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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board names baseball field for former coach

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
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At Monday night's regular meeting of the Katy ISD board of trustees, the board unanimously voted to name the baseball fields at Katy High School, 6331 Highway Boulevard, Katy, for former baseball coach Tom McPherson. "Tom McPherson's name is synonymous with Katy High School and

City of Katy," wrote Katy Times Sports Editor Tyler Tyre upon McPherson's retirement in 2022.

McPherson coached for 45 years and was the head coach for Katy from 1987-2022, the final 34 years of his career.

During that time, McPherson became the all-time winningest coach in Class 6A Texas high school baseball and finished his career with 891 wins

over the course of his time at Katy, Canyon, Levelland and Johnson City. He also spent time at Texas Tech and Hardin Simmons. McPherson ended his career with two state tournament appearances and a number of district championships at Katy. McPherson was inducted into the Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Association Hall of

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Former Katy High School baseball coach Tom McPherson thanks the Katy ISD Board of Trustees following the unanimous decision to name the baseball field at Katy High School in his honor. McPherson coached at the school for more than 34 years.

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## WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE GROUNDBREAKING



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Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Waller County Courthouse were held in Hempstead on Wednesday, March 20th. Shown left to right are Commissioner Justin Beckendorff, Commissioner Kendric Jones, Judge Trey Duhon, Commissioner Walter Smith, and Commissioner John Amsler. Construction of the building, being built on the site of the old courthouse which was recently demolished, is expected to take up to 24 months, officials said.

## Council approves property acquisition for road projects

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

Katy's city council met Monday night in regular session and approved further improvements for Katy Hockley Cutoff Road and Katy Hockley Road. Both projects involved the purchase of right of way. Four additional pieces of property remain to be acquired to complete the necessary right of way for Katy Hockley Road with one holdout remaining, which should be resolved in the next 60 days without delaying the project, city officials said.

Development agreements were also approved for two parcels of land which have exited the extraterritorial jurisdiction for Houston, whose owners are seeking annexation by the City of Katy:

- A 3.053 acre of land in Fort Bend County, located approximately at 1232 FM 1463, which will enter the city zoned as R-1 (residential). No further plans were immediately announced for the property.

- A 4.3692 acre of land in Fort Bend County, generally located at 27006 Hoyt Lane in Katy, which will also enter the city zoned as residential but which will likely be converted into a commercial property, officials said.

Special recognitions were made at the beginning of the meeting:

- Kailey Kennedy, a Young Ranch resident who attends Fulshear High School, was recognized for her achievement of a state championship in swimming.

- The Katy High School robotics team was saluted for winning the UIL state championship in robotic as well as the Think Award for Superior Programming and Design.

Mayor Dusty Thiele also issued a proclamation recognizing Saturday, April 6, as Keep Katy Beautiful's "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Day." A city-wide garage sale will also be coordinated by KBB on that same day.

Public comments included:

- Ernie Cormier from American Legion Post 164 who described his new initiative, "Headstones for Heroes," through which he hopes to place

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## Johnson Development names new Katy community

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Development of a new 1,130-acre Johnson Development community in Katy continues, with the naming of the community — Grange.

A name to represent the land's legacy was a priority, said Jacob W. Rice, Vice President and General

Manager of Grange.

"Historically, the Katy area was known for rice farming," Rice said. "The definition of 'grange' is a farm or agricultural estate, which identifies with the region. We will strive to be true to this heritage and retain the character of a small

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Jacob W. Rice, Vice President and General Manager of Grange — the newest community from Johnson Development — announces the subdivision's name in a special ceremony held at Beckendorff Farms, 28533 Morton Road, on March 21. The Waller County community will offer 2400 homes within the boundaries of Katy ISD.

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## Reader raises safety concerns at Mary Jo Peckham Park



Conditions at county-operated Mary Jo Peckham Park, reported by Katy Times reader Barbara White in January, have been acknowledged by county staff and will soon undergo repairs. Areas of the park's playground, as well as some equipment, have been cordoned off until materials for necessary fixes are received, said the office of Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

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Katy resident Barbara White contacted the Katy Times in January to report concerns about safety at the playground at county-operated Mary Jo Peckham Park in Katy. White sent photos showing to publisher Susan Rovigno, depicting damaged pavement and describing broken equipment — conditions which she said that she had observed since September of 2023. "I think you need to look at the playground at the park," said White in the email. "It is very dangerous for the children. I sincerely hope no one gets hurt there."

Rovigno contacted Harris County Precinct 4 on White's behalf to share the constituent's concerns. However, the matter remained unaddressed at that time. White provided updated photos to the Katy Times again in March -- these taken on March 15 -- which showed that the deteriorating conditions remained unchanged. "My daughter takes the grandsons and doesn't let them play where the pictures were taken," White said in that email. "I met them Friday and saw things seem to have gotten worse since my last pictures."

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## First-year teacher wins car from Shottenkirk Nissan

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

It couldn't have come at a better time. First grade teacher Tiffany Cessna, a Katy High school graduate and UH Cougar who now teaches first grade at Mayde Creek Elementary, was struggling with car trouble and had even taken Uber rides in order to get to work at the campus at 2698 Greenhouse Rd. Although she was saving up for a new vehicle, she diverted some of those dollars to help her parents with medical bills after her father was recently diagnosed with cancer.

She certainly didn't anticipate the surprise that came on Friday, March 22nd.

Just before lunchtime, Cessna was called to the office by Mayde Creek Elementary Principal Felicia Ashabranner, for a "conference." The blinds in the office were shuttered so she was unable to see the crowd of well-wishers gathered outside. When she was escorted out to the parking lot amid cheers and applause, she saw a new white Nissan Kicks in the driveway with a



PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Mayde Creek teacher Tiffany Cessna is all smiles as she takes ownership of a new Nissan Kicks from Shottenkirk Nissan. She was nominated 65 times among the 700 entries received by the dealership in the contest which began in August 2023. "My car was on its last legs," she said.

big red bow on top - and Rick and Brittany Francis holding a bouquet of flowers just for her.

Cessna was informed that she had won the car in a contest sponsored by local Katy dealership Shottenkirk Nissan where Rick Francis is the general manager. The car giveaway contest - which

asked parents and teachers to nominate a Katy ISD teacher and tell why they deserved a new car - began last August after launching at the CommUnity Expo sponsored by the Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce. Cessna was nominated in 65 of the 700 entries in the contest, Rick Francis said. Cessna



Brittany Francis of Kintsukuori Ministries and Rick Francis, general manager of Shottenkirk Nissan in Katy wait outside Mayde Creek Elementary on March 22 to present first grade teacher Tiffany Cessna with the gift of a new car.

said she was aware of the contest and had shared it with "a couple of parents" but had no idea that she had been nominated at all.

"Oh my gosh! I don't know what to say," said Cessna as she was presented the keys. "My car is on its last legs."

When Principal Ashabranner said that the Mayde Creek Elementary staff would help Cessna cover the sales tax on the vehicle, Brittany Francis announced that

her nonprofit organization, Kintsukuori Ministries, would cover that expense.

"We wanted to reward anyone who makes a positive impact on our children in our community," said Rick Francis when asked about the reason for the contest. He comes from a family of educators and he added that the dealership wants to celebrate teachers who devote their time and energy to students in the community.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Trinity Faith Church invites community to Easter Festival on Saturday

Trinity Faith Church, 5900 Tenth Street, will hold an Easter Festival on Saturday, March 30th, offering egg hunts with over 2000 eggs, train rides, face painting, hot dogs, games and prizes. The family-friendly event is free and lasts from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, go to [katyffc.org](http://katyffc.org).

#### Cy-Hope Clay Shoot scheduled for April 3

Cy-Hope, a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping underserved children, will hold its Clay Shoot Fundraiser April 3 at Westside Sporting Grounds, 10120 Pattison Rd., Katy. The event will feature a challenging clay shooting competition for shooters of all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned enthusiasts. Attendees can look forward to enjoying a day filled with exciting shooting activities, delicious food, and fantastic prizes while making a meaningful contribution to their local community.

Registration for the Clay Shoot Fundraiser is now open, with various sponsorship opportunities available for businesses and individuals looking to support Cy-Hope's cause. To learn more about the event or to register, please visit [Cy-Hope.org](http://Cy-Hope.org).

#### HerWell stages inaugural Run for Hope 5K on April 6

Brookshire-based nonprofit HerWell will have their First Annual Run for Hope 5K on April 6th in Old Town Katy. This event aims to raise awareness and support for survivors and their families of sexual trauma and helps Her Well continue providing quality crisis intervention services to anyone eligible for such services without a fee. Run for Hope 5k invites the community to stand up for survivors during Sexual Assault Survivors Awareness Month. To register for the run, go to [raceroster.com/events/2024/81620/run-for-hope-5k](http://raceroster.com/events/2024/81620/run-for-hope-5k). For more information on HerWell, go to [herwell.org](http://herwell.org).

#### KCM to hold 25th annual charity golf tournament on April 8

Katy Christian Ministries will hold its 25th annual charity golf tournament on April 8 at the Weston Lakes Country Club, 32611 FM 1093 in Fulshear. The "Swing from the Heart" event, presented by sponsor Parkway Fellowship, will benefit the KCM Food Pantry. Check in is at 11 a.m. and shotgun start is at 12:30 pm. A \$250.00 ticket to the event includes tournament entry and fees, lunch, steak dinner, 2024 edition hat and gift bag. Raffles and a silent auction will also take place. For more information, go to [ktcm.org/event/25th-annual-golf-tournament](http://ktcm.org/event/25th-annual-golf-tournament).

#### Calling all Swifties for Karaoke Night on April 12th

Calling all Swifties! Come for an unforgettable night of Taylor Swift magic at the City of Katy's Ultimate Karaoke Night on Friday, April 12th. Sing your heart out to all the hits from Taylor Swift's Eras Tour playlist, including the timeless "You Belong with Me." Get ready to be Enchanted by the Bejeweled Photobooth, groove to the DJ's Mastermind, and unleash your inner Swiftie with face painting in true Taylor Style! Don't forget to leave a Blank Space for mouthwatering treats from i food trucks and sweet delights. Plus, indulge in Taylor Swift-themed drinks from Serene Beans coffee bar and Katy Crossing's options for those 21 and over. Dress up like your favorite Taylor Era character. Whether you're ready to Shake It Off, make the whole place shimmer, or live out your Wildest Dreams, Katy's Historic Town Square, Second Street at Avenue C in old Katy, is the place to be. Are you Ready For It? No ticket required - free to the public.

#### Katy Area Chamber provides school board candidate forum on April 16

Join with the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce for the Katy ISD School Board Candidates Forum on April 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the chamber offices at 814 East Avenue in Katy. The event will be held in person as well as streamed live on Facebook. Incumbent Rebecca Fox and Donovan Campbell are running for Position 6 and incumbent Dawn Champagne and David Olson are running for Position 7. RSVP: <https://loom.ly/AEjIzWc>. For more information, call the chamber at (281) 391-5289.

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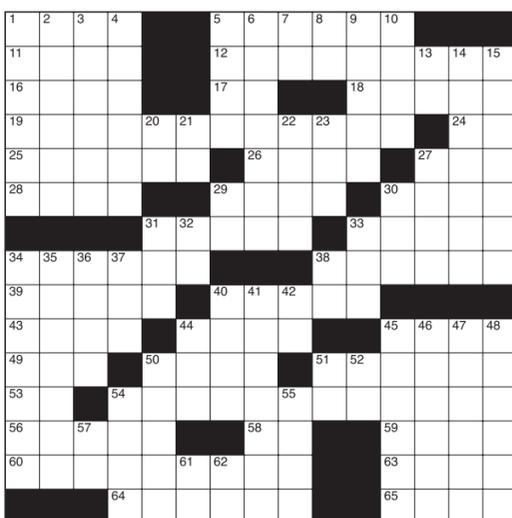
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- Medical procedures
- Clapton, musician
- Defender
- Exert oneself
- Indicates position
- Quay
- Atrocities
- A way to address an adult man
- Ends
- Unable
- Taxi
- Gratuities
- A famous train station
- Japanese persimmon
- Sours
- Beneficiary
- Baseball official
- Confused situation
- Unworldly
- Yemen capital
- Type of soil
- Beloved beverage - Cola
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- Commercial
- Taste property
- Lordship's jurisdictions
- It cools your home

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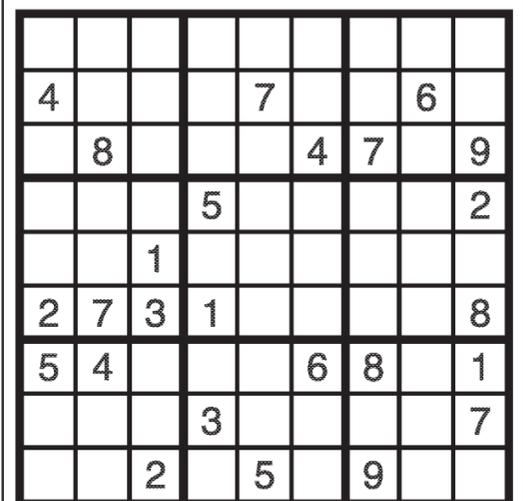
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- Takes to civil court
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- Produces anew
- Beneficiary
- Of I
- Equally
- Changes color
- A place to stay
- Town in Galilee
- Mathematical figure
- Klingon character
- They \_\_
- Atomic #58
- Showed up extinct
- Loosen grip
- Unpleasant smell
- Innermost membranes enveloping the brain



- Esteemed college "league"
- Partner to Pa
- Small American rail
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- Sodium
- Military figure (abbr.)
- Lighted
- Paid to get out of jail
- All of something
- Ohio city
- More abject
- A radio band
- Scientific development (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Scored perfectly
- A punch to end a fight
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- The Beehive State (abbr.)

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



**CITY**

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headstones at the eleven to twelve veterans' graves in Magnolia Cemetery that are without headstones. For more information, please

Members of the Katy High School robotics team and their coach Thea Drake (fourth from left) were recognized at Monday night's city council meeting for winning the UIL state championship and the Think Award for Superior Programming.

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go to the post's website at [legionpost164katytx.org](http://legionpost164katytx.org).

• Brenda Hunter Martin, event lead for Katy's upcoming Relay for Life of Katy, who invited the public to come support the April 20 event, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society, as well as recognizing survivors, caregivers and lives lost to cancer.

Mayor Thiele announced

that city offices would be closed on Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday. He also announced that the next "Coffee with the Mayors" event would be held June 20th at the Johnny Nelson Museum, 6002 George Bush Drive in Katy. The event starts at 7:30 a.m.

The next meeting of city council is scheduled for April 8th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy.

**KISD**

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Honor in December 2022.

McPherson, who was present at the meeting, thanked the board for the honor.

Of the nine people who spoke during the public comment period, two spoke in favor of the naming of the baseball field for McPherson.

Also during the public comment session, Amy McConnell -- a teacher at Cinco Ranch High School -- implored the board to reconsider KISD's recent decision to reduce the number of instructional coordinators in the district. According to the job description on the KISD website, the IC is "responsible to the principal for coordinating and administering various campus instructional activities and programs, assisting the principal, assistant principal, and counselor with a variety of tasks related to an elementary campus." It was reported on social media this week that the district had notified some instructional coordinators on Thursday, March 21, that their positions were being eliminated. A district email obtained by the Katy Times stated that the district was changing the IC program from "content specific to instructional non-content specific," with a new job description to support the change. Secondary campuses will be reducing their IC positions from four ICs to two per campus; the email further stated that "the district has guaranteed that these coaches will be employed in our district in some capacity," reducing the number of teaching positions available.

In response to questions about this decision and its scope, Nick Petito, the district's general manager for media relations responded, "We are still very early on in the staffing process for the 2024-25 school year. We just had a very successful certified teacher job fair on Saturday as well, so staffing positions remain fluid. Staffing is determined by the Board, and we will know more in the coming months."



Above: The national anthem was performed by the 11 students from the All State Ensemble of Jordan High School's orchestra at Monday night's school board meeting. Board member Lance Redmon (left) presented certificates to the musicians who were directed by Kyle Davis. Left: Board member Lance Redmon (left) thanks Vanessa Akajagbor, a fifth grader at Davidson Elementary, for leading the pledges of allegiance at Monday night's school board meeting.

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**GRANGE**

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town as development continues."

The name was unveiled in a special ceremony March 21, at Beckendorff Farms, 28533 Morton Road in Katy, attended by Waller County Judge Trey Duhon, Waller County Commissioner Justin Beckendorff, Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele, Katy City Administrator Byron Hebert, Katy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris, Councilmember Janet Corte and other local dignitaries.

Homes in the community -- located in Waller County near Morton Road and FM 2855 -- will have a Katy address. The main entrance to the development will be on Franz Road near Cane Island Parkway. Grange will accommodate approximately 2,400 homes at completion with home sales expected to begin in early 2025. The homes will be a mix of traditional single family homes and townhomes, Rice said.

Children will attend schools within the Katy Independent School District. Rice said at the ceremony that land had already been set aside for a possible future Katy ISD elementary school.

"Lakes and green space will be featured prominently in our master plan," Rice said. "Our vision is to celebrate these natural areas while creating a place that cultivates connections with nature and each other."

Johnson Development, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, has active communities throughout the Houston region -- including Fort Bend County, Galveston County, Montgomery County and Harris County -- as well as communities in Dallas Fort-Worth, the Austin area and greater Atlanta. It has had more communities ranked among the nation's top-selling than any other developer over the last 10 years.

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**PARK**

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The Katy Times again reached out to Briones' office and on March 22 received a response from Syan Rhodes, press secretary for Harris County Precinct 4. Rhodes responded that the safety concerns were being addressed and that areas where damage had occurred were now cordoned off. Repairs will be started as soon as the necessary materials are received, Rhodes said in a telephone interview, stating that the county was allocating "hundreds of

thousands of dollars" to the project.

"Public safety is our top priority, and we have been working to rectify this as quickly as possible," Rhodes said in a follow-up email to the Times. "We are thankful that no injuries have been reported at this time and greatly appreciate our constituents bringing this to our attention and holding us accountable."

She confirmed that park employees do walk the park daily, checking for safety

issues.

Mary Jo Peckham Park, located at 5597 Gardenia Lane in Katy near Franz Road and Avenue D, is a 32-acre green space operated by Harris County, featuring basketball courts, an aquatic and fitness center, a putting green, a miniature golf course, a playground, a reservable pavilion, a gazebo, a fishing lake, exercise stations, and a six-hole disc golf course, according to the Harris County Precinct 4 website.



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# Katy Area Chamber provides transportation updates

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Texas Department of Transportation representatives gave an update on mobility projects underway in the greater Katy area in a special lunch-time presentation at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 21.

Area Engineer Carlos Zepeda Jr. and Adv. Project Development Director Susan Theiss outlined progress on a number of current initiatives at the meeting at the Chamber offices at 814 East Avenue.

Zepeda described projects currently under construction in the area:

- Interstate 10 widening from FM 359 to the Brazos River, with an estimated completion in third quarter 2024. The \$142 million project will widen the freeway to a six- and eight-lane highway and work is said to be 90% complete at

this time.

- FM 1463 widening from I-10 to FM 1093, with an estimated completion in second quarter 2026. The project is now about 59% complete, he said.

- State Highway 99 widening from I-10 to FM 1093, with an estimated completion in third quarter 2025. The update will widen the roadway from a four-lane to a six-lane highway and add a frontage road between Westheimer Parkway and Cinco Ranch Blvd. at a cost of \$90.9 million, of which \$12.1 million is for the frontage road. Work is said to be 50% complete. TxDOT is pouring the bridge decks now, Zepeda said, and concrete paving operations will continue until August 2024. A traffic switch will provide three lines in each direction beginning in September 2024, he said, with widening to the outside afterwards.

Zepeda also listed projects

currently in development:

- Interstate 10 from FM 359 to Mason Road, which will widen the roadway and add two managed lanes and two general purpose lanes as well as some frontage roads, one of which would be from Pederson Road to Katy Mills Blvd. The project is funded and expected to be "let" in late 2025 and 2026. Estimated construction cost is \$555 million. I-10 from Snake Creek to Mason Road would be widened from a six-lane highway to a 10-lane highway and is expected to be complete in June 2025. From FM 359 to Snake Creek, the freeway will also be widened to ten lanes by August 2026.

- U.S. 90 from I-10 to FM 1463, providing widening and raised medians and shared use paths. Widening from FM 2855 to I-10 in Katy is funded and expected to be completed by 2028. The portion of the project from I-10 in Brookshire

to FM 2855 is currently unfunded and has an estimated completion date of 2030.

- State Highway 99 from I-10 to FM 1093 (Segment D) in Fort Bend County, which will provide new frontage roads, intersection improvements and soundwalls, among other improvements. Frontage roads include southbound from Bay Hill to Cinco Ranch and southbound from Westheimer Parkway to Fry, and northbound from Fry to Westheimer Parkway, Westheimer Parkway to Cinco Ranch Blvd. and Cinco Ranch to Bay Hill. The project is funded and will be let in 2025-2026.

- State Highway 99 from I-10 to US 290 (Segment E), a widening project turning the four-lane highway into six lanes, which is funded and will be let in April 2026. A public meeting is anticipated to be scheduled in the summer of 2024, Zepeda said. No additional right of

way is needed, he said.

- Hwy 36A from south of Needville to I-10 and from K-10 to US 290/State Highway 6 north of Hempstead. This unfunded project is currently undergoing engineering and environmental impact studies. Scoping meetings will probably take place in the fall, Zepeda said.

Zepeda, when asked about progress on FM 529 west to FM 359, said that the unfunded project is undergoing environmental impact studies and has a target date of 2028 for completion.

Zepeda concluded the presentation with an appeal for EndtheStreakTX, a TxDOT initiative that focuses on reducing daily highway deaths. In 2020, he said, one in four deaths was the result of an alcohol-related incident and that many deaths are caused by accidents where the driver is inattentive and distracted by texting.

## Katy Library receives Ochoa Energy Storage Community Giving Award

Other recipients include Rotary's Wild West Brewfest, KISS FFA Livestock Show & Rodeo

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Ochoa Energy Storage announced March 19th the support of three local organizations through its first 2024 Community Giving Program: the Katy Branch of the Harris County Public Library, the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show & Rodeo, and the Rotary Club of Katy's Wild West Brewfest.

Elizabeth Boggs, manager of the Katy Branch of the Harris County Public Library, said, "The funding from Ochoa Energy Storage will help us provide more advanced coding programs to enhance our popular science-based youth programming. We are incredibly grateful for this investment into our next generation and look forward to the Ochoa Energy Storage project being a great neighbor in the Katy community."

The Katy Branch of the Harris County Public Library, located at 5414 Franz in Katy, says that its mission is to enrich lives and strengthen communities through its programming and initiatives. The investment from Ochoa Energy Storage will enable 40 students to attend the Teen Coding Program, said the press release from Ochoa Energy Storage.

The Ochoa Energy Storage team is also announced the sponsorship of the Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show & Rodeo as well as a sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Katy's Wild West Brewfest which was held March 21-23. "These two events are essential pillars in the Katy community," said an Ochoa spokesperson. "Ochoa Energy Storage looks forward to working with these organizations as they continue to positively impact the Katy area."

The next round of applications can be submitted by visiting the website: [ochoaenergystorage.com/community-giving-application](http://ochoaenergystorage.com/community-giving-application). The deadline is May 15, 2024.

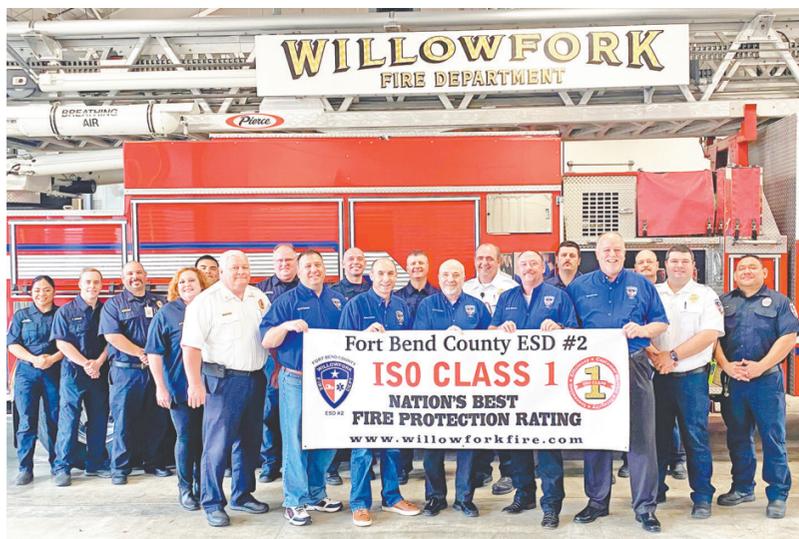


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Personnel from Fort Bend County Emergency Services District 2 and the Willowfork Fire Department proudly display their recent attainment of an ISO Fire Service Suppression Rating of Class 1 effective June 1, 2024.

## Fort Bend County ESD 2/ Willowfork Fire Department earns ISO Class 1 rating

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Emergency Services District 2 and the Willowfork Fire Department announced on March 8th their recent attainment of an ISO Fire Service Suppression Rating of Class 1 effective June 1, 2024.

This achievement is the result of an evaluation by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) who reviews four key elements of fire protection existing within the service area. These elements include fire department operations, community water supply, emergency communications system, and community risk reduction programs in effect for the protected area. An ISO Fire Service Suppression Rating is a score rated on a scale ranging from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best

possible grade.

"By achieving this class 1 designation, Fort Bend Emergency Service District #2 joins an elite group of fire departments in the nation," said the press release from the ESD. Most major insurance providers use this grading system as a basis for setting insurance rates in the provider service area which could be a benefit to the taxpayer, by lowering annual homeowner's insurance premium.

"The process of achieving and maintaining a Class 1 designation is a huge commitment from the Department, the ESD Board of Directors, and the community," continued the press release. "This achievement personifies the desire of Fort Bend County ESD #2/Willowfork Fire Department to provide the best possible fire and

emergency service response to our community as we serve you daily."

The departments are located at 2700 Spring Green Blvd. in Katy. According to their website, Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 (FBCESD 2) was formed in 2002 after dedicated community members saw the need for a fire department to serve the quickly growing Cinco Ranch communities and surrounding areas of Fort Bend County. Voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of the District in a 2002 election. Willowfork Fire Department was founded under the oversight of FBCESD 2 and began providing service on January 1, 2003. The Department was named after the Willow Fork Branch of Buffalo Bayou that runs through the middle of the district.

### GRAND OPENING



Energy Capital Credit Union held its grand opening for its new Katy location at 3211 Peek Road on Saturday, March 23, offering a money machine, free food truck, door prizes for everyone and more than \$1000.00 in raffle drawings. This is the third Houston-area location for the locally-owned financial institution; others are in northwest Houston and in Spring. The company was founded in 1934 and is member-owned.

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Sandra 'Sandy' Gale Faucett was born on April 7, 1949, in Lubbock, Texas. She grew up in Brownfield, Texas, and attended Texas Tech University before she met and married Leon 'Dean' Faucett, Jr. on May 5, 1976. Sandy and Dean settled in Katy in 1979 where they lived and raised their family.

Sandy is survived by her children, Michelle Faucett of Katy, Trey Faucett of Katy, Chad Faucett and daughter-in-law Mary Faucett of Fulshear; her grandchildren, Wesley Faucett and Audra Faucett; brothers, Ralph Bayless of California and Mike Bayless of Lubbock and numerous other relatives.

Sandy was passionate about serving the Lord with all her heart and found success as a CEO of Katy Christian Ministries where she touched countless lives. She was known for her larger-than-life personality and lit up every room she walked into. Sandy was active in her church's recovery and women's ministries where she served and selflessly gave to anyone who needed a helping hand.

Sandy was a loving and dedicated mother and grandmother, affectionately referred to as 'Honey' in her later years. Her love, joy and legacy will live on through her family.

Sandy peacefully passed away on March 8, 2024, in



**SANDRA 'SANDY' GALE FAUCETT**  
1949-2024

Katy, Texas at 74 years of age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean, and her parents, James William Bayles and Venita Gale Fenton.

A memorial service was held 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Parkway Fellowship with Rev. Mike McGowan officiating.

To share a special memory with the family please send to sandyfaucettmemories@gmail.com

To express condolences & view a memorial video, please visit [www.SchmidtFuneral-Home.net](http://www.SchmidtFuneral-Home.net)

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Wendy Lane Kubena, 63, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2024. She was born November 19, 1960, in Marlin, Texas, the daughter of Jimmy Wayne and Lelia Kay (Kyser) Woliver. Wendy graduated from Waltrip High School in Houston, Texas, class of 1979. Following graduation, Wendy attended Texas A&M, then earned her teaching degree from Sam Houston State University.

Wendy began her teaching career in Katy, Texas. It was during these years that she met her husband, John Kubena. Wendy and John were married on the courthouse square on June 19, 2005. They lived happily on their farm Tres Arboles, in Hempstead, Texas. Wendy had a passion for teaching.



**WENDY LANE KUBENA**  
1960-2024

She taught speech, drama and English at the high school level. She spent her entire teaching career in the Katy School District at Katy High School.

Wendy was also very passionate about animals. She loved living on the farm she shared with John

and their many farm animals. Wendy also loved to crochet and was an excellent cook. She would often share recipes with her mother.

Wendy is preceded in death by her grandparents Sam and Tina (Cox) Kyser; Porter and Aggie (Bryant) Woliver; her mother-in-law Dollie Kubena; and her uncle Phillip Meuse.

Surviving in addition to her husband John Kubena, are her son, John Wayne Erskine and his wife Ashley of Katy, Texas; her granddaughter Olivia Erskine; her step-son, Mark Kubena and wife Sarah of Justin, Texas; and grandchildren Maddie and Ira; her sister Christy (Woliver) Hansen and husband Mark, of College Station, Texas; and her

parents Jim and Kay Woliver, of Kosse, Texas; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Wendy Kubena. This website <https://bit.ly/4csu1lo> will take you to the correct location.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday with Chaplain Oge Ibem officiating.

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## KATY NATIVE TRIES ON BOMB SUIT

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Nathan Bouchard, center, from Katy, Texas, assigned to the forward-deployed amphibious assault carrier USS America (LHA 6), tries on a bomb suit during an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) demonstration in the ship's vehicle storage area, during routine operations in the Pacific Ocean, February 17. America, lead ship of the America Amphibious Ready Group, is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. U.S. 7th Fleet is the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

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**Taoran Shi, Woodcreek Elementary**  
"Roosters with Bandanas"  
Elementary Reserve Class Champion, \$105,000

## Katy ISD art students raise \$224,000 at Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Six exceptional students from Katy Independent School District had their artwork advance to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLS&R) Art Auction, generating a total of \$224,000.

Among these talented students was Taoran Shi from Woodcreek Elementary, whose artwork titled "Roosters with Bandanas," created under the guidance of art teacher Melanie Korte, claimed the Elementary Reserve Class Champion accolade.

Notably, the artwork commanded one of the highest bids of the art auction, totaling an impressive \$105,000.

This remarkable achievement underscores the exceptional talent and dedication of Katy ISD's developing artists, reflecting the district's commitment to fostering creativity and excellence in its students, said the district in a press release.

To view all of the Katy ISD art auction pieces, visit the HLS&R Art Gallery at [rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/school-art-contest/art-gallery/](http://rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/school-art-contest/art-gallery/)

# Royal ISD celebrates 'Wild Wild West' with annual FFA parade

Ronnie and Donna Melton named parade grand marshals

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Royal FFA Parade Committee selected Ronnie and Donna Melton of Pattison to serve as Grand Marshals for the 2024 parade event on Saturday, March 23rd in downtown Brookshire. The 68th annual event was themed "Royal FFA Celebrates the Wild Wild West."

Donna has been actively involved with the Sales Committee for the FFA auction since 1990 and retired from the Katy ISD system in 2018 after serving 12 years in their Technology Department. Prior to her tenure in Katy ISD, Donna was employed by Royal ISD as Business Manager for 14 years.

Ronnie's tenure at Royal began in 1989 as Vocational Ag Teacher. Throughout his career as FFA Advisor, Ronnie's Leadership and Judging Teams gained recognition at the State and National levels. In 2006, Ronnie Melton was named Career and Technical Education Director for Royal and



PHOTO BY SHERREL ROGERS

Ronnie and Donna Melton, former employees of Royal ISD, serve as Grand Marshals for the 68th annual Royal FFA Parade on Saturday, March 23, in Brookshire.

served in that capacity for 17 years. Programs such as industrial welding, precision machining, nursing and health occupations, cosmetology, au-

tomotive technology, STEM engineering and audio-visual technology were initiated at Royal High School under Melton's leadership.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich history of Texas at the 38th Annual Folk Life Festival, hosted by Katy ISD at the Outdoor Learning Center on April 6th. Be transported to the late 1800s, and get a glimpse into pioneer life like never before. From traditional foods to hands-on activities, including blacksmith demonstrations and weaving, the festival promises an authentic experience for all ages.

## KISD Folk Life Festival returns April 6

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Step back in time and explore the rich history of Texas pioneers at the 38th Annual Katy ISD Folk Life Festival.

Come to the district's Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a day filled with exciting activities, interactive presentations, and a glimpse into the lives of early Texas settlers. From hands-on demonstrations - including soldier re-enactments, blacksmithing, and quilting/spinning and weaving -- to immersive exhibits, there's something for every-

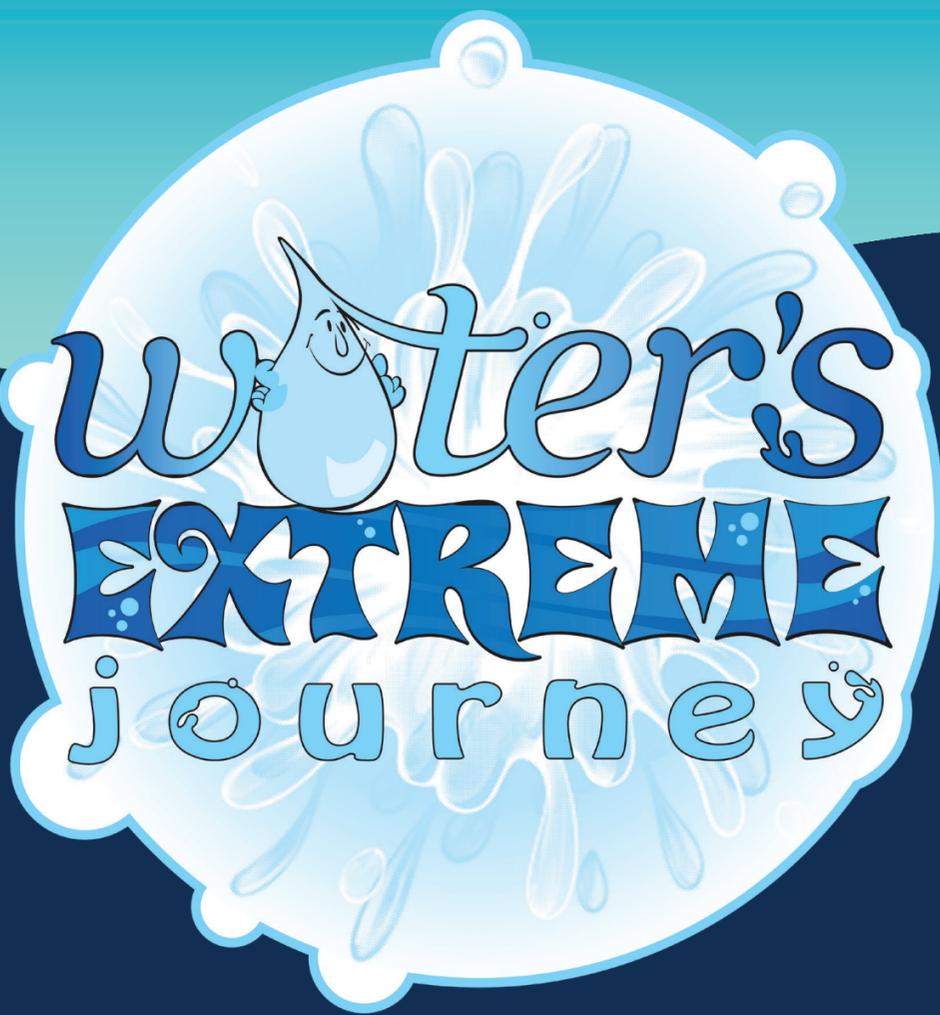
one to enjoy. Farm animals, rag doll making, arts and crafts and pioneer games will also be featured, along with displays on Native American culture and a Texas Cowboy camp. During the free event, visitors can enjoy the OLC facility as they walk the nature trails, visit the ponds and see the exhibits in the science and history classrooms. Chick Fil A will provide concessions.

The Outdoor Learning Center is located west of the Katy ISD Educational Support Complex at 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy. For more information, visit [katyisd.org/Page/4278](http://katyisd.org/Page/4278).

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## Seven Lakes cinches share of fourth straight district title

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a historic day for Seven Lakes on Friday.

The Spartans made history, clinching a fourth straight district title and securing a good seed out of District 19-6A heading into the playoffs, but the celebrations were muted, as a last second Cinco Ranch goal made it a 2-2 game and it ended in a tie, with Seven Lakes having sharing the district title with Jordan.

But it didn't discount what this

group has done or the historic achievement for the Spartans, as they used a surge in the second half of district play to secure their spot among the district leaders.

"I'm really proud of this group and I'm really proud of this program," said Seven Lakes head coach Kaitlyn Eidson. "It's been a journey and to get to four you have to get the first three and that's a credit to those players that came before. This group stepped up when they had their chance this year and even when

Anu Aalona tries to shoot past Sierra McCluer during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Cinco Ranch High School.

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### WEEK OF MARCH 29

## SCORES & SCHEDULES

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Scores

##### BI-DISTRICT

- Seven Lakes 7, Fort Bend Bush 0
- Cinco Ranch 6, Hightower 1
- Tompkins 2, Fort Bend Austin 1
- Jordan 2, Ridge Point 1

#### Schedule

##### AREA

- Seven Lakes vs. Spring Woods, TBD
- Cinco Ranch vs. Jersey Village, TBD
- Tompkins vs. Northbrook, TBD
- Jordan vs. Cy-Ridge, TBD

### GIRLS SOCCER

##### BI-DISTRICT

#### Scores

- Jordan 3, Elkins 1
- Seven Lakes 1, George Ranch 0
- Tompkins 2, Clements 1
- Ridge Point 3, Katy 1

#### Schedule

##### AREA

- Jordan vs. Lamar, TBD
- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Fair, TBD
- Tompkins vs. Stratford, TBD

### SOFTBALL

#### Thursday

- Morton Ranch vs. Katy, 6 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday

- Katy vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.

### BASEBALL

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Madison Lambert passes the ball during Tuesday's bi-district game between Jordan and Elkins at the Jordan athletic field.

## Jordan tops Elkins, advances to area round

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan came into this years playoffs excited.

The Warriors had been fighting to get to this point and had a chance for everything they wanted on Tuesday. A chance to get their first playoff win in Class 6A, a chance for revenge over the team that ended their season last year and a chance to keep playing together and go further in the playoffs.

The Warriors were up against a tough Elkins squad on Tuesday to open the postseason, but Jordan was



Julia Cleary dribbles around a defender during Tuesday's bi-district game between Jordan and Elkins at the Jordan athletic field.

undeterred and came away 3-1 winners, clinching their second ever playoff victory and advancing to the area round for the first time since

they joined Class 6A one school year ago. It was made all the sweeter with the win

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## Playoff field set for Katy ISD soccer

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The District 19-6A soccer regular season came to an end on Friday and with it came drama with a number of playoff spots coming down to the final day.

On the boys side there were three teams vying for the final two spots and on the girls side there were three teams trying to clinch a district title.

For the boys, Seven Lakes claimed the district title, while Cinco Ranch came in second, Tompkins took third place and Jordan rounded out the teams.

Paetow came up just short of the playoffs, having a chance going into the final day of the season, but fell 2-1 to Tompkins, as the Falcons secured their spot in the playoffs. Taylor finished fifth in district while Paetow finished sixth, Katy finished seventh, Mayde Creek finished eighth and Morton Ranch finished ninth.

Cinco Ranch closed out district with a win over Seven Lakes, the first loss Seven Lakes had suffered in 47 games going back to 2022 against The Woodlands. Jordan clinched its spot with a 3-1 win over Morton Ranch.

On the girls side, co-district champs were named, as both Seven Lakes and Jordan tied for first place in district. Seven Lakes looked to have the district title outright in the second half of its game against Cinco Ranch, but two late goals from the Cougars tied it. Jordan needed that tie from Seven Lakes and a win themselves to clinch the first-place tie and the Warriors were able to get it by beating Morton Ranch in their final district game.

Katy had a chance to make it a three-way tie for first in district, but after going up 1-0 on Taylor, the Mustangs scored two goals in the second

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Jordan, Taylor hand Katy, Taylor first district losses

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**Friday**

Jordan got a big win on Friday, handing Katy the team's first district loss this season, while Tompkins did the same to Taylor with a big win. Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes earned wins as we get closer to the halfway point in district.

**Jordan walks off over Katy**

Jordan got one of the teams biggest wins of the season on Friday, beating Katy 5-4 on a walk off and improving to 11-7 on the year and 4-1 in District 19-6A in the process.

Luis Vera helped lead the way for the Warriors with two RBIs on two hits, while both Caden Hoff and JD Ortigoza scored two runs in the win. Thomas Eugate pitched six innings for Jordan and allowed four runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking one.

Katy took the lead in the first inning on an error and scored a second when AJ Atkinson hit a single to drive in a run. Jordan though came back in the bottom of the inning and scored on an error before trying the game on a sacrifice grounder and taking the lead when Vera hit an RBI single. Katy came back to tie it in the third inning when Sutton Hull hit a sacrifice bunt and then took the lead in the fifth inning on a Jordan error.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the seventh, when Jordan made its comeback. Bobby Richardson tied the game on a RBI single and then Vera stepped to the plate and won it with a single that drove in the winning run, keeping the Warriors towards the top of the pack in district.

Atkinson and Connor Udland had the Tigers' two RBIs, Arvey Huerta pitched 3.2 scoreless innings for the Tigers, striking out three and walking one. Katy fell to 13-8 overall and 6-1 in district with the loss.

**Tompkins downs Taylor with big performance**

Tompkins' offense was on fire in a 14-3 run rule win over Taylor on Saturday, with the Falcons getting a big win and giving Taylor its first district loss of the year, while improving to 11-11 on the season and 3-4 in district play. Cooper Markle had a big day for Tompkins, having three hits, two RBIs and three runs scored, while Nate Piazza also had two RBIs and Hunter Maelerts pitched 5.2 innings, allowing 3 runs while striking out six and walking none.

Taylor took control of the game with a strong first inning. Peter Dworaczynski got Taylor in front on a fielders choice and Carlos Cardozo followed that up with a double that drove in two more runs, making it 3-0 Taylor.

Tompkins though fought back. Nate Piazza drew a bases loaded walk in the third for the Falcons first run, before the Falcons broke things open in the fourth. A wild pitch got Tompkins a second run to start the inning before a bases loaded hit by pitch tied it. Cooper Markle hit an RBI single to give Tompkins the lead. Piazza then hit a sacrifice fly that scored two and an error made it 7-3 Falcons.



JD Ortigoza catches a fly ball during a game between Katy and Jordan at the Katy baseball field.  
TYLER TYRE

They kept things going with the fifth, getting a run on an error, adding another on an RBI single from Markle, another on an error, an 11th on a fielders choice and a 12th when Ryan Ratajczak came up and hit another single. Tompkins stretched its lead to 10 when they got a run despite a grounder into a double play and Markle scored the team's final run on a wild pitch in the sixth inning, getting out of the sixth with a clean bottom of the inning and securing the run rule win.

**Cinco Ranch stays hot**

Cinco Ranch earned a run rule win over Mayde Creek on Friday, beating the Rams 13-1 behind big days at the plate from Ethan Muniz and Tureau, who had three and two RBIs on the day respectively, while Brayden Hodge pitched four innings of shutout ball, striking out three and walking two.

Cinco jumped ahead early and didn't look back. The Cougars got their first run on a bases loaded walk in the top of the first, getting another on a balk before Muniz singled home two more runs and Dylan Muni hit a double to drive in another, with Brock DeYoung adding a sixth on a single of his own. Cinco added two more runs in the second, getting one on a wild pitch and a second on an Ethan Muniz single and they got a ninth run in the fourth inning when Thomas Guy drove in a run on another single. The Cougars added three more in the fifth inning on errors with Guy then hitting a sacrifice grounder for the team's 13th run. AJ Robinson got one run back for Mayde Creek in the bottom of the fifth on a sacrifice fly but that was all the Rams could muster.

Robinson had Mayde Creek's lone RBI in the game. The Rams fell to 2-17-1 overall and 0-7 in district play after the loss.

**Spartans bounce back**

Seven Lakes got back in the win column with a 6-1 win over Morton Ranch on Friday, improving to 19-9-3 on the year and 2-3 in district. Riley Sherowski had a good day on the mound in the win, pitching 4.2 innings and allowing just one run on two hits while striking out eight and walking one and Max Greathouse led the offense with two RBIs.

The Spartans came out hot, scoring on their second at bat with Eric Montana doubling in a run in the top of the first. Max Greathouse added to the lead with an RBI single and a Dario Becerra hit a sacrifice fly as Seven Lakes went up 3-0 after one inning.

Morton Ranch got a run back in the third inning on a sacrifice grounder from Manuel Aranguren-Bravo, but Seven Lakes bounced back in the fourth. Christian Villamizar hit an RBI single and Greathouse followed that up with a sacrifice bunt. Ty Berra then hit a single to drive in a sixth run. Morton Ranch wasn't able to score the rest of the way as Seven Lakes clinched the win.

Aranguren-Bravo had the Mavericks' lone RBI, while Leo Banuelos pitched four innings, allowing six earned runs on seven hits while striking out two and walking four. Morton Ranch fell to 6-15-1 overall and 0-7 in district with the loss.

**Tuesday, March 19**

Katy kept up its unbeaten start to district by beating Morton Ranch on Tuesday, while Tomp-

kins and Paetow bounced back from losses to get back in the win column and Cinco Ranch won its third straight.

**Cinco keeps winning streak going**

Cinco Ranch won its third straight game on Tuesday, beating Morton Ranch 4-2 with strong pitching and a balanced offense to improve to 12-5-3 on the season and 3-3 in district play. The Cougars got big games from Lucas Franco who had an RBI and two runs along with Luis Gomez and Paul Acosta, who added RBIs in the win, while Ethan Muniz got the start on the mound and pitched five innings, allowing one run on three hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Morton Ranch was the team to strike first, as Jerry Gutierrez hit an RBI double in the bottom of the fifth to break up the deadlock, but Cinco answered right back in the top of the sixth. Gomez tied the game on an RBI single and Acosta gave the Cougars the lead with a 1-run double. But Morton Ranch came back to tie it in the bottom of the inning on a sacrifice fly from Zane Heiliger. The game went to extra innings and Cinco won it in the eighth, Franco broke the tie up with a 1-run single and Cinco scored another on a wild pitch to go up two. Thomas Guy pitched a clean bottom of the eighth to secure the win.

Gutierrez and Heiliger had the two RBIs for Morton Ranch and Heiliger had a strong day on the mound as well, pitching seven innings and allowing no earned runs on five hits while striking out five and walking three. Morton Ranch fell to 6-14-1 overall and 0-6 in district with the loss.

**Tompkins outlasts Seven Lakes**

Tompkins came out on top against Seven Lakes in a pitchers duel on Tuesday, beating the Falcons 3-1 behind a big effort from Chase Simon on the mound. The junior allowed no earned runs on five hits, striking out five without giving up a walk in the win as Tompkins improved to 10-11 overall and 2-4 in district with the win.

Seven Lakes was the team to jump out in front in the first inning, with Max Greathouse bringing in a run on a sacrifice fly, but Tompkins tied it in the bottom of the inning on a Nate Piazza RBI single. The Falcons took the lead in the fourth on a balk from Seven Lakes and Gavin Brewer added

the team's third run in the fifth on a sacrifice fly. Simon didn't allow another run the rest of the way to clinch the win.

Collin Mills started the game and went three innings for Seven Lakes, allowing two earned run on five hits while striking out three and walking one. The Spartans fell to 9-9-2 and 1-3 in district with the loss.

**Paetow bounces back**

Paetow got back in the win column on Tuesday, beating Jordan 5-3 in a game where they had four players with RBIs and a good day on the mound from Camden Phillips, who pitching six innings and allowed two earned runs while striking out seven and walking four. The Panthers improved to 16-4 overall and 5-1 in district with the win.

Paetow got in front in the top of the first inning, when Matthew Scott drove in a run on a fielders choice, and they scored two more in the second when Charlie Radley hit a 2-run double. Jordan came back with two runs in the fourth, Dante Mazzoccoli hit a single to bring in a run and Henry Surcouf drove in another on a single of his own. Hector Millan had the answer for Paetow in the fifth though, making it 4-2 on a double that drove in one. Paetow got a fifth run in the sixth inning when Maddox Prentice was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Jordan could only get one run back the rest of the way on a single from Luis Vera in the bottom of the seventh.

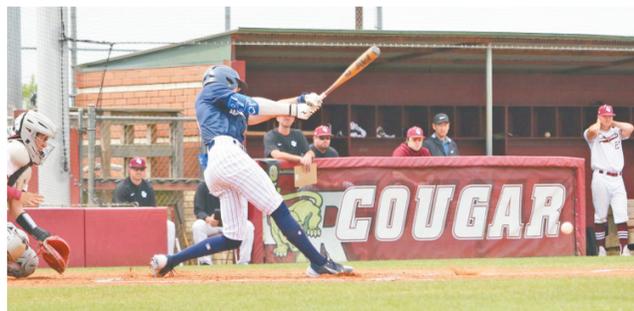
Sam Coraspe pitched 1.2 innings for Jordan and allowed two earned runs on four hits while walking three. Jordan fell to 10-7 and 3-1 in district after the loss.

**Udland shuts out Mayde Creek**

Connor Udland kept up his tremendous start to the season with a big performance on Tuesday, throwing a one hit shutout against Mayde Creek in a 6-0 win, striking out 13 and walking one. Udland also led the way at the plate, leading the team with two RBIs.

Katy got in front in the top of the second on a Jeremy Mazariegos sacrifice grounder. Katy added more in the fifth, getting a second on a Blake Davila sacrifice fly, two more on a Udland single and a fifth when Sutton Hull scored on a passed ball. Hull then drove in Katy's sixth in the top of the seventh on a single of his own before Udland pitched a clean bottom of the seventh to seal the win.

Mayde Creek fell to 2-16-1 overall and 0-6 in district with the loss.



Cooper Markle hits during a game between Tompkins and Cinco Ranch at the Cinco Ranch baseball field.  
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## JORDAN

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being over Elkins, the team that ended Jordan's season in the bi-district round last year.

"After the season we've had, we needed this," said Jordan senior Madison Lambert. "We could have dropped off, we could have stopped or given up but we didn't. This group had a rough patch, but we didn't let what happened last year affect anything, we went and proved who we are to everyone and it's a great feeling."

It was a game where Jordan had to fight tooth and nail to earn the win. The Warriors found their first goal in the 20th minute when Alex Ledbetter beat her defender inside and curled a shot into the upper corner of the goal from 20-yards out.

"Even when Alex doesn't score, the chaos she causes to every team's back line creates so much for us, she scares people," said Jordan head coach Kevin Lafollett. "The last two games she's really stepped up and brought it to teams. When she plays like that it's unbelievable."

Jordan continued to create chances in the first half, but it was Elkins that got the next goal, tying things in the 35th minute when a corner whipped into the area bounced around and was turned in to the net after a failed clearance.

Jordan came out of the break determined to find a breakthrough and got it in the 47th minute. Elkins was called for a hand ball in the box and Madison Lambert went up to the penalty spot and calmly put it in the back of the net, giving the Warriors the lead for good.

"I kind of pride myself on being able to step up in those moments," Lambert said. "It's easy to get nervous or kind of give up in those moments but I'm able to stay ready and I think the pressure helps me. I know my worth and I know what I can do, even in those big moments."

Jordan got a third in the 65th minute on an own goal and held on for the win, advancing to the second round and continuing what has been a historic season for the Warriors. Jordan will face Lamar in the second round of the playoffs, date and time to be determined, Lamar comes off a 1-0 win over Northbrook in the bi-district round.

"Our focus is on playing together and coming out and giving our best, we're not focused on the result, and I think that's really helped us," Lafollett said. "We're playing together, communicating, finishing strong and the results have followed. That's what we have to do and then you let the chips fall where they may, and we'll go after them."



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Jordan clinched a share of the District 19-6A title on Friday with a win over Morton Ranch.

## PLAYOFFS

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half to end the Tigers district title hopes.

Jordan got the first seed out of district on goal differential and Seven Lakes was the second seed, Tompkins moved up from the fourth to the third spot after a win over Paetow, while Katy loss dropped Katy to the fourth and final playoff spot out of district. Taylor finished a close sixth in district while Cinco Ranch finished sixth, Paetow finished seventh, Morton Ranch finished eighth and Mayde Creek finished ninth.

### Katy ISD dominates first round of soccer playoffs

Katy ISD had a huge start to the soccer playoffs on Tuesday, with seven of the eight teams who made the playoffs earning wins and advancing to the area round

Seven Lakes boys dominated in the first round, beating Fort Bend Bush 7-0, Sam Harpole earned man of the match

honors for the Spartans as they advanced to the area round for the eighth straight season. Seven Lakes advances to play Spring Woods, time and date to be determined.

Cinco Ranch also started off the playoffs in dominant fashion, beating Hightower 6-1. Cinco Ranch was led by Andres Riera, who had a hat trick in the win. The Cougars advanced to the area round for the fourth straight season with the win and will take on Jersey Village, time and date to be determined.

Tompkins beat Fort Bend Austin 2-1 behind goals from Andrew Bodington and Tola Fasade. It was a big win for the Falcons as they advanced to the second round for the first time since 2021. Tompkins will play Northbrook in the area round time and date to be determined.

Jordan secured the sweep on the boys side as the fourth seeded Warriors overcame Ridge Point with a 2-1 win over

first seeded Ridge Point. Dylan Hout and Santiago Davila scored the two goals for Jordan as they went on to secure their third straight trip to the area round. The Warriors will play Cy-Ridge time and date to be determined. Jordan played Cy-Ridge last year in the second round and beat them 2-1 in extra time in a thrilling game.

On the girls side, three out of the four teams won their matchups.

Seven Lakes joined Jordan as winners by topping George Ranch 1-0. The Spartans got their 12th shutout of the season in the win and advanced to the area round for the fifth consecutive year. They advance to play Cy-Fair, which comes off a 2-0 win over Bellaire in the bi-district round.

Katy was the lone team from Katy ISD to not win its first round matchup, falling to the Ridge Point 3-1. It was a strong fight from Katy, who stayed in the game with the state ranked Panthers the whole way.



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Anu Aalona crosses in a ball during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Cinco Ranch High School.



Chloe Callahan dribbles during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Cinco Ranch High School.



Wagoner Towsen takes a corner kick during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Cinco Ranch High School.

## SPARTANS

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they faced adversity they kept fighting. I think that's just going to keep helping us in playoffs."

Neither team could gain an advantage in the first half, with Seven Lakes creating more opportunities but being unable to put the ball in the back of the net. The breakthrough for Seven Lakes came in the 48th minute, when Wagoner Towsen earned a free kick just outside of the 18-yard box. Towsen stepped up and hit a good free kick, which was saved but the ball came loose and fell to Lauren Hart, who tapped it in to the back of the net to give the Spartans the lead.

Seven Lakes added a second in the 57th minute when Sienna Marchitello, a call up from the JV squad, finished a low cross from Towsen, but Cinco worked its way back into things. Presley Payton latched on to a loose ball in the 62nd minute to make it a one goal game and then with just 17 seconds left Ambrye Fortune took a shot from deep and it sailed over the head of the Spartan goalkeeper and into the net, tying things and sending the Cougars into the offseason on a good note.

"As a coach I couldn't be prouder," said Cinco Ranch head coach Roger Ramirez. "We had ups and downs throughout the season, but the girls came out and they put it all out there and played hard, to be down like that and come back was a good result. Even when our captain got hurt the girls fought back from that and played hard. It was a big performance from them."

The Spartans head into the playoffs trying to go on another dep run after making it to the third round in consecutive seasons. For them it's all about moving forward, learning from the games behind them and being ready for whatever is in front of them.

"You learn from games and be stronger moving forward," Eidson said. "With a younger group like this you can always take lesson and learn things from every game, that's how you get that experience is by getting those reps. We have things we can learn and we'll be ready for it. But I'm so proud of these kids, they put in the work and we are in this position for a reason."



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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:** *Maple Park Development LLC, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to amend The Major Thoroughfare Plan/Map as noted in the application for Maple Park, Property ID# 40208. The amendment will realign the future route of Royal Road from the center of the subject tract to its southern boundary and will keep Stalknecht Rd in its current configuration instead of introducing a new alignment that deviates from the existing paving. The proposed, unnamed future thoroughfare northwest of Royal Road will end in a T-intersection instead of extending further south through the adjacent properties.*

*This amendment request, if approved, will affect the applicant's property as well as surrounding tracts to the east, south, and west.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on April 17th at 9:00am at the Waller County Joe Kuciamba Annex, 425 FM 1488 Hempstead, Texas 77445.

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**INVITATION TO BIDDERS**

Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171, Attention Duane Heckmann, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until **2 p.m. Local Time, April 17th, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for "**Elyson Exchange Way North 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?omn=93176792437>.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **remotely** on **April 4th, 2024, at 2 p.m. Local Time**, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=97159952356>. 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 Documents and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates and Bonds within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the successful bidder. 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 one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search **NWCt021**. 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.

Bidder must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidder must register on this website 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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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for 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 bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.**

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Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: orchard construction, site electrical work, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, site furnishing installation, and landscape maintenance.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search **NWCt215**. 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.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search **NWCt313**. 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.

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### Katy ISD Provides Evaluations for Students with Suspected Disabilities

The Katy Independent School District Department of Special Education provides evaluations for students with suspected disabilities to identify every student with a disability living within the district's boundaries. These evaluations are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district's special education or Section 504 program.

Students with all categories of disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 can be provided with services to ensure their success in school. These services and supports may be provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Special Education services are also available to children who are visually and/or auditory impaired starting at birth.

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.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District  
Owner's Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450  
Project (the Work): Section 6 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Project location: Within and near Section 6 of Nottingham Country subdivision, Katy, TX 77450

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by **April 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference is set for April 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: Mason Creek Utility District  
Owner's Office: 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450  
Project (the Work): Galleon Oaks Water Plant Improvements 2024

Project location: 1609 Galleon Oaks, Katy, TX 77450

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by **April 25, 2024 at 2:30 PM**, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference is set for April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

## WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDER ADOPTING DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 37 (the "District"), at a meeting held on March 14, 2024, adopted an Order Adopting Drought Contingency Plan (the "Order"). Violation of any of the rules contained in the Order will subject the violator to penalties, including disconnection of water and sewer service, a fine of up to \$5,000.00 per breach and/or day and may include payment of any costs or damages resulting from the violation.

A copy of the Order is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/Matthew C. Deal  
President, Board of Directors

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Planning And Zoning Commission Will Conduct A Public Hearing At Their Special Meeting And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing At Their Regular Meeting To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

### CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024

### CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m., Monday, April 22, 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: Religious Institution In A "C-1" Commercial District At 5038 East Fifth Street; 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.

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## INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to Harris County MUD 364 - Trail Improvements at Coles Crossing, will be received in the office of Half Associates, Inc. 14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77079 until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read in Suite 160 for the furnishing of material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the Construction of Harris County MUD 364 - Trail Improvements at Coles Crossing. Proposals tendered after closing will be returned unopened. Scope of Project: 1. Demolition of existing asphalt trail, 2. SWPPP, 3. Minor Site Grading and Preparation, 4. Concrete Flatwork, 5. Sod, 6. Site Furnishing, 7. Waterline, 8. Additional Landscaping. Bid documents in digital format will be available via CivCast. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be conducted near the project location, at the Coles Crossing Club House, 13810 Greenwood Manor Dr, Cypress, TX on Thursday, April 11th @ 2:00 p.m. The successful bidder may be required to provide a performance bond, payment bond, and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to **Parkside Capital on behalf of Katy West Municipal Utility District**, will be received at the office of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 6330 West Loop South, Suite 150, Bellaire, Texas 77401, until 10:30 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 4, 2024, and then publicly opened and read for "Katy Court Lift Station No. 2 for Parkside Capital on behalf of Katy West Municipal Utility District, City of Katy, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. Details for the Microsoft Teams information will be provided to all plan holders on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 via Civcast. It will be each bidder's responsibility to ensure they receive the Microsoft Teams details prior to the bid opening.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Construction of Katy Court Lift Station No. 2.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A pre-bid conference will not be held.

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 Documents and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates and Bonds within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the successful bidder. 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 one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening.

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

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search Katy Court Lift Station No. 2/05415-0013-01. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications and plans for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for 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 bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the City of Katy will be received at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, attention Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary; for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the **10th Street Bridge Replacement Project, until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.** Bids will, immediately thereafter, be publicly opened and read aloud in the City of Katy Council Chambers. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project involves **bridge and retaining wall construction, channel improvements, grading and storm sewer installations** as well as all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the City of Katy.
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **April 2, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m. at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.**

Equal Opportunity in Employment – all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

A Complete set of the bidding documents are on file at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). There is no cost to view or download the plans. Sets of hard copies of Bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents. Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

First Publication: March 21, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Katy ISD General Election held on May 4, 2024 will be tested on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Room 1600), 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

/s/ Justin R. Graham  
Signature of Officer

## AVISO PÚBLICO DE PRUEBA DEL EQUIPO DE TABULACIÓN AUTOMÁTICA

Se notifica por el presente que el equipo de tabulación automática que se usará en la Elección General de Katy ISD el 4 de mayo de 2024 será sometido a prueba el día martes 2 de abril de 2024 a las 8:30 a.m. en el Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Salón 1600), ubicado en 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, para asegurar que contará con exactitud los votos emitidos para todos los cargos y todas las medidas.

/firma/ Justin R. Graham  
Firma del Funcionario

## THÔNG BÁO CÔNG KHAI VỀ VIỆC KIỂM TRA MÁY KIỂM PHIẾU TỰ ĐỘNG

Theo đây xin thông báo về việc máy kiểm phiếu tự động sẽ được sử dụng trong Cuộc Tổng Tuyển Cử của Katy ISD diễn ra vào ngày 4 tháng Năm, 2024 sẽ được kiểm tra vào lúc 8:30 sáng thứ Ba, ngày 2 tháng Tư, 2024, tại Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Phòng 1600), 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, để bảo đảm chắc chắn chiếc máy đó sẽ đếm chính xác số lá phiếu bầu cho tất cả các chức vụ và tất cả các dự luật.

/chữ ký/ Justin R. Graham  
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## 自動投票統計設備 測試公告

特此通知，用於2024年5月4日Katy ISD普通選舉的自動投票統計設備將於2024年4月2日（週二）上午8:30，在Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (1600室)，6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494進行測試，以確定該設備能否準確地計算針對所有職位和議案的投票結果。

/簽名/ Justin R. Graham  
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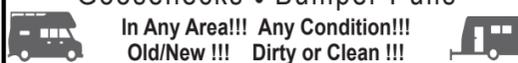
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Justice Carlton attacks the basket during Tuesday's game between Seven Lakes and Fort Bend Austin at the M.O. Campbell Center in Aldine.

# Justice Carlton named Naismith All-American

BY TYLER TYRE  
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Justice Carlton earned one of the biggest accolades one can get this past week, when she was named a Naismith All-American.

Carlton was one of just 30 players from around the country to be named an All-American, earning honorable mention honors after a year where she

came back from a torn ACL and still helped Seven Lakes clinch a district title berth and make it to the fourth round of the playoffs, clinching their second regional tournament in three years.

Carlton surpassed 2,000 points for her career during the season and secured her spot as one of the best to ever come through the halls of Seven Lakes. She is signed to play at the University of Texas next fall.

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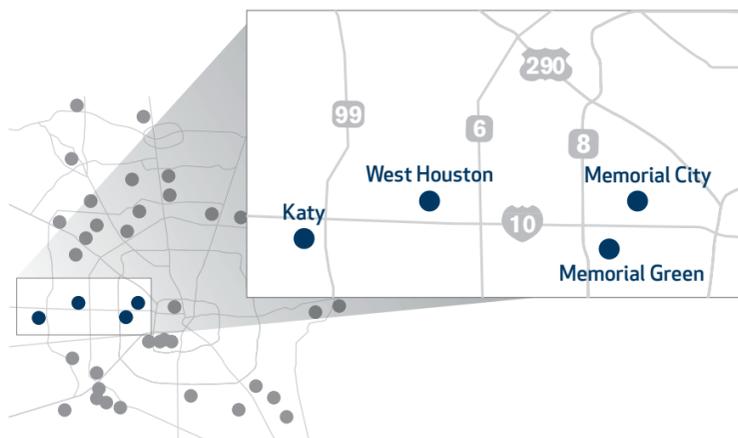


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