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KAEDC hears updates from developers on Waller County projects

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At its October 22 general assembly meeting, the Katy Area Economic Development Council hosted an exclusive developer panel, moderated by Mike Schofield, State Representative for Texas District 132. The breakfast event was held at Houston Community College at 22910 Colonial Parkway in Katy.

"These developments are set to drive significant economic growth and shape the future of our region," said the KAEDC in the meeting invitation.

Panelists included Russ Walker, head of development for Maple Development; Jacob Rice, vice president and general manager for Johnson Development; and Alex Kamkar, managing shareholder for Bold Fox Development.

In introducing the presenters, Schofield summarized the developments as containing over 4000 homes and estimated that at completion the communities would bring an additional 12,000 residents to Waller County, which he said currently has a population of just 66,000. "Infrastructure will have to keep up," he said.

Walker began the presentation by describing Maple Grove (rebranded as Azalea), his company's 270-acre development containing 885 lots located in Royal ISD. The company is currently in the design phase but expects to begin delivering lots in the first quarter of 2025. The company also has other developments in Waller County, totaling 1650 acres and 5000 lots. There is an additional 850 acres under contract he said. Walker said the company was "bullish on Waller County" in the FM 362 corridor, although there was not yet a lot of commercial development.

Rice, noting that his company, Johnson Development, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next year, wanted to focus on Waller County and that one of the key factors is Katy ISD, which he called a "very sought after" district by families. JDC obtained the last segment of land

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Katy city council approves new commercial development in split vote

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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Amid opposition from some nearby residents, the proposed "Green at Katy Park" planned development district was approved by the City of Katy city council in the October 28 meeting in a split 3-2 vote. The action will change the area from residential zoning

to a mixed-use development.

The project – described by developer Read King as a "restaurant village" – sits on 46.27 acres at the corner of Morton Road and Katy Hockley Cutoff Road, adjacent to the new H-E-B. The center is planned to break ground in the late spring of 2025 with completion slated for the

summer or fall of 2026, said a representative from Read King, the Houston-based developer of the project.

The first phase of the "amenity-driven" project will focus on creating value for the community – serving users of the 600,000 annual users of Katy Park, as well as surrounding

parks and fields and the two Katy stadiums who have nowhere to go eat. "We had all this demand show up and we only have two pads [at the H-E-B center] – McDonald's and Whataburger," said developer Jeff Read. "We had no place for Chick-Fil-A to

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Left to right: Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele, Katy Mills Mall General Manager Heidi McMillan and Katy's City Administrator Byron Hebert prepare to cut the ribbon at an October 28 ceremony at the mall, commemorating the shopping center's 25th anniversary. The mall, located at 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy, is a major source of revenue for the city and is a major employer in the area.

Katy's 'number one economic driver' celebrates 25th anniversary

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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Katy Mills Mall – one of the City of Katy's largest employers and major sources of sales tax revenue -- just celebrated its 25th birthday with a special ceremony held at the retail center at 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy on October 28.

Dignitaries attending the festivities included former Katy mayors Doyle Callander, Skip Connor, Don Elder and Chuck Brawner; Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris; State Representative District 132 Mike Schofield; Harris County Precinct 4 Community Engagement Coordinator Maida Guillen; Katy Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Matthew Ferraro and the chamber's Vice President of Membership and Community Relations Adrienne Davitz.

A crowd of local residents also waited for their turns to

pick up swag bags and to spin the wheel to win a gift card from one of the mall's retailers.

During the special ribbon-cutting, Mayor of Katy Dusty Thiele thanked the staff of the mall for working closely with the city, calling the effort "a great partnership." Since the mall opened, it has been the city's number one economic driver, he said, enabling the city to provide new roads, drainage projects and increased police protection. What the mall has also started doing, Thiele said, is to make Katy a "destination city," bringing in attractions such as Slick City, Dig World and Jurassic Park.

City Administrator Byron Hebert noted that he was here when the mall opened. "Most of the things I've been able to do for the city came because of this mall," he said. "This is what success looks like – let's go for another 25 years."

The mall, originally developed by The Mills Corporation opened on October 28, 1999, and is now managed by the Simon Property Group, according to Wikipedia. It originally had 174 stores and 31 of the original tenants remain at the mall. The 1.3 million square-foot complex is located in Fort Bend County just off I-10 and Katy Fort Bend Road and is designed in a "race-track" format with a one-mile road circling the main building.

Tenants include AMC Theatres, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Books-A-Million, Burlington Coat Factory, H&M, XXI Forever, Marshalls, Off Fifth Saks Fifth Avenue, Old Navy, The Cheesecake Factory, Rainforest Cafe, Restoration Hardware Outlet, Ross Dress for Less, and Sun and Ski Sports, among others.

The mall has faced many challenges in its 25-year history,

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Katy ISD trustees approve attendance boundary changes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

During the regular board meeting on October 28 at the Education Support Complex at 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy, the Katy ISD Board of Trustees voted to approve attendance boundary modifications (ABM) for the district's next elementary schools, #47 and #48, which will be located in the district's northwest quadrant.

Elementary #47, set to be located in the Elyson area, will help alleviate enrollment pressures at Youngblood Elementary. Meanwhile, Elementary #48, planned for the Sunterra South area, will provide enrollment relief to Faldyn and Robertson elementary schools. Both schools are scheduled to open in the 2025-26 school year.

Katy ISD regularly engages in ABMs to balance school enrollment across campuses to maintain safe and engaging school environments, the district said in a subsequent press release. In considering the boundaries for Elementary #47 and #48, parents at schools affected by the proposed changes were given the opportunity to provide input over a five-month period.

"The northwest quadrant is our fastest-growing area, and we want to be sure we're effectively serving families as they move into the district," said Ted Vierling, Chief Operations Officer at Katy ISD. "We continually work with our demographic partner – Population and Survey Analysts – to address the capacity concerns at in the fast growth areas of the districts."

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Intersection of Pitts and Morton closed until mid-November as realignment project begins

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Beginning Monday, October 28, a third-party contractor for the City of Katy was scheduled to begin the Pitts Road realignment project, the City of Katy announced October 22 on its official Facebook page. Council members Janet Corte and

Rory Robertson shared the post on their Facebook pages as well.

Pitts Road at Morton Road will be closed, and north-south traffic will be detoured to Katy Hockley Road while the project is in progress.

The roadway is expected to reopen the week of November 18 barring any in-

clement weather conditions, the city said in the post. The post also urged caution in the area and asked drivers to observe the road closure and all detours.

For questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 281-391-4820 or publicworksinfo@cityofkaty.com.



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Isabella Carrillo (left), a fifth grader at Campbell Elementary School, is congratulated by Katy ISD board member Rebecca Fox after leading the pledges of allegiance at the October 28 meeting of the school board.

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Rusted Gingham Barn Sale will host final ride Nov. 1

FROM STAFF REPORTS

If you’ve heard about the Rusted Gingham Barn Sale but have never made it, now is your chance. The Final Ride will be happening Friday, November 1, from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is the 17th annual event, and the show hosts hope to see you at the JB Wells Showbarn at 2301 Co Rd 197 in Gonzales, where you will find over 70 vendors. Among the vintage, antique, unique, from-scratch, handmade, upcycled, and architectural goods, you will rarely see something twice at the Barn Sale. Cash for purchases is welcome and cards are accepted within most vendors.

Shopping isn’t all that you will encounter. The Gonzales County A&M Club hosts the concessions with delicious chili and tamales along with chili dogs and Frito pie to raise money for annual scholarships while other vendors -- several of which are local -- provide sweets, snacks, and drinks to enjoy.

Live music will be featured throughout the sale as well. Kicking off the event Friday evening, from College Station, will be Jerry Almarez followed by Texas A&M student Hannah Abraham on the stage. Saturday morning, Yoakum native Dawson DeBord will get things started, followed by hometown sweetheart and Texas Music chart-topper Brandi Behlen, and closing the afternoon will be the B & B Band from Meridian.

Entry is only \$5 as it’s been since 2017 – if you are under 12 or over 85, admission is free. Please leave your pets at home for this; the Barn Sale isn’t the place for them. Parking is conveniently free around the J.B. Wells area.

As the doors close on November 2, they will be closing the end of an era for the Rusted Gingham Barn Sale. Come enjoy the final ride.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join a veteran for breakfast on November 2 at the Katy Elks Lodge

On Saturday, November 2 (and the first Saturday of every month) American Legion Post 164 will hold its monthly all -you-can-eat “Breakfast with Your Veterans” from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Katy Elks Lodge at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road in Katy. Meals are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12 and little kiddies eat for free. The event offers a kids table with fun stuff

Fussell Senior Center announces November events

The City of Katy’s Fussell Senior Center, 5370 Fifth Street in Katy, has scheduled the following events for early November:

- Saturday, November 2 is the center’s third annual” Senior Santa Market.” This craft show offers an opportunity for crafty seniors or their loved ones to sell their wares and there is no cost for booths at this event. Even if you do not have a senior who will be hosting a booth, we invite shoppers of all ages to get a jump on your holiday buying while supporting our local senior community!
- Friday, November 8 is the center’s annual Senior Health and Wellness Fair. Vendors who provide services that benefit the health or wellbeing of seniors are invited to host a table at this event including leisure opportunities, fitness classes, arts and craft venues, senior living or service providers and medical professionals. Venue space is limited, so please get your registration form in at your earliest convenience. Be advised that the \$25 registration fee is CASH ONLY this year. Receipts are available upon request. Vendors must provide an engagement activity at the Health and Wellness Fair. Engagement activities include health checks (BP checks, vision/hearing screenings, health questionnaires, etc.), games or activities. To allow more vendor entry, space surrounding booths is limited, so please plan for an activity that can be completed on a tabletop.

Mesa Outreach to host ‘You Bet We Care’ Casino Night on November 2

Local nonprofit Mesa Outreach will host its third annual casino night

on November 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Blackhorse Golf Club, 12205 Fry Road in Cypress. Join in for an evening of casino gaming fun, plus light bites, drinks, desserts and great company. Try your luck at the poker table, roll the dice at the craps table, or spin the wheel at the roulette table. And of course, the blackjack tables will be open too! Individual tickets and sponsorships are available for purchase to this event online only. You must be 21 years of age to attend, and NO tickets will be sold at the door on the day/night of this event. The nonprofit is focused on helping the children in the Katy community by providing basic needs and programs that will help to improve the quality of their future. For more information, please visit mesa-outreach.org/special-event/you-bet-we-care-casino-night-2/

Share the Diwali Experience 2024 on November 2

Enjoy an immersive experience filled with food, cultural activities, and performances celebrating the essence of Diwali. The event takes place on November 2 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Harvest Green Farm House, 3400 Harvest Corner Dr, Richmond.

Celebrate the spirit of Diwali on November 3

Participate in the Annakut ceremony, a traditional offering of food to celebrate the spirit of Diwali on November 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gayatri Temple / Gayatri Consciousness Center, 20914 Park Row Blvd, in Katy.

‘Honor Our Veterans’ breakfast to be sponsored by the Brazos Valley Rotary Club on Nov. 8

Salute loyalty and service at the Brazos Valley Rotary Club’s annual breakfast honoring veterans. The event will be held at the Weston Lakes Country Club ballroom at 32611 FM 1093, Fulshear at 8 a.m. All veterans, spouses and veterans’ supporters are invited. Cost is \$10.00 per person, with a complimentary breakfast for a veteran and one additional guest. Attire is business casual. Limited seating – please RSVP to 281-346-1967. If you are a new veteran or one who has not yet been added to the club’s rolls, please contact Jennifer Miles at jennifer@westonlakes.net.

To become a sponsor, please contact Michelle Steffen at michelleesteffen@gmail.com.

Have some fun at the Fall Family Festival in Brookshire on November 9

Come to the Hangar Unity Center at 4010 Fourth Street in Brookshire on November 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. for fall fun, featuring a live performance from Pasquale.

Put down roots with the Coastal Prairie Conservancy on November 9

Join the Coastal Prairie Conservancy (CPC) for Putting Down Roots 2024 on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Indiangrass Preserve at 31975 Hebert Road in Waller. Help the organization reach its goal of planting 1,500 native plants and 500 milkweed seedlings for the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration Project. New volunteers and participants of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to join this free event. CPC will provide a hot dog/veggie dog lunch, music, as well as snacks and water. You are welcome to bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions. Register at coastalprairieconservancy.org/cpc-events/putting-down-roots-2024.

Help the Katy branch library by shopping the Friends of the Library garage sale on November 9

Come out to the Friends of the Library garage sale on Saturday, November 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Katy Library meeting room, 5414 Franz Rd, Katy. Cash or check only. All proceeds directly benefit the Katy Library.

It’s a Fall Festival at Bear Creek Park on November 9

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones and Precinct 4 Forward invite you and your family to a fall festival at Bear Creek Park on November 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is located at 15015 Clay Road in Houston. The event will feature a pumpkin patch, tree giveaway, face painting, crafts and prizes and lion dancers. There will be live music from Mango Punch.

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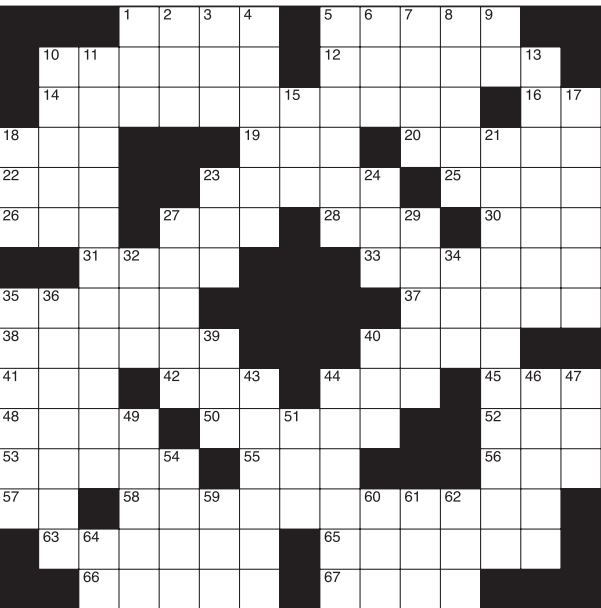
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- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers’ test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL’s Newton
- Ancient Roman garments

CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Araethyrea
- Made a cavity
- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
- Cool!
- “___ than a doornail”
- Popular literary form ___ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- “Final Fantasy” universe character
- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
- S. American plant



- Domesticated animal
- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
- One’s interests
- Identify the existence of
- Partner to “oohed”
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- Hammerin’ Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files

Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.

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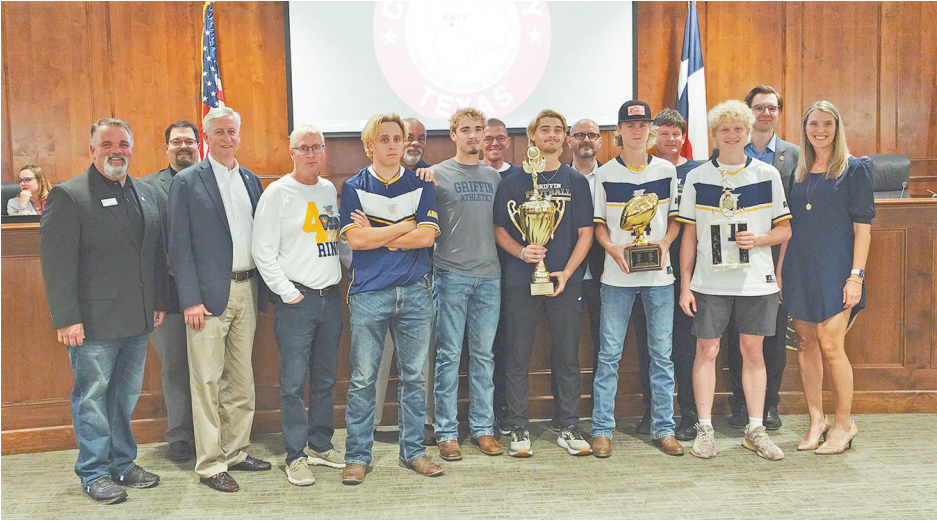


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At the request of Councilmember Rory Robertson (left) and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris (second from left), special recognition was given to Aristoi Classical Academy at the October 28 meeting of Katy city council. The school's team won the 2023-2024 Texas Cup in the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic League and also won the 2023-2024 Flag Football Championship. Also pictured with the team are Katy Mayor Dusty Thiele (third from left), Councilmember Dan Smith (second from right) and Councilmember Gina Hicks (far right).

DEVELOPMENT

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go." The company's vision is to center the "restaurant row" project around a "green" area designed as a community gathering place, which would be larger than the one at LaCentera, he said. The firm also wants to honor old town Katy and the Katy prairie in the architectural design of the project, Read said, potentially including a water tower and silos.

Phase 2 of the project could include other commercial or office space such as medical facilities or health clubs but final plans for that portion of the project would need to be approved in a future city council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris asked that hotels be struck from permitted use for Phase 2; he said that council wanted "no surprises" as the project developed.

Seven public speakers -- primarily residents of the Heritage Park West subdivision located directly north of the proposed development -- spoke passionately against the change, citing concerns about increased traffic, improper drainage, dirt and trash, and pollution in the air as well as noise and light pollution. Many were also opposed to the additional traffic light proposed for Morton Road; other concerns included a potential increase in crime in the area and a potential negative impact on businesses now operating in the downtown area of old Katy.

In addressing concerns expressed by the residents, Mayor Dusty Thiele said that traffic would be alleviated by the expansion of Katy Hockley Cutoff Road, which City Engineer David Kasper said would be completed by May 2025 and that Katy Hockley Road would also be widened to four lanes at the same time.

In response to a question by Councilmember Gina Hicks, Kasper also said that

the proposed additional traffic light was necessary according to traffic studies but said that it was possible that it might not be needed. Problems with the current traffic light on Katy Hockley Cutoff, near H-E-B, were scheduled to be addressed by the city's public works department this week, Kasper said. An additional light is being considered to allow residents of Heritage Park West to turn north, which would be located at West Heritage and Camillo Lakes. Kasper also outlined the plans for drainage improvements near the property which included a 10-acre detention pond and removal of a major bottleneck in the drainage system which currently exists along Morton Road.

Former mayor Skip Connor, who chairs the Katy Development Authority, suggested that the brick fence surrounding the development could be made eight feet tall rather than six feet in order to limit light and noise pollution affecting homes in Heritage Park West, and representatives from Read King concurred.

Interim Police Chief Bryon Woytek said that the city's noise curfew is 11 p.m. but that it was likely that the proposed businesses would be closed by 10 p.m. He said that there is also an ordinance governing disorderly conduct would also regulate noise.

The measure passed on a 3-2 vote, with Councilmember Rory Robertson and Harris voting against the project. Robertson said that his constituents were against the rezoning, saying that he had received 25 emails and hundreds of messages on social media in opposition to the plan but only three in support. "We don't have the infrastructure," he said.

Harris based his vote on the unknown nature of Phase 2 of the development,

he said in an interview with the Katy Times. Additionally, he said, "I prefer to keep Morton Road residential."

In other action, council:

- Approved a special use permit allowing The Redeemed Christian Church of God/The King's Palace Church at 5371 East Fifth Street to expand its sanctuary and to build a three-story parking garage.
- Authorized the Katy Development Authority to use up to \$3,295,187.00 in METRO funds for reconstruction of Pederson Road near Interstate 10. City Engineer David Kasper said that the project would start in January 2025 and be completed in mid-July.
- Drainage projects were also approved in west Katy and in Village Green West.

Special recognitions were extended as follows:

- The Aristoi Classical Academy team who won the 2023-2024 Texas Cup in the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic League and also won the 2023-2024 Flag Football Championship. The charter school is located at 5610 Morton Road in Katy.

- November 11 was proclaimed as Veterans Day by Mayor Thiele.
- The week of October 23-31 was proclaimed as "Red Ribbon Week," dedicated to a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle, read by Councilmember Dan Smith.
- Mayor Pro Tem Harris proclaimed November 1 as Arbor Day.
- November 2 was established as "America Recycles" day in a proclamation read by Councilmember Hicks.

Mayor Thiele said that regular meetings of the council had been cancelled for November due to the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays, but that a special meeting of the council had been set for November 18. That meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy.

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along Franz Road directly west of Cane Island, which is zoned to Katy ISD. The JDC development, Grange, will have 301 lots in its first phase and the 1,130-acre community is expected to accommodate approximately 2,400 homes at completion. Rice said there has been interest from commercial developers in the Grange area as well.

Kamkar, whose company is building La Segarra in the Brookshire-Pattison area on FM 362, said that his development would offer 700 homes on 215 acres, designed for first-time and second "move-up" buyers. Located in Royal ISD, the first phase of 117 lots will be completed in the first quarter of 2025. Three builders -- Cyrene Homes, Smith Douglas Homes, and Tricoast Homes -- will offer plans new from the mid \$250s - \$400s. "Folks are coming here and want opportunities," he said.

Schofield asked the panelists why they were focused on Waller County and what the attendees should know. Walker responded that Maple Development was focused on affordability, stating that the master-planned "village" will have smaller lots but will offer an amenity package similar to larger master-planned communities. He also expressed the company's faith in Royal ISD Superintendent Rick Kershner, whom he called "a good leader" to grow the "underperforming" district. Rice said that his company wanted to build "highly-amenitized communities" which would include things like public parks in "highly desirable" school districts like KISD. He said that there are only 600 to 800 acres of land which remain available in Katy ISD to the north of the Grange development, but that land is becoming unaffordable. JDC is making a long-term investment for the next eight to fifteen years, he said. Kamkar said that

his company, which acquired the land for its development in 2021-2022, was "watching where the puck was going" -- that people are moving west out of the city in search of a higher quality of life where they felt safe.

Schofield also asked about the impact of the impending widening of Interstate 10 and what the developers foresaw over the next 20 years as the population continues to move west. Walker said the important thing is what is already there -- industrial development. He also addressed "connectivity" -- connecting I-10 to Highway 290 in order to move freight.

Rice said there is a major thoroughfare plan recently adopted and updated by Waller County and that TxDOT announced that FM 2855, which currently ends at Highway 90, would be expanding by 2030 as a direct connection to I-10. "That connection would be huge from a regional perspective from creating more businesses along that route and having a direct connection to I-10 for industry," Rice said. Within Waller County, there are also major thoroughfares which need to expand and have access to I-10, he said. "We do need [Highway] 36A as soon as possible," Rice said, which he called a key connection point for economic growth in the region. "A couple of segments would do wonders for this area of town," he said.

Kamkar called I-10 "a gigantic spur" with so much positive history. He praised local and state representatives whom he said were "planning for the future."

The epicenter of the Houston area will continue to move west, Walker said. Rice said that the opportunities being created by the new communities would allow people to live closer to their jobs or to work remotely. Kamkar said that the development of east-west nodes such as FM 529 would further spur growth in the area.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Members of the Katy High School Choir receive certificates of recognition from Katy ISD trustee Lance Redmon (far right) after the group performed the national anthem at the October 28 meeting of the school board.

SCHOOLS

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Elementary #47 is located at 7402 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road, and Elementary #48 is located at 900 Sunterra Shores Drive.

During the meeting trustees also approved legislative priorities for the upcoming 89th Texas Legislature, which begins in January.

The district will advocate for the following issues:

- Increase the Basic Allotment per student, to address inflation, and to support special education, safety, and career and technical education (CTE)
- Teacher recruitment and retention initiatives, to raise teacher salaries and address rising healthcare costs; and to implement legislative changes regarding behavioral issues in the classroom, administrative tasks, and core subjects
- STAAR assessment and accountability reform, to limit frequency, shift online testing to begin at 5th grade, and provide alternatives for special education students

"These priorities reflect the voices and vision of our parents and community for Katy ISD schools," said Victor Perez, President of the Katy ISD Board of Trustees. "Our goal is to inform decision-making during the upcoming legislative session as lawmakers consider amendments and

new bills that could affect our students, families, and teachers."

The district's Legislative Priorities were informed by a community survey, alongside a series of Listening Circle forums in which Trustees and district leaders met with parents, community members, and students to identify state legislative issues impacting Katy ISD schools.

In other action, the board heard reports on ESL/bilingual education, an update on the "Class 1:1" Chromebook initiative, and an update on Katy ISD's Strategic Plan related to personalized learning experiences for students.

At 10:40 the board reconvened following a closed meeting in which a Level Three FNG grievance (FNG 23-059) regarding student and parent complaints/grievances was discussed, and, on a motion from board Vice President Amy Thieme, voted 7-0 to deny the Level Three Grievance, thereby upholding the decision of the Level One and Level Two hearing officer. There were no other details about the grievance.

Future board meetings are scheduled for:

- Board work study meeting, November 18
- Regular board meeting, December 9

MALL

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including the rise of online shopping which has depressed retail traffic, a renovation and redesign in 2018, the pandemic beginning in 2019 which kept shoppers away, and the acquisition of the property by Simon in 2006. Tenants have come and gone, as retailers themselves went in and out of business or faced bankruptcy.

But city officials -- and the staff of the

mall -- remain optimistic about its future.

"I am filled with excitement about what lies ahead for Katy Mills," said the mall's general manager, Heidi McMillan at the ceremony. "I have no doubt that we will continue to innovate, adapt and grow, just as we have for the last 25 years. Our journey continues and we have so much more to share."

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Mayde Creek assistant principal resigns after incident with student

FROM STAFF REPORTS

According to multiple news reports from Houston-area broadcast stations, Mayde Creek High School assistant principal Adrian Lee Berg has resigned following an incident on October 3 in which he has been charged with injury to a child. The charges stem from an alleged assault on a 14-year-old student at the campus at 19202 Groeschke Rd, Houston. According to records obtained by news station ABC13, at about 7:15 a.m., Berg was captured on video tackling the 14-year-old student, pushing her into a wall. The student was said to have been involved in an argument with another student but there was no physical al-

tercation between the students reported, according to KPRC Channel 2. The student was taken to the hospital with injuries. She suffered a concussion, along with bruises to her head, arm, and collarbone, Channel 2 reported. Katy ISD sent the following statement to the Katy Times but no other information was provided. "The individual is not employed with the district and resigned on Oct. 8. Harris County is the lead agency on the investigation. We are unable to provide additional information at this time. In Katy ISD, providing a safe and secure learning environment is and will continue to be our top priority and we will always act swiftly when that is comprised."

Katy ISD reschedules operations job fair to November 9

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy ISD is inviting experienced professionals to its upcoming Operations Job Fair, to be held Saturday, November 9 at Morton Ranch High School, 21000 Franz Road in Katy, from 9 to 11 a.m. Please note, this date has been rescheduled from October 19. Several department representatives will be in attendance to discuss available positions, including:

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RENDERING COURTESY OF JOHNSON DEVELOPMENT

Highland Homes has started presales in Grange, a new Johnson Development community located in Katy. The developer has also broken ground on the community's first park.

Home presales begin in Johnson Development's Grange community

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Presales have started in the new Johnson Development community of Grange just as the community gets ready to break ground on its first park, the company announced in a press release on October 21. Highland Homes is now selling in Grange, located in Katy at Morton Road and FM 2855. The builder is offering 13 floor plans priced from the \$600,000s and designed for 60-foot lots. The one- and two-story designs range from 2,700 to 3,900 square feet and offer three to six bedrooms and three to five full baths. Each floor plan also has a range of exteriors to choose from. "We've been pushing hard for this day, so it's exciting to see home sales begin," said Jacob W. Rice, Vice President and General Manager of Grange. "This is just the beginning of what will be a new take on small town living in the vibrant Katy area." Other builders in Grange — Chesmar Homes, David Weekley

Homes, Drees Custom Homes, Newmark Homes, Perry Homes and Westin Homes — are expected to begin sales soon. The Johnson Development community is also expected to break ground soon on Henley Park, a 1-acre expanse that will be the first of several parks in Grange. Henley Park will feature play-ground space for children ages two to 12 and a covered pavilion. An open lawn will allow for impromptu games and resident events planned by the community lifestyle director. Trails will connect Henley Park to homes. Clark Condon is the designer of Henley Park. "We're projecting Henley Park to be open by next summer in time for our first residents to take full advantage of the outdoor space," Rice said. Lakes and green space will feature prominently in the 1,130-acre community. The initial phase will have 301 homesites, and the community is expected to accommodate approximately 2,400 homes at completion. Young residents will attend schools within the Katy

Independent School District. For more information, visit www.liveingrange.com.

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Johnson Development was founded in 1975 and is a nationally recognized, award-winning residential and commercial land development company. Now celebrating 49 years, the company has set the standard for successful master-planned communities in top residential markets around the country, including the Houston-area communities of Sienna, Woodforest, Cross Creek Ranch, Grand Central Park, Veranda, Grange, Harvest Green, Jubilee, Kresston, Edgewater, Riverstone, Cross Creek West, Jordan Ranch, and Tuscan Lakes. An affiliate of Johnson Development — Johnson Development Services — manages development of boutique communities within the Johnson portfolio, including Amira and Candela in the Southwest Houston area. For more information, visit johnsondevelopment.com.

Katy ISD students among champions at 88th edition of Fort Bend County Fair

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy FFA's Greer Gibson and Riley Vodehnal took Grand Champion honors at the 2024 Fort Bend County Fair, while Sabrina Smith of Tompkins High School took top honors in the fair's student art auction. The fair took place September 27 through October 6 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds at 4310 Hwy. 36 South in Rosenberg. This year, over \$1.1 million dollars were generated through the Fair's auctions: Replacement Heifer Auction, School Art Auction, Jr Livestock Auction, Freezer/ Last Draw Art Sale. The 2024 top buyers (without add-ons) are Perry & Perry Builders, Accurate Meter & Supply, and Hays Electrical. Over 600 entries for livestock projects were exhibited. Needville High School students Keylan Poe and Rylee Zwahr swept the steer show top honors. Poe, carrying on a family tradition, won Grand Champion Steer, and Zwahr took home Reserve Champion Steer. Katy FFA's Greer Gibson took Grand Champion Pen of 3 Broilers and was purchased by Don LeBlanc and Debra Spies. Other Grand and Reserves: Pen of 3 Rabbits, Grand Champion — Owen Strain of Terry FFA, purchased by past fair honoree Renee Butler of Another Time Soda Fountain; Reserve champion Pen of 3 Rabbits — Gabriella Rodriguez of Travis FFA, purchased by this year's top buyer, Perry & Perry Builders. Grand Champion Goat was exhibited by Jax Dylla of George Ranch FFA and purchased by Johnson Development. Reserve Champion Goat was won by Charli Ortega of Big Creek 4-H and purchased by The Official Bootman/Dennis, Darvis Bucking Bulls Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Broilers won by Miriam Janczak of Needville 4-H and was purchased by The Colunga Family. Grand Champion Lamb was Gage Wilson of Big Creek 4-H and purchased by Finnegan Auto, and Reserve Champion Lamb was Jayden Zwahr of 4-H Livestock Producers and purchased by Drabek Farm 2. Grand Champion

Turkey honors went to Brody Sebesta, who has won grand or reserve honors in the past few years and was purchased by Hays Electrical. Reserve Champion Turkey was Paislee Tadlock of Terry Jr FFA, purchased by Turquoise Saddle. Grand Champion Roaster was Naevaeh Mattheessen of Foster FFA, purchased by Coopwood Coastal, and Reserve Champion Roaster — Michael Jochen of Needville Jr FFA, purchased by Omni Special Services LLC. Grand Champion Swine was exhibited by Riley Vodehnal of Katy FFA and purchased by Accurate Meter & Supply. Reserve Champion Swine was earned by Gretchen Leggett of Foster FFA and purchased by Commissioner Vincent Morales Buyers Group and Kovasovic's Meat Market —Rosenberg. Tompkins High School's Sabrina Smith was named Reserve Champion at the School Art Auction for her creativity shown in her piece Rodeo Reverie. Seven Lakes High School's Dennis Wei and Yuiko Arita and Tompkins' Fernando Chang were all named Best of Class for the pieces, A Champion Arises, Indigenous Life and The One, respectively. Of the 16 art pieces chosen for auction at this year's fair, ten were from Katy ISD. Other Katy ISD student artists included were:

- Nguyen Nguyen (Tompkins) — Love like the Sun's Warmth
- Damife Sewoniku (Tompkins) — What are you looking at?
- Sanya Murarka (Tompkins) — Eye on the Prize
- Madison Huang (Tompkins) — RoMOOo and Goatiet
- Baani Luthra (Tompkins) — Teach 'Em Young
- Cooper Thielemann (Jordan High School) — First Show

Several Katy ISD students' artwork was also included in the Last Draw Art Sale, and they include:

- Avika Puri (Tompkins) — Golden Hour
- Saipardhu Aki (Tompkins) — Routine Riding
- Anshika Agrawal (Seven Lakes) — Sanctuary



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Katy Chamber launches 2025 National Civics Bee®

Katy area middle school students will test their civics knowledge and compete for national title

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The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce announced on October 25 the launch of the 2025 National Civics Bee®, an initiative aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. This will be the second year that the Chamber has hosted the competition. Hosted in partnership with The Civic Trust® of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the local competition "will inspire middle schoolers

to become better informed about American democracy, to engage respectfully and constructively in the community, and to build greater trust in others and institutions," said Stacy Jacobs, vice president of business development for the chamber.

Middle school students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades from public, private, charter, and home schools are invited to take part in the first-round civics essay competition, Jacobs said. After a distinguished panel of judges review the essays, the top 20 students will be selected to advance to their local competition: an in-person live event featuring two rounds of civics questions followed by a Q&A round to test their civics knowledge.

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will host its local competition in the spring of 2025 at a venue to be announced. The local finalists and top winners will receive

various prizes, including prizes worth at least \$500 for the first-place student.

In the 2024 competition local resident Roshni Karunamurthy, a student at Tays Junior High School in Katy, advanced to the state competition where she captured second place.

Participants in the National Civics Bee® will have the chance to gain recognition for their civics knowledge and skills and compete for prestigious prizes throughout the competition. The competition enables students to explore issues that matter to their communities, furthering their understanding of civic engagement and fostering responsible citizenship. Winners from each of the local competitions across Texas will be invited to take part in the state finals. The first-place winner of the state finals will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. to com-



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The first local competition for the National Civics Bee® was held on April 2, 2024, at the Performing Arts Center at Morton Ranch High School, 21000 Franz Road in Katy, and was emceed by Charles Stein of AT&T (at far right at podium). The event, hosted by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, will return to the area for a second year in 2025, the chamber announced on October 25.

pete for prizes worth at least \$50,000 during the national championship in the Fall of 2025.

"Fostering a deep understanding of civics and government among our young students is critical to the vibrancy of democracy and civic life in America. The National Civics Bee® provides a unique platform for them to not only showcase their knowledge but also become active and engaged citizens of the future," said Hilary Crow, vice president of civics at the U.S. Chamber

Foundation.

For more information on entering the National

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Katy ISD 2024 ‘State of the District:’ A year of ‘unparalleled learning’



Above: Ken Gregorski, superintendent of schools for Katy ISD, addresses attendees at the annual “State of the District” breakfast held October 25 at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy. The theme of this year’s event was “Unparalleled Learning.” Right: The Taylor High School choir performed the national anthem.



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CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD’s 2024 State of the District event, held October 25 at the Leonard Merrell Center at 6301 S. Stadium Drive in Katy, was a celebration of excellence, collaboration, and appreciation for the many stakeholders that continue investing in the future of students, the district said in a press release. For the fourth consecutive year, Katy ISD has been named the #1 public school district in the Houston area by Niche, and this is the result of the many volunteers, elected officials, organizations, and businesses that keep the district strong, the press release said.

“Earlier this school year, I shared a message with Katy ISD teachers and staff, that in this district, we are more than employees providing educational services -- we are a family,” said Superintendent Ken Gregorski in his address at the event. “That Katy ISD family includes our parents, namesakes, volunteers, local business partners, community leaders, and elected officials. Each plays an integral role in our success, helping us create exceptional opportunities and learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.”

In this year of “unparalleled learning,” the district remains guided by its strategic plan, and

Gregorski shared how Katy ISD will continue to be “a top choice for education.” His remarks touched upon:

- STAAR outcomes
- Providing a world-class education
- Investing in teachers
- Student and staff well-being
- Infrastructure and technology integration
- Parent and community engagement
- Legislative priorities
- Fiscal responsibility
- Safety and security

As a destination district, Katy ISD is home to 96,000 students and 14,000 staff, continuing to grow exponentially, Gregorski said, and is projected to add 9,000 students over the next six years. The district’s bond 2021 and bond 2023, both overwhelmingly approved by voters, have allowed district leaders to build new schools and facilities where needed and make investments in older campuses to enhance the student experience. Through infrastructure and technology integration, the bond programs have ensured that staff have access to the tools they need to prepare students for success after school, and also learn and grow in safe and secure learning environments.

Katy ISD remains a staunch proponent of public education



“Unparalleled Learning” was the theme of Katy ISD’s annual “State of the District” event on October 25 at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy.

in the state, Gregorski said, and is preparing to strongly advocate for students, educators and schools during the 89th Texas Legislature, scheduled to begin this January. In drafting this year’s priorities, the district held a series of community, staff, and student meetings to gather concerns and feedback. As the work continues this fall and into the legislative session, the district’s priorities include:

- Increasing the per-student “basic allotment” which has not changed since 2019
- Teacher recruitment and retention initiatives
- STAAR and accountability reform

In closing, Gregorski expressed his appreciation to the many individuals who make the district a success, remarking that it is the people who set Katy ISD apart.

“The dedicated community members, business leaders, volunteers, elected officials, teachers, campus leaders, and staff all play a vital role in the success of this school district,” said Gregorski. “The work you do, the advocacy on behalf of our schools, and the collaboration you foster is what makes Katy ISD stand out as the very best in education.”

PUBLIC EDUCATION RALLY



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State Representative Jon Rosenthal (right), who represents District 135 in the Texas House of Representatives, visits with attendees at the pizza party and rally for public education that he hosted on October 26. The event, held at Burnet Bayland Park at 6000 Chimney Rock in Houston, was also sponsored by Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner, Lesley Briones. An audience of about 60 heard advocates from several organizations who sought to raise awareness about how insufficient funding has harmed public schools and their capability to provide for students. Speakers included Tom Jackson, past president of the CyFair ISD school board, who said, “The message is simple – the state has a ton of money and won’t give it to the school districts.” Rosenthal’s district covers an area east of the Grand Parkway and north of Clay Road.

Harmony Public Schools awards teachers, school employees \$15 million in bonuses

Average Harmony teacher will receive between \$3,000-\$4,000

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Roughly 5,000 teachers and other school employees from Harmony Public Schools will enjoy a festive start to the holiday this season this week as they receive a combined total of \$15 million in bonuses from the Texas-based public charter school, which made the announcement in an October 21 press release.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 21, Harmony will pay a bonus stipend in the amount of six percent of each exempt (salaried) employee’s annual salary. For the average teacher, the bonus will amount to between \$3,000-\$4,000.

For all current non-exempt (Hourly) Harmony employees, Harmony Public Schools will provide a one-time stipend in the amount of:

- \$1,000 for returning full time non-exempt (hourly) employees
- \$300 for temporary non-exempt (hourly) employees (interns, crossing guards, & tutors)

To be eligible, employees must have been employed by Harmony during the 2023-24 school year and remain employed

through at least October 18, 2024.

The stipend is just the latest in several similar compensation boosts that Harmony has offered employees in recent years, the press release said. Most recently, Harmony paid employees a similar five-percent bonus in November 2023. Harmony teachers also may earn a variety of stipends each year for sponsoring school clubs; teaching in hard-to-staff locations or high-priority subjects; or even just growing their skills by taking professional development courses.

Harmony also was an early adopter of the Texas Education Agency’s Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) which allows the school system’s top teachers to earn between \$3,000-\$30,000 in additional compensation each year. Currently, about 1,000 Harmony teachers receive payment from the TIA program.

Harmony Public Schools is a Texas-wide public charter school system with campuses serving PreK-Grade 12 students in 23 cities across the state, including Greater Houston, DFW, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Waco, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, Bryan, Beaumont, and the Rio Grande Valley. Harmony’s curriculum places a heavy focus on STEM skills, Character Education, project-based learning, and college readiness.

Harmony Public Schools is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year for both students and team members.

Wilson Elementary celebrates ‘Unity Day’ with school-wide photo to showcase kindness

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

This month, in observance of Unity Day, the Wilson Elementary Wolfpack staged a school-wide photograph to show its culture of kindness.

The students, staff, and namesakes Tom Wilson and his wife Lillie Beth, created a huge peace sign at the school, all captured by a drone photograph.

Unity Day is recognized during October, Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, as a reminder to create communities of kindness and acceptance to combat bullying.

Celebrating Unity Day fits right into this year’s theme for the school – Peace, Love and Wilson Wolfpack.

“It was an awe-inspiring moment to see all 1,100 kids standing united together in the shape of a peace sign,” said Principal Shae Harwell. “Seeing the Wolfpack together was a visual reminder that we are all one Pack, and we have



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a collective responsibility to show kindness toward each other.”

Wilson echoed those sentiments, and the culture that permeates the campus, using the words of late poet Maya Angelou.

“I’ll share my favorite quote, ‘People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel,’” Wilson said.

Wilson Elementary opened its doors in 2012, and is named for long-time educator Tom Wilson, noted for his decades of experience in education. Throughout his career, he worked to create an environment where every child felt respected, safe, and encouraged to learn.







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Katy takes solo lead in district with win over Paetow

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy was in a tricky spot this week. The Tigers were coming off a tough win over Jordan. A game that was between two teams fighting to keep pace for a district championship and a game that was required everything from the Tigers for full four quarters. Coming off those kinds of games can be hard, it can lead to a let down the next week with teams not being able to keep up that same type of intensity.

But that wasn't an option for the Tigers. Katy knew the stakes for this week as well, a match-up with the only remaining unbeaten team in District 19-6A, a team on a six game win streak and an opponent that required that same level that katy brought against Jordan the previous week.

The Tigers brought that intensity from the opening kickoff until the final whistle, beating Paetow 37-3 in a dominant performance and for the first time this season, moving along into first place in district with two games remaining.

"For us right now, it's just like the playoffs," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "You have to get up every week if you want to be a good football team and that's what we challenged the guys to do this week. I'm proud of our kids for executing things well, we moved the ball well on offense and we finally got a turnover on defense and that was good to see."

Katy got a huge effort from its defense once again and for the fourth straight week, the Tigers held their opponent without an offensive touchdown. Overall the Tigers limited to strong Paetow rushing attack to just 11 yards on the ground while only giving up 116 yards through the air.

Offensively the Tigers got a balanced effort from both the run and the pass and were able to do both effectively. Aqualis Jordan led the way on the ground with 103 yards, Gunner Nelson and the pass game bounced back after struggling last week, with Nelson throwing for 183 yards and two scores while completing 13 of 17 passes. Israel Olotu-Judah led the way in the receiving game with 79 yards on four catches.

"We have worked so hard to keep improving week by week as a defense," said senior safety Jacob Hilton, who had an interception in the fourth quarter. "Especially as a secondary we have just gone in so hard every practice because we knew we need to be better. The first two games weren't great for us, but as the season has gone on we have really clicked and gotten better. The teamwork and everything has been great."

Katy wasted no time getting on the board in the game — the Tigers forced a three and out on Paetow's first drive and then drove down the field before Nelson threw a 6-yard touchdown to Joshua Smith early in the first. Nelson added a 1-yard touchdown run later in the quarter, Paetow got its only points of the game early in the second on a 30-yard field goal from Omar Yaghi and Katy answered back with a score on a 13-yard run from Cade McCall that put the Tigers up 20-3 heading into the half.

Nelson added a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Fox in the fourth quarter and with

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Israel Olotu-Judah looks upfield during a game between Katy and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.



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Marcus Gadlin sprints down the field during a game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at Rhodes Stadium.

Cinco Ranch bounces back to beat Mayde Creek

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch needed to bounce back.

The Cougars had a rough three week stretch heading into this week, losing three games with the last two coming down to the wire against programs also contending for the playoffs in district.

Cinco knew they needed to find a way to come back strong this week and even with facing adversity the Cougars (3-6, 3-4) battled to do just that,

overcoming a fourth quarter deficit to beat Mayde Creek (4-4, 2-4) 47-38 on the Cougars' homecoming.

"Going through stuff like that — it can weigh on you because at the end of the day we all are human and we all are doing everything we can to win these games from the players to the coaches," said Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley. "I'm just proud that all of the guys stayed positive — they stayed together as a team and this feeling is great. They came out, had a good game on

homecoming in front of a lot of people. You could see the Cougars pride and I'm very happy about that."

Cinco took the lead on the first play from scrimmage, as Charlie Adamoli found Drew Tureau on a 43-yard pass touchdown just eight seconds into the game. Cinco got the ball back just two plays later on a fumble and went down to score on a field goal before adding

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Cinco Ranch's volleyball team celebrates after clinching their second straight district championship last week.

Katy ISD Volleyball playoff field set

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

After two month of battling and fighting for a top four spot, the Katy ISD playoff field was decided on Tuesday night in a race that came all the way down to the wire.

Cinco Ranch took home the district championship and dominated its matches, leading the district for most of the season and going unbeaten in District 19-6A to claim its second straight district title. The Cougars the regular season winning 48 sets while dropping just two sets throughout the district schedule. The Cougars finished 31-5 overall and 16-0 in district to claim the crown and the top seed in the Division I playoffs out of district.

Tompkins took second place in dis-

trict and the top seed in the Division II playoffs with a strong display during the district schedule. The Falcons finished 28-13 overall and 13-3 in district play on the year and will look to make their mark in Division II in the first year of split playoffs. The Falcons' only district losses came to Cinco Ranch and a split series with Taylor and the Falcons will be in a good spot in the playoff race because of it.

Seven Lakes claimed third place out of the district and the second seed in Division I from the playoffs after a strong season. The Spartans finished the regular season with a 29-10 record and an 11-5 record in district, they dropped both of their matchups against Cinco Ranch and Tompkins, but the Spartans' only other loss came against Taylor as they were able to secure the No. 3 spot

and an important playoff spot in the process.

Jordan locked up the final playoff spot in district, clinching it with the head-to-head tie breaker over Taylor, as the Mustangs also ended the year with the same district record. The Warriors finished 20-19 overall and 9-7 in district to earn a spot in playoffs for the second straight year. The Warriors were swept by Cinco Ranch, Tompkins and Seven Lakes, but only lost one other match, to Katy and swept Taylor. That sweep over Taylor was the differentiator and got Jordan the final spot in the playoffs and the second spot in the Division II bracket.

Taylor came so close to a playoff spot, only falling short based on the tiebreaker with Jordan after a good season where

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SCORES & SCHEDULES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Katy 37, Paetow 3
- Jordan 31, Taylor 3
- Cinco Ranch 47, Mayde Creek 38
- Tompkins 31, Seven Lakes 19

Thursday

- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 6:30 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Morton Ranch vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Friday

- Tompkins vs. Katy, 6:30 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Paetow vs. Taylor, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

- BI-DISTRICT ROUND, CLASS 6A-DIV. I
- Cinco Ranch vs. Alief Taylor, TBD
 - Seven Lakes vs. Fulshear, TBD

- BI-DISTRICT ROUND, CLASS 6A-DIV. II
- Tompkins vs. George Ranch, TBD
 - Jordan vs. Richmond Foster, TBD

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday

- Class 6A State Meet, 10:45 a.m.

Katy sweeps team golds, while Barrow wins individual gold at Regional Cross Country meet

Tompkins boys, Mayde Creek, Jordan girls clinch team spots at state cross country meet



Taylor's Caroline Barrow, Casey Scherpereel and Michael Klahn pose for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy repeated its accomplishment from the District 19-6A track meet, performing at an even higher level last weekend, earning team golds on both the boys and girls side at the Region III-6A track meet and clinching spots at state for both teams.

Katy's girls led the way with a great performance where five finishers finished in the top 20 individually. Victoria Guerrero led with a sixth-place finish, while Lauren Acopa finished in ninth place, Vienna Fish finished in 14th place, Abby Lester finished in 16th place and Avery Torres finished in 17th place overall.

The Katy girls team finished with just 50 points overall, with the next closest team over 60 points away from the Tigers' finish.

On the boys side, Katy dominated as well and had three finishers in the top 11 of the meet.

Ryder Darcey led the way and earned a silver medal individually for his efforts, finishing second overall, while Evan Couture finished seventh, Joshua Perez finished 13th, Benjamin Robins finished 30th and Biego Mion finished 33rd overall.

Katy's team finished with 73 points, over 25 points better than the second-place finisher Tompkins.



Katy's girls team poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.



Katy's boys team poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.

KATY ISD INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM QUALIFIERS

Following are all of the Katy ISD Individual and Team Qualifiers from the Region III Cross Country Meet

GIRLS CLASS 6A INDIVIDUAL

- Caroline Barrow, Taylor, 17:35.21
- Casey Scherpereel, Taylor, 18:57.04

TEAM

1. Katy

- Victoria Guerrero, 18:36.05
- Lauren Acopa, 18:44.85
- Vienna Fish, 19:09.89
- Abby Lester, 19:13.89
- Avery Torry, 19:14.99

3. Mayde Creek

- Jamie Klander, 17:42.00
- Claudia Klander, 18:53.83
- Ava Gonzalez, 20:18.06
- Sophia Ilagan, 20:27.26
- Denise Perez, 21:35.29

4. Jordan

- Alice Frame, 20:05.47
- Brooklyn Allen, 20:21.65
- Alejandra Sagbini, 20:39.02
- Emmy Hardin, 20:44.03
- Lilah Katz, 20:55.81

BOYS CLASS 6A INDIVIDUAL

- Alex Hahn Vadstein, Cinco Ranch, 15:49.79
- Michael Klahn, Taylor, 15:51.30
- Elijah Emerson, Paetow, 15:53.40

TEAM

1. Katy

- Ryder Darey, 15:23.96
- Evan Couture, 15:41.80
- Joshua Perez, 15:52.90
- Benjamin Robins, 16:25.43
- Diego Mion, 16:32.09

2. Tompkins

- Mathias Pitzel, 15:29.86
- Diego Reyes, 16:09.81
- Carter Maloy, 16:10.97
- Jordan Wood, 16:36.27
- Aaron Ramshaw, 16:36.50

GIRLS CLASS 4A INDIVIDUAL

- Imanie Boakye, Freeman, 12:45.05

Tompkins boys, Mayde Creek, Jordan girls clinch team spots at state

Both Tompkins boys, Mayde Creek girls and Jordan girls earned team spots at the state meet with their strong results at the regional meet, as the Falcons boys finished second, the Rams girls finished third and the Warriors girls finished fourth to all clinch spots at state.

Tompkins finished second overall, earning a silver medal as a team and had a strong day at the regional meet. Matias Pitzel led the way with a fifth-place finish for the Falcons, while Diego Reyes finished 22nd, Carter Maloy finished 23rd, Jordan Wood finished 31st and Aaron Ramshaw finished 36th to round out the Falcons five. It's the ninth straight year that Tompkins has qualified for state, which is the third longest streak in all of Class 6A. The Falcons were over 60 points ahead of the regions third place team.

On the girls side, Mayde Creek set an opposite type of streak. For the first time in its 40 years since it opened, the Rams qualified for state, finishing third as a team to clinch its spot at the tournament.

Jamie Klander continued her dominance and finished second overall individually to earn a silver medal, while Claudia Klander finished 11th overall, Ava Gonzalez finished 35th overall, Sophia Ilagan finished 41st overall and Denise Perez finished 86th overall



Mayde Creek's girls team poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.



Paetow's Elijah Emerson poses for a photo after the Region III-6A meet.

to round out the Mayde Creek top five. Mayde Creek comfortably sealed their position at state by finishing with 149 points, over 40 points better than Jordan, which finished fourth.

Jordan had consistency across the board to clinch the fourth spot at state from the regional meet. The Warriors didn't have a player finish in the top 25, but had all five of their runners finish in the top 60 as from top to bottom they had consistence to earn their spot at state.

Alice Frame blazed the trail for Jordan, finishing 30th, while Brooklyn Allen finished 37th, Alejandra Sagbini finished 47th, Emmy Hardin finished 51st and Lilah Katz finished 60th overall to round out the Warriors five.

Taylor's Barrow wins individual gold

While there were plenty of team awards to go around, there was also tons of individual success from Katy ISD as well, and none bigger than Taylor's Caroline Barrow, who clinched an individual gold medal on the girls side with a time of 17 minutes, 35.21 seconds to take first place at the regional meet. Barrow improved nearly 30 seconds from her time at the district meet with the result and jumped Mayde Creek's Jamie Klander as well to earn her spot atop the podium.

Klander medaled as well by finishing

second with a time of 17 minutes, 42 seconds. Katy's Victoria Guerrero finished sixth with a time of 18 minutes, 44.85 seconds and Lauren Acopa finished ninth overall with a time of 18 minutes, 44.85 seconds. Taylor's Casey Scherpereel finished 12th overall as well to clinch a spot at state.

Ryder Darcey was out front on the boys side with a second place finish, earning a silver medal with a time of 15 minutes, 23.96 seconds, while Tompkins' Mathias Pitzel finished fifth overall with a time of 15 minutes, 29.86 seconds. Katy's Evan Couture finished seventh with a time of 15 minutes, 41.80 seconds while Cinco Ranch's Alex Hahn Vadstein finished 10th with a time of 15 minutes, 49.79 seconds, Taylor's Michael Klahn finished 12th with a time of 15 minutes, 51.30 seconds, Katy's Joshua Perez finished 13th with a time of 15 minutes and Paetow's Elijah Emerson clinched a spot at state by finishing 14th with a time of 15 minutes, 53.40 seconds.

Freeman makes mark in 4A

That wasn't all for Katy ISD. Freeman had a state qualifier for the first time, competing in Class 4A at this year's regional meet. The Golden Eagles had one qualifier for state in their inaugural season, as sophomore Imani Boakye finished 18th overall individually to claim her spot at state.



Jordan's girls team poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.



Tompkins boys team poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.



Freeman's Imani Boakye poses for a photo after the Region III-6A Cross Country meet.

Paetow's Hicks named Dave Campbell's Coach of the Week

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. was named the Dave Campbell Texas Football Class 6A Coach of the Week for week eight of the regular season.

The Panthers' second year head coach was named the coach of the week following the Panthers' 37-7 win over Seven Lakes in which they were dominant throughout. It increased Paetow's win streak to six games and kept them as just one of two undefeated teams in District 19-6A play along with Katy.

Paetow stepped things up once district play hit. The Panthers leaned on a strong run game and have averaged over 36 points per game through their first five games in district play while giving up under 14 points per game those first five games. Terrence Johnson led the entire district in rushing with just under 1,000 yards and has scored 13 touchdowns through week eight, while Paetow's defense stepped up against every team they played.

Overall the Panthers are at 6-1 overall



Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. reacts during a game between Paetow and Tompkins at Rhodes Stadium.

and 5-0 in district play and have secured a playoff spot late in the district schedule.

Paetow's coaching staff that won the award consists of Hicks, Clayton Odom, Charlie Ayro, Kevin Arevalo, Clyde Edwards, Wesley Geigley, Bryan Hicks, Ralph Marron, Blake Yorloff, Amos Gbunblee, Ladarius Stallings, Javaris Williams, Chris Kha, Christian Bruchhaus and Nicholas Montefusco.

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CINCO RANCH 47, MAYDE CREEK 38

Mayde Creek	0	24	8	6	--	38
Cinco Ranch	20	13	0	14	--	47

First quarter

CR: Charlile Adamoli 43 pass to Drew Tureau (Andrew Reagan kick) 11:52
CR: Jesus Bravo 24 field goal, 9:48
CR: Adamoli 4 pass to Scott Eckel (Reagan kick) 5:29
CR: Jesus Bravo 48 field goal, 0:44

Second quarter

MC: Trey Williams 64 pass to Daylin Robinson (Robinson pass to Williams) 8:45
CR: Daniel Scarabino 82 kick return (Reagan kick) 8:32
MC: Williams 1 run (Williams run) 4:00
CR: Marcus Gadlin 8 run, 0:45
MC: AJ Ward 25 pass to David Matthews Jr. (Williams run) 0:21

Third quarter

MC: Williams 3 pass to Daylin Robinson (Williams run) 6:45

Fourth quarter

MC: Williams 44 pass to Daylin Robinson, 10:40
CR: Adamoli 21 pass to Tureau (Eckel pass to Brayden Gonzalez) 4:51
CR: Adamoli 27 pass to Drew Tureau, 3:07

Team Statistics

	MAYDE CREEK	CINCO RANCH
First downs	17	17
Yards rushing	30-101	27-59
Yards passing	301	279
Passes	27-36-4-1	15-26-4-1
Punts	1-27	1-35
Fumbles-lost	4-2	1-1
Penalty-yards	8-65	8-80

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Cinco Ranch: Marcus Gadlin, 16-77-1; Brayden Gonzalez, 6-11; Charlie Adamoli, 5-(-29); Mayde Creek: Trey Williams, 17-65-1; Ansel Carter, 8-26; Michael Shifatu, 2-5; Montrae LeBlanc, 1-4; Christian Bradford, 2-1;
Passing – Cinco Ranch: Charlie Adamoli, 15-25-279-4-1; Mayde Creek: Trey Williams, 15-25-276-3-1; AJ Ward, 1-1-25-1-0;
Receiving – Cinco Ranch: Drew Tureau, 7-149-3; Jacob Chevez, 3-42; Scott Eckel, 2-33-1; Brayden Gonzalez, 1-31; Kellen LeCronier, 1-14; Matthew Courtois, 1-10; Mayde Creek: Daylin Johnson, 14-207-3; David Matthews Jr., 6-48-1; Stone Bankston, 3-22; CJ Aragbonlo, 1-13; Ansel Carter, 3-11;

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another touchdown on a 4-yard pass from Adamoli to Scott Eckel. Cinco added a field goal before the end of the first quarter from 48 yards out to make it a 20-0 game.

Mayde Creek started to respond after that. Trey Williams threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Daylin Robinson early in the second quarter, but Cinco answered back when Daniel Scarabino took the ensuing kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown of his own. Williams then ran in a 1-yard touchdown on Mayde Creek's next drive, but Cinco again had the answer, driving down the field and scoring on an 8-yard run from Marcus Gadlin. Mayde Creek though had one more touchdown in them before the end of the half. The Rams got a big return and then on a trick play, AJ Ward found David Matthews Jr. for a 25-yard touchdown to trim Cinco's lead to 33-24 heading into the locker room.

"It was super important to get off to that fast start the way we did," Adamoli said. "The offensive line did great, the receivers got open, running backs made plays. Everything clicked for us early. We just have to focus on putting that together for four quarters."

The Rams came out strong in the second half and trimmed Cinco's lead to one point when Williams threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Robinson. The Rams then took the lead on a 44-yard pass from Williams to Robinson, but Cinco recovered and took the lead back with just under five minutes remaining when Adamoli found Tureau on a 21-yard touchdown pass to the corner of the endzone. Cinco's defense forced a turnover and then Cinco sealed it when

Adamoli connected with Tureau again, this time on a tipped pass, that went for a 27-yard touchdown.

"The defense was huge, especially in the second half — they were the ones who put us in position to score those last two touchdowns," Tureau said. "We struggled on offense for a lot of the second half and our defense held their own and really were the reason we won this game."

Tureau finished the game with seven receptions for 149 yards and three touchdowns, Adamoli completed 15 of 25 passes for 279 yards and four touchdowns to go with one interception while Marcus Gadlin had 16 rushes for 77 yards and a score.

"Drew is just a gamer — there is no moment that is too big for him," Dudley said. "He wants the ball and he always executes in those moments. He made some great catches tonight and the offensive line gave Charlie time to make those throws."

Cinco closes out its regular season against Morton Ranch next Thursday and will have a bye in the final week of the regular season. It will be an important one for the Cougars as they try to finish out district with a win and give themselves a chance to go further.

"Everyone answered the bell tonight," Dudley said. "When we went down it could have gone one of two ways, but everyone fought, and they got us back into it. I'm extremely proud of our defense. They came up so huge in the fourth quarter and did everything we could have asked for. We've had our struggles there, but the defense rose up tonight and they were at their best when we needed them to



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Connor Brock makes a catch during a game between Cinco Ranch and The Woodlands at Rhodes Stadium.

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Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **remotely** on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference. The conference call number is (469) 965-2602. The access code is 771 562 962#.

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 five percent (5%) 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 "Winward Cove Sec 1 WS&D". 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.

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Advertisement Dates: 10/31/2024 & 11/7/2024



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Gunner Nelson looks to pass during a game between Katy and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

KATY

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backups in, Tony Manuel scored his first varsity touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 17-yard run before Giovanni Moreno closed out the scoring with a 29-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter.

"These are tough teams, but we know we can push through and play better than any of them," said junior running back Aqualis Jordan. "You just have to push through, grind a team down for four quarters and prove you are a better football team and that's what we have been able to do on offense and defense."

With the win, Katy sits alone atop the district standings and clinches a playoff spot, but for the

Tigers this isn't mission accomplished. Their goal isn't to be there for one week, it's to claim an outright district championship and to do that they need to win out the rest of the way. The Tigers will continue that quest when they face Tompkins next week, a team that is riding a three-game winning streak.

"The objective for us is to win district and win it outright," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "We may have clinched a playoff spot but to win district outright, we have to win these last two games. We don't want to share it. There is a lot of pride in what we have done as a team and in order for it to pay off, we need to take care of business."

KATY 37, PAETOW 3

Paetow	0	3	0	0	--	3
Katy	14	6	7	10	--	37

First quarter

K: Gunner Nelson 6 pass to Joshua Smith (Giovanni Moreno kick) 7:08

K: Nelson 1 run (Moreno kick) 2:38

Second quarter

P: Omar Yaghi 30 field goal, 10:06

K: Cade McCall 13 run, 5:20

Third quarter

K: Nelson 13 pass to Ricky Fox (Moreno kick) 4:41

Fourth quarter

K: Tony Manuel 7 run (Moreno kick) 11:07

K: Moreno 29 field goal, 2:31

Team Statistics

	PAETOW	KATY
First downs	5	18
Yards rushing	28-11	39-174
Yards passing	116	240
Passes	7-17-0-1	15-22-2-0
Punts	6-39.5	N/A
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalty-yards	4-18	3-23

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Aqualis Jordan, 18-103; Tony Manuel, 8-40-1; London Pilbeam, 3-17; Cade McCall, 1-13-1; Joshua Smith, 2-5; Nathaniel Gayhart, 1-5; Jackson Franklin, 1-2; Gunner Nelson, 5-(-17); Paetow: Terrence Johnson, 22-26; Kenneth Lee, 1-2; Jackson Farrar, 5-(-17);
Passing – Katy: Gunner Nelson, 13-17-183-2-0; Jackson Franklin, 2-5-57-0-0; Paetow: Jackson Farrar, 7-17-116-0-1;
Receiving – Katy: Israel Olotu-Judah, 4-79; Cade McCall, 4-48; Jon Stephens, 4-48; Joshua Smith, 2-36-1; Ryan Carbone, 1-16; Ricky Fox, 1-13-1; Paetow: Joshua Scott, 3-56; Tyler Washington, 2-41; Ikenna Nwobu, 1-10; Daquayn Lott, 1-9;

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT
) SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF YORK)

Marie Madeline Chery, Plaintiff Vs. John Solomon Jatta, Defendant
Docket Number 2024-DR-46-1163
Marie Madeline Chery and Benjamin Moses Chery, Plaintiffs Vs John Solomon Jatta, Defendant
Docket Number 2024-DR-46-1550

TO THE DEFENDANT:

SUMMONS
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you; to appear and defend the action; and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber at Post Office Box 12323, Rock Hill, South Carolina, 29731 within thirty (30) days from the date of service.
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF OUT OF STATE CUSTODY ORDER
YOU ARE NOTIFIED, an out-of-state child custody order has been registered in the York County Clerk of Court's office. Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws Ann § 63-15-358(c), you are being notified of the following:
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2. If you wish to contest the validity of this registration, you must contact the York County Clerk of Court's office to request a hearing within twenty days after service of this notice. The York County Clerk of Court is located at 1555 W. Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730.
3. If you do not contest this registration within twenty days as specified above, the out of state custody order will be confirmed by the family court. Once the registration is confirmed, you will not be able to contest the registration to any matter that you could have asserted within the twenty day period.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS
YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED, in case of your failure to do so within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
1. An adoption proceeding has been commenced pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 63 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.
2. You must respond in writing within thirty days of receiving this notice by filing with the court in which the adoption is pending notice and reasons to contest, intervene, or otherwise respond;
3. The court must be informed of your current address and of any changes in address during the adoption proceedings; and
4. Failure to file a response within thirty days of receiving notice constitutes consent to adoption of the child and forfeiture of all rights and obligations with respect to the child.

Respectfully Submitted,
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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 Pitts Rd at Morton Rd Detention Pond Improvements Project, until 3:00 p.m. on November 21, 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 detention pond grading, concrete weir construction, concrete slope paving, inlet and pipe placement 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.
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- 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 Virtual Pre-Bid Conference will be held to review the scope of work. This Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 13, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86904030712>
Meeting ID: 869 0403 0712
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First Publication: October 31, 2024
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Katy Development Authority, Attention Mr. Jonas W. Conner, President, Board of Directors, will be received at City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m. local time, Monday, November 11, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read for "Traffic Signal Construction Project – Morton Road at Katy Hockley Road" for Katy Development Authority, of Harris County, Texas.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the construction of a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Morton Road at Katy Hockley Road, including all labor, equipment, material, and incidentals required for the project.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY VIRTUAL** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. local time via Zoom.us**. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NOT MANDATORY**.

Information for joining the virtual meeting is given below:

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Week 10 Katy ISD Previews: Playoff Picture

BY TYLER TYRE
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All Games District 19-6A

THURSDAY

Seven Lakes (3-5, 1-5) vs. Mayde Creek (4-4, 2-4), 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Mayde Creek 31, Seven Lakes 24

- Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek meet in a battle of two teams trying to bounce back and get in the win column after suffering hard fought losses.

Seven Lakes comes in having lost three in a row but still having played competitively in those games. The Spartans scored a season high 19 points in its loss against Tompkins last week and got touchdowns on a 1-yard run from Braylon Hayes and a 26-yard touchdown pass from Shaan Patel to Kaizer Floyd, but Tompkins run game was too much for the Spartans as the Falcons ran away with it in the end.

Mayde Creek comes off a game where its offense played very well, but they couldn't find a way to get the stops they needed defensively. Trey Williams threw for 276 yards and three touchdowns in the loss and Daylin Johnson had over 200 yards receiving on 14 catches. Mayde Creek erased a 20 point deficit in the game but two fourth quarter touchdowns from Cinco Ranch led to the loss, as they gave up 279 yards through the air.

Both teams will be trying to shore up their defense, Mayde Creek will try to build on a great offensive game while Seven Lakes will try to build off its most points of the season as well.

Morton Ranch (0-8, 0-6) vs. Cinco Ranch (3-6, 3-4), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Cinco Ranch 49, Morton Ranch 42

- Morton Ranch and Cinco Ranch head into a game where both teams will be highly motivated,

as the Mavericks come off their bye week and the Cougars close out their regular season.

Morton Ranch fell in a hard fought game against Mayde Creek last time out and has had two weeks to look ahead to this game and will be prepared and ready. Against Mayde Creek, The Mavericks allowed 154 yards through the air and 183 yards on the ground. The Mavericks got two touchdowns in the game, one on a 27-yard pass from Jayceon Jenkins to Tyler Williams that gave Morton Ranch the lead in the first quarter and another when Tyler Gilmore ran in a 16-yard touchdown that gave the Mavericks the lead again in the second quarter before Morton Ranch was unable to keep the offense going in the second half.

Cinco meanwhile comes off a wild win over Mayde Creek in its last game. The Cougars built a 20 point lead in the first quarter, but lost that lead in the second half before scoring two late touchdowns to earn the win. Charlie Adamoli threw for 276 yards and four touchdowns in the air and Drew Tureau had 149 yards receiving and three touchdowns to lead the way for Cougars.

Morton Ranch will have to be focused on stopping that Cinco Ranch pass game and will hope to build on some good pass moments of their own, while the Cougars will try to try to be better against the pass but continue the same kind of offensive performance they had against Mayde Creek.

FRIDAY

Tompkins (5-3, 4-2) vs. Katy (7-1, 6-0), 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 41, Tompkins 7

- The two hottest teams in district face off this week as Katy, which has won six straight, goes up against Tompkins, which has won four straight.

The Falcons come off a win over Seven Lakes. Tompkins held Seven Lakes to 19 points and got plenty of scores in the game, including a 15-yard touchdown pass from



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Above: Multiple Paetow players bring down Mayde Creek's Ethan Lopez during a game between Paetow and Mayde Creek at Legacy Stadium. Below: KJ Madison makes a catch during a game between Paetow and Tompkins at Rhodes Stadium.

Justin Thierheimer to James Mayes, a 4-yard touchdown run by Ethan Meadows, a 14-yard touchdown pass from Thierheimer to Meadows and a 36-yard touchdown pass from Thierheimer to Carter Young. It's the fourth straight game that Tompkins has scored over 30 points and the offense has really started clicking for the team.

Katy, in the meantime, won its sixth straight game and for the fourth straight game didn't allow an offensive touchdown. Aqualis Jordan went over 100 yards rushing in the game while Gunner Nelson had a good day throwing the ball, completing 13 of 17 passes for 183 yards and two touchdowns, and Israel Olotu-Judah had four catches for 79 yards. The Tigers did it all without No. 1 running back Tremayne Hill.

Katy will be battling to stay atop district and keep its goal of an outright district championship alive, while Tompkins will try to keep pushing and fight for better playoff positioning heading into the last week of the regular season.

Paetow (6-2, 5-1) vs. Taylor (2-6, 1-5), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Paetow 13, Taylor 10

- Paetow and Taylor close out the week of games, as Paetow tries



to recover from a loss and Taylor does as well.

Paetow fought but was unable to do much offensively in the loss to Katy. The Panthers managed just 11 yards on the ground in the game, including only 26 yards for Terrence Johnson, who had been shredding defenses in District 19-6A. Jackson Farrar threw for 116 yards in the game, but Paetow wasn't able to turn that into points and struggled against Katy's offense, allowing 240 yards through the air and 174 yards

on the ground.

Taylor meanwhile comes off a loss to Jordan in its last game. The Mustangs' defense did a good job in holding the Warriors' offense most of the day, but did allow some big plays. Taylor's offense though struggled, only managing three points with a 36-yard field goal in the third quarter.

It'll be a battle of strength on strength as Paetow prides itself on its run game and defense and Taylor does the same.

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Houston needed its defense to step up on Sunday. The Texans' offense struggled, faced a relentless pass rush and injuries against the Colts. It wasn't a day where CJ Stroud or the offense could control the game and they needed the defense to make the difference. Make the difference is what the Texans defensive unit did in a AFC South Divisional matchup, forcing two turn-overs, sacking Anthony Richardson five times and stopping the Colts' offense nearly every time it was needed in a 23-20 Texans win that propelled Houston to a 6-2 record, staying atop the division with a big win. "I'm proud of our guys on defense," said Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans. "I'm proud of the way they covered and I'm really proud of the line. They sacked a quarterback that is hard to sack five times today, got pressure on him and it's a big credit to them. Everyone got after it today and it was fun on that side of the ball." Houston got the ball first and drove right down the field before being forced to settle for a field goal to take the lead. Indianapolis came back and tied things on its first drive and after a Houston three and out, the Colts took the lead on a busted coverage, where Josh Downs came wide open for a 69-yard touchdown throw from Anthony Richardson. Houston responded with a 10-play, 70 yard drive that culminated in a 14-yard touchdown run from Joe Mixon to tie the game. Jalen Pitre made a huge play late in the half, intercepting a pass and returning it to the Indianapolis 7-yard-line, and CJ Stroud found Tank Dell on a 7-yard touchdown pass that gave Houston a 17-10 lead heading into the locker room. "Pitre has been our spark plug, he just finds a way to be all over the field and that interception was such a huge play," Ryans said. "We needed those points on offense and he made the play of the game with that. I'm proud of Jalen. He's continued to get better and these past three weeks have been some of the best football he's played." Houston and Indianapolis traded field goals in the third quarter and the Texans



Texans running back Joe Mixon (28) leaps over Colts cornerback Kenny Moore II (23) during the first half of an NFL game on October 27, 2024 in Houston, Texas USA. The Texans won, 23-20.



Above: Texans defensive end Will Anderson Jr. (51) reacts after a defensive stop during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Indianapolis Colts on October 27, 2024 in Houston, Texas USA. The Texans won, 23-20.

added another field goal early in the fourth before Jonathan Taylor scored a touchdown on a 1-yard run that trimmed Houston's lead to three points. The Colts then stopped the Texans in the redzone, forcing a fumble and recovering it. Houston drained the clock but punted, leaving Indianapolis 54 seconds for its final drive. The Houston defense came up big one final time, stopping a Colts hail mary with

a sack as the clock ran out and sealing the three point win. "Our defense came up huge for us today and we have to find ways to be better as an offense in those moments," Stroud said. "We have to find a way to get on the ball or not lose it and we know how big of a mistake that was, it could have cost the game. Our defense was huge today because we have to find a way to play complementary football as an offense." Stroud ended the day with 285 passing yards and Mixon ran for 100 yards to lead the Texans, while Stephon Diggs, who suffered a knee injury in the third quarter, had 81 yards receiving. That balance will be needed again when the Texans travel on a short week to play the New York Jets on Thursday. They may be short-handed in the game and they know it will be another important one where they need to not fall short. "It's hard on these short weeks," Stroud said. "We just have to focus on recovery and preparation. We know the Jets will be ready to play at a high level and we have to match that. We have to be able to withstand that and keep building, keep rolling and find a way to earn another win."

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the Mustangs were competitive to the end. Taylor finished the year 25-14 overall and 9-7 in district. They had good performances throughout, including beating Seven Lakes and Tompkins, but losing twice to Jordan and a loss to Katy made things too hard for the Mustangs to overcome, as they fell by just the tiebreaker. Katy finished in sixth place with a 21-21 record and an 8-8 record in district play, the Tigers remained competitive all year and fell short of the final playoff team by just one game. Paetow finished seventh with a 13-27 overall record and 4-12 district record, while Mayde Creek finished eighth with an overall record of 9-29 and a 2-14 record in district, while Morton Ranch finished ninth with a 9-31 record and a 0-16 record in district. Cinco Ranch will get Alief Taylor in the first round of the playoffs for its efforts. The Cougars will start their run in the Class 6A-Division I playoffs against Alief Taylor, who went 15-16 overall in the regular season and 4-6 in district play. The Cougars made a run all the way to the state final last year and will be looking to make another deep run this season. They came into the playoffs having won 16 straight matches and on a roll, having only dropped two sets throughout district Tompkins will face off against George Ranch in the opening round of the playoffs of Class 6A-Division II as the Falcons try to keep their season going as well. George Ranch comes into the playoffs with a 23-17 record and a 6-4 record in district. George Ranch has won three straight matches heading into the playoffs and will be confident. Tompkins, meanwhile, also heads into the playoffs on the back of a 3-match winning streak. The Falcons come in as the higher seed and will be trying to make another run in the playoffs after making it three rounds deep last season. Seven Lakes will match up with a tough Fulshear squad in the bi-district round of the Class 6A-Division I playoffs. Fulshear enters the playoffs with a 33-6 record and a 10-0 record in district and are ranked No. 10 in the state of Texas by the TGCA. Fulshear has won 10 straight matches heading into the playoffs and did not drop a set throughout its district schedule. The Spartans meanwhile, have won two straight matches heading into the playoffs and will be trying to repeat its success from last year, where they went on a run all the way to the regional final as the district's third seed. Jordan will get Foster in its first playoff game in the Class 6A-Division II bracket. Foster comes into the match with a 29-10 overall record and a 8-2 district record, only losing to Fulshear on its district schedule. Foster lost its last match out, which was against Fulshear before heading into the playoffs. Jordan heads into the playoffs having won its previous two matches and will be trying to win its first ever playoff game, coming close last year before falling to Ridge Point in five sets in the bi-district round.



Seven Lakes' tennis team finished second at the Class 6A State Tennis Tournament.

Seven Lakes finishes runner up at Class 6A state tennis tournament

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Seven Lakes finished as runners up at this year's Class 6A State Team Tennis Tournament, making the state final before falling to unbeaten Round Rock Westwood to claim the silver medal and second place in all of Class 6A. The Spartans dominated their semifinal match against Allen to make the state final, winning 10-1. Seven Lakes went unbeaten in boys doubles and only lost one girls doubles match before winning mixed doubles and every boys singles match remaining to clinch a dominant win. Seven Lakes advanced to play Round Rock Westwood in the final, where the Falcons fell 10-3 to claim the silver medal. Seven Lakes went 1-2 in boys doubles before being swept in girls doubles. The Spartans claimed the only

mixed doubles match and split in their boys singles match, but lost four girls singles matches to fall to Westwood, as the Warriors claimed their second straight state title. It's the highest ever finish for Seven Lakes at the state tournament and a hugely successful season where they went 18-3-1 overall. The Spartans' one time making state before was in 2016 where they lost in the semifinal round. Spartans clinch spot at state Seven Lakes is headed back to the state tournament for the first time in eight years. Seven Lakes earned a dramatic victory over Memorial in the regional final last weekend to secure their spot in the state tournament, with things coming down to the final point for the Spartans to earn their

spot at state. Seven Lakes won 10-9 over Memorial in the regional final, with everything coming down to a 10-point tie breaker. The Spartans improved to 16-3-1 on the year in the process and earned their fifth straight win and have now gone 16 straight matches unbeaten dating all the way back to a pre-district show down with Fort Bend Clements. It was the first time any team had beaten Memorial in Region III play since 2008. It's the second overall appearance for Seven Lakes and they will face a tough test in the state semifinals against Allen to start things on Wednesday morning. Allen is making its first state appearance and has a 23-3 record on the year. Allen has won 13 matches in a row and also comes into the match with a tiebreaker win from their regional final against Southlake Carroll.

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