perez, Katy ISD Board President. "High School #10, now Freeman High School, was approved by our community as a part of the 2021 bond program and will provide enrollment relief to our schools in the northwest quadrant of the district," added Perez.

Perez also announced the formation of a short-term special purpose

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Council approves parking restrictions near Robertson Elementary campus

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy city council amended a local traffic ordinance to officially establish "no parking" zones near Robertson Elementary in Cane Island. Parking is now officially prohibited on the north side of the 7300-7500 block of Innovation Drive from the intersection of Cypress Cove Lane/Compass Drive to the eastern boundary of Robertson Elementary School at 7400 Innovation Drive and on the south side of the 7400-7500 block of Innovation Drive from the intersection of Cypress Cove Lane/Compass Drive to the intersection of Welwyn Lane. Restrictions are effective during school hours, KPD Chief Noe Diaz said. Signs establishing the "no parking" zones had already been placed in the area by Katy ISD but will be replaced by the city, with the updated hours. The ordinance amendment was necessary in order for Katy Police Department to enforce the "no parking" zone, officials said.

The meeting opened with two recognitions:

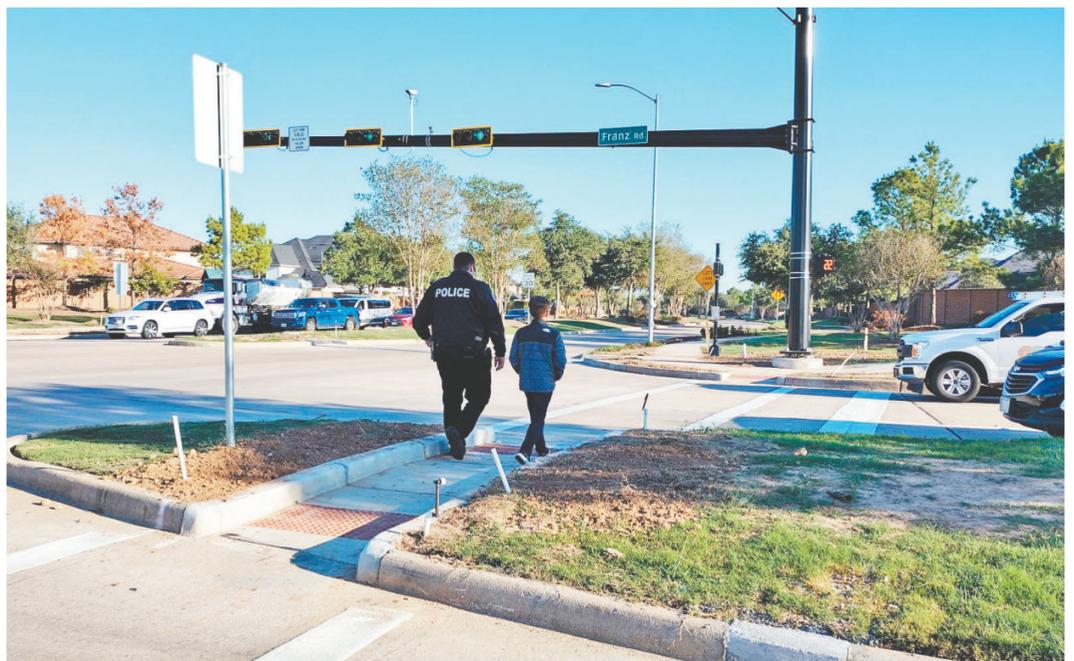
- Ashley Lipsman, the city's tourism and marketing event coordinator, honored Mariam Elsherbiny as the "Best of Show" winner in the 2023 Katy Rice Harvest Festival Art Contest. Elsherbiny's work, "Wildflowers," was on display in council chambers.
- Council member Janet Corte read a proclamation declaring November 2023 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

In other action, council:

- Approved a temporary road closure for portions of Highway 90, FM 1463 and Katyland Drive for the annual Katy ISD FFA Parade on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

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TRYING THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL



Left: Bennett Smith, a fifth-grader at Robertson Elementary School in Cane Island, pushes the button to activate the "walk" signal at the newly-operational traffic signal at Franz Road and Cane Island Parkway on November 2nd. Bennett is the son of City of Katy Councilmember Dan Smith and recently won his first elective office himself – as student council president for fifth grade. Above: Escorted by Katy Police Department Officer Krause, Bennett Smith becomes the first pedestrian to officially use the new crosswalk at Franz Road and Cane Island Parkway. The new traffic signal was activated on Thursday, November 2, with KPD Police Chief Noe Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris and Councilmember Dan Smith present. "We worked hard to make this happen," Harris said of the signal project.

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Parkway Fellowship to break ground on north Katy campus



COURTESY OF PARKWAY FELLOWSHIP

"This groundbreaking is an important and exciting step into our future, with thousands of families impacted since Parkway began, and more we want to reach here in the surrounding Katy community."

— ADAM JUNGEBLUT,
Pastor of Parkway Fellowship Church

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Parkway Fellowship Church is pleased to extend an invite the public to join in commemorating the groundbreaking ceremony for the future home of their North Katy location. The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, at 4 p.m., to be held at 5911 Morton Rd in Katy.

Since 2019, the North Katy location has been operating from a leased facility at the corner of Ave D and 10th St, a space that previously housed a Brookshire Brothers grocery store. In 2023, with the generous support of its community, the church purchased two tracts of land totaling 14 acres from two long-standing Katy families, strategically situated at the corner of Morton Rd and Katy Hockley. Notably, one of these families, the Scroggins, were the primary crop-dusting provider in the area and also established Katy's first feed store

in 1964. The other family, the Gordens, were instrumental and involved in many things in Katy until the passing of Mrs. Gorden at the age of 104 in 2022. The upcoming ceremony aims to pay tribute to these families and the rich history of the city.

Parkway Fellowship envisions the construction of its permanent home, incorporating a state-of-the-art adult worship center, facilities catering to children from birth through high school, a chapel, areas for small group gatherings, and an outdoor space designed for families to engage in recreational activities beneath the shade of mature oak trees.

Pastor Adam Jungeblut expressed, "This groundbreaking is an important and exciting step into our future, with thousands of families impacted since Parkway began, and more we want to reach here in the surrounding Katy community."

Parkway Fellowship's histo-

ry traces back to its inception at Cinco Ranch High School in February 2003. In 2010, the church established its initial permanent location on 66 acres at the corner of FM 1093 and 359 in Richmond. In 2014, a second location was opened north of I-10 in Katy. Recognized as one of the top 100 fastest-growing churches in the nation, Parkway recently secured the #38 position in the 2023 listing.

The church has been an integral part of the community, with congregants contributing over \$3 million in generous donations to support causes, people, and organizations both locally in the Katy area and globally. Parkway Fellowship actively collaborates with local charities such as Family Hope, Katy Christian Ministries, Keturah's Haven, and Young Life. Notably, their "Second Saturday" food distribution event aids in

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99 Cent Stores hosts veterans fundraiser

FROM STAFF REPORTS

99 Cents Only Stores, in partnership with Folds of Honor, hosted an event at its Katy location on November 3rd, kicking off a month-long fundraising drive to recognize Military Families Month and Veterans Day. Folds of Honor provides scholarships to the families of America's fallen or disabled servicemembers and the families of America's first responders.

The store at 21961 Katy Freeway in Katy featured representatives from Folds of Honor who were available to share their stories of service.

As part of the campaign, 99 Cents



will sell stars, each with its own unique barcode. Customers will have the opportunity to write the names of their loved veterans and active servicemembers on these stars, which

will then be displayed in the participating stores. The program runs from November 3 through November 30, coinciding with Military Families Month and Veterans Day.

All 46 Texas-based 99 Cents Only stores will participate in this fundraiser. "We are honored to help support and bring more attention to this important effort for our military veterans and their families," said Mike Simoncic, Chief Executive Officer of 99 Cents. "The Houston region is home to over 300,000 veterans, so this gives all of us an opportunity to honor their sacrifices and support the tremendous work Folds of Honor is doing in our communities."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Community Campout set for November 17-18

Pack your tent and sleeping bags for a night of FREE family fun, including an outdoor movie, activities, dinner, s'mores, and a light breakfast at the Fall Community Campout, held by the City of Katy's Parks and Recreation Department. The event takes place November 17-18th at VFW Park, 5202 George Bush Drive in Katy. Set-up begins Friday at 4 p.m. and camp breaks by 9 a.m. on Saturday.

YMCA Turkey Dash holds its 21st annual event on Thanksgiving morning

Work off those holiday calories - and help the community - by participating in the YMCA's annual Turkey Dash, to be held at the Monty Ballard YMCA at Cinco Ranch, 22807 Westheimer Pkwy in Katy. The Thanksgiving Day tradition - now in its 21st year - features a 10K run/walk, a 5K run/walk, a family 1-mile run/walk and a kids' 1-mile run/walk. Registration includes a T-shirt, finisher medals for the 10K, 5K and kids' 1-mile events, a race bib, and race packet. Funds raised from the event ensure that the Katy YMCAs can continue to service the community through programs providing opportunities to learn, grow and thrive. To learn more, visit ymcaturkeydash@ymcahouston.org.

Visit Dewberry Farms to get your Christmas tree and enjoy a "Merry Berry Christmas"

The tradition is back, starting November 24th! Gather the family and take a wagon ride to the Christmas Tree Forest at Dewberry Farms to find the perfect tree. You may cut the tree yourself or one of the Dewberry Farms team members can assist you. The family-friendly venue will also open "A Merry Berry Christmas November 24th through December 23rd. Bring the whole family for a day chock-full of Texas-sized Christmas fun with two dazzling Light Shows, and over 40 rides and attractions for the kiddos.

Stop by the barnyard and say "hi" the farm animals, and say a special hello to the farm's famous rescued bull, Sir Loin. For tickets and more information, go to dewberryfarms.com. Dewberry Farms is located at 7705 FM 362 in Brookshire.

Santa returns to Katy Mills for the holidays

Simon*, the parent company of Katy Mills Mall, is pleased to announce Santa visits for families as part of the Simon Santa Photo Experience at Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy. Santa arrives on November 16th and will be available until Christmas Eve. The Santa Photo Experience launches on Thursday, November 16th and

will be open on Monday - Sunday until December 24th. Reservations are encouraged. To make Santa reservations today and view a full schedule, go to whereissanta.com/mall/0641?utm_campaign=lp-katy-mills&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=website-simon.

Katy Mills will also host events with Santa this season including:

- Breakfast with Santa - Tuesday, November 21st from 10 to 11 a.m. *Space is limited. Available to first 50 guests*
- Caring Santa* - Sunday, December 3rd from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Pet Photos - Sunday, December 10th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Story time & Cookies with Santa - Friday, December 15th from 2 to 3 p.m. *Space is limited. Available to first 50 guests*

Hutsell Elementary hosts Candyland STEAM night on November 30th

Hutsell Elementary invites you to a "Candyland STEAM Night" on Thursday, November 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the campus at 5360 Franz Road, Katy. The event features constellations, dash robots, circuit boards, catapults, slime, bracelets, bookmarks and raffles.

Cross Creek Ranch, Cross Creek West host seasonal campaign to support local charities

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

For the next two months, the Fulshear communities of Cross Creek Ranch and Cross Creek West are hosting a joint Give Back, Build Hope campaign to benefit four local charities.

The two communities will make a monetary donation to four Fort Bend charities for every home sold during November and December -- Abigail's Place, Family Hope, Fort Bend PAWS and Reining Strength. In addition, those purchasing a home in either community will have their chance at winning \$3,000.

"Expanding the Give Back, Build Hope campaign to include both Cross Creek West and Cross Creek Ranch led to us donating a record-breaking \$35,000 to participating charities through the 2022 campaign," said Rob Bamford, General Manager for Cross Creek Ranch and Cross Creek West. "We expect a strong showing this year, as well. We're happy to support these essential Fort Bend charities."

In its fourth year, the Give Back, Build Hope campaign has donated \$75,000 to participating charities.

• Richmond-based Abigail's Place serves single mothers facing episodic homelessness, providing transitional housing and helping clients toward self-sufficiency. The charity's transitional housing

includes on-site shelter units, rental assistance, short-term hotel stays and security deposits.

• Family Hope specifically helps those in northern Fort Bend County with food and assistance with medical, rent and utility costs. Since 2020, Cross Creek Ranch has partnered with Family Hope to help them provide food for those in need.

• Fort Bend PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) raises funds and awareness for Fort Bend County Animal Services to help them maintain a high save rate as well as provide heartworm treatment and preventative and low-cost spay and neuter events.

• Reining Strength Therapeutic Horsemanship serves adults and children ages 2 and older who have physical, cognitive, social or emotional needs by providing equine-assisted services.

The two communities are also taking donations of items such as office supplies, canned pet food, toiletries, non-perishable foods, paper towels, gift cards and more to give to the charities. Items can be dropped off at the Cross Creek Ranch Welcome Center, 6450 Cross Creek Bend Lane, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday as well as 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

A full list of requested items per charity can be found at <https://www.crosscreektexas.com/giveback>.

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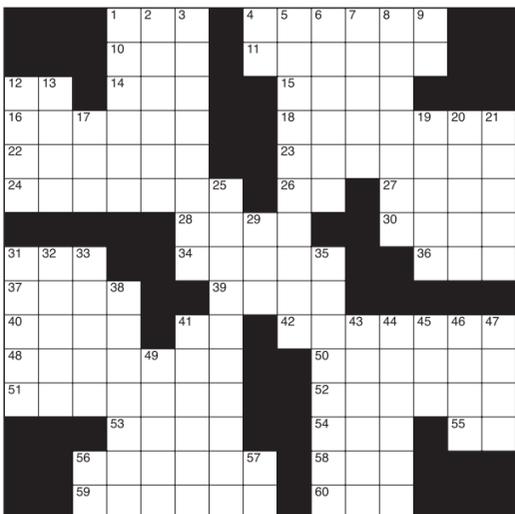
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- Hindu deity
- Polynesian garland of flowers
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- Metric ton
- Tall, rounded vase
- Musical composition
- St. Francis of ___
- Discover the location of
- Compact group of mountains
- Mend
- Not current
- Atomic #64
- Young hawk
- Or ___
- Pouches
- Southern Thailand isthmus
- Mends with yarn
- Downwinds
- One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- Italian archaeological site
- Cold appetizer
- Yes
- Peninsula
- Of that
- A way to divide
- Relating to the physical senses

CLUES DOWN

- Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
- Former name of Iran
- Made smaller
- Type of meter
- Revolt
- Killed with rocks
- Gregory __, US dancer
- Nullifies
- Home to the Flyers
- Female parent
- Pre-1917 Russian emperor
- Outsourcing (abbr.)
- Regal
- Line
- Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
- Clearing up



- No seats available
- Leaves of an Arabian shrub
- Groove in organ or tissue
- Not of this world
- Cooking device
- Forget
- Operational flight
- Actress Danes
- Poke holes in
- A way to discolor
- Shouts of welcome or farewell
- Pharrell's group
- Red fluorescent dye
- Jr.'s dad
- Electronics firm

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



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Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele (left) and Ashley Lipsman, City of Katy tourism and marketing event coordinator (right), recognize Mariam Elsherbiny (center) as the winner of the 2023 Katy Rice Harvest Festival art contest "Best of Show" for her art piece "Wildflowers." Elsherbiny's work was on display at City Hall at Monday night's council meeting.

CITY

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- Authorized the issuance of unlimited tax bonds series 2023 by Katy West Municipal Utility District (Katy Court, formerly Fort Bend-Waller Counties MUD no. 2) not to exceed \$6,620,000.00.

During public comments, American Legion Vice Commander Phil Malsbury provided an update on the "Wreaths Across America" project slated for December 16th at Magnolia Cemetery, stating that the project was falling about 100 wreaths short of the organization's goal of 600. Council

member Rory Robertson posted the need on Facebook and two and a half hours later, the goal was achieved, he said. "I'm just so proud of our community," Robertson said in his subsequent post. "It is why I love this town. Katy is our home for a reason. Thank you to all who gave."

The next meeting of city council will be held on December 11, Thiele announced, since the second November meeting of the month has been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

KISD

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committee, consisting of himself, Mary Ellen Cuzela and chaired by Amy Thieme, to study teacher job satisfaction and retention. Cuzela and Thieme have recent classroom experience, Perez said. He said that the committee's work, which supports goal five of the district's strategic plan, would last 90 to 120 days. Board members Rebecca Fox and Dawn Champagne questioned the choice of committee members and pointed to their own long-term experience as board members as qualifications for this assignment. Perez's committee assignments remained as presented.

The board also heard an annual update on the demographics of the district, presented by Kris Poole and Angela Fritz of PASA (Population and Survey Analysts), a research firm which provides demographic studies, student enrollment projections, and long-range school planning for Texas school districts. Some highlights from the presentation included:

- District enrollment gain in KISD appears to have slowed in the past 12 months; the gain in 2022 was 4,299 students (the largest gain ever recorded for KISD, presenters said) while 2023 saw an increase of just 2,112 students.
- Over the next ten years the district will see an increase of approximately 46,089

housing units as follows: single family, 25,191 units or 54.7% of the total; 1,003 build-to-rent units or 2.2% of the total; 18,635 multifamily units or 40.4% of the total; and 927 manufactured housing units or 2% of the total.

- The largest single-family developments being built over the next ten years are concentrated in the northwest quadrant of the district and include Sunterra (3,604 units), Elyson (3,190 units), Anniston by Lennar (1,940 units), a Johnson Development Company project (1805 units) and Bridgeland (1750 units)

- PASA reported that only 25 square miles of land are left to develop in KISD and that there is less and less developable land left in the district. It will take longer than 10 years to complete build out the available land, presenters said.

- Low, moderate and high growth rate projections for the district over the next 10 years were given as 100,000 students on the low side; 102,664 students if moderate growth is assumed, and a possible enrollment of 107,000 students using the highest projection.

Future meetings of the board include a work study meeting on December 4th and a regular board meeting on December 11th.

Coastal Prairie Conservancy awarded \$25 million for Texas Grasslands and Savannas Initiative

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy (CPC), along with its partner organizations, announced November 3rd a \$25 million pledge from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through its Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). This award will support the Texas Grasslands and Savannas Initiative, which aims to permanently preserve lands and improve soil health, leading to enhanced carbon sequestration and increased carbon stock as well as long-term protection of land under threat of conversion.

"We are so grateful for this award that will allow CPC and its partners to work with landowners to conserve and enhance grasslands and savannas, including working cattle ranches and natural lands," said Mary Anne Piacentini, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy. "Preserving grasslands and savannas through this initiative protects the diverse wildlife that call these natural areas home. In addition to storing carbon and supporting producers, these lands enrich the lives of communities by offering recreational options and fostering well-being for both people and nature."

The RCPP is an important NRCS program that addresses regional natural resource concerns and enables partners to implement solutions to conservation challenges. Texas has experienced rapid growth, resulting in the conversion of grasslands and savannas into other uses – consuming thousands of acres of natural lands, the organization said in a press release. "This initiative will help CPC and its partners address one of our region's primary natural resource concerns – the disappearance of grasslands and savannas," explained Elisa Donovan, Vice

President and General Counsel for the Coastal Prairie Conservancy. "After identifying priority lands with high carbon stock that are under threat of development or fragmentation, voluntary conservation easements with local landowners will be used to permanently protect these key conservation areas. The Texas Grasslands and Savannas Initiative will also connect area landowners with resources to better manage grazing lands and improve grassland biodiversity."

The involvement of numerous partner organizations is an important aspect of this project that will ensure success, said the organization in a press release. "By working together with many partners on the Texas Grasslands and Savannas Initiative, we will engage with local landowners to preserve natural lands. I am thrilled to be a partner in this well-timed work that will safeguard the grasslands and savannas that help slow climate change by capturing CO2 from the air, while also providing surrounding communities with water quality enhancement, health benefits, and improved quality of life," said Jill Bouillon, Executive Director of Bayou Land Conservancy.

About the Coastal Prairie Conservancy

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to sustaining resilient Texas by preserving coastal prairie, wetlands, farms, and ranches to benefit people and wildlife. Preserved lands play an important role in flood control, cleaner air and water, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat. To learn more about the Coastal Prairie Conservancy's conservation efforts, visit www.coastalprairieconservancy.org.

CHURCH

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providing sustenance to 550 families each month.

Terry McGuire, Small Groups Pastor, extends an open invitation for those interested in participating in this cause to join and support families experiencing food insecurity in the area.

For further details about Parkway Fellowship and their upcoming events, please visit their website at ParkwayFellowship.com or explore their platforms under the handle @ParkwayFellowshipTX on Instagram or @parkwayfellowship on Facebook.

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Katy Offices at the Boardwalk breaks ground

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Officials from Pelican Investments and the Brito Group, L. C. real estate firm gathered their hard hats and shovels for a ceremonial groundbreaking Thursday near Katy's Boardwalk development.

The two companies have joined forces to build and market a seven-acre development at 25307 Kingsland Drive in Katy called Katy Offices at the Boardwalk, which when complete will consist of 14 buildings. Each building will house four office condominiums, for a total of 56 units in the project. The offices are available in both one-story and two-story floorplans, starting at 1225 sq. ft. The



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The Katy Offices at the Boardwalk, located on Kingsland Drive near Katy Mills Mall, will offer 56 office condominiums for sale when the project is completed. Right: Carlos Brito (right) of the Brito Group, L.C., prepares for the ceremonial groundbreaking Thursday for the Katy Offices at the Boardwalk, an office condominium project. Brito is the exclusive seller for the project.

office park is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2024, said Carlos Brito, of the Brito Group, which is the exclusive sales agent for the project.

Brito said the units are ideal for small to medium businesses who wish to own their own office space; some

of their tenants who have already committed to the project include recruitment firms, engineering firms and accounting firms. He touted the proximity of nearby restaurants in the Boardwalk development as well as in nearby Katy Mills Mall, as well as entertainment venues.



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORT HOSTS GROUP FROM BROOKSHIRE'S EYES ON ME



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Former Texan Karan Higdon leads participants through athletic drills at an event hosted by DICK'S House of Sport on November 2nd. More than 50 youth and about 15 volunteer chaperones from "Eyes on Me" traveled from The Hangar In Brookshire to the store at 24600 Katy Freeway where they also had the opportunity to climb the facility's wall, and to try Cage (baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer) as well as golf. Thanks to Texas Roadhouse, the Brookshire guests were treated to a delicious meal onsite. Eyes on Me exists to mentor, disciple and serve at-risk youth and their families. Through the Hangar Unity Center in Brookshire, the nonprofit group offers mentoring, sports, trade and other programs.

Fort Bend County Fair scholarship applications now being accepted

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend County Fair is now accepting applications for its scholarship program, the fair announced on November 1. The \$5000.00 scholarships are based on Fair involvement, school activities, community involvement, and academic achievement. Recipients must be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2024 from a recognized Fort Bend County private, public, or home-schooled program. Since 1979, the Fort Bend County Fair has been giving back to the county's youth through its scholarship program. Recipients who participated in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Shows, art



programs, rodeo events, FCCLA, ag mechanics competition, horticulture contest, Queen contest, or have been volunteers of the Fort Bend County Fair are eligible. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Thursday, January 18, 2024. In addition, three Fair Queen Scholarships will be awarded.

"These scholarships will provide the financial means for these students to carrying on their education. By financially supporting their educational goals, we as an organization are investing in our future. We encourage students to apply, this is a prime opportunity," says Cindy Schmidt, Fair Manager.

For more information on the scholarship, visit fortbendcountyfair.com or call the fair office at 281-342-6171.

Get ready to 'activate' game mode

Immersive, live-action gaming experience opens its first Houston-area location in Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Activate, an indoor, interactive gaming experience, announced on November 2nd the opening of its first Houston-area location, now open in the Katy Fry Center at 20225 Katy Freeway, Katy.

Activate seamlessly blends technology and physical activity together to create live-action gaming experiences, officials said. Activate will celebrate its official grand opening on November 16-17.

"After seeing great success in our other five markets, we are proud to announce the opening of our first Houston-area location," said Bryce Anderson, partner of Activate. "As we continue expanding Activate across the United States, we are confident our concept will fill a void for interactive entertainment. We believe the community will embrace this experience and find it both thrilling and challenging."

Activate provides high-tech games that test a team's physical and mental agility across a wide variety of real-life challenges. Participants have the opportunity to immerse themselves in realistic arcade games and compete alongside a team of at least two to five others. The state-of-the-

art 9,600-square-foot space features 11 activity rooms with over 500 different games and difficulty levels to choose from, each lasting one to three minutes. The Katy gaming rooms feature a variety of games and genres such as Megagrid, Hoops, Press, Hide, Laser, Strike, Portals, Control, Grid and much more. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) wristbands track participants' scores and progress throughout the experience, making it perfect for a casual night out or intense competition.

Each game has been designed with adults in mind, but children aged ten and younger can join in the excitement when accompanied by an adult. For children aged 11-13, parental supervision within the facility is required. The full gaming duration is 75-minutes, with pricing set at \$24.99 per person during weekdays and \$29.99 per person from Friday through Sunday. Reservations are highly encouraged.

"Our mission is to fuse technology, movement and strategy to create a unique interactive gaming experience," said Anderson. "We want guests to bring their closest friends, family or co-workers and leave with a feeling of achievement, ready to come back for more."

The company has additional locations in Atlanta, Georgia; American Dream, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky and Lexington, Kentucky. To learn more and stay up to date, visit <http://www.activate.games/>.

Harris County's Briones to host gun buyback program

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones, in partnership with Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and Mayor Sylvester Turner, announced details of the Houston-area's fifth gun buyback program during a press conference November 10th. The event will be held Saturday, November 18th from 8 a.m. to noon at METRO's Westchase Park and Ride, 11050 Harwin Drive.

Residents can exchange unwanted guns for gift cards, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The gift card amounts vary based on the type of firearm:

- \$50.00: Non-functioning firearm
- \$100.00: Shotgun or Rifle (Hunting)
- \$150.00: Revolver
- \$150.00: Semi Auto Handgun
- \$200.00: Rifle Semi-Auto

All firearms must be unloaded and inside the vehicle's trunk. Gun locks, provided by Harris County Sheriff's Office, and up to 400 gun safes, courtesy of the Houston Police Department and Spring Branch Management District, will also be distributed.

This event is made possible with support from: Harris County Precinct 4, Harris County Sheriff's Office, City of Houston, METRO, Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department, Asian American Peace Officers Association, and Spring Branch Management District.

Ease of access to firearms by young children and teens is shown to increase instances of self-inflicted injuries and most adolescent shooters accessed guns at a family member's home, according to the commissioner's office.

"The best way to minimize these situations is to ensure storage that prevents unauthorized access," said the press release from Harris County Precinct 4. "Homicides committed with firearms were the primary cause of death for children aged 0 to 17 in Harris County from 2016 to 2021. Firearm-related offenses among youth increased by nearly 40% during that same time."

"As a former judge, mother of three young children, and as someone who has been the victim of crime, I have an unwavering commitment to public safety," said Briones. "Promoting safe and secure gun storage that is required through child access prevention laws, will help us see lower rates of accidental deaths and youth suicide. This event will not only get guns off our streets but help make our children and community safer."

"Our previous gun buyback initiatives witnessed high levels of participation, and as the holiday season draws near, we expect an even greater number of individuals to surrender their firearms in exchange for gift cards," said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "This collaboration represents yet another measure by which we are committed to ensuring the safety of our communities and reducing the number of firearms on our streets."

"This is a continuation of our collaboration between METRO, Harris County, and various law enforcement agencies throughout the region, including the METRO Police Department," said METRO Board Chair Sanjay Ramabhadran. "We are opening our facility for this program to further enhance public safety across the region."

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CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

LDS church celebrates veterans

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Members of the Katy Texas Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosted a community celebration honoring U.S. veterans on Saturday, November 11th at 9100 Heritage Bluff Dr. in Richmond. Featured speakers included U.S. Congressman Troy Nehls, Fulshear Mayor Aaron Groff and Valerie James of Veteran Advocates, Services & Training.

The theme of the celebration focused on thanking the many veterans who sacrificed so much to ensure Americans' current freedoms. President Shad Hanis of the Katy Texas Stake, who hosted the event, "We are so grateful to honor and celebrate those who have worn the uniform. The veterans in our community are an example to all of us, because of them we enjoy our freedoms and liberties. We can't say thank you enough."

At the close of the event, each veteran in attendance was asked to stand and was presented with a small gift from several youth volunteers. One of the youth volunteers, Kaikane Napoleon, said "presenting the veterans with a small gift and thanking them for their service was impactful. That is an experience I will never forget."



Members of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 164 distributed poppies at Veterans Day. Shown at Brookshire Brothers at 5249 Franz Road are (left to right) Alana Saboor, Dollie ODay and Rosie Stokley. The poppy is an official symbol of remembrance, originating after World War I. Today, nearly a century after World War I ended, millions of people in the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand don the red flowers every November 11 to honor the anniversary of the 1918 armistice.



The Brazos River Rotary Club and the Fulshear-Simonton Lions Club hosted a breakfast at Weston Lakes Country Club, 32611 FM 1093 in Fulshear on November 10th to honor area veterans. Featured speaker LTC Jon Eiche (retired US Army) described his military career which included service in both the U.S. Army and the Marine Corps. He also specialized in Russian affairs, taught at West Point and worked with Dr. Henry Kissinger (former U.S. Secretary of State and national security advisor under the presidential administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford), among other achievements. "I feel blessed to be a veteran," Eiche said.

TRIBUTE

Lourdes Martinez Perez was born on November 25, 1968, in Madrid, Spain to Jose Antonio Martinez Garcia and Lourdes Georgina Perez Lamas. Lourdes was happily married to Augusto Bulte and had a beautiful family.

Lourdes had a successful career as a chemical engineer in the oil and gas industry. She has lived in the Katy area for the past ten years.

Lourdes' family was the center of her world. She enjoyed family time, doing crafts, gardening and traveling.

Lourdes Martinez Perez, passed away on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in Houston, Texas, at 54 years.

She is survived by her husband, Augusto Bulte; her daughters, Monica Nogueira and Elisa Bulte; son, Daniel Bulte; parents, Jose Antonio Martinez Garcia and Lourdes Georgina Perez Lamas; sister, Susana Martinez; as well as numerous other loving family members and many friends. She is also survived by her grand dog, Apollo.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, with Deacon Rey Croson officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 676910, Dallas, TX 75267-6910, www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

To express condolences, please visit www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net.

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Katy ISD schools shine in TMEA orchestra competition

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On Sunday, October 22, the Seven Lakes High School (SLHS) orchestra ensemble received the highest recognition from the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) for their submission in the Honor String Orchestra category, according to a November 2nd press release from Katy ISD. The Jordan High School ensemble

earned second position in the same competition, securing the top two spots for Katy ISD schools.

After a highly competitive process that includes multiple rounds and stages of advancement, the SLHS Symphony Strings ensemble emerged among all competitors and will have the honor and privilege to perform at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Their

performance will be held at the Cockrell Theatre from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., showcasing their outstanding music talent in front of music educators from across the state. This honor is only bestowed upon the winner from each category as agreed upon by a panel of judges.

“We are extremely proud of these students and their directors for their outstanding performances and accomplishments at the TMEA State

Competition. Their success is the biproduct of hours spent practicing and refining their skills, both individually and collectively,” said Damon Archer, executive director of fine arts at Katy ISD. “To have a Katy ISD school perform at the TMEA Convention is a great honor and speaks to the dedication and talent of these students and the director, as well as a testament to the support of the arts by the district and the entire

Katy ISD community,” he added. “I am so incredibly proud of these fantastic students who have sacrificed so much for each other. To earn this great privilege after advancing to the final round last year is so humbling and gratifying,” said Desiree Overree, Orchestra Director at SLHS. “We would also like to thank the entire Spartan community for all of their support and encouragement.”

Katy Area Chamber of Commerce launches National Civics Bee

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce on November 3rd announced the launch of the 2024 National Civics Bee, an initiative aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Organized in partnership with The Civic Trust® of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the competition in Katy will inspire 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to become better informed about American democracy, to engage respectfully and constructively in the community, and to build greater trust in others and institutions, chamber officials said.

Middle school students from public, private, charter, and home schools are invited to take part in the first-round civics essay competition. After a distinguished panel reviews the 500-word essays, the top 20 students will be selected to move on to the next round of competition: a live quiz event to test their civics knowledge. The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will host this event on April 2, 2024, at Morton Ranch High School. The finalists and top winners will receive various prizes, including \$500 cash for the first-place student.

The deadline for student essay submissions is January 8, 2024. Students from all area schools – public, private and charter schools – are eligible to apply. For more information on the essay topic, competition rules and prizes, and to submit an essay, visit: <https://www.katychamber.com/national-civics-bee/>

Morgan announced as KISD Junior High #18 principal

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Kara Morgan has been appointed as the principal of Junior High #18, scheduled to open its doors in the fall of 2024, as announced in a Katy ISD press release on November 6. Her official start date will be January 2, 2024. The new campus is located at 25747 Longenbaugh Road, Katy, in the fast-growing northwest quadrant of the greater Katy area.

Morgan holds a Master of Science in Educational Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and brings a wealth of experience and passion to her new role. With a strong background in public education, she has spent 16 years in administrative

leadership roles on various campuses. Her previous positions include serving as an assistant principal at Tompkins and Jordan High Schools, and most recently, as the principal of Bethke Elementary.

Morgan’s previous experience in successfully opening and managing a new middle school and high school, overseeing construction, hiring staff, and managing finances effectively, makes her the perfect choice



KARA MORGAN
Principal of Junior High #18

for this leadership role, said the press release.

“We are excited to have Mrs. Kara Morgan lead Junior High #18. With her previous experience as a campus principal, we are confident that this new school is well-positioned for success,” said Ken Gregorski, KISD superintendent of schools.

“I am honored to be named principal of Junior High #18 and look forward to collaborating with our dedicated staff, engaging students, and building strong partnerships with parents,” said Morgan. “Together, we will embark on an exciting journey as we create an environment that develops a love for learning in each of our students,” she added.

TEA awards \$3 million grant to Harmony Public Schools

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has awarded Harmony Public Schools \$3 million as part of the agency’s “Texas Stronger Connections” grant program.

The Texas Stronger Connections grant program was created to support school communities committed to the development and implementation of programs that prioritize physical and emotional safety. The program intends to fund activities and practices that prioritize safety, create a sense of belonging, implement trauma-responsive approaches

and teach positive behaviors in order to provide safe and supportive learning environments that improve academic achievement and the well-being of students.

The funds were awarded in \$1 million allotments to the following three Harmony regional districts:

- Harmony Public Schools-South Texas: Serving families in San Antonio, Laredo and Brownsville.
- Harmony Public Schools-West Texas: Serving families in El Paso, Lubbock, Odessa and Midland.
- Harmony Public Schools-North

Houston: Serving families in North Houston, Cypress, Katy (Elyson) and Bryan.

Harmony’s funding priorities include the hiring of additional support personnel, the purchase and implementation of software designed to teach emotional development, and extending partnerships with local agencies that support crisis response and de-escalation.

Harmony Public Schools is currently accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for students and team members.



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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

BI-DISTRICT

- Katy 49, Fort Bend Travis 6
- Ridge Point 49, Tompkins 44
- Hightower 35, Jordan 7
- George Ranch 21, Taylor 19

Friday

AREA

- Katy vs. Cy-Fair, 7 p.m., Berry Center

VOLLEYBALL

Scores

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

- Cinco Ranch 3, Pearland Dawson 1
- Seven Lakes 3, Deer Park 0

REGIONAL FINAL

- Cinco Ranch 3, Seven Lakes 0

Friday

STATE SEMIFINALS

- Cinco Ranch vs. San Antonio Harlan, 7 p.m., Curtis Culwell Center

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday

- Tompkins at Grand Oaks 8 a.m.
- Katy at Vandegriff, 9 a.m.
- Jordan vs. Magnolia, 10 a.m.
- Tompkins at Langham Creek, 11 a.m.
- Paetow at Bridgeland, noon
- Seven Lakes vs. Shadow Creek, noon
- Seven Lakes at Deer Park, 6 p.m.

Friday

- Mayde Creek vs. Clear Brook, 9:30 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Johnson, 1:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. College Park, 2 p.m.
- Jordan vs. West Brook, 2 p.m.

Saturday

- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 11 a.m.
- Morton Ranch at Klein Forest, 1 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Grand Oaks, 2 p.m.

Tuesday

- Seven Lakes vs. Bridgeland, 11:30 a.m.
- Katy vs. Tompkins, 1 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Mayde Creek, 1 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cinco Ranch, 1 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Morton Ranch, 1 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday

- Taylor vs. Dulles, 9 a.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Austin, 10:30 a.m.
- Tompkins vs. South Grand Prairie, 10:30 a.m.
- Taylor vs. New Caney, 1:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Midway, 3 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Lake Travis, 3 p.m.
- Cinco vs. Austin LBJ, 3 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Brackenridge, 4:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Steele, 7:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. McAllen Memorial, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

- Jordan vs. Austin, 9 a.m.
- Katy vs. Clear Lake, 10:30 a.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Texas Lions Homeschool, 10:30 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. IDEA North Mission, 10:30 a.m.
- Jordan vs. Chaparral, 1:30 p.m.

Monday

- Paetow at Cy-Woods, noon
- Cinco Ranch at Kempner, 1 p.m.
- Taylor at Austin, 11 a.m.
- Mayde Creek at Cy-Lakes, 12:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Alief Taylor, 1 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Dulles, 1 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Tomball, 1 p.m.

Wednesday

- Katy vs. North Shore, 1 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at South Houston, 1 p.m.



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Wyatt Young tries to get past defenders during Friday's game between Tompkins and Ridge Point at Hall Stadium.

Tompkins' season ends with Ridge Point in Bi-District round

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins' backfield duo has been special for multiple seasons.

Wyatt Young and Caleb Blocker have combined to lead the Falcons to wins for multiple years and this year has been special for the two of them.

Young and Blocker had Tompkins on a

roll and winners of six straight and the two had more goals in mind, but despite fantastic days from both of them in the bi-district round, the Falcons (7-4) came up just short of a very strong Ridge Point (9-2) team at Hall Stadium on Friday, falling 49-44 as Tompkins' season came to an end.

Young produced 173 yards rushing and 157 yards passing and scored all six of Tompkins touchdowns on the night while Blocker

ran for 180 yards on 23 attempts to keep the Falcons in it until the end.

"It's been crazy — we've just been right there with each other since sophomore year," Young said. "I love that dude to death — he's one of the best running backs I've ever seen play and our bond is unlike any other I've had. It's special."

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Cinco Ranch tops Seven Lakes to reach state tourney

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch had been in this position before.

The Cougars knew all too well what it felt like to go down a set in the Regional Final, they knew the pain of losing when you were just a step away from state and they weren't interested in going through that again.

Cinco Ranch was on a mission Saturday and they accomplished it, coming from a set down in the Region III-6A Final to beat Katy ISD rival Seven Lakes three sets to one (25-27, 25-20, 25-20, 25-13) and clinching the Cougars an appearance at the state tournament.

"This is just an amazing feeling," said Cinco Ranch head coach Danielle Wells. "It's obviously every coach's goal and dream to just go to state and I'm



COURTESY PHOTO

Cinco Ranch clinched its first state tournament appearance since 2009 with a three sets to one win over Seven Lakes in the Region III 6A Final at Delmar Fieldhouse on Saturday.

so excited for it. I knew coming into the year we had the capability to do it — it was just a matter of coming out, playing together and fighting for it and they did

it. They did it and these girls had that same goal. It's so awesome."

The first set embodied how the whole match would go as there were 10 ties in a back-and-

forth affair. The Cougars jumped out to an early lead and were up 9-3, but Seven Lakes battled to

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Cinco Ranch ready for rematch against Harlan in state semifinals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch has worked all year for this opportunity.

All year, the Cougars have talked about Garland, about the state tournament and about how badly

they wanted to get there.

Cinco Ranch (37-5) pushed for that all season, from securing an unbeaten district title to running through the playoffs and into the regional tournament. The Cougars had to clear one last hurdle though and did that when they beat Seven

Lakes in the Region III-6A Final last weekend.

"I'm just so happy for my team and I," said senior middle blocker Emily Killam. "We've worked so hard to get here and the fact that it's all paid off and we've gotten to this moment is so surreal. I don't

even think it's hit me that we're going to state. We've just gotten better all year and it all came together in this last game. That's what we have to keep doing at state."

It had been coming for the Cougars. Cinco Ranch had made the third round of the playoffs nine

out of the past 10 years and made it to the regional tournament five times in the past decade, but that final hurdle had eluded them until this year, when they broke through for the first time since 2009.

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AREA PREVIEWS

Katy last District 19-6A team standing

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

CLASS 6A-DIVISION I
Friday
Katy vs. Cy-Fair,
7 p.m. at the Berry Center

Last Meeting: Katy 27, Cy-Fair 14 (2019)

• Katy and Cy-Fair meet for the first time since 2019 in the second round of the playoffs, with both coming off big wins in the first round of the playoffs and looking to get to the regional semifinals next week.

Katy topped Fort Bend Travis 49-6 last week and had good days on both sides of the ball. The Tigers ran for 344 yards in the win, with Tremayne Hill rushing for 130 and three touchdowns, Tadi Zambé rushing nine times for 107 yards and a touchdown and Romel Jordan rushing for 29 yards and a score. The Tigers also had an efficient day through the air. Gunner Nelson threw for 96 yards and a touchdown. Israel Olotu-Judah led the way receiving with three catches for 60 yards and a touchdown and also added a punt return for a touchdown while Oliver Ginn had three catches for 20 yards and a score. Defensively, the Tigers only allowed the one score and had two interceptions, only allowing Travis to convert on one third down attempt and never letting Travis into the game.



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Israel Olotu-Judah cuts upfield during Friday's game between Katy and Jordan at Legacy Stadium.

Now Katy will take on a talented Cy-Fair team in round two. The Bobcats are 10-1 overall and finished 7-0 in District 17-6A to win a district championship. They come off a 55-10 win over Bellaire in the first round of the playoffs. The Bobcats are led by senior quarterback Trey Owens, a University of Texas commit. He has had a big year and has thrown for 2795 yards and 39 touchdowns to just four interceptions this year. Owen Carter and Connor Porter have been the team's biggest threats through the air, Carter has 52 catches for 854

yards and 11 touchdowns while Porter has 712 yards and nine touchdowns on 41 catches. Wyatt Herbel has added 25 catches for 467 yards and 11 touchdowns as Cy-Fair can spread around through the air. Cy-Fair has a two-headed running attack. Jamel Nickerson was injured most of the year but came back and ran for a touchdown last week while James Walker leads the team with 368 yards on the ground this year.

Katy's defense will have to have one of their best games of the year against the pass, especially with

the way Cy-Fair can spread the ball. The Tigers on offense will try to do the same thing with pounding the run game and finding a good balance with the pass.

Taylor, Jordan fall in Bi-District

Taylor and Jordan both had their seasons end in the first round of the playoffs after strong years.

Taylor had its game go all the way down to the final seconds against George Ranch. Dante Archie had two touchdowns in the game, on a 44-yard catch from Daniel Bruns and a 22-yard rush, while Cyrus Reyes added a touchdown catch from Bruns as well from 21-yards out. The difference in the game turned out to be a blocked extra point, as after Taylor's second touchdown the extra point try was blocked and Taylor was unable to tie things on a two-point try in the third quarter. The game ended 21-19 in favor of George Ranch.

Jordan suffered a 35-7 loss to Hightower in the first round of the playoffs, after the school's best ever season landed them their first playoff appearance in its second year in District 19-6A. Jordan's lone touchdown came on a 26-yard touchdown from Colin Willetts to Andrew Marsh in the second quarter as Hightower pulled away from the second quarter on to secure the win.

VOLLEYBALL

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tie the game repeatedly, but were unable to take the lead. Cinco went up by two late but Seven Lakes again tied the match at 25 before scoring two straight and taking it 27-25, taking their first lead of the match and getting an important first set win.

Cinco had a similar strong start to the second set, but this time never let Seven Lakes get all the way back in it. Cinco led 12-6 in the second set and that lead was trimmed to six different times, but every time the Spartans tried to come back, the Cougars found the answer and were able to hold on for a 25-20 second set win to even things at a set a piece.

"We just couldn't let that happen to us again," said Cinco Ranch senior middle blocker Emily Killam. "We're a good team playing from behind but with a team like Seven Lakes, they are so good and we knew they wanted this just as badly as we did. As soon as they got a set up, it was all about resetting and getting the lead back. We went through this last year and I knew we couldn't let them take the lead again because that can snowball into more. The team put the pedal to the metal and found a way to do it."

Seven Lakes came out and had a hot start itself in the third set. The Spartans were the aggressor this time and led 11-6, but Cinco immediately evened things at 11. The Spartans went ahead by two after that but the Cougars fought their way back and took a lead, going up 17-14, but Seven Lakes made a comeback of its own and tied it three times. Cinco withheld the comeback and scored the last four points of the set to go up two sets to one.

Already up a set, Cinco imposed its will in the fourth set. The Cougars came out on fire and went up by eight points early in the set, not allowing Seven Lakes to ever get back into it or get close with a comeback attempt. Cinco kept pushing the lead and closed out the match with a 25-13 fourth set win to seal the regional championship.

"We wanted it and in that fourth set we could tell as we were racking up points that this was the set," said senior outside hitter Makenna Loo. "The adrenaline was pumping and we were excited. Just the feeling of finishing that off and storming the court, it was such a crazy experience and one we all wanted so bad."

It will be the Cougars' first state appearance since 2009, when they made it to the state semifinals and it comes after the third All-Katy ISD Region III Final in four years. It was the fourth time Cinco and Seven Lakes had met this season and it took everything for the Cougars to prevail.

"It's a mental game — these girls know each other so well, they play against them all year and then they play with them in club and they're all friends," Wells said. "It was about staying calm in the moment and doing our jobs. That's what we did to get here and we didn't change it. They did an amazing job of staying together, being mentally tough on every point and finding a way."

TOMPKINS

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Tompkins' offense was off and running from the start. The Falcons moved the ball down the field on their first drive and it culminated in a 13-yard touchdown run by Wyatt Young, but Ridge Point quickly answered back, getting a couple of chunk plays in the passing game before tying it on a six-yard run from Wesley Drummer.

The two teams traded scores all first half. Young scored again on a 23-yard run before Austin Carlisle ran in a touchdown for Ridge Point from 14-yards out. Young scored his third of the half on a 18-yard run in the second quarter but again Ridge Point tied it on a 13-yard run from Drummer. But Tompkins took a last minute drive down the field and took the lead heading into half when William Duncan nailed a 41-yard field goal as time expired in the second quarter.

"We went in the first half and we talked about finishing it," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "We weren't able to do that but I'm so proud of these guys. They've done all the hard stuff. They fought through offseason, they've grown all through the year and just to see them apply everything on the field was so cool. The whole sideline was so fired up and I'm just proud of these guys."

But the game turned Ridge Point's way after half. The Panthers took the lead on the first play of the half on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Carlisle to Ashton Bethel-Roman. Tompkins drove down the field and had a chance to re-take the lead, but a fourth down attempt came up a yard short and Ridge Point took advantage by doubling their lead on a 1-yard touchdown run, and after a Tompkins punt, Ridge Point went up by 19 on another touchdown.

Tompkins immediately answered back with a 52-yard touchdown pass from Young to Jhase McMillan, but Ridge Point continued to have a response at every turn, with Bethel throwing a touchdown to Bethel-Roman for the second time of the night.

The Falcons tried to come back and nearly did. Young threw a five yard touchdown to Adebisi Bello and after Tompkins came up with an onside attempt, Young broke off a 57-yard touchdown run. But Ridge Point's offense did what it needed to do, draining the clock and



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Jhase McMillan runs past a defender during Friday's game between Tompkins and Ridge Point at Hall Stadium.

moving the ball downfield to seal the game and keep the Tompkins offense from getting another chance.

"Coach McVey instills in every single player in this program that you never give up or accept a result from the moment you get here as a freshman and that's what we showed tonight and we almost came back," Young said. "It's a credit to those guys for what they put into everyone who comes into the program because the guys never stopped fighting. We wanted it more, we just ran out of time."

While Young, Blocker and other seniors' time with the program is done, their impact will still be felt with what they passed on to the younger players as the Falcons have new senior leaders rise up. That's something that is not forgotten to the coaching staff and especially to McVey.

"I can't say enough about the senior class," McVey said. "All of them were so special and they all stepped up. I'm just super proud of every second of work these guys put in for us and the legacy they're leaving behind. They upheld the crimson line standard and now it's up to the next guys to continue to do that."

RIDGE POINT 49, TOMPKINS 44

Tompkins	14	10	0	20	--	44
Ridge Point	7	14	22	6	--	49

First quarter

T: Wyatt Young 13 run (William Duncan kick) 8:06
RP: Wesley Drummer 6 run (Brettson Booker kick) 6:19
T: Young 23 run (Duncan kick) 3:00

Second quarter

RP: Austin Carlisle 14 run (Booker kick) 11:06
T: Young 18 run (Duncan kick) 5:46
RP: Drummer 13 run (Booker kick) 0:38
T: Duncan 41 field goal, 0:00

Third quarter

RP: Carlisle 60 pass to Ashton Bethel-Roman (Hayden Wiley run) 11:46
RP: Quincy Drummer 1 run (Booker kick) 1:36
RP: Carlisle 9 pass to Wesley Drummer (Booker kick) 0:00

Fourth quarter

T: Young 52 pass to Jhase McMillan (Duncan kick) 11:36
RP: Carlisle 30 pass to Bethel-Roman, 10:40
T: Young 5 pass to Adebisi Bello, 7:28
T: Young 57 run (Duncan kick) 7:17

Team stats

	TOMPKINS	RIDGE POINT
First downs	23	22
Yards rushing	40-385	34-186
Yards passing	157	254
Passes	12-12-2-0	19-24-3-0
Punts	N/A	1-33
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalty-yards	4-20	4-37

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 23-180; Wyatt Young, 16-173-4; Jhase McMillan, 1-32; Ridge Point: Austin Carlisle, 11-83-1; Quincy Drummer, 13-56-1; Wesley Drummer, 10-47-2
Passing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 12-12-157-2-0; Ridge Point: Austin Carlisle, 19-24-304-3-0;
Receiving – Tompkins: Jhase McMillan, 1-52-1; Dante Johnson, 1-37; Adebisi Bello, 3-30-1; Caleb Blocker, 3-22; KJ Madison, 2-11; Dylan Rodriguez, 2-5; Ridge Point: Ashton Bethel-Roman, 5-115-2; Nick Thomas, 4-46; Hayden Wiley, 1-44; Dane Jones, 5-36; Wesley Drummer, 1-9-1; Mitch McIntrye, 1-3; Quincy Drummer, 1-1;



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Above: Cinco Ranch celebrates after winning a set during Tuesday's match between Cinco Ranch and Cy-Fair at the Merrell Center. Right: Makenna Loo digs a ball during a match between Cinco Ranch and Cy-Fair at the Merrell Center. PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE



CINCO
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It's been a journey for Cinco, which has taken a step further each of the past three years, going to the regional quarters in 2021 before reaching the region final last year and making it a step further to state this year.

"It's been amazing, I've been playing with four or five of these girls since my sophomore year and we've just defied the odds. Our sophomore year no one picked us to get past the first round and we made it three. Last year, no one thought we would get to the regional tournament and we got to the regional final. We just gained confidence from that every time. We know we could do this. This is exactly what we wanted and as a group everyone had to buy in and execute better than we ever have. But now we are headed to state."

The Cougars have worked towards this all year, and for their efforts they get

a matchup with Harlan (44-5) in the state semifinals. The Hawks come into the matchup winners of 26 in a row and swept last year's state champions, Dripping Springs, in their Regional Final matchup. Cinco Ranch and Harlan faced off earlier in the year in non-district play and Harlan swept Cinco Ranch two sets to none.

But that doesn't faze the Cougars. This is a group that has been through everything. They are ready for whatever is put in front of them and they can't wait for the next challenge.

"We are all so excited and we can't wait to get there," said Cinco Ranch head coach Danielle Wells. "Obviously Assistant Coach Stephanie Thapar and I have talked about it. We've been coaching together for 10 years and we talk about it every year. I'm just so happy we finally made it and I can't wait to get up there with everyone."

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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: Juan Plata is requesting to be allowed to revise West Magnolia Forest Section 11, Lot 62. The revision will create two residential lots. These newly configured lots would consist of two one-acre lots. West Magnolia Forest Sec. 11 is situated in the Wesley Berryman Survey, Abstract No. 104, Waller County, Texas recorded in Volume 218, Page 423, in the Deed Records of Waller County, Texas.

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 December 13, 2023 at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

Notice of Applications for Permits to Drill and Produce Groundwater from the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District in Waller County

Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 1, whose address is c/o Schwartz, Page, & Harding, LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77056, filed applications with the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") seeking permits to drill 1 well in Waller County to produce from the well a maximum amount of four hundred fifty thousand gallons per day (approximately 505 acre-feet per annum). The Applicant intends to apply the produced water to beneficial, non-wasteful use for municipal purposes within the District. The well would be 20 inches in diameter and drilled to depths of approximately 1,000 feet below the surface with casing to at least 775 feet from the surface down hole. The well would be completed in the Evangeline aquifer. Production from the well would be managed in a manner designed to minimize any interference with any neighboring wells completed in the same aquifer. The well will be located on property in Waller County with a street address of Stockdick Road, Brookshire, TX 77423. The proposed Waller County well is generally located approximately 4.6 miles N. of IH 10. The coordinates for proposed location of the well are as follows on Stockdick Rd:

Well No.	Latitude	Longitude	Formation/Aquifer	County
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The Board of Directors of the District may grant a contested case hearing on the applications if a written hearing request is filed within 20 days after the publication date of this notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following in writing: (1) your name (or for a group or association, a representative), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity; and, (6) for a party desiring for the hearing to be conducted by the State.

Office of Administrative Hearings the request must include the statement: "[I/we] request that the State Office of Administrative Hearings conduct the hearing." Note that a party requesting that the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) conduct the hearing shall pay all costs associated with the contract for a SOAH hearing and will be required to deposit with the District an amount determined by the District to pay the SOAH contract amount.

You may also file written comments within 20 days after the publication date of this notice without requesting a contested case hearing.

Comments or requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing and mailed to Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 269 Navasota Texas 77868-0269, or faxed to 936-825-7331, or emailed to BGCD@bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

The applications are available for review at the District Offices, 1903 Dove Crossing Lane, Suite A, Navasota, Texas 77868 or on the District's website at www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

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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: BC Sunterra, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, owner(s), are requesting to allow the partial replating of 1.59 acres of the right of way of "Sunray Beach Drive (PVT)", "Sunlight Meadows Way (PVT)", a portion of Reserve "A" Block 1 and Reserve "E" Block 3 within Sunterra Sec 25. The revision will be for the purpose of changing the street name "Sunray Beach Drive" to "Malibu Glen Drive (PVT)", reconfigure entry on "Sunlight Meadows Way (PVT)" and to reconfigure Reserve "A" Block 1 and Reserve "E" Block 3.. Sunterra Sec 25 is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Company Survey Section 121, A-201, Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2210839 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Unit #4 (RV65)

(1) General Description of property: Unit is 15' by 50' enclosed RV Spot that is not climate controlled. Unit contains several tools, a car jack, ladders, wood, fans, scrap, and metal chains.

(2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.

(3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Pennie Minks.

(4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494

(5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on November 27, 2023, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed electronic bids, addressed to Memorial MUD, will be electronically received on the CivCastUSA Website until 10:00 a.m. local time, Monday, November 27, 2023 and the Apparent Low Bidders will be automatically generated and posted on the CivCastUSA Website for Proposed Generator Addition For Memorial MUD Water Plant No. 1. A pre-bid conference will NOT be held. Plans, specifications and bid documents may also 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unit #2 (C44)

(1) General Description of property: Unit is 10' by 10' enclosed and non-climate controlled. Unit contains several cardboard boxes, rugs, speakers, and a dresser.

(2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.

(3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Ricardo Silva.

(4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494

(5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on November 27, 2023, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unit #3 (RV64)

(1) General Description of property: Unit is 15' by 50' enclosed RV Spot that is not climate controlled. Unit contains several plastic containers, shelving units, a dresser, scrap, and miscellaneous tools.

(2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.

(3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Pennie Minks.

(4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494

(5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on November 27, 2023, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unit #1 (B24)

(1) General Description of property: Unit is 10' by 10' enclosed and climate controlled. Unit contains sofa with cushions, bed headpost, a dresser, several chairs, duffel bag, and some boxes.

(2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.

(3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Ricardo Silva.

(4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494

(5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on November 27, 2023, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CALVIN NELMS CHARTER SCHOOLS State Financial Accountability Rating

Calvin Nelms Charter Schools will hold
A public meeting
At 11:30 am November 29, 2023
In the Conference Room
Calvin Nelms Charter Schools High School Building
20625 Clay Road
Katy, TX 77449

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Calvin Nelms Charter Schools' "Superior" Rating achieved through the state financial accountability system

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If you are aware of a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Katy ISD Department of Special Education at 281-396-2066. The Department of Special Education will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure that the student is provided with supports and services needed to obtain academic and non-academic benefit. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

Katy Independent School District
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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The facility is at FRY ROAD MINI STORAGE. 20150 Park Row, Katy, TX 77449 Bidding will open at 10:00 am on November 11, 2023 and end at 12:00 pm on November 16, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Tahisha Bates, Judith Howard, Timothy Mitchell, Miguel Machado, Beatriz Ordonez, Denise Stingley, Allison King, Sherrick & Temeka Bellard, Juan Ramirez, Ashley Harden, Latera Dandridge, Corey Farrow, Sierra Mothershed.

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Waller County (County) is seeking to contract with a qualified Dealer(s) to provide the County's Road and Bridge Department with new fleet vehicles. Please submit one (1) original, three (3) copies, and one (1) electronic response on CD or flash drive. CD or flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match the original and copies of the response identically. Failure to provide proper electronic response may be cause for disqualification. Confidential information is to be placed in a separate envelope denoted as "confidential."

Proposals shall be submitted to the County no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Response shall be signed in ink, by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract. Complete Proposal packets must be remitted to Alan Younts, Waller County Auditor, Waller County Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488, Suite 119, Hempstead, Texas. Please clearly mark the following on the envelope: RFP Project Number: 230906-06 for Road and Bridge Fleet Vehicles. Proposals will be opened on November 29, 2023 in the Waller County Commissioners' Court meeting. Specifications and Bid Forms may be downloaded from the Waller County web site at www.co.waller.tx.us.

Bid award shall be based on either unit price or lump sum as indicated on the Requested Vehicles Bid Form. Method of payment will be by check upon completion and acceptance of the goods and services or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County.

Waller County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. Waller County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por peticion.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replating of 0.53 acre right-of-way of "Sol Vida Drive" and "Harbor Ridge Drive" within Sunterra Sec 29 as recorded in C.C.F. No. 2212972. The revision will be changing the street name "Sol Vida Drive" to "Apple Rose Lane" and "Harbor Ridge Drive" to "Golden Dust Drive". Sunterra Sec 29 is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Survey Section 121, A-201 Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2212972 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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

APPLICATION: Urban Twinwood, LP, owners, are requesting to be allowed to revise Reserve 15, Block 1, Twinwood Commerce Center. The revision will create 3 separate commercial reserves. These newly configured reserve would consist of 3 separate commercial reserves. Twinwood Commerce Center is situated in the Nathan Brookshire League, Abstract no. 16, Waller County, Texas recorded in Instrument No. 2302041, in the Official Public Records of Waller County, Texas.

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 December 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to allow the partial replating of 0.04 acre right-of-way of "Sunray Beach Drive (Pvt.)" within Sunterra Shores Drive Street Dedication and Lift Station No 4. The revision will be for the purpose of changing the street name "Sunray Beach Drive" to "Malibu Glen Drive". Sunterra Shores Drive Street Dedication and Lift Station No 4. is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Company Survey Section 121, A-201, Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2113487 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

November 9 Puzzle Answers

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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: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replatting of 0.04 acre right-of-way of "Sunset Gables Drive" within Sunterra Sec 16. The revision will changing the street name "Sunset Gables Drive" to "Sunrise Gables Drive". Sunterra Sec 16 is situated in the J. W. McCutcheon Survey Section 130, A-308 Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2206154 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.* at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, **425 FM 1488**, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replatting of 0.63 acre right-of-way of "Myrtle Glass Drive (PVT)" within Sunterra Sec 31 as recorded in C.C.F. No. 2212974. The revision will be changing the street name " Myrtle Glass Drive (PVT)" to "Stingray Cove Drive (PVT)". Sunterra Sec 31 is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Survey Section 121, A-201 Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2212974 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.* at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, **425 FM 1488**, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the 26.73 acres of Sunterra Sec 24. The revision will be for the purpose of creating 112 Lots, 4 Reserves, and 2 Blocks. Sunterra Sec 24 is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Company Survey Section 121, A-201, Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2208261 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.* at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, **425 FM 1488**, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to **Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171**, will be electronically received, until **10 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, December 7, 2023** and then publicly opened and read at the offices of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for **"Elyson Section 51 and Basin A5 Landscape"**, Harris County, Texas. In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870>.

Scope of Work for the Contract includes, but is not limited to, the construction of pedestrian trail, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 10:15 a.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870>. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search **NWCt306**. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed or agreed to through the use of an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the responsible bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replatting of 0.10 acre right-of-way of "Sunset Gables Drive" within Sunterra Sec 14 as recorded in C.C.F. No. 22076154. The revision will changing the street name "Sunset Gables Drive" to "Sunrise Gables Drive". Sunterra Sec 14 is situated in the J. W. McCutcheon Survey Section 130, A-308 Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2206152 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.* at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, **425 FM 1488**, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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

APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replatting of 0.32 acre right-of-way of "Seawest Lake Drive" within Sunterra Sec 30 as recorded in C.C.F. No. 2212973. The revision will be changing the street name "Seawest Lake Drive" to "Sorrento Hill Drive". Sunterra Sec 30 is situated in the H. & T. C. Railroad Survey Section 121, A-201 Waller County, Texas recorded in C. C. F. No. 2212973 of Waller County, Texas.

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 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.* at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, **425 FM 1488**, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to **Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171**, will be electronically received, until **10 a.m. Local Time, Tuesday, December 5, 2023** and then publicly opened and read at the offices of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for **"Elyson Basin D Trail Landscape"**, Harris County, Texas. In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870>.

Scope of Work for the Contract includes, but is not limited to, the construction of pedestrian trail, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870>. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search **NWCt207**. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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Cryer, Shead named to All Big 12 Preseason Team

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Preparing for the program's first season in a new league, University of Houston senior guard LJ Cryer and senior point guard Jamal Shead earned places on the Preseason All-Big 12 Conference Team, the league announced.

Cryer was named to the Preseason All-Big 12 Team while Shead was one of 11 student-athletes to receive Honorable Mention in voting by the league's head coaches.

Cryer was joined on the Preseason All-Big 12 Conference Team by Kansas center Hunter Dickinson, Kansas guard Dajuan Harris Jr, TCU forward Emanuel Miller and Texas guard Max Abmas.

Dickinson was named the league's Preseason Player and Newcomer of the Year. Baylor forward Ja'Kobe Walter was recognized as the Big 12 Preseason Freshman of the Year.

Shead was joined as an Honorable Men-



Baylor guard and Morton Ranch graduate L.J. Cryer shoots a 3-pointer in a game against Washington State this season.

tion by Walter, Jalen Bridges (Baylor), RayJ Dennis (Baylor), Kevin McCullar Jr. (Kansas), Arthur Kaluma (Kansas State), Tylor Perr (Kansas State), Dylan Disu (Texas), Tyrese Hunter (Texas), Dillon Mitchell (Tex-

as) and Jesse Edwards (West Virginia).

Cryer is in his first season at Houston in 2023-24 after transferring from Baylor during the summer.

A three-year letterman during an award-winning career, Cryer earned 2022-23 All-Big 12 and USBWA All-District VII Team recognition after averaging 15.0 points per game while hitting 45.3 percent (163-of-360) from the field, including 41.5 percent (80-of-193) from behind the arc.

The Katy, Texas, native set Baylor's NCAA Tournament scoring record with 30 points against rv/#22 Creighton and posted the program's single-season free throw percentage record at 89.4 percent (59-of-66).

As a freshman, Cryer competed in 20 games while helping lead the Bears to the Big 12 title and the NCAA national championship.

Cryer was an award-winning player at Morton Ranch, where he finished his career with 3,488 points, the fifth-highest total in Texas public school history. He was named

to the TABC Class 6A All-State Team.

Shead has been a leader with the Cougars for three seasons and enters the 2023-24 season with 460 career assists to rank seventh in school history.

As a junior a year ago, he was named the American Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year while averaging 10.5 points per game with a team-high 200 assists. The Manor, Texas, native joined Houston great Reid Gettys as the only players in school history with multiple seasons with 200+ assists.

Shead was one of only 10 student-athletes to rank among the nation's Top-30 leaders in both assists per game and assist-turnover ratio.

In 2021-22, Shead led Houston to the NCAA Elite and was named to the NCAA Tournament All-Regional Team, becoming only the third sophomore in school history to earn that honor, joining Hakeem Olajuwon (1984) and Elvin Hayes (1968).

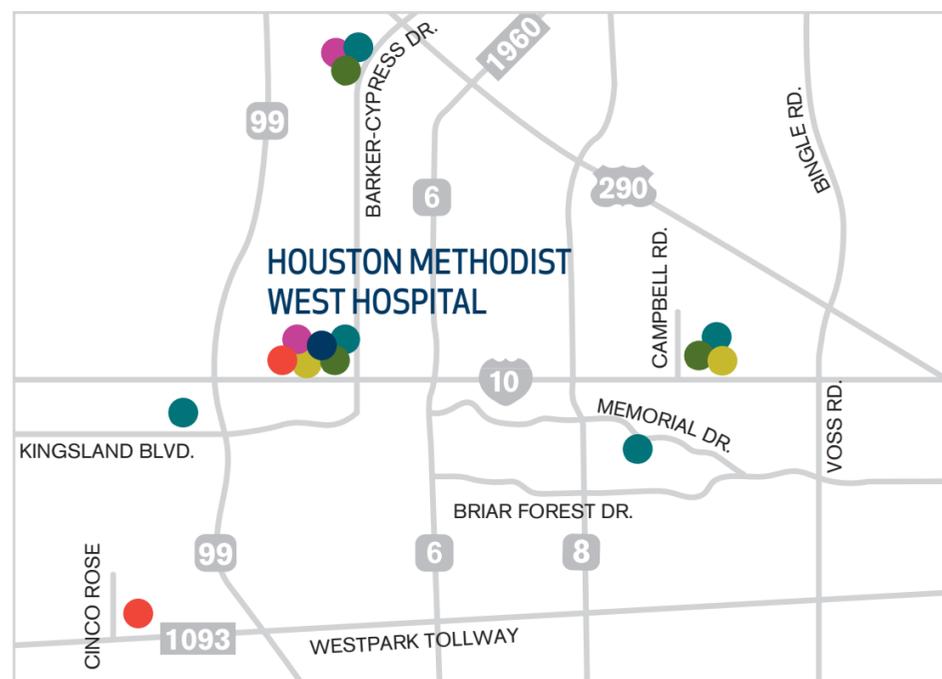


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