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Board hears construction updates, discusses preliminary attendance boundary modifications

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Katy ISD's board of trustees met Monday, September 16, for a lengthy 26-item agenda work study meeting at the Education Support Complex at 6301 S. Stadium Lane. Agenda items in the meeting

– which were discussed but not voted on – included:

- Preliminary attendance boundary modification survey results update provided by Andrea Grooms for new elementary schools 47 and 48 in the north-west quadrant. The survey, which was administered to about 1400

participants – mostly parents of students at Robertson and Faldyn Elementary Schools -- and is still open until October.

- Future board approval for the superintendent to form naming committees to name the two new elementary schools.
- Design approvals for reno-

ventions and expansions at several campuses, including the Shaw Center, Bear Creek Elementary School, Pattison Elementary School, and Hutsell Elementary School. A presentation was also made on the Merchant's Way property which is set to house special education students.

- Discussion on board adoption of the 2024-2025 Maintenance and Operations tax rate and the 2024-2025 Debt Service Tax rate. Chief Operating Officer Chris Smith delivered what he called "good news," recommending a tax rate reduction,

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State of the Counties

Area leaders focus on resiliency, the future

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Leaders from the greater Katy area's sprawling three-county region came together at the annual "State of the Counties" luncheon co-sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the Katy Economic Development Council to provide updates on the area's rapid growth and to report on current solutions for infrastructure improvements, economic development, mobility and other issues.

The event took place September 12 at the Embassy Suites Houston West, 16435 Katy Freeway, Houston, with a near-capacity audience in attendance. Charles Stein of AT&T served as moderator.

Waller County Judge Trey Duhon spoke first, initially focusing on his county's resiliency as reflected in responses to a series of ten FEMA-level disaster events dating back to 2015, including floods, hurricanes, COVID, a freeze and a drought. "We've proven it time and time again," he said, recognizing the many departments and individuals involved in emergency response. "We all work together as a team during these events."

Duhon then turned to growth, stating that the population of Waller County is growing at "an unprecedented rate" and now stands at 70,000 residents and

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Katy ISD school board member Lance Redmon opens the district's first "board listening circle" designed to solicit community feedback in setting the board's legislative priorities, at the VFW Hall, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy on September 11.

KISD board holds first 'listening circle' to solicit community feedback on legislative priorities

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Katy ISD Board of Trustees hosted its first "Listening Circle" on September 11 at VFW Post 9182, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy. Board president Victor Perez, joined by trustees Lance Redmon and Morgan Calhoun, met with community members who pre-registered to participate and share their priorities for public education.

This will be the first of four meetings, one held in each corner of the district, officials said. The feedback will give the Board more insight on the issues of common concern among District parents and provide space for greater civic engagement. District leaders will gather information from the meetings to draft an ad-

vocacy plan on issues that impact Katy ISD.

"Partnering with our parents and community is crucial for addressing student needs and shaping legislation that impacts Katy ISD classrooms," stated Lance Redmon, Katy ISD Trustee and Board Legislative Committee Co-Chair. "This fall, we look forward to gathering the community's insights on education and legislative priorities as Trustees engage with different groups across the district."

Community attendance was by pre-registration only; although over 130 signed up to attend, only about 35 community members actually attended, joined by a large number of Katy ISD administrators and staff.

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City of Katy officials present plan for the city's first trail system

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

City officials presented Katy's plan for the city's first trail network system at a public meeting at the Katy Civic Center in the historic downtown square on September 10, with about 40 people attending.

A trail system is the number one requested amenity, said Katy Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Browne. The proposed network of trails will take residents from home to parks to downtown, he said, and will help alleviate traffic as well as provide "passive time in nature."

The project will be funded through a \$4.2 million parks improvement bond passed in 2021, Browne said. Additional funding will come from METRO, according to City Engineer David Kasper. "There will be no pressure on property tax," said City Administrator Byron Hebert.

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

City of Katy Parks & Recreation Department Director Kevin Browne presents the city's plan for a new 3.2-mile trail system at a public meeting in the Katy Civic Center on September 10.

'All in 4 Katy East' workshop gathers input

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Harris County Precinct 4 held the third of its four community workshops on the "All in 4 Katy East" community plan on September 14 at the Radack Center at 18650 Clay Road in Houston. Area residents were able to provide feedback on their top priorities to Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones and her staff at the event, which was attended by about 50 people.

The precinct is collecting data for the project through more than 400 surveys received between November 2023 and February 2024, in addition to three steering committees who met with local ISDs, law enforcement, MUDs, and other stakeholders; four focus group meetings; and two completed community workshops to date. In addition to Saturday's meeting, a fourth workshop will be held in October, with the final presentation to be unveiled in November (to be announced).

The final plan will include recommendations from community feedback in these areas:

- Resilient infrastructure and sustainability: Transforming key corridors to enhance connectivity between Katy East and Houston; improving drainage, landscaping, transportation, safety and increasing opportunities for multimodal transportation and connectivity; and sidewalk, street, and drainage improvements

- Health: Katy East to become regional model of health equity through partnerships with hospitals and wellness centers to improve outdoor recreational opportunities; and farmers market improvements to assist with food insecurity needs

- Education and economic opportunity: Support current economic growth while creating opportunities for emerging industries through entrepreneurship opportunities and working with local organizations to develop workforce trainings and entrepreneurship programs

- Good government: provide greater coordination and communication with partners to expedite delivery of services and infrastructure, encouraging coordination between MUDs to minimize duplication of services and coordinating school districts to improve emergency management and transportation

- Justice and safety: promoting greater sense of safety by deepening partnership with local law enforcement agencies

The plan will lead to several different actions for implementation, including policy ideas and infrastructure projects and recommendations for partners on projects and programs, said Briones. Precinct 4 will prioritize implementation of projects based on community needs and feasibility, she added.

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Katy Area Safety Fest coming to Typhoon Texas on Sept. 28

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy Area Safety Fest 2024 is set to make a big splash at its new venue, Typhoon Texas Waterpark, on September 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's event promises a unique blend of safety education and family fun, bringing the community together for a day of interactive learning and entertainment at the water park at 555 Katy Fort Bend Rd. in Katy.

Admission is free. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on safety demonstrations, meet local first responders, and explore a variety of safety-related exhibits. Highlights include:

- Learn essential safety skills from professionals in a dynamic, hands-on environment.
- Meet and interact with first responders and community safety experts.
- Tour fire trucks, police cars, and helicopters

- Exciting prizes and giveaways will be available throughout the event
 - Learn CPR, Stop the Bleed, and other lifesaving courses
- In partnership with the Cody Stephens Foundation, Safety Fest is offering heart screenings for attendees ages 11-24 to help prevent sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes. The first 100 screenings are free. After that, each screening is just \$20 per person.
- "We're excited to partner with Typhoon Texas Waterpark for this year's Safety Fest," said Johnny Mitchell, Safety Fest Board President. "The venue provides a dedicated space to enhance our safety education and ensure fun for the whole family. We're looking forward to a day that brings the community together for an enjoyable and impactful experience."
- For more information, please contact johnny.mitchell@kasf.us.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Katy Market Day returns on September 21 in Katy's historic downtown square

The next Katy Market Day is September 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. right in downtown Katy near 5717 Second Street. The monthly street fair features over 100 vendors, food trucks, entertainment, free snow foam and inflatables for the kids. All antiques and boutique shops are scheduled to be open. New vendors may sign up in person at The Limited Edition Art and Antiques, 5717 Second, no online booth rental, only in person at The Limited Edition! For more information, go to Katymarketday.com or call 281-391-1993.

Dig World to host sensory-friendly 'Special Needs Night' on September 23

It's time to gear up for the most exciting night at Dig World! The construction-themed park at Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy, is hosting a Special Needs Night on September 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. just for YOU and your family! This is your chance to experience all the construction fun in a safe, sensory-friendly environment. Operate REAL diggers, excavators, and dump trucks and explore at your own speed with fewer crowds. Here's the drill: tickets are limited, so grab your spot before they're all scooped up! Use the link to reserve tickets: <https://ecom.roller.app/dig-world/booknow/en-us/products?-date=2024-09-23&product=923505>. Got questions? Need help with tickets? Email info@digworldtx.com

'Coping with Loss' support group to meet at Carriage Inn on September 26

Find support and strength through others at Carriage Inn's "Coping with Loss" grief support group meeting September 26 at 6 p.m. at the facility at 1400 Katy-Flewellen Road in Katy. This small gathering will provide support and encouragement in a safe and welcoming space for those experi-

encing grief from the loss of a spouse or partner. The group, facilitated by Carriage Inn staff and Schmidt Funeral Home, is free to attend and open to the public, along with Carriage Inn families. Light refreshments will be served.

Fort Bend County libraries to close September 27 in observance of 'Fair Day'

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries -- which includes the Cinco Ranch Branch, the Fulshear Branch, and the Mission Bend Branch -- will be closed Friday, September 27, in observance of Fort Bend County Fair Day. Regular library hours will resume on Saturday, September 28. The online library is always open at www.fortbend.lib.tx.us for searching the catalog, renewing books or placing holds, streaming movies or music, downloading e-books, or using the research databases. For additional information, contact the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734).

Time for Heritage Market Days on September 27-28

This free craft show -- Heritage Market Days -- is open to the public at 25125 Heritage Grand in Katy, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 27 and 28. The event will feature lots of vendors selling jewelry, wreaths, seasonal items, candles, paintings, plants, clothing and much more. Food trucks like Cousins Maine Lobster, Watkins BBQ Pit, and Chef Raoul will offer tasty delights such as tamales, tacos and other morsels. Free golf cart rides to and from your vehicles are available. For more information on the event or becoming a vendor, please email heritagemarketdays@gmail.com.

Enjoy 'BOORiffic Nights' at Dewberry Farm September 28-November 3

Come to Dewberry Farms at 7705 FM 362 in Brookshire after dark... if you DARE! When the sun sets, get ready for the nighttime fun to begin as Dewberry turns DewSCARY!

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Meet first responders at 'National Night Out' on October 1 at Katy City Park

The Katy Police Department will host the annual "National Night Out" event at Katy City Park, 5720 Franz Rd, Katy, where you can meet first responders including officers, K-9 officers, dispatchers and other law enforcement officials. Enjoy giveaways, popcorn and snow cones, and hot dogs and beverages. Facepainting and balloons will also be available. Meet Officers Hopps and Chase. The fun begins at 5 p.m. Free event.

Dive into Paws Fest at LaCenterra on October 5

Get ready to splash your way to LaCenterra for Paws Fest presented by PUCCI Cafe on October 5 from 10-3 p.m. The annual pet-friendly event at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy will feature exhilarating Dock-Dogs competitions, dog vendors, pet adoptions, costume contests and more. The costume contest starts at 1 p.m. at the Central Green Stage. Sign-up starts at 12 pm in front of Dish Society. PUCCI Café is an elegant dog boutique and café with a view where you can savor artisanal coffees, premium wines, craft beers and delicious desserts while relaxing with your furry friend by the water-front at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch.

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- "Unbelievable" musicians
- Invests in little enterprises
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- Small sailboat
- "Luther" actor
- Round Dutch cheese
- Detects underwater objects
- Harsh, grating noise
- Steward
- Fencing sword
- Painful places on the body
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress
- Ryan
- Sodium
- Engineering degree (abbr.)
- Small lump
- African antelope
- Electronic point of sale
- Carefully chooses
- Ringworm
- Unrefined
- Drenches
- Type of pants
- Son of Noah
- Spiritual being
- Upton Sinclair novel
- Journalist Tarbell
- Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- Born of
- Rich tapestry
- S. China seaport
- Being without clothes
- Surrounded by

CLUES DOWN

- Millisecond
- Spanish city
- Sudden, very loud sound
- Type of chair
- Tin
- Sea eagles
- Broad volcanic crater
- Some animals have it
- Ottoman palaces
- Divulge a secret
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Poisonous perennial
- Gulf in the Aegean
- Clothes
- Chairs
- Family of regulator genes
- NY ballplayer
- Impressive in size or scope
- Jacques __, Fr. biologist
- Manhattanite
- Genus of lemurs
- Sings to

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

COUNTIES

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adding that over 50,000 residential lots are platted and expected to come online in the next five to seven years, with more being added weekly. “Our population is set to explode,” he said, projecting an additional 135,000 residents moving into the new developments in the coming years. The county is adding staff to help manage growth, he said, including three attorneys, two engineers and a policy director. New precinct annexes are planned for Precincts 2 and 3 to better serve those growing areas, he said, and the county is in the very early stages of planning infrastructure upgrades after the passage of its first mobility bond last year.

Waller County’s \$84 million budget has been proposed with a “no new revenue” rate for 2025, Duhon said, bringing in the same amount of revenue from existing properties despite rising property values and will cut taxes even further. The property tax, now at \$0.49, has been decreased five percent from the prior year, and has decreased 27 percent since he was first elected in 2015, he said, adding that “We know people are struggling right now.” The county’s new courthouse is under construction and a grand opening ceremony will be held in August or September, he said. The budget will add 16 new employees in 2025; over 100 positions have been added in the last four years. Cost of living increases are planned for county employees, he said. The new budget also absorbs all expenses previously covered by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which has been used to add staff to the courts and adds \$1 million to the Road & Bridge Department for repair and additions.

Waller County has a proactive legislative agenda which will be approved in October, Duhon said, with key items including legislation to create a pre-trial services office to help handle the county’s increasing legal case load and better manage defendants who have been released and have pre-trial bond conditions, to regulate the development of trailer parks to ensure responsible development, to make adjustments to the 30-day plat approval process, to provide for the removal of Houston’s extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from all of Waller County which would give Waller more local control over its growth and development and to have temporary polling places again in Waller County “to make voting more accessible for all.”

Duhon said that he expects the county to “make significant progress” in 2025 on the mobility projects and to manage increased traffic. He said that the county is in the process of acquiring

land for the county’s first parks and is not only purchasing land but working with donated and leased property.

Vince Morales, Fort Bend County Precinct 1 Commissioner, noted that Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state and in the country, adding an additional 27,000 to its population in the last year alone. By 2050, the county’s population – now at just under a million -- is projected to be over two million. Annual single-family permits are up 24.8 per cent from June 2019 to June 2024 and the county still has 60 per cent undeveloped property. “We have a lot of room to grow,” said Morales. Austin Point, a 4700-acre development by Signorelli coming online shortly in Precinct 2, will add 14,000 rooftops and 50,000 people, he said. In Precinct 1 in the last 60 days, developers have come through the office and within 18 to 24 months, Precinct 1 alone will have over 8,000 acres in development.

The county’s tax base is 76 percent residential, Morales said. “We’ve got to improve that with industrial and commercial growth,” he said, citing the need for “shovel-ready sites” with power and water available to them. Morales said that fellow Fort Bend commissioners Andy Meyers and Dexter McCoy were working to get legislation changed during the next session, so that these sites could be ready for water and power.

Morales also addressed mobility, stating that the county was trying to do a new mobility bond every three to four years in order to keep up with growth. The projects include not only roads and maintenance but also traffic signals and safety improvements for all the precincts. In Precinct 1 there are still two mobility projects outstanding from the 2013 bond package, but that both are going to bid shortly. One of those is the Greenbush Road project – “that one has been a nightmare,” he said, with a contractor walking off the job and other issues. The Huggins Road project, in partnership with the City of Fulshear, is going out for bid and some utility networks in the area will be relocated. From other bond packages, Morales said that two 2017 projects were under construction, 11 of the 2020 projects were in various stages of completion and from the 2023 package, there are 24 new projects in Precinct 1 totaling \$7.2 billion. The county, in cooperation with LJA Engineering, has created a dashboard where the public can view the status of every mobility bond project implemented since 2007, he said.

The mobility projects also include the continuation a study on intersections

and pedestrian safety, he said, which also includes a component on trail connectivity, which will be funded by CADs. The project will define improvements such as extending turn lanes, changing signal timing, improving signage and pavement marking, and adding sidewalks. “Pedestrian crosswalks are essential in Precinct 1 and we’ve had some issues that have cost people their lives,” Morales said. Precinct 1 is the first precinct to add HAWK signals, adding three in the first phase at Mason near Creech Elementary, on Fry Road near Beck Junior High and on Westheimer Parkway near Williams Elementary. A HAWK beacon (high-intensity activated crosswalk beacon) is a traffic control device used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. Phase two will have upgrades include additional locations to be determined, which will be announced in the future.

The county has some transportation projects that are partnerships and some that are TxDOT only, Morales said. In Precinct 1, the intersection of FM 1489 and FM 1093 in Simonton is “a real safety issue,” he said, and TxDOT is working to realign that intersection, with an initial temporary roundabout until the Westpark Tollway is connected to it. The Grand Parkway is adding a third lane and a public hearing on sound mitigation on the frontage roads will take place. FM 723 will be expanded from Rosenberg to FM 1093. Morales also provided an update on the ongoing work to widen FM 1463 from FM 1093 to Interstate 10. The Westpark Toll Road extension, which go beyond the Texas Heritage Parkway, has already broken ground and an official ribbon cutting will be held October 2, he said. The project will eventually go to FM 1489 in Simonton, he said, noting that there is a major issue in front of Fulshear High School which must be resolved.

Morales also covered the county’s park system and the development of Daily Park in Simonton, additions and improvements to Harlem Park and Jones Creek Park which include the addition of pickleball courts and disc golf, and the creation of a 1.5-acre “Super Dave’s Park,” on Katy Fulshear Road which is designed specifically for children with disabilities.

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones reported that the population of her precinct – now at 1.5 million people -- had grown by 50,000 residents between 2017 and 2022, with other 32,000 new businesses and with 200 businesses headquartered in the precinct.

Briones also described achievements in the area of



PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Speakers at the September 12 “State of the Counties” luncheon co-sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the Katy Economic Development Council at the Embassy Suites Houston West, 16435 Katy Freeway, included (left to right): Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones, Waller County Judge Trey Duhon, and Fort Bend County Precinct 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales.

justice, noting the addition of six new criminal district courts and detailing her “Advancing Justice” initiative on which the Katy Times has previously reported. In the area of health, Briones noted that the \$2.5 billion bond package passed last year will enable Harris Health to not only focus on LBJ and Ben Taub hospitals but to add more community clinics.

“We are open for business and open for partnership in Precinct 4,” said Briones, describing steps to help women- and minority-owned businesses do business with Harris County. Briones also reported that the “Places 4 People” initiative – “a proactive call for infrastructure projects” -- had created 32 projects in partnership with 20 other entities such as cities, school districts and MUDs, delivering \$170 million in infrastructure improvements. More new partnership projects through “Places 4 People” for the coming year will be announced this fall, she said.

The precinct is also driving economic opportunity through workshops, a revolving loan fund, the “Pathways to Prime” program and through investment in apprenticeships which doubled in capacity through an \$11 million ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant.

The county is “doubling down to match Katy’s growth,” she said, with a Harris County transit demand study in the works. Briones also mentioned the “All in 4 Katy East” mobility project and its September 14 workshop (see separate reporting on A1), designed to solicit community feedback on infrastructure needs. She also described the “Sidewalks for Precinct 4” initiative underway, a \$20 million project adding over 50 miles of sidewalks in the precinct, to fill gaps especially near schools, places of worship and grocery stores. Several of those are in the Katy area, including one in Williamsburg Parish and one on Greenhouse Road near the three Mayde Creek campuses.

Briones asked voters to invest in flood control maintenance projects by approving a flood bond which is on the November ballot. Briones covered other infrastructure projects, stating that there were over 200 infrastructure projects currently underway in Precinct 4, with many in Katy – listing the widening of Clay Road and improvements to Peek and Porter roads, the Roland Road drainage project and the Katy Asian Town multi-modal trails. Briones said that her team was also working closely with the

Army Corps of Engineers to add capacity to the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs, and that a study on the “deep tunnel” option for storm drainage was continuing.

Briones also described disaster relief and recovery in the Katy area in the wake of the April tornado that struck a shopping center on Mason Road, the May “derecho” storm and July’s Hurricane Beryl. The county opened cooling centers and made water and food supplies available quickly, she said. “We are the first responders -- our families can’t wait 72 hours for supplies to be delivered,” she said, reporting that some people walked for miles in the 100-degree heat to stand in line. “The need was intense and heart-breaking,” she said.

Harris County has passed its first-ever climate action plan, Briones said, planning to reduce its own emissions by 40 per cent by 2030. Part of that includes a \$250 million EPA “Solar for All” grants for the most vulnerable residents, as well as generator grants, which will create more resiliency for the future, she said.

Briones also announced that students at McMeans Junior High in Katy had won the precinct’s “Bus Art” contest on September 12 (see story on page A6).

Willow Fork Drainage District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of LJA Engineering Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 100, Katy, TX, 77449. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

FOR the proposal:	Gregg Nady, John Savage, Alexander “Alec” Bray, Joseph S. Robinson, Sarah Hubbell	
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.16000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.15000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-.01000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.25%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$429,522.00	\$470,162.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$429,522.00	\$470,162.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$687.24	\$705.24
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$18.01 2.62%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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

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

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Texas Original opens Katy-area medical cannabis prescription pickup location

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Texas Original, the leading medical cannabis provider in the state, has opened its newest medical cannabis prescription pickup location in Katy—the company’s only location in the Katy area, according to an August 29 press release. This location joins existing Houston-area Texas Original locations in Houston Heights, Sugar Land and Conroe.

This location, in partnership with Buena Vida Hospice, a Katy-area hospice and palliative care provider that provides patients access to medical cannabis medication, under the direction of Buena Vida Hospice Medical Director Dr. Francisco Medrano.

“Many of the palliative care and terminal patients we treat at Buena Vida Hospice prefer the comfort and relief of cannabis medicine as an alternative to harsh opioid treatments,” said Melissa Trevino, co-founder and administrator at Buena Vida Hospice. “More than 20% of our patients currently rely on medical cannabis treatments—expanding our partnership with Texas Original ensures our ability to provide our patients access to life-changing cannabis medicine.”

Located at 810 S. Highway 6 #101, Houston, the Katy-area site is now open from 11 a.m.



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to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and offers Texas Original’s full suite of medical cannabis products to qualifying patients registered under the state’s Compassionate Use Program (CUP).

“As a physician specializing in hospice care, medical cannabis is an incredible tool to ensure the highest quality of care for my patients,” said Dr. Medrano. “I would like the option to prescribe it for our many patients suffer-

ing from chronic pain—which is unfortunately not currently a qualifying condition under the CUP.”

Under state law, Texans with a variety of qualifying conditions are eligible for a medical cannabis prescription, including spasticity, neuropathy, PTSD, cancer, epilepsy and hundreds of neurodegenerative disorders. Texans can obtain medical cannabis prescriptions through

online clinics or local physicians registered with the Compassionate Use Registry of Texas.

“We are committed to making medical cannabis more accessible to patients across the state of Texas,” said Nico Richardson, CEO of Texas Original. “Our goal is to ensure every qualifying patient and their physician knows there are safe, effective medical cannabis options available to them under the CUP. Dr. Medrano and his team at Buena Vida are incredible partners in this effort. We’re proud to both serve their patients with the highest-quality medical cannabis products available in the state and expand our reach throughout Houston’s suburbs.”

To learn more about receiving a medical cannabis prescription for you or a loved one, visit texasoriginal.com/get-a-prescription.

About Texas Original

Texas Original is the leading licensed medical cannabis producer in Texas, working alongside physicians to provide the highest quality cannabis medicine to patients and families seeking relief across the state. Texas Original is headquartered in Austin, with delivery throughout the entire state. For more information, visit texasoriginal.com.

Coastal Prairie Conservancy to hold ‘Lands & Legacies’ conference

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy invites landowners, conservation partners, students, and individuals passionate about land conservation to the 2024 “Lands & Legacies Conference.” This event, a collaboration between the Texas Coastal Prairie Initiative (TCPI) and the Texas Grasslands and Savannas Initiative (TGSi), will take place on Thursday, October 24, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, October 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The George Ranch, 10215 FM 762 Rd, Richmond.

The conference offers a unique opportunity for attendees to come together to discuss the preservation of Texas’s wide-open spaces. Topics will include conservation success stories, new conservation easement funding opportunities in Texas, land management guidance, and more. The first day will be packed with informative presentations and workshops, followed by field trips to remnant and restored prairies, working ranches, and farms on the second day.

Mary Anne Piacentini, President and CEO of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy, emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in conservation. “This conference offers an opportunity for us to come together to discuss Texas land conservation. By working together, we can increase the impact of conservation in the region and create a legacy of stewardship that benefits both the environment and the community.”

Elisa Donovan, Vice President and General Counsel of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy, highlighted the pivotal role of landowners in this effort. “Landowners play a critical role in maintaining the ecological health and beauty of Texas. Their dedication to preserving their land helps ensure a resilient and beautiful Texas for future generations.”

General admission to the two-day event is \$85; students may attend for only \$45. Landowners may receive a free ticket by emailing information@coastalprairieconservancy.org to claim their seat.

For more information and to register, please visit prairiepartner.org/2024conference.

Radiant Waxing® sets sights on Katy area expansion

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Radiant Waxing®, an emerging waxing brand that provides inclusive and curated hair removal services, recently announced its latest plans to expand its franchise footprint in Texas. Targeting the suburbs of Houston including Katy, the concept is primed to grow with like-minded entrepreneurs, the organization said in a September 13 press release.

Radiant Waxing® is an emerging waxing concept that brings the speed-waxing experience to women and men in a luxury environment, with private waxing rooms and refined techniques from professionally trained and licensed estheticians. Each Radiant Waxing® salon is independently owned and operated. With over 60 locations in 17 states, the brand is part of a global market projected to reach \$21.04 billion by 2031, according to a new report by IMIR Market Research.

“Our personalized waxing sessions have resonated with so many individuals because they are able to get in-and-out within 15 minutes, thanks to our proprietary soft wax. We’re thrilled about the prospect of offering these services soon in Katy,” said Kelli



Radiant Waxing® is poised to bring its three-step speed-waxing process, exclusively using the all-natural, skincare-forward TRUWAX soft wax, to the Katy market.

Schroeder, VP of Franchise Development with WellBiz Brands, Inc., the manager of the Radiant Waxing® brand. “Growing the franchise network with experienced groups and individuals who understand the true value of a personalized guest experience is vital as we continue expanding. As we grow the brand’s presence in Katy, we’re eager to elevate beau-

ty and wellness services in the community and create business ownership opportunities for interested entrepreneurs.”

The Radiant Waxing® brand sets itself apart in the industry with a proven three-step speed-waxing process, exclusively using the all-natural, skincare-forward TRUWAX® soft wax. By focusing solely on waxing services, Radiant Waxing® salons deliver a guest-centric experience that leaves guests feeling smooth and confident in just minutes. Moreover, the robust membership model and wax packages provide owners with a steady stream of revenue, solidifying the Radiant Waxing® brand’s position as an emerging leader in the industry.

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To learn more about Radiant Waxing® and franchise ownership opportunities, visit Radiantwaxing.com.



Preschoolers at Katy’s Primrose School of Woodcreek Reserve made cards for senior residents of Heritage Park of Katy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6001 George Bush Drive in Katy, and presented them to residents on August 21.

Primrose preschoolers honor Katy senior citizens just in time for ‘grandparents’ day’

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Preschoolers at Primrose School of Woodcreek Reserve performed for residents and delivered handmade cards at Heritage Park of Katy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6001 George Bush Drive in Katy, on August 21st, which fell between Senior Citizens Day and Grandparents Day. Forty-eight students participated in the event, each creating a card, resulting in a total of 48 cards – one for every resident.

The Primrose early education and daycare facility, located at 1249 FM 1463 in Katy, is owned

by franchisees Michael and Lou Ann McLaughlin. The Adopt-A-Grandparent Program at Primrose Schools creates opportunities for young children and senior citizens to develop positive, genuine relationships.

Students visit senior centers monthly to nurture character traits like kindness and compassion through engaging experiences with their adopted grandparents. The program teaches children that people in all stages

of life, no matter their age or ability, should be valued, respected and appreciated.

Observed on September 8, National Grandparents Day celebrates the relationships between the oldest and youngest generations.

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TVC presents over \$7.6 million in grants to 31 Gulf Coast veterans services organizations

Katy Christian Ministries and Fort Bend and Harris counties among recipients

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN, TX — The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) presented \$7,625,000 in grants to 31 government and nonprofit organizations for providing services to Gulf Coast area veterans and their families in a special ceremony held at Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston’s Great Hall; 3303 Main St, Houston on September 12. TVC Commission Secretary Kevin Barber made the presentations.

Three Katy-area organizations

were among the recipients – Katy Christian Ministries, which received a \$230,000 grant for financial assistance, and Fort Bend County, which received a \$300,000 grant for financial assistance, and Harris County, which received a \$300,000 grant for peer support services and a \$295,000 grant for financial assistance services.

TVC presented the “big checks” to the grant recipients at Interfaith Ministries in Houston where recipients were able to talk about how this funding is used to serve an estimated 8,734 local veterans.

In May, TVC Commissioners approved 181 grants totaling over \$44.2 million to 161 organizations across Texas. It is projected to provide direct services to nearly 42,000 veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses.

Since 2009 through the current 2024-2025 grant cycle, more than

\$313 million in grant funding has been awarded through 1,400 FVA grants.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. The TVC awards grants in five categories: General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health Grants, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Veteran County Service Officers.

Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery Commission’s games designated for veteran support. People can also donate when registering their vehicles or when getting a hunting or fishing license.

Veterans in need of assistance can find organizations providing help in their area and how to contact them at tvc.texas.gov/fund.

Veteran-serving organizations invited to apply for Texas Veterans Commission funding

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Organizations that provide services to veterans in Texas are encouraged to apply for the Texas Veterans Commission’s (TVC) Fund for Veterans’ Assistance (FVA) grant program, said a September 13 press release from the organization. The application period opened Sept. 12, 2024, and will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2024. An estimated total of \$31 million in grant funding is available. These grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and local government agencies that provide direct services to veterans.

New this year for the 2025-2026 funding period ahead:

- The term of the grant is extended from 12 months to 14 months;
 - Funding limits are increased up to \$600,000 depending on the grant program; and,
 - Applicants are eligible to apply and be awarded three grants. County governments may be awarded four grants, including a Veteran Treatment Court grant.
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range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. TVC awards grants in five categories: General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health Grants, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Veteran County Service Offices.

Interested nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide direct services to veterans may find more information and how to apply at tvc.texas.gov/grants/grantseekers/.

Veterans needing assistance can find organizations providing services in their area at tvc.texas.gov/fund. Those listed receive support from TVC FVA grants.

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Jordan High School teacher honored at Astros game



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Jordan High School STEM teacher Divya Kaushal shows the mock check for \$2,000 which she received from the Houston Astros Foundation at an August 31 game at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

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On Saturday, August 31, before the Houston Astros beat the Kansas City Royals at Minute Maid Park, several Houston area teachers were honored for their commitment to students and STEM education. Among them was Jordan High School's Divya Kaushal, who teaches algebra and physics, and coaches the school's Academic Decathlon team.

The educators were part of this year's Honeywell Hall of Fame STEM & Robotics Teachers Awards, which recognized ten educators from across the Houston area. In addition to the pre-game recognition, each teacher received

tickets for family and friends, a gift package from the Astros and Honeywell, and a \$2,000 donation.

"I truly love my role as an educator and the fact that I'm able to create a positive difference in the lives of our young generation," Kaushal said. "This is a profession I chose after completing my education, and one that is in sync with my favorite quote — 'do what you love and love what you do' — originally attributed to Confucius and later quoted by Steve Jobs, which is very close to my heart."

Kaushal was nominated by a parent, and was chosen, in part, for her commitment to excellence in her teaching field, demonstration of creativity and

innovation in the classroom, leadership, and increased student achievement and affinity for STEM.

Kaushal has 25 years of experience in education and ten years in Katy ISD. In addition to her work as a classroom teacher and team coach, she also participated this summer in the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Teachers at Texas A&M University. As part of the program, she conducted research on machine learning and smart system design, completing a paper on its application in high school STEM education.

Jordan High School, part of the Katy Independent School District, is located at 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. in Katy.

McMeans JHS students see their winning artwork on Precinct 4 bus

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Lesley Briones announced the third group of winners in the Harris County Precinct 4 bus design contest in a surprise reveal at a Katy ISD campus on September 12.

The winning artists from Katy ISD -- a group of five Garland McMeans Junior High School students -- saw their creation on the newly-wrapped bus for the very first time that morning at the campus at 21000 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy. Kevin Newsom, seventh grade assistant principal, and Ashlyn Gremillion, art teacher were also scheduled to speak at the ceremony.

Commissioner Briones' contest called on budding artists from Alief ISD, Cypress Fairbanks ISD, Houston ISD, Katy ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Waller ISD, and Tomball ISD to help beautify the Harris County Precinct 4 bus fleet with artwork that reflects the cultural perspectives and experiences of the Precinct 4 community.

Students were asked to submit artwork following the theme: "The History of and Unity in Harris County." They were encouraged to think about the diversity of cultures that make up the precinct's unique region, historical milestones/landmarks, bayous and parks, or leaders and changemakers that helped shape the community.

The Precinct 4 bus fleet serves residents by offering free day trips to senior residents for recreational trips and educational activities.



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Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones (center, at podium) honors five McMeans Junior High art students as winners of the precinct's bus design contest at a ceremony at the campus at 21000 Westheimer Parkway on September 12.



Students from McMeans Junior High saw their winning design installed on a Harris County Precinct 4 bus, revealed in a surprise ceremony at the campus at 21000 Westheimer Parkway in Katy on September 12.

Semifinalists announced for 2025 National Merit® scholarship program

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

(Evanston, Illinois) — Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced on September 11 the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist

standing, the organization said, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title. NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 280 business organizations, higher education institutions, and individual donors that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Semifinalists from the greater Katy area are listed below:

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Royal ISD TAFE chapter honored for back-to-back national wins at 'Educators Rising' conference



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROYAL ISD

Lynette Beyer (far right) and members of her TAFE team from Royal High School were honored by the Royal ISD school board at the September 9 meeting for the future educators' back-to-back wins at the national conference.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Royal ISD chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) was honored at the district's school board meeting on September 9 for their outstanding achievements at the National Educators Rising Conference, held this summer in Washington, D.C.

For the second year in a row, the Royal TAFE students were victorious on the national stage with Areli Valdez and Alexcia Garcia earning first place in the Spanish Children's Literature category. Kimberly Pedraza and Eleanor Recinos received red ribbons in the Interactive Bulletin Board event, while Leslie Thompson

qualified for Nationals in Children's Literature.

The students competed against over 900 participants in the Area 4 competition, then advanced to the TAFE state competition with over 3,000 students, and ultimately winning at Nationals, where more than 3,000 competitors from across the nation participated.

CTE Education & Training Instructor Lynette Beyer, the TAFE advisor at Royal High School, expressed her pride in the students' hard work and commitment, celebrating their continued success as champions for the second consecutive year. Beyer herself was previously honored by TAFE as the Area IV Teacher of the Year in late 2023.

TRAILS

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"A lot of thought has gone into this," said Hebert. "Over 20 years ago I talked with David Kasper about this and a safer way to get people downtown."

The proposed trail system will start near the intersection of Pitts and Morton, with construction of 12-foot sidewalks to begin in 2026, said Kasper. The system then will move south through Cane Island and will eventually connect to existing subdivision trails and then to 10th Street. The system will end at the historic downtown square. The plan includes several pedestrian bridges and traffic signal upgrades.

Hebert said that the system is designed to be secluded and "away from houses" and will not include many parking lots except near Leyendecker Landing, to be located near Pitts and Morton. The trail will be composed of sidewalks of varying width, and at approximately every mile, there will be a "station" consisting of a bench, a dog station, and a trashcan. Lighting along the trail will be minimal at the request of the two MUD districts involved in the project, said Hebert. However, he said, the city would install wiring for lighting in anticipation of future needs.

Motorized vehicles will be prohibited on the trail, Hebert said during the question-answer session.

The project, now in the design phase, is expected to begin construction in 2025, with completion anticipated in 2027, said Kasper. The Leyendecker Landing project will begin after that, he added.

KISD

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The meeting was facilitated by Chief Communications Officer Andrea Grooms, who posed a series of "table top" discussion questions, leading to the setting of legislative priorities in advance of the 89th Texas legislative session.

Top legislative priorities expressed by community members included

which he said was a tax rate reduction for the fifth year in a row. The M&O rate will be reduced by .0023 cents, he said. The total rate will be \$1.1171, which breaks down to \$0.7271 for M&O and \$0.39 for debt service. Although the new rate will bring in more tax dollars, KISD will not be able to keep that money, said Smith, since school districts are funded on an attendance-based per student allotment which has not changed since 2019.

- Consideration of naming a part

an increase in state funding, possible changes in the way the state funds schools (based on enrollment rather than attendance), more support for teachers, more vocational opportunities for students, changing the way state testing is done, guidelines for proper use of technology, recognition of "diverse learning needs" for special

of the facility at Cinco Ranch High School in honor of former track coach Gary Derks. Board President Victor Perez said that the package submitted in Derks' honor was "impressive," and that the matter would be voted on at next week's meeting.

Ten public speakers spoke during the public comments section – five on the naming of a facility at Cinco Ranch in honor of Derks, and five on the Behavior Transition Program

education students and better tools to deal with the district's rapid growth.

The second listening circle was scheduled for September 18 after the Katy Times went to press for this issue. The remaining two meetings will be on September 25 and October 2 at locations to be announced. Board members will alternate at the meetings.

and the need to house that program at a separate facility, such as the Merchant's Way complex. Speakers on the BTP program, which serves special education students over age 18, included KISD facility namesakes Elaine Robertson, Fred Shafer and Martha Aki.

The next meeting of the board will be a regular board meeting, where many of these agenda items will be voted on, will take place on September 23.

- Jordan, Mayde Creek and Tompkins at McNeil Invitational
- Seven Lakes at Sealy Meet

Week 4 Katy ISD Football Previews

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

All Games District 19-6A

THURSDAY

Jordan (3-0, 1-0) vs. Mayde Creek (3-0, 1-0), 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Jordan 42, Mayde Creek 7

- Jordan and Mayde Creek head into a battle of unbeatens in week four, as it will be a clash of styles with two great defenses taking on each other in the second week of district play.

The Warriors come off a hard fought win over Tompkins, where Jordan's defense stepped up and made the difference in the game to get the team the victory.

The Warriors' dual quarterback system worked well and the team threw for 176 yards in the air, while adding 168 yards on the ground, and allowed only 270 yards of offense from Tompkins while forcing four turnovers to get the win. Zion Jones had 69 yards on the ground and Andrew Marsh had 76 yards receiving to lead the way offensively.

Mayde Creek one upped even Jordan's performance defensively, shutting out Taylor in the team's district opener for a 7-0 win. The Rams allowed less than 150 yards of total offense and no scores in the win. Offensively, Daylin Robinson had 42 yards on the ground on 19 carries while completing 10 of 16 passes for 47 yards through the air. Trey Williams had just two carries for nine yards but scored the game's only touchdown on a run. The Rams had three sacks in the game and both a fumble recovery and an interception to help clinch the win.

Both of these defenses have been the strength of their teams so far this year, while both also have explosive skill position players to get the ball to offensively. Both teams have started the season building very well and it will be interesting to see how they are able to move the ball this week against those strong defenses.

Paetow (1-1) vs. Tompkins (1-2, 0-1), 7:05 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Tompkins 17, Paetow 7

- Tompkins and Paetow will battle it out in the second week of district play, as both teams are in search of their first district win of the season, the Falcons after a loss and the Panthers coming off their bye week.

Tompkins stayed in its district opener against Jordan all night, but were unable to make the plays needed down the stretch to secure a win in week three. Turnovers doomed Tompkins in the game, as they fumbled and lost the ball four times, the last of which gave Jordan the deciding score of the game, when Tompkins had all the momentum early in the second half. Justin Thierheimer had 98 yards passing, while rushing for 50 yards and Ethan Meadows ran for 85 yards and a score to lead the way on the ground for Tompkins in the loss.

Paetow had a bye week after its win against Dekaney and comes into this week with confidence. The Panthers have a strong defense that can challenge any team, but the problem early in the season for Paetow has been the offense. The Panthers have 32 points through their first two games but did get better offense in their second game



Edgar Varela runs the ball during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.



Justin Thierheimer makes a throw during Friday's game between Jordan and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

of the season, scoring 18 points against Dekaney.

Tompkins will be angry and looking for a bounce back, while Paetow will be confident with an extra week of prep and the ability to get more of the offense down. It's an important one for both as they try to gain a footing in district in their search for a playoff spot.

FRIDAY

Taylor (1-2, 0-1) vs. Morton Ranch (0-3, 0-1), 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Taylor 15, Morton Ranch 6

- Morton Ranch and Taylor meet in the second week of district play both coming off a loss and looking to bounce back quickly as the two squads try and figure some things out early in the season, as

both teams struggled offensively.

Morton Ranch had a tough draw in week one, going against Katy and having to go against the Tigers coming off a loss and while they battled the whole game they were unable to keep it close. The Mavericks' lone score came from Tyler Gilmore, who ran in a score in the second half and the Mavericks' defense was unable to keep Katy at bay during the game.

Taylor meanwhile, had a strong defensive game, but wasn't able to do enough offensively in a 7-0 loss to Mayde Creek. The Mavericks managed to get six first downs in the game and were led offensively by Chanze Harris, who had 66 yards receiving, while Scott Lewis threw for 98 yards but also two interceptions and Javion Garrett led the team with 18 yards rushing. Defensively, the Mustangs had a

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS

	Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1	Katy	2	1	1	0	47	7
1	Cinco Ranch	1	2	1	0	37	14
1	Jordan	3	0	1	0	24	14
1	Mayde Creek	3	0	1	0	7	0
4	Taylor	1	2	0	1	0	7
4	Tompkins	1	2	0	1	14	24
4	Seven Lakes	3	1	0	1	14	37
4	Morton Ranch	0	3	0	1	7	47
N/A	Paetow	1	1	0	0	0	0

very strong game. They limited Mayde Creek to just one score and Taylor limited Mayde Creek to just 69 yards rushing and 40 yards passing. Alexander McMoore had a dominant day for the defense, having six tackles, five tackles for loss, a sack and a fumble recovery in the win, while Landon Saurage had five tackles and three tackles for loss as well.

Both teams will be looking at this game as a chance to bounce back and a chance to correct mistakes in their first district game. It'll be an important one for both as they try to get back into the thick of the district race.

Katy (2-1, 1-0) vs. Cinco Ranch (1-2, 1-0), 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Katy 42, Cinco Ranch 13

- Always a big one between two rivals, the district schedule for the week closes with Katy taking on Cinco Ranch in a battle between two teams that started off district with two wins and expect to battle top spots in the district.

Katy had a strong bounce back performance against Morton Ranch and had a big day from sophomore call up running back Fayo George, who ran for two touchowns and had a very good game in the 47-4 win. Aqualis Jordan added a touchdown on the ground while Gunner Nelson threw for three touchowns, two to Israel Olotu-Judah and another to

Jon Stephens as Katy went to 1-0 in district. The defense played well for the Tigers, only allowing one score. Katy's injury bug was not helped in the game though, as sophomore running back MJ Benas went down early in the game after making a cut in the backfield in what was his first game action of the season after returning from a surgery last year.

Cinco Ranch meanwhile also started district on a strong note with its win over Seven Lakes. It was the Cougars' offense that shined the most in the game — Marcus Gadlin had the best game of his varsity career, running for 146 yards and three touchdowns, while Charlie Adamoli threw for 143 yards and a touchdown while Matthew Courtois led the way receiving with 98 yards on four catches and a touchdown. The biggest improvement for the Cougars was with their defense. Cinco Ranch stepped up on that side of the ball after struggling in non-district and allowed under 250 yards of total offense to Seven Lakes, including only 121 yards rushing.

It'll be a battle of two drastically different styles in the game. Katy will try and control the ball, control possession, play strong defense and keep Cinco Ranch at bay, while the Cougars like to play fast and make things more of a shootout offensively. It'll be an important one as well and could help decide a spot in the upper echelons of the playoff race later on.



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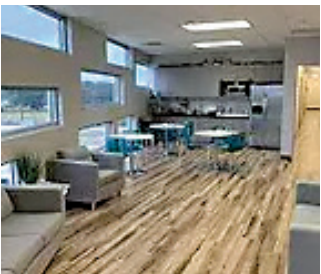
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Above: Landon Williams races past defenders during Friday's game between Jordan and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium. At left, Beau Bruant runs the ball during Friday's game between Jordan and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

JORDAN

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responded with a 5-yard touchdown by Robert Bernard, but Jordan, with just over a minute remaining, went on a big drive and scored again when Tanner West ran in a 30-yard score just before halftime to give Jordan a 14-7 lead.

"We're taking a lot of steps in the right direction on offense," said senior wide receiver Andrew Marsh. "There was a lot of new stuff thrown in this week with some missing players and things. It's been good to see guys grow but at the same time, we have to get better as well. All of us as a team have to keep getting better and keep getting more consistent."

There could have been a huge momentum shift to start the third quarter. Jordan fumbled the opening kickoff and Tompkins had an opportunity to go 35 yards to tie the game, but the Falcons fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and the ball was picked up by Jimmy-Phrisco Alo-Suliafu, who took the recovery 65 yards for what would be the deciding touchdown of the game.

"We pride ourselves on stopping whatever momentum a team might have," Alo-Suliafu said. "We had a whole lot of motivation today and the whole team came to play. I'm just happy we were able to get the win."

Tompkins got it back to a one-score game late in the third quarter when Ethan Meadows ran in a 34-yard touchdown, but Jordan didn't allow anything the rest of the way, shutting down the Tompkins offense the entire fourth quarter before the Jordan offense clinched the game by driving down the field and scoring on a 32-yard field goal from Sebastian Baptista with under four minutes remaining in the game.

Zion Jones led the way rushing the ball for Jordan in the game with 69 yards on the ground, while Bryant threw for 109 yards and Cangolosi had 67 yards through the air. Marsh had 76 yards receiving on four catches while Landon Williams had three catches for 64 yards. The only blemish for the Warriors in the game were three fumbles and 108 yards in penalties — the penalties in particular are something that both the



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Zion Jones runs up the field during Friday's game between Jordan and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

coaches and players have vowed to fix going forward.

The Warriors are a team with district title aspirations. They aren't shy in talking about it and they believe they have what it takes to compete with anyone in Katy ISD this

season. They'll continue that journey as they take on Mayde Creek next, another team that started off district with a win.

"We want all the big things and we are working towards that, but what we preach every day is 'stay in the present,' Jones said.

"You have to be where your feet are, live in that moment and not get ahead of yourselves. If we do that and don't lose our focus, we believe we can compete with anyone in this district and even further. For us it's on to the next and nothing more than that."



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

KJ Madison runs past defenders during Friday's game between Jordan and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

JORDAN 24, TOMPKINS 14

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

Second quarter

J: Dominic Cangolosi 43 pass to Landon Williams (Sebastian Baptista kick) 5:57
T: Robert Bernard 5 run (Camilo Ronderous kick) 1:33
J: Tanner West 30 run (Baptista kick) 0:25

Third quarter

J: Jimmy-Phrisco Alo-Suliafu 65 fumble recovery (Baptista kick) 11:32
T: Ethan Meadows 34 run (Randerous kick) 8:40

Fourth quarter

J: Baptista 32 field goal, 3:53

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Jordan: Zion Jones, 11-69;

Tanner West, 10-48-1; Beau Bryant, 8-31; Dominic Cangolosi, 2-14; Tompkins: Ethan Meadows, 16-85-1; Justin Thierheimer, 5-50; Robert Bernard, 12-37-1;

Passing – Jordan: Beau Bryant, 6-11-109-0-0; Dominic Cangolosi, 3-6-67-1-0; Tompkins: Justin Thierheimer, 10-22-98-0-0;

Receiving – Jordan: Andrew Marsh, 4-76; Landon Williams, 3-64-1; Benny Okwura, 1-23; Tanner West, 1-13; Tompkins: KJ Madison, 5-30; Carter Young, 3-30; Bisi Bello, 1-18; Timothy Timmerman, 1-11;

Team stats

	JORDAN	TOMPKINS
First downs	13	10
Yards rushing	32-168	33-172
Yards passing	176	98
Passes	9-17-1-0	10-22-0-0
Punts	5-28.2	5-36.8
Fumbles-lost	3-2	4-4
Penalty-yards	10-108	4-25

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The facility is BEAR CREEK MINI STORAGE 17730 Kieth Harrow Blvd, Houston, TX 77084. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on September 19, 2024, and end at 12:00 pm on September 26, 2024. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Sheonta Singleton, Marta Martinez, David West, Alma Ramirez, Stashania Phillips, Amy Schnettler.

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

APPLICATION: *Khalid Khan and Nuzhat Khan are requesting to be allowed to revise West Magnolia Forest, Lots 41 and the east 88.5 feet of Lot 42. The revision will create three residential lots.* These newly configured lots would consist of *two 5.000 acre lots and one 5.509 acre lot.* West Magnolia Forest is situated in the *Owen Wingfield Survey, Abstract No. 269*, Waller County, Texas recorded in Volume 192, Page 324, 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 *October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.* at the Waller County Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, TX 77445.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Katy Independent School District, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise Crystal Vista Drive south extension, Final Plat of Sunterra Shores Drive Street Dedication Section 2, File No. 2110191, Waller County Plat Records. The revision will abandon the south extension of Crystal Vista Drive to allow the Katy Independent School District Elementary School No. 48 main entrance and exit driveway direct access to Sunterra Shores Drive. The abandonment of the south extension of Crystal Vista is required under the City of Houston Chapter 42 Sections 129(d) and 134. The new configuration will create a single Restricted Reserve. Katy ISD Elementary No. 48 is situated in the H.&T.C. R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 201, Waller County, Texas recorded under Waller County Clerk’s Filer Number 2216035.

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 October 2, 2024 at 9:00am at the Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488., Hempstead, Texas, 77445. For additional information or questions please contact Abraham Nimroози at 281-599-8288.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Brookshire

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Annual Budget

The City of Brookshire will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

This Budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$6,279,350.00 which is 6.74%% more than last year, and of that amount \$358,527.69 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The public hearing will be held at 7 P.M. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Brookshire City Hall located at 4029 5th Street, Brookshire, Texas 77423. Any person may attend and may participate in the hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget can be found at www.brookshiretx.gov/budget and is on file at City Hall in the City of Brookshire City Secretary’s Office.

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

The proposed Riley Road single-family residential development on behalf of Ersa Grae Corporation, whose address is 9801 Westheimer Road, Suite 250, Houston, Texas, 77042, filed an application with the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) seeking a permit to drill a well in Waller County to produce from the well a maximum amount of seventy-six million six hundred fifty thousand gallons per day (approximately 235 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 (BWLL-0171) would be 14 inches in diameter and drilled to depths of approximately 650 feet below the surface with casing to at least 520 feet from the surface down hole. The well (BWLL-0171) would be completed in the Evangeline aquifer. Production from the well would be managed in a manner designed to minimize any interference with any neighboring wells completed in the same aquifer. The well will be located on property in Waller County with a street address of 0 Riley Road, Waller, TX 77484. The proposed Waller County well is generally located approximately 2.0 miles W. of FM 1774. The coordinates for the proposed location of the well are as follows on Riley Road:

Well No.	Latitude	Longitude	Formation/ Aquifer	County
BWLL-0171	30°14’00.47”N	95°50’53.07”W	Evangeline	Waller

The Board of Directors of the District may grant a contested case hearing on the applications if a written hearing request is filed within 20 days after the publication date of this notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following in writing: (1) your name (or for a group or association, a representative), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name; (3) the statement “[I/we] request a contested case hearing;” (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity; and, (6) for a party desiring for the hearing to be conducted by the State.

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

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

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

The applications are available for review at the District Offices, 1903 Dove Crossing Lane, Suite A, Navasota, Texas 77868 or on the District's website at www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org, under “Applications – Proposed Well Application Submittals.”

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, October 10, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for “**Elyson Basin E Trail Landscape**” Harris County, Texas” In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=99204469313>.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: concrete trail, 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 **September 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. Local Time**, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=98224048578>. 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: search **NWC1209**. 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. 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.

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.

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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COUGARS

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forced a punt on Seven Lakes' first drive and the Cougars' offense drove right down the field, with Marcus Gadlin capping off the drive with a 2-yard score.

Things stayed that way until the second quarter when Seven Lakes put together a strong offensive drive and tied it when Shaan Patel threw a 9-yard touchdown to Kaiser Floyd, but Cinco responded as Gadlin broke off a 48-yard run for a touchdown. Charlie Adamoli added a 64-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Courtois late in the second quarter as Cinco took control going into halftime with a 21-7 lead.

"We just executed what we practiced," Gadlin said. "We made sure we were ready all week and we when it was time to come out here tonight, we brought that same intensity and consistency we've been bringing all week. That's the key I think, and we came out here, did what we had to do and got the job done."

Gadlin added a 22-yard touchdown in the third quarter and Cinco's JV call up running back Brayden Gonzalez ran in a 5-yard score later in the game to seal it. Seven Lakes scored a late 12-yard touchdown from Beau Porter to Dylan Neal once the game was out of hand before Cinco's defense forced a safety in the dying seconds.

"It all comes down to our preparation and we had a great week of practice that got us ready for today," said senior defensive back Justin Corchado, who had an interception in the game. "We had a great week of prep - we did all the work in the film room and worked together as a team. They're a good team, but we knew what was coming and just were able to shut them down thankfully."

Cinco will face another stiff compet-



Charlie Adamoli makes a pitch to Brayden Gonzalez on a speed option during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.

itor in their next matchup against Katy. The Cougars though are focused on themselves, continuing to improve and finding a way to compete no matter what opponent they face.

"The biggest thing for us is to keep getting better like that and to find a way to prepare for every opponent the right way," Dudley said. "Thankfully we have guys who are fully bought in and it makes that so much easier. Our best players are running scout team on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. They don't think they are too good for that and the unselfishness bleeds into the game. If we just continue to bring that approach and keep putting four quarters together on game day, then we are going to have a successful season."



Kaiser Floyd makes a catch during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.

CINCO RANCH 37, SEVEN LAKES 14

Seven Lakes	0	7	0	7	--	14
Cinco Ranch	7	14	14	2	--	37

First quarter

CR: Marcus Gadlin 3 run (Andrew Reagan kick) 6:50

Second quarter

SL: Shaan Patel 9 pass to Kaiser Floyd (Alex Farinez kick) 11:45

CR: Gadlin 48 run (Reagan kick) 9:11

CR: Charlie Adamoli 64 pass to Matthew Courtois (Reagan kick) 2:40

Third quarter

CR: Gadlin 22 run (Reagan kick) 8:03

CR: Brayden Gonzalez 5 run (Reagan kick) 2:01

Fourth quarter

SL: Beau Porter 12 pass to Dylan Neal (Farinez kick) 3:10

CR: Safety, 0:16

Team stats

	SEVEN LAKES	CINCO RANCH
First downs	11	14
Yards rushing	27-121	39-217
Yards passing	117	171
Passes	15-30-2-1	12-19-1-0
Punts	4-25.5	3-36.33
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalty-yards	3-30	5-48

Individual Statistics

Rushing - Cinco Ranch: Marcus Gadlin, 15-146-3; Brayden Gonzalez, 16-48; Brian McRay, 4-14; Charlie Adamoli, 3-12; Seven Lakes: Braylon Hayes, 9-83; Edgar Varela, 11-33; Apollo Lema, 2-7; Ryan Fowler, 1-1; Shaan Patel, 1-(-1); Karo Kenneth, 3-(-2);

Passing - Cinco Ranch: Charlie Adamoli, 10-16-143-1-0; Davis Roup, 2-3-28-0-0; Seven Lakes: Shaan Patel, 14-27-103-1-1; Beau Porter, 1-3-12-1-0

Receiving - Cinco Ranch: Mathew Courtois, 4-98-1; Scott Eckel, 5-48; Brayden Ramirez, 3-28; Seven Lakes: Kaiser Floyd, 5-47-1; Matt Fowler, 3-21; Ryan Fowler, 4-16; Peter Noonan, 1-14; Dylan Neal, 1-12-1; Apollo Lema, 1-4; Cater Hatten, 1-3;

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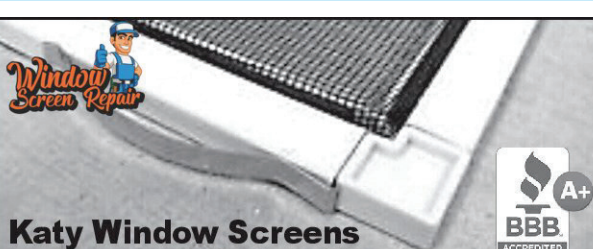
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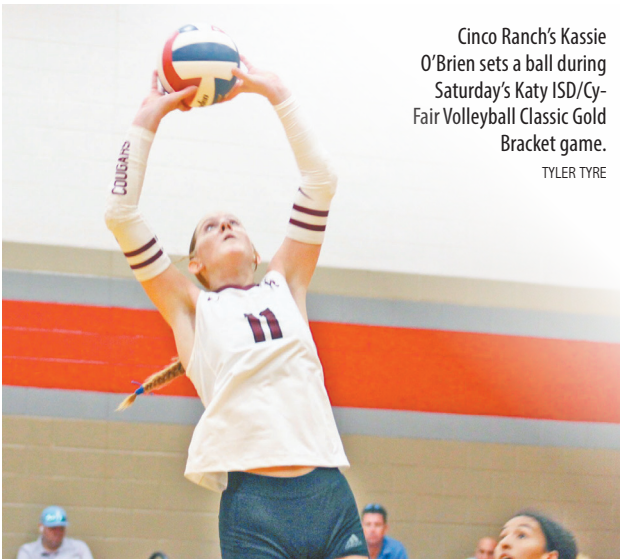
Cinco Ranch moves up in TGCA rankings; district race heats up early

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch moved up five spots in this week's TGCA Class 6A State Volleyball Rankings, improving to No. 11 after strong performances in district play.

wins over Katy and Taylor. The Cougars followed that up with a sweep of Jordan last week. The Cougars sit at 20-5 on the season and have won 14 of their last 16 games, including starting 4-0 in district.

and in third place after a big win over Seven Lakes on Tuesday. Paetow is 2-1 in district play and sits in fourth overall.. Jordan sits fifth overall in district at 2-2 while both Seven Lakes and Katy are 1-2 overall early in district.



Cinco Ranch's Kassie O'Brien sets a ball during Saturday's Katy ISD/Cy-Fair Volleyball Classic Gold Bracket game. TYLER TYRE

GADLIN
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were gone, and I just played. I'm just happy I could help these guys get the win tonight." Gadlin reeled off touchdown runs of 3 yards, 48 yards and 22 yards and accounted for more offense than any other Cinco Ranch player in the win.

"We just went out there and took what the defense gave us — it just happened that they gave us a lot of chances to run today and I took advantage of it," Gadlin said. "The run game went well and our new sophomore Brayden Gonzalez really stepped up to. It was just a really good win for us and it's nice to know we can run the ball against that type of team."

Gadlin credited Young for helping prepare both himself and Gonzalez for the game, saying he couldn't have had the performance he did without Young's coaching and motivation. That was echoed from Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley.

"Tessiah is one of those guys who is the heart and soul of this team and for him to suffer this kind of injury is a gut punch," Dudley said. "But you couldn't have even told this week — he came out and he was in good spirits and constantly in the ear of both those young running backs. All week long he helped out Marcus, he helped out Brayden and he got those two prepared. That is who Tessiah is — he's such an unselfish kid and we love him."



Marcus Gadlin gets past a defender during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.

With Young out for at least a few weeks, the Cougars know that Gadlin will have to continue to step up during district play. He is ready to take on that role and continue to help the team and the coaching staff knows they can count on the junior. He has continued to grow his game, going from more of a

outside of the tackles home run threat as a sophomore, to someone who will take what the defense gives them, fight for the extra yard and go between the tackles his junior year. "He understands how to wear defenses down now and his blocking ability is getting better every week too — he's a guy who will look for the big play but can get those tough runs and wear a defense out too now," Dudley said. "We're just really pleased with his progress and his attitude. He wants to get better and he has that drive to improve and win. He's a key part of our team." Gadlin, to his credit, isn't focused on the stats, accolades or recognition. He gives all the credit to his offensive line, his coaches,

his quarterback — anyone but himself. The only thing Gadlin is focused on is winning. He knows that the Cougars need to keep these performances up if they want to compete for a playoff spot and that is the only thing on his mind. "I knew that I was capable of this, but it was still a big confidence booster to come out here and actually put a game together like this," Gadlin said. "But I also know I have to stay levelheaded. It's just another game and the most important thing is next week. I'm going to enjoy it, but I know I need to put it in the past and get ready for next week at the same time. That's the one I have to focus on now."

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 124 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on Friday, September 27th, 2024, at 12:00 pm at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

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

Table with 2 columns: Proposal Status and Names. Rows include FOR the proposal (Jarrett Simpson, Luther J Moller, Johannes Malherbe), AGAINST the proposal (None), PRESENT and not voting (None), and ABSENT (Michelle O'Neil, John Bastawrous).

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

Table with 3 columns: Description, Last Year, This Year. Rows include Total tax rate, Difference in rates, Percentage increase/decrease, Average appraised residence homestead value, General homestead exemptions, Average residence homestead taxable value, Tax on average residence homestead, and Annual increase/decrease in taxes.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

**The voter-approval tax rate is \$0.76831 and therefore, notwithstanding the above, no election is required.

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

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



Marcus Gadlin celebrates with Scott Eckel after a touchdown during Saturday's game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.

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