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Fort Bend Co. announces tax statement delay

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

On November 12th, the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector, Carmen P. Turner, announced via press release that there will be a delay in the mailing of property tax

statements from the county, due to the recent constitutional amendment election in Texas. The election, held on November 7, 2023, included Proposition 4, which raised the mandatory homestead exemption for school district

property taxation from \$40,000.00 to \$100,000.00. According to the release, this amendment will result in a reduction of school taxes for most homestead properties.

According to the Texas Tax Code, the Tax office must have tax

statements mailed by January 10th. The Fort Bend County Tax Office is working to have statements mailed by mid-December.

"We understand the importance of timely delivery of tax statements, and we are doing

everything possible to ensure that statements are mailed out as soon as possible," said Turner in the news release.

For more information, please contact the Fort Bend County Tax Office at 281-341-3710.

Bill Bain to host grand opening of The Depot Building

Local merchant Bill Bain, owner of KT Antiques as well as several other properties in the downtown Katy area, has set the grand opening of The Depot Building for the morning of December 6th. An official ribbon cutting by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will take place at the facility — downtown Katy's newest addition — located at 908 Avenue B in Katy.

Planned activities include:

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee and light bites at Southern Dough
 - 10:45 a.m. Ribbon Cutting for The Depot Building
 - 11:00 a.m. Time Capsule Presentation
 - 11:15 a.m. Tour of the Building
 - 11:30 a.m. Shopping Opportunities at the Sunshine Station Shop and tour the Middleton Venue
- To register for the event, go to katychamber.com/events.



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Fort Bend Co. kicks off National Adoption Day

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

On Friday, the Fort Bend County 328th, 387th, and 505th District Courts joined forces with courts across the country, opening their doors on National Adoption Day to finalize adoptions of children from foster care and to celebrate all families who adopt. There are more

than 100,000 children across the country waiting to be adopted — nearly 6,000 of those are in Texas, according to a press release from the county. Seven children were adopted from foster care in Fort Bend County earlier this year and another four were to be

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 Firethorne 1	28 Firethorne 2	29 Young Ranch & Willow Creek Farms 1	30 Willow Creek Farms 2	1 Pin Oak Village
4 Woodcreek Reserve Wooded Hollow, Reserve at Katy & Avalon at Spring Green	5 Fawn/Pine Lakes, Magnolia, Redbud, E & W Elm Circle, Huntington Ct, Hunters Terrace, Manorwood	6 Cane Island South	7 City of Katy Christmas Tree Lighting	8 Cane Island North
11 Patricia, Fern, Ash, Birch, Danover, Victoria Lakes, N & S Woods & Falcon Point Apts	12 1st St, East Ave, Ave A, B & C 11th & 13th Street, Pine Meadows, K, A, T, Y Streets & Whispering Lakes	13 East Ave, Airline, Heights & Drexel Dr, Katyland, Heritage Meadows & Katy Manor Apts	14 Lilac, Town Park, Pineview Terrace, Heritage Park W, Fortuna, Patna, Village Green, Elder & Carson	15 Green Meadow, Gardenia, Delfren, Dahlia, Iris & Enclave at Katy

Along his nightly route, Santa & his elves will be accepting canned goods for our local food pantry & New/Unused toys for the Lions Club & Toys-for-Tots Programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

The City of Katy Fire Department announced via the City of Katy's official Facebook page that Santa Tours starts Monday, November 27th.

Katy Parks and Recreation Department places 9th in TRAPS Maintenance Rodeo

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A four-person team from the City of Katy braved the odds at the Texas Recreation & Park Society (TRAPS) East Region Maintenance Rodeo earlier this month, despite being short-handed, according to a post on the City of Katy's official Facebook page.

Richie Kainer, parks superintendent,

and Bill Oppenlander, parks foreman, placed fourth in the Tractor and Trailer competition and maintenance worker Jerome Huey placed fourth in the Zero Turn Mower Obstacle Course.

The Texas Recreation & Park Society (TRAPS) East Region Maintenance Rodeo event is held annually each November to highlight the diverse skill set of parks maintenance crew mem-

bers. According to the Facebook post, 29 teams from 24 different agencies competed in this year's event. The City of Katy finished tied for 9th overall despite competing with only four team members, without enough participants to compete in all the events, the post said. Kainer, Oppenlander and Huey finished in the top five of their

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Traffic signal installed on Kingsland Blvd./Fort Bend County Rd.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The City of Katy announced on its Facebook page that a new traffic signal has been installed on Kingsland Blvd. at Katy Fort

Bend County Road. The signal will operate as a flashing red light as of Wednesday, November 15.

"During this time, we ask that drivers pay extra attention to the area traffic control

devices," the post said.

For questions or concerns regarding this installation, please contact Public Works at (281) 391-4820 or publicworksinfo@cityofkaty.com.

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Seven Lakes students to present "Holiday Extravaganza"

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Seven Lakes HS Fine Arts Department is delighted to present its annual "Holiday Extravaganza" on Thursday, December 7th on the campus of Seven Lakes High School, 9251 S. Fry in Katy. This holiday event features performances from all of the school's Fine Arts, accompanied by dinner and a silent auction. "It's a night not to be missed," said event organizers. The Freshman Center

doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner, catered locally by UR Way Catering by Eric, will be served in the Freshman Cafeteria. Guests will be welcomed by the orchestra ensembles performing chamber music, delightful dances from the Sapphires and JV Spartans, spirited serenades from the Sensations, and a humorous performance from Studio VII Theatre Co. The concert, which starts at 7 p.m., will showcase performances from the Chorale and Symphony Orchestra, and the

highlight of the evening is the Not-So-Silent Auction where the auction winner could bid to win an opportunity to conduct the Symphony Orchestra. Proceeds from the Dinner Tickets, Silent Auction, and Concert directly benefit the school's Spring Musical and Masterworks Series. Ring in the holiday season by attending this event and support the award-winning Fine Arts Department. Ticketing goes live on November 13th. Tickets may be purchased at www.studiovii.org.



Ring in the holiday season with the Seven Lakes High School Fine Arts Department's "Holiday Extravaganza" on December 7th at the school's Freshman Center. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN GLASER

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Donate to Coldwell Banker's Toys for Tots drive now through November 30th



Bring joy to less fortunate families through your gift of a new unwrapped toy. Drop off your donation at the Katy office of Coldwell Banker at 3333 S. Mason Road. For more information, contact Patti Lacy at placy@cbunited.com.

Veterans breakfast with Santa on December 2nd

Enjoy an "all you can eat" breakfast for just \$10.00 as you meet with area veterans at the Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road. Santa is coming to the December breakfast which will be held on December 2nd from 7 to 10 a.m. For more information, go to alaunit164katytx.org.

Gather for "Story Time with Santa" at LaCenterra during December

Bring the family to gather under the 51' Christmas tree at Heritage Square at LaCenterra this season! Sponsored by Texas Childrens Hospital, the event features Santa reading a Christmas tale. Dates/Times:
• December 2: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
• December 5: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30

a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
• December 9: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
• December 12: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2 to 3 p.m., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
• December 16: 9 to 10 a.m., 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Get tickets at eventbrite.com/e/story-time-with-santa-presented-by-texas-childrens-tickets-445181228037?aff=oddttdcreator. One ticket gives access for up to four people, and an opportunity to take a selfie with Santa Claus. Make sure to bring your blankets and chairs!

"Teacher of the Year" commemorative bricks to be unveiled on December 5th

The annual reveal of the commemorative bricks honoring Katy ISD's "Teachers of the Year" will take place at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Drive, at 6 p.m. December 5th. Each Katy ISD teacher who was selected as a "Teacher of the Year" for their campus this year will be honored with a personalized brick which will be permanently installed at Katy Heritage Park. Ida Franklin, owner of local company Venus Construction, has sponsored the event for 12 years.



Ring in the season with Hutsell Elementary's Winter Concert on December 7th

Hutsell Elementary fifth grade presents its Winter Concert at 6 p.m. on December 7th at the Hutsell Gymnasium at 5360 Franz Rd, Katy. Students are to arrive by 5:30 with the concert starting at 6 p.m.

City of Katy's official tree lighting set for December 7th

Join city officials for the lighting of Katy's Christmas tree at 6:30 p.m. on December 7th in Heritage Square in historic downtown Katy at Second Street and Avenue C. The family-friendly free event continues until 8:30 p.m.

Lone Star Symphonic Band to hold "Behold the Star" concert on December 10th

The Lone Star Symphonic Band continues its 31st Concert Season with a performance at 4 p.m. on December 10th at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 22111 Morton Road, Katy. Come prepared to enjoy the sounds of the



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season (and sing along) and join with the community to share the spirit of the holidays. Tickets for this performance may be purchased online at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=189777>. Season tickets are available for purchase at (<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?subscription=lssb>). Season tickets are \$26 each and include all four remaining performances for this year's Concert Season. Tickets to individual concerts are available at the cost of \$7 each. Other performances this season will occur on February 25th, May 5th, and June 30th.

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- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Requesting
- Give temporarily
- Happiness
- Military branch
- ___, denotes past
- Middle Eastern city
- Air hostesses
- Partner to Pa
- Percussion instrument
- Popular computers
- Decrease light
- Valley in the Osh Region
- "To ___ his own"
- Absence of difficulty
- Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- Trims by cutting
- Impact
- Military member
- A French river
- Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Musician Clapton
- Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Narrow valley
- A way to disentangle
- Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- Recommending
- Genus of legumes
- Friend to Larry and Curly
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer
- Denoting passerine birds
- Separate by category

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless fluid part of blood
- Of a main artery
- Photographic equipment
- Confirms a point
- Developed over time
- Not the leader
- ___ Lang (country singer)
- Adults need one
- Nests of pheasants
- Antelopes
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Japanese three-stringed lute
- Type of cat
- Cools your home
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Pouches
- Trigraph
- Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- ___ route
- Body part
- Bridge building degree
- Indicates position
- Political action committee
- Tasty snack
- Part of a quadruped
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- Of I
- City in Utah
- Football players in the trenches
- Hammer is one
- A "nightmarish" street
- Performers
- Slang for cut or scrape
- More breathable
- Most slick
- Provokes
- Home to college's Flyers
- Sodium
- Large fish of mackerel family
- Zero
- ___ and behold
- The Palmetto State
- Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

Harmony earns 'straight A's' from TEA in latest FIRST rating

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

All seven Harmony Public Schools districts received "Superior" A+ scores from the Texas Educational Agency on the agency's annual FIRST financial accountability ratings, the Harmony system announced in a November 10th press release.

Created by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001, the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) is designed to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide

the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes.

The FIRST ratings are calculated using 15 financial indicators, such as administrative cost expenditures; the accuracy of a district or charter's financial information submitted to TEA; and any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses in internal controls as determined by an external auditor.

Harmony's district-by-district scores are:

- Harmony Public Schools-Central Texas (Austin, Pflugerville, Cedar Park): 98

- Harmony Public Schools-Houston North (Houston, Bryan, Cypress, Katy): 100
- Harmony Public Schools-Houston South (Houston): 98

- Harmony Public Schools-West Houston (Houston, Katy, Sugar Land, Beaumont): 100
- Harmony Public Schools-North Texas Greater DFW, Waco): 96

- Harmony Public Schools-South Texas (San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville): 96
- Harmony Public Schools-West Texas (El Paso, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa): 100

To ensure effective, efficient and ethical use of all public funds entrusted to it, Harmony practices a number of financial safeguards as part of its regular operations.

Among these are regular independent financial audits from third-party accounting firms and regular participation in its purchasing process from the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO).

In Spring 2023, Harmony made history by becoming the first Texas

public charter school to win both TASBO's Award of Excellence in Financial Management and Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations.

In addition to the districts listed above, Harmony also has one online-only campus: Harmony Virtual Academy. Harmony's curriculum places a heavy focus on STEM skills, Character Education, project-based learning, and college readiness.

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



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Candy Cane Market returns to Cane Island December 2

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

More than 50 outdoor vendors will gather for one of west Houston's most popular single-day holiday shopping events, Candy Cane Market with H&H Markets, on Saturday, December 2 in Katy's Cane Island.

Candy Cane Market is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the community's Cane Quarter amenity village, 2100 Cane Island Parkway in Katy, where local vendors will present handcrafted jewelry, custom clothing and accessories, fun items for the home and other unique finds. Admission and onsite parking are free.

While at Candy Cane Market, families can take pictures with Santa, enjoy face painting, School of Rock Katy, the Polar Express Train, a hot chocolate bar and more.

The community's collection of model homes, each fully furnished and expertly decorated, also will be open to the public with free admission.

To reach Candy Cane Market, take the Cane Island Parkway exit off Interstate 10 minutes west of the Grand Parkway. Head north on Cane Island Parkway one half mile to reach the community entrance. Continue on Cane Island Parkway, past the community's Living Arches to Candy Cane Market.

Constables arrest two in counterfeit placard scheme

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Deputies from Constable Ted Heap's Strategic Response Unit arrested two women on Wednesday, November 15th, on charges of possessing fraudulent disabled parking placards and trying to sell them via social media. The arrests were reported on the Precinct 5 constable office's Facebook page.

Twyla Rose Daily, 34, and Cristina D. Hernandez, 33, were arrested without

incident in the 19900 block of the Katy Freeway Wednesday morning. The two suspects had a number of fraudulent disabled parking placards in their possession, according to the social media post.

Disabled parking placards are only available in Harris County as prescribed by a physician. Applicants must fill out required DMV paperwork and submit it for approval through the Harris County Tax Office.

TALKING BUSINESS AT KAEDC



Rob Rosenberger, CEO and co-founder of Blackdragon, addressed the general assembly of the Katy Area Economic Development Council on Tuesday, November 14th and explained how his innovative consulting firm uses crowdsourcing to develop a network of experts in government relations, corporate affairs and business growth. Rosenberger also described other "out of the box" strategies in place at the company, including peer review and peer-approved performance pay. The firm specializes in helping their clients win government contracts.

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ADOPTION

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adopted on Friday, the release said.

In Fort Bend County, the 328th, 387th, and 505th District Courts, Child Advocates of Fort Bend and its partners -- ARTreach Katy, Aguirre Fields, Arms Wide Open Adoption Agency, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Child Advocates of Fort Bend Volunteer Council, Cultivating Families, Depelchin, Fort Bend County Child Welfare Board, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Exchange Club of Rosenberg, Fort Bend Behavioral Health Services, Fort Bend Health and Human Services, Fort Bend County Attorney's Office, H-E-B, The Thankful Ones, Fort Bend TBRI Collaborative, Xander Project, Sleep Lab and local attorneys -- are all participating in this

special day by working together to celebrate the joys of adoption and encourage more families and individuals to give children safe and permanent homes.

About National Adoption Day

National Adoption Day is sponsored by a coalition of national partners - The Alliance for Children's Rights, Casey Family Services, Children's Action Network, The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Freddie Mac Foundation and Target Corporation- to draw attention to the 100,000+ foster children waiting for adoption in the United States and to celebrate all loving families who adopt.

RODEO

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respective events and qualified for the State Maintenance Rodeo which will be held on February 27, 2024, in Galveston for a chance to compete against teams from across Texas.

Richie Kainer competed in the Plant ID

event while Bill Oppenlander entered in the backhoe competition and Mason McMillan competed in the Zero Turn and Nail Driving competitions. Jerome Huey also competed in the Backpack Blower Obstacle Course.

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Fulshear Katy Area Chamber celebrates 10th anniversary

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

On December 4th, the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

The organization – which bills itself not just as a “chamber of commerce” but “a chamber FOR commerce” -- originated a decade ago as the Fulshear Area Chamber, according to Don McCoy, chamber president and CEO. “Local business visionaries and the EDC Director Cheryl Stalinsky aimed to establish a distinct representation for the area,” said McCoy in a recent interview. “As we expanded, including Katy in our name better represented our diverse membership.”

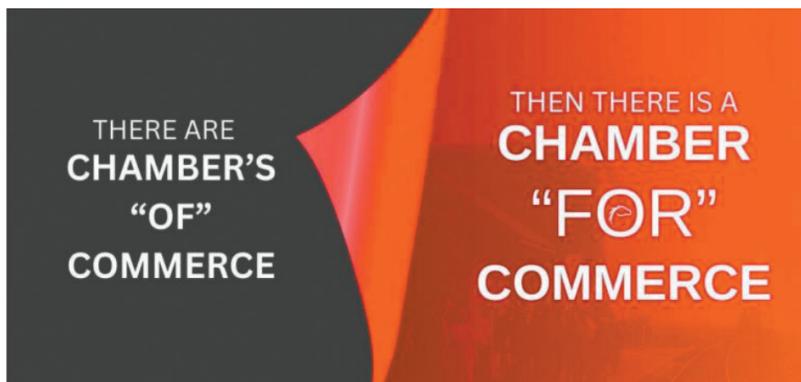


DON MCCOY
FKACC President & CEO



RACHEL DURHAM
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In a high-growth area where there are already other chambers of commerce and similar organizations – including the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, the West Houston Association, the Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce, the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, among others – McCoy and his team have built a distinct organization to serve the community, despite the predictions of initial nay-sayers. Together with Vice President Rachel Durham and the chamber board of directors currently chaired by Albert Perez of Dreambuilder Financial, McCoy has increased chamber membership to about 505, he said. “Currently, 70% of our members are based in Katy, and 30% in Fulshear, though this is evolving towards a more balanced distribution,” McCoy said. In addition to its Fulshear location at 29818 FM 1093, the chamber maintains a satellite office in Katy, housed at The Vargas Agency at 5718 3rd St.



Left: The Fulshear Katy Area Chamber holds “rope cuttings” for new members, rather than “ribbon cuttings,” like this one for PetSuites in early November. The FKACC bills itself as a “chamber FOR commerce” and not just a chamber OF commerce, according to President and CEO Don McCoy.

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“Our members’ passion sets FKACC apart,” McCoy said. “We offer unique services and products, enhancing business visibility and success beyond just networking and advocacy.” He continued, “Our proactive approach has been key in adapting to rapid area growth and aiding businesses during the pandemic. A significant achievement is integrating advanced technology for our members’ social media presence.”

McCoy is often on the forefront of using the latest technology to benefit chamber members. “Our AI back-office system is a significant innovation, assisting members in effectively describing and promoting their businesses.” McCoy was an early adopter of ChatGPT and recently invited a podcaster as a featured speaker at the November cham-

ber breakfast.

For the chamber’s monthly breakfast meetings, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Parkway Fellowship, 27043 FM 1093 in Richmond, McCoy says he chooses informative speakers for their positive impact on the chamber’s membership. “My community connections often lead me to these dynamic individuals,” he said.

FKACC does not conduct “ribbon cuttings” for its new members – but instead holds “rope cuttings.” According to McCoy, “Our ‘rope cuttings’ symbolize our western heritage and commitment to community unity and business growth, a creative twist on traditional ribbon cuttings. With us being nontraditional and “out of the box”

we took to our western heritage with our logo and our brand. So, one day I was with Kim Stacy of the Fulshear Insurance Group and we were discussing how to make our ribbon cutting different. She said how about cutting a rope. I said brilliant. Not only does the rope have significant western history it represents tying our community together. Also, by cutting the rope it unleashes your business to grow bigger.”

What will the next ten years bring for the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce? “Our ten-year vision focuses on growing our influence in business representation, fostering economic development, advocating for business interests, leveraging marketing technologies, engaging with the community, and offering educational opportunities for member development,” McCoy said. “We foresee economic and social uncertainties. Our role is to guide businesses in navigating these challenges.” McCoy also is working with local entities and the EDC to promote professional services in Fulshear, enhancing the area’s employment opportunities.

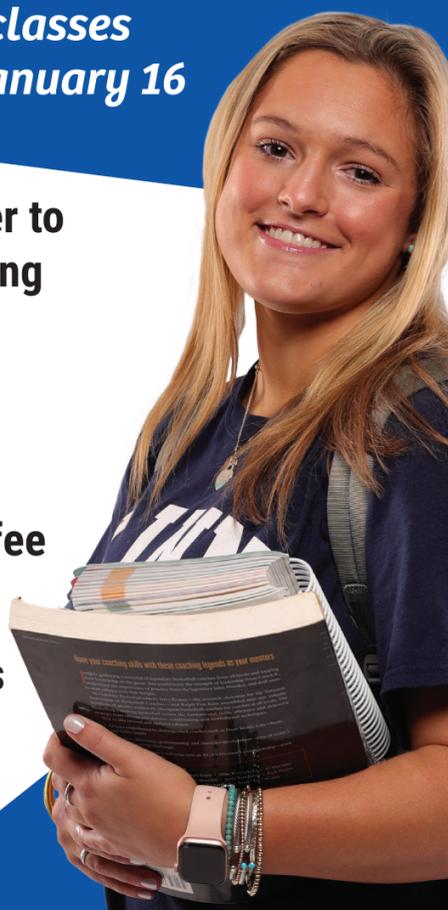
McCoy has dedicated himself to the chamber, even giving up his bid for mayor of Fulshear. “Prioritizing the Chamber’s collaborative vision over the current political climate, I decided not to pursue the mayoral candidacy. My focus remains on leading the Chamber towards impactful community and business growth,” McCoy said. “I find myself in a situation where my enthusiasm has led me to become a victim of circumstances. The Fulshear Katy Area Chamber leadership’s primary goal has always been to foster collaboration among competitors, benefiting both the business environment and our community. Unfortunately, the current political landscape doesn’t align with this vision.”

“My dedication to our entire community remains steadfast, and I firmly believe that I can make a more significant impact by continuing to serve as President and CEO of the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce,” he continued. “As we celebrate the chamber’s 10-year anniversary and look back on the milestones achieved, I am driven to take the organization to new heights.”

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Registration open for spring classes at new Blinn College-Waller campus

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Registration is now open for spring semester classes at the new Blinn College-Waller Campus, the college announced in a November 9th press release.

Conveniently located at Waller ISD's W.C. Schultz Junior High School at 20950 Field Store Road, Waller, the Waller Campus offers a range of highly transferable academic core classes, laying the foundation for students in Waller, northwest Harris County, and the surrounding region to earn their college degree.

Registration for the spring semester is available through Monday, Jan. 15, and classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16. To better serve working students, all courses are offered on weekday evenings or weekends and students can choose from university transfer courses that are eight or 16 weeks long.

Prospective students can apply to Blinn at ApplyTexas.org. Once admitted, they can register for classes through their myBLINN portal at my.blinn.edu. Blinn recommends that all students speak to an academic advisor prior to registering for classes.

Blinn is the unquestioned leader in transferring students to university programs. Blinn's academic transfer rate of 48.2% ranks No. 1

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Course	Dates	Times
BIOL 2401: Anatomy and Physiology	Jan. 16 - May 9	SA 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ENGL 1301: Composition I	Jan. 16 - May 9	MW 5:40 - 6:55 p.m.
GOVT 2305: American Government	Jan. 16 - March 6	TR 7:05 - 8:20 p.m.
GOVT 2306: Texas Government	March 18 - May 9	TR 7:05 - 8:20 p.m.
HIST 1301: U.S. History I	Jan. 16 - March 6	MW 7:05 - 8:20 p.m.
HIST 1302: U.S. History II	March 18 - May 9	MW 7:05 - 8:20 p.m.
MATH 1324: Math for Business and Social Sciences I	Jan. 16 - May 9	TR 5:40 - 6:55 p.m.
MUSI 1310: History of Rock and Popular Music	March 18 - May 9	MW 5:40 - 6:55 p.m.
PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy	Jan. 16 - May 9	MW 7:05 - 8:20 p.m.
SPCH 1311: Intro to Speech Communication	Jan. 16 - March 6	MW 5:40 - 6:55 p.m.



in the state and nearly doubles the state-wide average of 24.1%.

Blinn also has partnered with Texas A&M University to develop pioneering co-enrollment programs such as the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program, Texas A&M Engineering at Blinn, and the Texas A&M Engineering Academy

at Blinn-Brenham. As a member of the RELIS Academic Alliance, Blinn offers courses at Texas A&M-RELIS that transfer seamlessly into the bachelor's degree programs offered by the regional universities also located at RELIS.

According to data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's CollegeForAllTexans.com, out-of-district Blinn students save 39.4% in tuition and fees compared to in-state residents at the average Texas public university. Blinn students can apply for more than 300 endowed scholarships through a single application, and the College does not charge an application fee.

For more information, visit www.blinn.edu.

KCM announces annual "Santa's Sleigh" drive to benefit families in need

FROM STAFF REPORTS

What is Santa's Sleigh?

Through its annual "Santa's Sleigh" program, Katy Christian Ministries' Social Services helps families find and maintain some balance when they fall into financial crisis. Celebrating Christmas can be really hard for these families who are struggling just to keep a roof over their heads and the lights turned on, said event organizers on the KCM website. The Santa's Sleigh program is only for active clients of KCM Social Services who have met with the organization's case managers for a full assessment of their needs.

Adopting a child(ren) or senior adult for Christmas this year is easy, according to the website:

- Step 1: Visit the website ktcm.org/santassleigh/ and click the "Adopt a Child/Senior" button to fill out the online adoption form.
- Step 2: Adopters will be contacted by one of KCM's Santa's Sleigh "Elves" (Volunteers), who will match them



with a child or senior adult's wish list, and provide all the details about shopping for the, how to package and label the items, where to drop off donations, and answer any questions.

- Step 3: Shop! Have fun shopping for the child or senior adult and drop off donations at the scheduled time and place. A receipt for donations can be requested at drop-off, as they are tax-deductible.

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Royal's FFA team members display a few of the many awards that they earned at the District Leadership Development Event on November 10th at Blinn College.

Royal FFA brings home district championships

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Royal FFA's team members scored big at the District Leadership Development Event on November 10th at Blinn College. Several of the teams brought home the District Championships. Results are as follows.

District Champions

- Senior Skills, 1st (Kaelyn Hein, Deysi Rivera, Elyssa Pruner)
- Public Relations, 1st (Kaylee Meader, Kaelyn Hein, Elizabeth Ibarra, Katia Mendoza)
- Senior Spanish Creed, 1st (Katia Mendoza)
- Agricultural Advocacy, 1st (Raelee Hacke, Alexcia Garcia, Elyssa Pruner, Lauren Hills-

man, Jaylyn Danz)

- Agriculture Issues, 3rd (Isaac Martinez, Jade Lopez, Guadalupe Cruz, Alexa Cisneros, Helena Ferro, Keylin Aragon)

Also competing and representing the Royal FFA Chapter:

- Radio Broadcasting, 4th (Rafael Marmolejo, Victoria Miller, Tania Ramirez)
- Job Interview, 10th (Jaylyn Danz)
- Junior Creed, 12th (Maiya Nicolson)
- Junior Spanish Creed, 5th (Jaxidi DeLa-Cruz)

- Senior Creed, 8th (Jacob Pistor)

Moving on to the Area XI Competition are teams placing in the top three in each event. The contest was Saturday November 18th at Blinn College, after this issue of the Katy Times went to press.

Explore Aristoi Classical Academy at open houses

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Aristoi Classical Academy invites students, parents, and families to its Prospective Family Open Houses on December 2, 2023. The tuition-free, K-12 public charter school currently has two campuses in historic Katy, a Grammar School for grades K-4, and a Logic & Rhetoric School for grades 5-12. The Aristoi Cypress campus opens its high school in August 2024, offering its first 9th grade class at the current K-8 academy. In 2024, the Aristoi network is also adding a fourth academy to a new West Houston location, serving K-5 families. As with all of the Aristoi academies, the West Houston campus plans to expand until a complete K-12 school is attained.

Aristoi's Open House schedules on December 2nd are:

- The Aristoi Cypress (K-9*): 9 to 10:30 a.m., at 12332 Perry Road, Houston, 77070
- Aristoi Katy Grammar (K-4): 9 to 10:30 a.m., at 5618 Eleventh St., Katy 77493
- Aristoi Katy Logic & Rhetoric School (5-12): 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 5610 Morton Road, Katy, 77493
- Aristoi West Houston (K-5): Representatives are attending both the Aristoi Katy Grammar and Aristoi Katy Logic & Rhetoric events.

Encouraging students to develop a passion for learning and providing

them with the means to become responsible citizens of virtuous character is the mission of Aristoi, said school representatives in a press release.

The school's philosophy is not only to inform students but also to form them, to form each individual person with character and virtue. Classical education embraces the study of literature, history, math, science, languages, poetry, drama, and art.

The Prospective Family Open Houses provide the community an opportunity to explore the campuses, speak with teachers, administrators, and student ambassadors, and discover the hidden gem that is Aristoi Classical Academy. Go to www.aristoi.classical.org/openhouse for more information.

About Aristoi Classical Academy Aristoi Classical Academy is a tuition-free public charter school, offering classical education to students in grades K-12. Aristoi currently has two campuses in historic Katy and one in Cypress with a total enrollment of more than 1,500 students. Aristoi's mission is to provide students with an academically challenging Classical Liberal Arts education that encourages them to develop a passion for learning and that gives them the means to become responsible citizens of virtuous character. For more information about Aristoi Classical Academy, please visit aristoi.classical.org or contact Heather Arszman-Lamb at 281-371-0695.

Local Rice student receives computer science scholarship

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Rice University student Danielle Okuseinde from Katy was awarded the Chris Jackson Computer Science Education Scholarship on November 1, according to a press release from

bold.org.

Funded by Chris Jackson, whose mission is Empowering Computer Science To Do More, this scholarship aims to support undergraduate students who are pursuing a computer science degree.

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Scores
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Saturday
• Tompkins at Pearland Dawson

Tuesday
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• Morton Ranch vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
• Mayde Creek vs. Paetow, 7 p.m.
• Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.
• Jordan at Fort Bend Marshall, 7 p.m.

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Friday
• Morton Ranch at Channelview, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday
• Jordan vs. Dickinson, 11:30 a.m.
• Seven Lakes at Austin Westlake, 2:30 p.m.

Monday
• Seven Lakes vs. Pearland Dawson, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
• Katy vs Tomball, 7 p.m.
• Taylor vs. Jersey Village, 7 p.m.
• Paetow vs. Bridgeland, 7 p.m.
• Morton Ranch at Alief Taylor, 7 p.m.
• Cinco Ranch vs. Alief Hastings, 7 p.m.
• Jordan vs. Clear Springs, 7 p.m.



Tremayne Hill stiff-arms a defender during Friday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress.

DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy falls to Cy-Fair in overtime to end season

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR



Gunner Nelson throws the ball during Friday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress.

Made it past area round every year from 2001 on. Katy had chances on Friday. The Tigers fought tooth and nail, but mistakes mounted in the area round against Cy-Fair. A drive where the Tigers couldn't punch it in from 2-yards out on four straight plays, miscues, penalties and dropped interceptions, Katy was just inches away from pulling away in an area round matchup

against Cy-Fair, but little things kept the Tigers from doing that. In the end those plays came back to haunt the Tigers, as Katy fell just short against Cy-Fair, 28-21 in overtime and the Tigers' season came to an end in the area round. "We had our chances tonight, but that's football sometimes," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "But our kids put forth the effort. They didn't give up or surrender or quit and so I'm proud of that. I had no problem with their effort tonight — they

fought their butts off but there were just some chances we couldn't take advantage of." It was a defensive battle throughout the first half. Cy-Fair struck first after forcing Katy to punt on its opening drive, with Trey Owens throwing a 51-yard touchdown to Connor Porter, but Katy came back to make things a one-point game just minutes later as Chase Johnsey ran in a 9-yard touchdown but the extra point missed.

See **KATY**, page B3

Cinco Ranch tops Harlan, advances to first state final

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch topped San Antonio Harlan in four sets on Friday, clinching the Cougars' first ever appearance in the state finals in the process with a 20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21 victory.

The Cougars were playing in their second ever state semifinal and first since 2009 and they put on quite a performance. Gabi Martinez ended the night with 16 kills and a block while Makenna Loo had 14 kills and two blocks and Kassie O'Brien 44 assists to help lead Cinco to the state final.

"We've been fighting all year for this," said senior outside hitter Makenna Loo. "We got in a groove and we just wanted to put our foot on the gas and find a way to get to the final."

After struggling in the first set, falling 20-25 the Cougars turned things on and won the next three sets to take the match.

Cinco took the second set 25-21 and the third set 25-22. The fourth set was very close with neither team leading by more than two until the very end, when Cinco stretched its lead to 25-21, clinching their spot in the state semifinals.

"We've struggled a little bit with first sets," said Cinco Ranch

Cinco's season ends to Grand Oaks in state final

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch gave everything it had.

The Cougars wanted to be in this spot and they had their chance, giving everything on Saturday in their Class 6A State Final matchup. The Cougars laid everything on the line, but weren't able to overcome Grand Oaks in the state final, falling in three sets (25-22, 25-23, 25-13).

Cinco and Grand Oaks were neck and neck in the first set. Both teams went back and forth and the Cougars took a 21-20 lead, but Grand Oaks came back to score four of the last five points in the set to take it 25-22 and take an important lead.

The Cougars came back strong early in the second set, and fought tooth and nail as it was again close the whole way. The Cougars had a late lead for the second straight set at 23-22, but Grand Oaks answered again, scoring the last three points of the set to win it 25-23.

Being so close in both of the first two sets took a lot out of



Cinco Ranch huddles before a match between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at the Cinco Ranch gym.

TYLER TYRE

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— DANIELLE WELLS, Cinco Ranch head volleyball coach

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Jordan's Marsh named Ford Tough Player of the Week

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Jordan wide receiver Andrew Marsh was named the Built Ford tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week for Class 6A in the last week of the regular season, a huge accomplishment as it is the first time a player from Jordan has earned the honors.



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Andrew Marsh catches a pass during a game between Jordan and Cinco Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

Marsh earned the honors after leading the Warriors to their first ever postseason appearance with one of the best performances of his career. In Jordan's 52-49 win over Morton Ranch, Marsh had eight catches for 240 yards and five touchdowns with them coming from 70, 49, 45, 19 and nine yards from the endzone. He also caught a hugely important two-point conversion in the fourth quarter and tied the game with his final touchdown, a 49-yard catch and run where he took a screen pass and outran the entire Morton Ranch defense for six points.

"It is not surprising that Andrew received this honor. Andrew's commitment to improving himself as an athlete is extremely consistent both on campus and independently," said Jordan head coach Mike Rabe. "He is a true student of the game and refines his craft as a wide receiver with intention every day."

Marsh ended his season with 65 receptions for 1158 yards and 15 touchdowns over his 11 games. He averaged over 105 yards per game and had a long of 82 yards as Jordan made it to the bi-district round for the first time before falling to Hightower.



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Morton Ranch head coach Ron Counter discusses a play with a game official during a high school football game between Morton Ranch and Tompkins on October 13, 2023, in Katy.

Counter steps down as Morton Ranch head coach

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Ron Counter has been reassigned within Katy ISD from post as Head Football Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator at Morton Ranch High School, sources have confirmed to the Katy Times.

The Mavericks' head coach led Morton Ranch to a 2-8 season this year with a 2-6 record in District 19-6A play. Morton Ranch broke a six-year playoff drought in 2022 when the Mavericks finished 7-4 and 5-3 in district play.

Overall, Counter had a record of 29-40 over seven seasons at Morton Ranch, leading the Mavericks to the

playoffs once in 2022 where they lost to Hightower in the bi-district round. Before coming to Morton Ranch and Katy ISD, Counter amassed a 38-12 record at Stafford over four seasons. Before becoming head coach as Stafford, Counter coached at Strake Jesuit, Round Rock Westwood, Spring Woods, Alief Hastings and Klein Oak. Overall, Counter has a record of 114-87 as a head coach.

Overall Morton Ranch has made the playoffs five times, in 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2022. Counter took over as head coach of the Mavericks in January of 2017 from Dave Meadows, who coached the Mavericks from 2009-2016.



COURTESY KATY ISD

Photos from Katy's last state championship football team from 2020 were prominently displayed during the celebration.

Katy high school celebrates 125 years

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

This year marks the 125th school year for Katy High School and the Tigers celebrated it during their football game on Oct. 27.

The Tigers staff and community members came out to celebrate the anniversary during Katy's game against Seven Lakes. The banquet hall at Legacy Stadium was filled with the school's academic and athletic accomplishments, including nine state championships in football and two state championships in softball. Katy opened in 1898.

Katy took home a 66-7 win on the night, clinching a District 19-6A championship in the process, the school's 36th district championship in its history.



Left: Katy's state championships were on display during the celebration of its 125th anniversary. Katy High School is celebrating its 125th school year.

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KATY

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CY-FAIR 28, KATY 21

Cy-Fair	7	7	0	7	7	--	28
Katy	6	0	8	7	0	--	21

First quarter

CF: Trey Owens 51 pass to Connor Porter (Dennis Castello kick) 6:21
K: Chase Johnsey 9 run, 1:18

Second quarter

CF: Owens 18 pass to Porter (Castello kick) 9:09

Third quarter

K: Gunner Nelson 8 pass to Luke Carter (Nelson pass to Johnsey) 3:15

Fourth quarter

K: Johnsey 9 run (Ondrush kick) 7:02
CF: Owens 3 pass to Carter (Castello kick) 0:43

Overtime

CF: Jamel Nickerson 3 run (Castello kick)

Team stats

	CY-FAIR	KATY
First downs	21	12
Yards rushing	22-38	44-229
Yards passing	298	56
Passes	31-45-3-1	6-19-1-0
Punts	4-45	5-28
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalty-yards	5-30	5-40

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Tremayne Hill, 30-192; Chase Johnsey, 5-26-2; Oliver Ginn, 1-8; Romel Jordan, 2-7; Gunner Nelson, 6-(-4); Cy-Fair: Jamel Nickerson, 11-32-1; Trey Owens, 7-5; Charun Davis, 3-3;
Passing – Katy: Gunner Nelson, 6-19-56-1-0; Cy-Fair: Trey Owens, 31-45-298-3-1;
Receiving – Katy: Cade McCall, 2-17; Oliver Ginn, 1-14; Chase Johnsey, 1-10; Luke Carter, 1-8; Israel Olotu-Judah, 1-7; Cy-Fair: Connor Porter, 8-110-2; Owen Carter, 11-89-1; Charun Davis, 8-75; Wyatt Herbel, 3-16; Jamel Nickerson, 1-8;

Both teams had chances in the second quarter to score but both defenses came up with stops. Jacob Hilton had an interception early in the quarter that stalled a Cy-Fair drive, but Katy turned it over on downs twice in the quarter as the Tigers went into the locker room down 7-6.

"This whole team was special," said sophomore running back Tremayne Hill. "Everyone helped me from the beginning of the season and I just love all of these guys. All of these guys helped me and made me into a better player and I couldn't ask for better teammates. I just wish we could have won this for our seniors."

The great defense from both teams continued into the second half. Neither team got on the board early in the third quarter and it took until the three minute mark in the third for a score, when Katy tied it on an eight-yard pass from Gunner Nelson to Luke Carter and a two-point conversion that Nelson completed to Johnsey. Katy had the chance to take the lead shortly thereafter when Joshua Garcia recovered a fumble from a muffed punt on the Cy-Fair 2-yard line, but Katy couldn't punch it in on three plays and then fumbled to give the ball back to Cy-Fair on its fourth down play.

Katy's defense stepped up to force a punt after that and Katy took the lead when Johnsey ran in a 9-yard touchdown, but Cy-Fair found a way to answer back, tying the game at 21 with just 43 seconds left in the game on a 3-yard pass from Trey Owens to Owen Carter, forcing the game to go to overtime.

Cy-Fair then got the ball in overtime and scored, with Katy dropping an interception that would have given them the ball and Owens converting a third and 14 on a run before throwing



a touchdown on a 3-yard pass to Owen Carter. Katy then had to respond to keep its season alive, but the Tigers were forced into a fourth and long, which they were unable to convert and ended Katy's season.

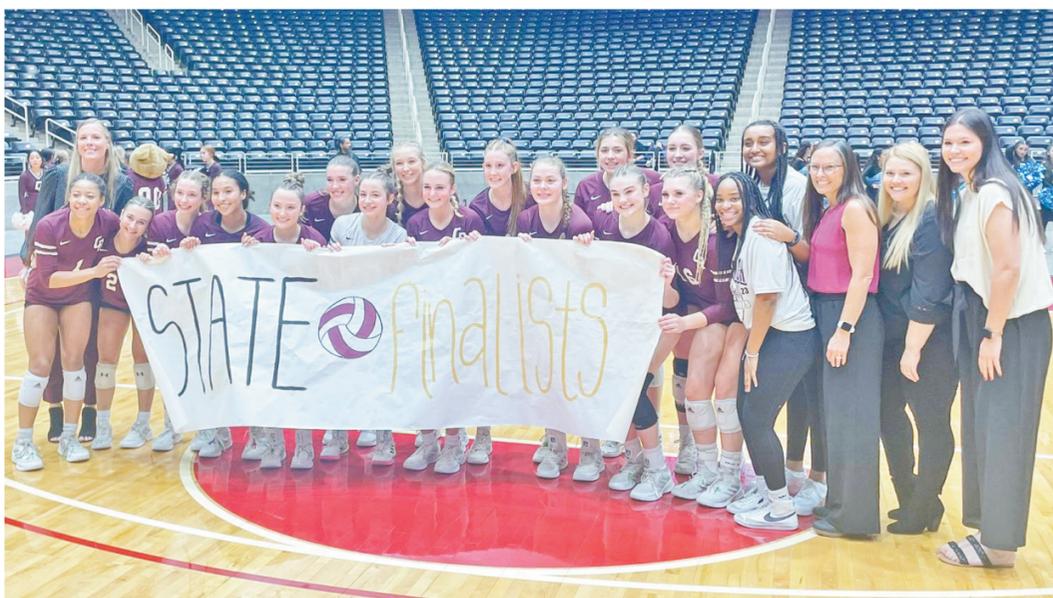
"We spend a lot of time preparing and we came in and were ready for them," said Katy senior cornerback Jacob Hinton. "I'm glad we had that fight and we kept it going all the way until the end. I just wish we did a little more."

It was the earliest loss in the playoffs for Katy since 2001, when they lost to Vince Young-led Madison in the area round. The Tigers' season ended at 10-2.

"Everyone in there, we don't need fuel or motivation but of course we're going to remember this," Hill said. "This was a really good team but now we have to focus on getting even better going into next year."

Above: Jacob Hinton tackles a ballcarrier during Friday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress. Below: Chase Johnsey runs into the endzone during Friday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress.

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COURTESY KATY ISD

Cinco Ranch topped San Antonio Harlan three sets to one on Friday in the state semifinal at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

VOLLEYBALL

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head coach Danielle Wells. "I'm not sure what it is, but it's like we have to find our groove and then get into things. I'm hoping we can not do that tomorrow, but first set has always been a little harder for us but that's something we're trying to improve on."

It was the second time that Cinco played Harlan this year. The Cougars lost in two sets to Harlan in August when the two met in tournament play, but the Cougars have grown into a stronger, more complete team since

then.

"We've changed a lot of things since then and we've gotten a lot more consistent," said Cinco ranch head coach Danielle Wells. "Our passing, setting defense, everything has gotten better and we've really found our chemistry throughout the season. We're playing really well and trusting each other and I think that's a huge part of the game."

Cinco will play another Houston area team in the state final on Saturday in Grand Oaks. The Grizzlies come

off a hard fought five set victory over Prosper in its state semifinal, where they reverse swept Prosper. Cinco advanced to play Grand Oaks in the team's first ever state final game.

"I think it's going to be a great game," Wells said. I think we can battle with them, I think we can keep them out of system and I think we can come back with some of our own shots. We got to watch them tonight and we saw some things we're going to talk about and then go out there and try to execute."

CINCO

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Cinco Ranch and Grand Oaks took its momentum into the third set, running away with it and clinching the third set 25-13, bringing the Cougars' best ever season to an end.

"They have a lot of really good hitters, they have a lot of height and they're really powerful," Wells said. "They were putting the ball away and we couldn't stop them. Our tallest person is our setter (Kassie O'Brien) and she's six foot, so it's a battle at the net when they have so much height"

Gabi Martinez led the way with 11 kills for the Cougars, while Kassi O'Brien had 20 assists and four kills, Emily Killam had four kills and three blocks, Makenna Loo had four kills and nine digs and Maggie Finnegan had 10 digs for the Cougars. Grand Oaks

was led by Halle Thompson and Samara Coleman, who had 15 and 13 kills respectively, while Thompson also had three blocks.

Cinco ends their best ever season with a record of 38-6. The Cougars went on a 22 game win streak on their way to an undefeated district title and the state championship game and even with the loss, every player knows there is a lot to be proud of.

"Getting this far was a blessing; we went as far as we expected to go. Grand Oaks was ranked No. 1 for a reason," Wells said. "Just to get here to the state tournament is amazing and to beat Harlan is another great accomplishment. They did a great job coming out and fighting against Harlan and against Grand Oaks."



Cinco Ranch head coach Danielle Wells watches during Tuesday's bi-district match between Cinco Ranch and Fort Bend Travis at the Merrell Center.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2024

The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Variance to Article 10, Subdivision Regulation, of the Code Of Ordinances At 5917 A Street; Applicant And Agent Is Charles P. Powell. For Questions Regarding The Public Hearing, Contact The City Planner at 281-391-4803.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO AMEND THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN/MAP FILED FOR RECORD WITH THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

APPLICATION: On behalf of the property owner, North Pines 1488 LP, Quiddity Engineering, LLC is requesting to be allowed to amend The Major Thoroughfare Plan/Map as noted in the application (9706 / 13854). The amendment will adjust Stone Bridge Parkway to align with the approved Solar Farm's 120' exclusion area for future ROW extension along the west side of the property

This amendment request, if approved, will only effect the applicant property.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on (December 6th, 2023) at the Waller County Courthouse Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas 77445.

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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

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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 0.10 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.

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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, duffle 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

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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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF KATY

The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct a Public Hearing To Be Held At Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, December 11, 2023

The Hearing Is Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On The Annexation Of A Property Described As Approximately 143.3 Acres Of Land In The T.S. Reese Survey, Abstract 330, Waller County, TX, Being Comprised Of The Residue Of That Certain Called 120.5730-Acre Tract (Tract One) And A Portion Of That Certain Called 12.83-Acre Tract (Tract Two) Recorded In Volume 0491, Page 333, Official Records, Waller County, Texas, That Certain Called 5.739-Acre Tract Recorded In Volume 0674, Page 519, Official Records, Waller County, Texas, The Residue Of That Certain Called 87.25-Acre Tract Recorded In Volume 0529, Page 745, Official Records, Waller County, Texas And A Portion Of Land Within The Existing Right-Of-Way Of Interstate Highway 10, In Accordance With Section 43.106 Of The Texas Local Government Code.

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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. 55, whose address is 5005 Riverway, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77056, filed applications with the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") seeking permits to drill one well in Waller County to produce from the well a maximum amount of three hundred thousand gallons per day (approximately 340 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 24 inches in diameter and drilled to depths of approximately 560 feet below the surface with casing to at least 395 feet from the surface down hole. The well would be completed in the Chicot and 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 3601 1/2 Bartlett Road, Katy, TX 77450. The proposed Waller County well is generally located approximately 1.7 miles southeast of FM 2855 and Morton Road. The coordinates for proposed location of the well are as follows on 3601 1/2 Bartlett Rd:

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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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 (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.
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NOTICE

THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, HAS BEEN CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.
 By Order Of Mayor And City Council
 City Of Katy, Texas
 October 9, 2023

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3118 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE CITY OF KATY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 12.05 "PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC STREETS" BY AMENDING SECTION 12.05.041 "NO PARKING ZONES" TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE 7300 - 7500 BLOCK OF INNOVATION DRIVE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF CYPRESS COVE LN/COMPASS DR TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF ROBERTSON ELEMENTARY PROPERTY (7400 INNOVATION DRIVE); AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE 7400-7500 BLOCK OF INNOVATION DRIVE FROM THE INTERSECTION OF CYPRESS COVE LN/COMPASS DR TO THE INTERSECTION OF WELWYN LN; DURING THE HOURS POSTED FOR OPERATION OF A SCHOOL ZONE, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2024

The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Amending The City Of Katy Zoning Ordinance No. 621; Establishing A Special Use Permit That Allows, A Special Use, To-Wit: An Institution Of A Religious Nature (Iglesia Rios De Aceite - Rivers of Oil Church) In A "C-2" General Business District At 541 Pin Oak Road; Providing For An Effective Date; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists. Applicant And Agent Is Pastor Hernan Castano Of Iglesia Rios De Aceite - Rivers Of Oil Church.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WALLER COUNTY**

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 Kuciamba 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 petición.

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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 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.

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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.

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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 be 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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APPLICATION: Astro Sunterra, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise the partial replatting 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.

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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.

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Seven Lakes ranked 11 in TABC preseason state poll

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes earned a high ranking in the Class 6A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches preseason poll, coming in as the 11th ranked team in the state and the second highest ranked team from the Houston area.

The Spartans come into the year with high expectations after the most success-

ful year in program history last season. Seven Lakes won their second straight District 19-6A title, going unbeaten in district with a 16-0 record. Seven Lakes would make it all the way to the Region III-6A tournament in the playoffs before falling to Clear Falls. It was the Spartans' second ever appearance in the regional tournament.

The top five ranked in the state consisted of Duncanville, San Antonio Brennan, North Crowley, Beaumont United and Desoto. Atascocita was the top ranked team from the Houston area, coming in at No. 6. Other Houston area teams that were ranked were Pearland Dawson, Summer Creek, Shadow Creek and Cy-Falls.

CLASS 6A TABC PRESEASON RANKINGS

1. Duncanville
2. SA Brennan
3. North Crowley
4. Bmt United
5. Desoto
6. Atascocita
7. Stony Point
8. Plano East
9. Keller
10. South Grand Prairie
11. Seven Lakes
12. SA Reagan
13. Mansfield Legacy
14. Lake Travis
15. Frenship
16. Pearland Dawson
17. Austin Westlake
18. Allen
19. Summer Creek
20. Harker Heights
21. Highland Park
22. SA Warren
23. Waxahachie
24. Shadow Creek
25. Cy Falls

AJ Bates drives into the lane during a Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Stratford at the Merrell Center last season.

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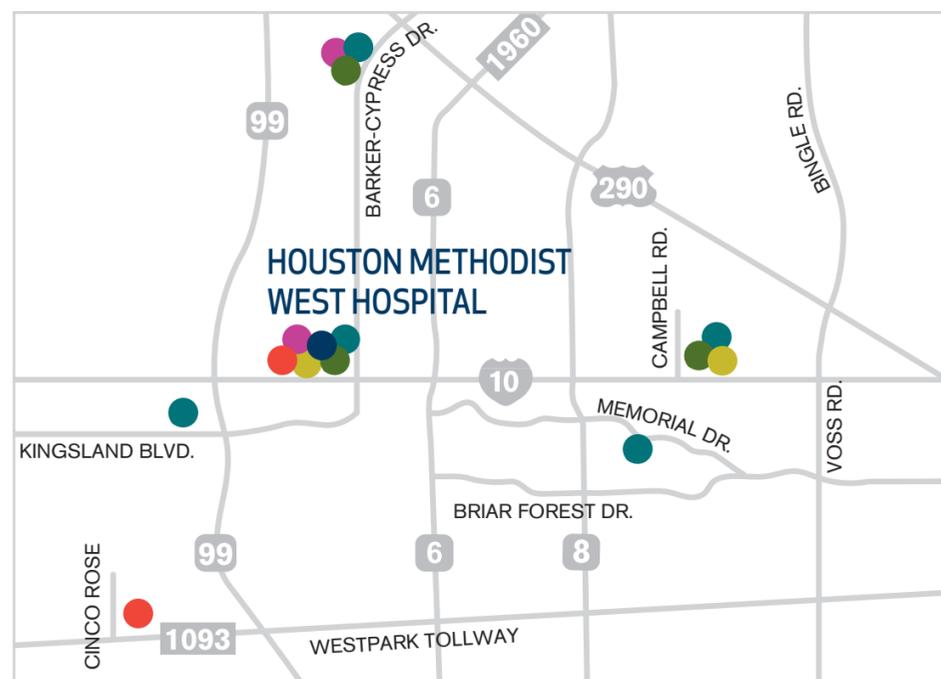


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