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## Local activist passes away at age 66

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Brenda Joyce Washington, a local community activist who was instrumental in creating and organizing the first Juneteenth Parade and Celebration in Katy, has died. She passed away on October 18, 2024.

Born June 26, 1958, to Booker T. and Ruthie Washington, Washington graduated from Katy ISD in 1977 and furthered her education at Houston Community College and later Wharton Junior College. She married Walter Wigfall and had one son, Walter Washington Wigfall.

In 1999 she moved to San Francisco where she was employed by San Francisco Community Convalescent Hospital was Executive Board Vice President of SEIU United Healthcare Workers West. She returned to Katy and later founded The Katy Texas African American Heritage Society in April 2022, according to previous reporting in the Katy Times. She helped organize celebrations for Kwanza as well as Juneteenth. A frequent attendee of City of Katy council meetings, Washington ran unsuccessfully for city council herself but continued to speak out on behalf of Katy's historically black Danover community. She was also active in the Antioch Baptist Church.

Washington is survived by mother Ruthie Washington, sister Beverlen Washington, brother Zenora Washington, companion Desmond Noel, sister-in-law Brenda Washington

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CITY OF KATY COUNCIL MEETING VIDEO, MARCH 25, 2024

Brenda Washington returns to her seat after addressing city council on March 25, 2024, thanking council members for their support of the community's 2023 Kwanza celebration.

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Preparing to officially break ground on Houston Methodist West Hospital's new \$62 million comprehensive care center are (left to right): Kyle Roth, Vice President of Capital Planning; Dr. Carla Braxton, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer of Houston Methodist West Hospital; Xavier Escobar, Director of Real Estate; Lateisha Walters, Comprehensive Care Center Administrator; Sean Menogan, Senior Vice President, Construction, Design, & Real Estate; Kyle Stanzel, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Houston Methodist West Hospital; Stephen Spielman, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Physician Organization and President, Primary Care Group; Margaret Head, Vice President of Clinical Operations; Amy Premetz, Vice President of Revenue Cycle Operations; Nathan Jacobs, Vice President of Operations; Laura Matthews, Physician Organization Administrator, Human Resources Operations; and Lora Burger, Vice President of Finance & Business Analytics. The ceremony took place on October 30 at 26000 FM 1093 in Richmond.

## Houston Methodist breaks ground on Comprehensive Care Center

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On October 30, Houston Methodist broke ground on a 65,000-sq. ft. new comprehensive care center near the Fulshear area, adjacent to its current emergency care center in Cinco Ranch at 26000 FM 1093 in Richmond. The three-story state-of-the-art facility is designed to transform the patient experience, officials said at the event, representing one of the first of its kind, offering integration of services to meet the health needs of the growing community. The center is set to

open in early 2026.

"This is not just a building; it's a new approach to health care," said Stephen Spielman, senior vice president and chief operating officer of the Houston Methodist Physician Organization. "Our new comprehensive care center will change the way people access care, making it easier, faster and more patient-focused than ever before. From routine checkups to specialized treatments, it's all here—right in the heart of the community."

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Stephen Spielman, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Physician Organization and President, Primary Care Group outlines the three new technological innovations that will be in place at Houston Methodist West Hospital's new comprehensive care center, to be located at 26000 FM 1093 in Richmond.



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Volunteers and staff at the City of Katy's animal control department introduce some of the dogs who have been taken in by the facility. From left to right: Volunteer Dominique Booth has handsome pit bull mix Ricky on a leash, City of Katy Animal Control Supervisor David Brown kneels with bull mastiff Jax, and volunteer Catherine Newlin holds a shy Pearl, who is a terrier mix. The facility is nearly full, with only seven spots available to accommodate more dogs. Brown says there is an immediate need for adopters and fosters for the animals there now, which include 13 dogs and three cats.

## Katy animal control nears capacity; adopters and fosters needed

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

There may not be room at the inn for our furry friends this holiday season.

City of Katy Animal Control Supervisor David Brown told the Katy Times that the animal control facility operated by the city is nearing capacity — and that there is very little help in sight for the animals that end up there.

"A lot of animal rescues and shelters in the area are in the same situation that we are in," Brown said. Those shelters are also at their limit and are unable to take in any more animals, he said.

People are often having to give up their pets in today's economy, Brown said, as they face the challenges of feeding their families or dealing with healthcare expenses.

Brown said that, although pet surrenders are not accepted at the city facility, that there is "a lot of dog dumping" there. Arrangements must be made in advance with the department for officers to retrieve the pet from a Katy residence that falls within the City of Katy city limits — and only within the city limits. "If you get your water bill from the City of Katy,

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## State of the College

### HCC may consider name change

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

The Houston Community College system welcomed area leaders "To the Metaverse and Beyond" in the annual "State of the College" breakfast on November 1 at the Hilton Americas at 1600 Lamar in Houston.

Over 900 attendees gathered for the program on the college system's key initiatives. About 100 HCC staff members manned 19 booths outside the meeting room, showcasing the varied programs offered by the college.

Chancellor Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D., who just completed her first year in her position, recapped several important initiatives from the past year, including the development of apprenticeship programs.

Fisher outlined plans for the coming year, which include consideration of a name change for the community college system. As Houston Community College continues to evolve — now offering a pair of four-year degrees — the "community college" name may no longer fit. HCC is seeking community input on the change, Fisher said. Next, she described the development of HCC's Global Online College which will offer more than 60 online programs when it officially launches in 2025. Fisher said the online college was of interest to com-

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# Libraries’ book festival to include performance by Polynesian storyteller

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Libraries’ annual book festival will take place on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview, Richmond. All events are free and open to the public.

In keeping with the theme for the year of “Myths & Legends,” a “Polynesian Storytelling” performance will take place in the library’s Jodie E. Stavinoha Amphitheater at 11 a.m. The family-friendly performance will be repeated at 12 p.m.

Young Audiences of Houston teaching artist Malia’s Hula Hut dancers will demonstrate the beautiful storytelling techniques that are woven into the song and dance of Polynesia, including the hula from the islands of Hawai’i, Tahitian from the islands of Tahiti, the Haka and Poi Balls of New Zealand, and fire-knife dancing from Samoa. Although these dances may often be seen performed together in a Polynesian show, they are unique and represent various cultures.

The book festival will also feature workshops designed to encourage aspiring writers of all ages and genres. Creative and inspiring programs are planned for children as well as adults who dream of becoming published authors.

Games and activities will be on hand at a special Kids’ Book Carnival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Bohachevsky Gallery on the lower level of the library.

Anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., teens (aged 13 and up) and adults will have an opportunity to test their puzzle-solving skills in a “Mythic Mayhem Escape Room,” in the Meeting Room. In this come-and-go activity, teams of up to eight members will enter through a virtual portal into another place and time, where they must solve puzzles

to find their way through mythical worlds to return to the present.

Readers will have an opportunity to visit with local authors at a meet-and-greet area in the lobby. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., interact with published writers Tabitha Voight, Susan Nwokedi, Monica Vidalon-Wolf, Tiffany Obeng, and Dee Osah, who will all be available for questions, autographs, and photographs. Copies of their books will be available for sale and signing.

The keynote address for the book festival will be given by FBCL’s featured “Community Reads” author Stacey Swann from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library.

Readers who participated in Fort Bend County Libraries “Community Reads” initiative were given raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at 1 p.m., in the Meeting Room, just prior to the keynote address by Stacey Swann. A second raffle will also take place for everyone who did not participate in the book-club meetings.

Food trucks will be on hand, and visitors are invited to eat lunch while enjoying the festive atmosphere of a live dance performance in the outdoor amphitheater.

The event is made possible by the Friends of the George Memorial Library. Visitors may browse through the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, which will take place at the front entrance of the library throughout the Book Festival. Cash and checks are welcome; credit cards cannot be accepted. Proceeds from the sale provide funding for adult and children’s programs, cultural events, and staff development and continuing-education programs for library employees.

For more information, see Fort Bend County Libraries’ website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us)), or call the library system’s Communications Office (281-633-4734).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Calling all gumbo cookers for the Fulshear Police Foundation’s November 9 cookoff

It’s a gumbo cook-off that’s free to enter – on November 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cross Creek Ranch, 6450 Cross Creek Bend Lane in Fulshear. Enjoy family fun, live and silent auctions, and live music, sponsored by the Fulshear Police Foundation. There’s plenty to see and do—including police car and fire truck displays. Sign up your team today by calling 713-299-6222, or visit [fulshearpolicefoundation.com](http://fulshearpolicefoundation.com) for more details.

Support local kiddos with special needs through the November 9 ‘Katy Bar the Door’ Poker Run

Join the Katy Elks Lodge 2628 in raising funds for local children with special needs through the Katy Bar the Door Poker Run on Saturday, November 09. All forms of transport are welcome. Registration will be held at the Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road in Katy, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. “Wheels Out” at noon with return by 5 p.m. Start and finish at Katy Elks Lodge 2628. Stops include Katy Elks Lodge, 510 Bar, Texas Borders, Scholars & Scoundrels, Cigar International and Katy Beer Garden. Online pre-registration per passport is \$40 + 3.25 online fee and includes dinner. The event will benefit Texas Elks Children’s Services. Contact Johnny Lee for more details at 832- 894-5079 or [jlsef71@yahoo.com](mailto:jlsef71@yahoo.com).

Enjoy baby goats and more at Rose Therapeutic Farm’s Fall Festival on November 9-10

Come out to 1324 Peach Ridge Road in Brookshire and meet all of the new animals at Rose Therapeutic Farm during their Fall Festival on November 9 and 10. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy chicken poop bingo, crafting on

the farm and offerings from local vendors and artisans. Partake in goodies from food trucks, including the Kona Ice Truck or bring your own picnic if you would like. Tickets may be obtained at [fareharbor.com/embeds/book/goatyogakaty/items/417965](http://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/goatyogakaty/items/417965).

KATY AARP chapter meeting set for November 12

The Katy chapter of AARP will meet Tuesday, November 12th, at Midway BBQ, 6191 Highway Blvd in Katy. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with a short meeting and announcements. Afterwards, entertainment will be provided by Cindy St. Cyr, a professional jazz singer who has specialized in music wellness programs for over 35 years. Her music programs reduce stress and anxiety and promote empowering changes. Visitors are welcome. Allow time to purchase any food before the meeting starts.

Katy Library to hold two events on November 13

The Katy Branch Library of the Harris County Public Library System has announced two events for November 13:

- Friends of the Library Fund-raiser @ Mod Pizza Wednesday, November 13 all day. Visit Mod Pizza 2812 W Grand Parkway N, Suite 100, Katy, TX 77449 any time on Wednesday, November 13 to help raise funds for the Katy Branch Library. Make sure to tell them you are there to support the Friends of the Katy Library, and 20% of sales will go directly to support the library. If you order online at [modpizza.com](http://modpizza.com) or on the MOD app, make sure to use the digital code “MODGIVES20.”
- How to Identify and Respond to Domestic Minor Trafficking Wednesday, November 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the library at 5414 Franz Road in Katy. This free program for adults will be hosted by Children’s Assessment Center. The seminar will cover Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) which will be defined. Experts

will also teach you how to identify it, respond to it, and identify local resources for victims. This training is for adults only.

City of Katy to host fall community campout November 15-16

Pack your tent and sleeping bags for a night of family fun including activities, dinner, an outdoor movie, s’mores, and a light breakfast during the City of Katy Parks & Recreation Department’s annual fall community campout. The event will be held at VFW Park at 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy. Set-up begins Friday at 4 p.m. and camp breaks by 9 a.m. Saturday morning. You may bring your own food and drinks. No alcohol permitted. Bring your own tent and sleeping necessities. No campers or trailers. Electricity not provided. Public restrooms are available. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. No pets allowed. Attendees are required to register for this event regardless of your plans to stay the night. It is a free event, but space is limited! Registration must be received by November 10. Register at [cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/parks-recreation/community-events/community-campout](http://cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/parks-recreation/community-events/community-campout).

Learn how to break the ‘menstrual stigma’ at a workshop on November 16

Mathru Krupa Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to raise menstrual hygiene awareness and eradicate period poverty, is, hosting a “Break Menstrual Stigma!” awareness event on November 16th at the Katy Library, 5414 Franz. The event is focused on raising boys’ awareness about menstruation, the problems faced by girls, and how they can be supportive. The meeting will be from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the library. There is no charge to attend but seats are limited – RSVP at [tinyurl.com/MKFformRSVP](http://tinyurl.com/MKFformRSVP).

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- One of the four Vedas
- Part of (abbr.)
- At the peak
- African antelope
- Expression of satisfaction
- Yankees’ ace
- Belittled
- A baglike structure
- Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- Actress Tomei
- Explosive
- Formal for “on”
- Cruelties
- Country singer Brad
- Make very happy
- Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
- Albanian currency
- Subatomic particle
- Type of salt
- 007’s creator
- Emerging
- Railroad flare
- Observed
- Capable of reproduction
- Indicates adjacent to
- Legendary Notre Dame coach
- Not wide
- An embarrassing mistake
- Pearl Jam’s debut album
- Denotes passerine birds

**CLUES DOWN**

- Crease
- “Honey” actress Jessica
- Broad volcanic crater
- Product safety watchdog
- Southern Colombian city
- Part of a church
- Perceptible by touch
- Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- Hairpiece
- Variety acts
- “Mystic River” actor Sean
- Remove salt
- Went out with
- Type of bread
- Popular Eagles song
- Philosophy degree
- Yes vote
- Passports and licenses are two
- No seats available
- Pounds per square inch
- A way to launch an attack on

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Stumble
- Midway between east and southeast
- W. Indian trees
- You
- Pigpen
- Be aware of

**CLUES DOWN**

- The lowest cardinal number
- Popular Miller beer
- Pokes holes in
- Closest to
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Rivne’s former name
- Flat ruler
- Lacking the means to do something
- Cockatoo
- Dred Scott decision deliverer
- Explosion exclamation
- Canadian flyers
- Houston university
- At some prior time
- Red, swollen mark

Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.

## SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.



## ANIMALS

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you live in the city limits,” Brown said.

There are 16 pets – 13 dogs and three cats – currently in the Katy facility. Brown says there is room to take seven more animals – but that is not a lot of space when six more dogs are found in one of the city’s neighborhoods, as they were during the last week of October. Fortunately, Animal Control was able to reunite those dogs with their owner – and Brown says that is always the objective of his department. “We always want to get them back home,” he said.

If an animal has current tags, Brown and his officers can contact the owner if the information is correct. Microchipping also helps in matching owners with their lost pets, he added.

Brown said that the animal control department should be the very last resort for someone who can no longer keep their pet. He recommended first reaching out to friends and family to try to rehome the pet, then contacting the larger nonprofit animal rescues in the area. Brown said that the department never wants to euthanize an animal but that sometimes they have no choice.

Brown also outlined other ways for area residents to help the City of Katy’s overcrowded animal control department. Donations – both monetary and of food and supplies – are always welcome. Canned food is especially needed, he said. Volunteers are needed, too, particularly when the department does an adoption event in conjunction with area rescues. And for those who cannot adopt or foster but who still want to be involved in helping the dogs is in the shelter, Brown recommended volunteering at the department to help socialize the dogs who are isolated in kennels. “We’re not a shelter,” he said. “This is no place for a puppy to grow up.”

Animal lovers can also follow the department on social media and share photos of animals who need a home. To view the pets now being housed at the facility, go to [cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/police-department/animal-control/pets-in-the-shelter](http://cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/police-department/animal-control/pets-in-the-shelter).

The facility is located just off the I-10 feeder road at 25839 I-10 East between FM 1463 and Pin Oak Persons wishing to visit any animals in the shelter may do so by making an appointment.

Individuals who are interested in adopting or fostering a pet in the shelter may contact any of the city’s approved nonprofit rescue groups listed on their website at [cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/police-department/animal-control](http://cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/police-department/animal-control).

For more information, please contact Brown at [dbrown@katypd.com](mailto:dbrown@katypd.com).

## COLLEGE

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panies like Shell and Chevron, who have employees around the world, as well as to military personnel.

HCC is also involved in the future of urban transportation, Fisher said, predicting that “the Houston skies will be filled with flying taxis.” HCC is partnering with BP, NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration in the development of vertical takeoff helicopters, which she said would “change the landscape.”

Fisher then discussed how HCC is leading education in the development of metaverse technologies for the classroom. She shared HCC’s leadership role in the development of virtual reality technology for education and discussed the impact the metaverse will have on society, business, and education. The college will combine virtual reality, ambient intelligence and artificial intelligence to create the future of online interactions. “Avatars will be common,” she said, describing how the technology will change how meetings – and even college classes -- may be conducted. Her points were underscored through an interview with industry leaders Sean Guerre, Executive Director OF Stone Fort Group and Edwin Bailey, Senior Preconstruction Technologist for Skanska.

The State of the College program also featured remarks by the HCC Board Chair Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary, who called the event “the highlight of our year,” providing an opportunity to update the community about the college system and to provide a “forecast of things to come.” For 53 years, she said, the college has been a source of opportunity for students, providing quality education that is accessible and affordable.

Houston Methodist Comprehensive Care Center in Cinco Ranch will serve as a blueprint for future health care facilities and further advance Houston Methodist’s initiative to redesign care – which is reshaping health care delivery and prioritizing accessibility, innovation and quality to ensure the future of medicine begins today, said the company in a later press release.

The Houston Methodist Comprehensive Care Center in Cinco Ranch will provide convenience by consolidating a wide range of services under one roof, including:

- Primary care and same-day clinic appointments
- Specialized care in orthopedics, neurology, gastroenterology, urology and rheumatology
- Advanced imaging, lab services and physical therapy

More than just a collection of services, the center is designed to enhance care coordination and save patients time by reducing the need for multiple appointments across different locations.

The comprehensive care center incorporates cutting-edge technology to streamline both patient care and provider efficiency. Key features include:

- Self-check-in kiosks for fast, hassle-free registration
- AI-assisted documentation to reduce administrative tasks, giving doctors more time to focus on patient care
- Digital communication systems to keep patients and care teams in constant contact, improving treatment outcomes
- Automated medication inventory systems to boost safety and efficiency

“These innovations represent the future of health care—one where technology supports, rather than complicates, the care process,” said Wayne M. Voss, chief executive officer of Houston Methodist West Hospital.

The comprehensive care center is more than just a response to the community’s rapid growth; it’s a statement of Houston Methodist’s commitment to the community, the company said in a subsequent press release. By bringing together primary care and specialty services in one place, the center will eliminate unnecessary delays in care, reduce patient stress, and create a more streamlined, patient-centered approach.

Houston Methodist’s new convenient care center, slated to open near Fulshear in 2026, will incorporate the latest in technological advances in order to improve the patient experience, officials said at the October 30 groundbreaking.



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## WASHINGTON

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and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her grandparents James and Minola Washington and Samuel and Ora McNeal, father Booker T. Washington, sister Kathryn Harmon, brother Kimbly Washington and son Walter Washington Wigfall.

A homegoing celebration was held on November 2, 2024, at Westland Baptist Church, 1407 West Grand Parkway South in Katy, under the direction of Lakeside Mortuary of Eagle Lake.

## CORRECTION

In the coverage of the City of Katy city council meeting on October 28, which appeared on the front page of the October 31, 2024, edition of the Katy Times, there was an error in describing area traffic generators located near the proposed “Green at Katy Park” planned development district. The story incorrectly stated that the baseball fields at Katy Park on Franz Road draw over 600,000 visitors to the area annually, the but the actual number presented to city council by developer Jeff Read of Read King is 522,200 visitors per year. The Times regrets the error.

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# King Lakes shines bright with Diwali Celebration

BY GANESH NANAWARE  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

On Saturday, October 26, the King Lakes community held a vibrant Diwali celebration, hosted by the Indo-Americans of Katy at Tompkins High School, 4400 Falcon Landing in Katy. With over 280 Indian family members in attendance, the event was a radiant showcase of cultural pride, unity, and festive spirit.

The evening began with a social hour featuring mouthwatering appetizers and the classic Diwali delicacy, laddu. A beautiful Ganesh Vandana set the tone with a devotional start, honoring the remover of obstacles and welcoming blessings for the night ahead. From there, a dynamic talent show celebrated the creativity and heritage of the Indian community.

Highlights included a spirited skit performance by young children, capturing the epic journey of the Ramayana with beautiful stage setups. Meticulously



PHOTO COURTESY OF GANESH NANAWARE

A Diwali celebration, hosted by the Indo-Americans of Katy was held at Tompkins High School, 4400 Falcon Landing in Katy on October 26, with over 280 residents of the King Lakes community attending.

choreographed Bollywood dance performances and soulful singing filled the room with energy and nostalgia. A special musical medley celebrated India's rich culture and diversity, featuring over 26 performers. The grand finale was a mesmerizing moment as both the United States and Indian national

anthems were played, accompanied by flag-waving, leaving the audience deeply inspired.

Attendees also enjoyed a delicious spread of traditional foods, ending with the flavor-packed Banarasi Paan. As the formal program concluded, participants took to the dance floor, joining together

for high-energy Bollywood music.

In addition to the entertainment, the celebration was a platform for young people to actively engage in preserving and sharing their culture. King Lakes kids took on various volunteer roles, from welcoming guests and decorating the stage to managing

the food distribution, emceeding, and supporting in every aspect of the event. "The spirit of service and connection highlighted the unity and diversity that are cherished by Indian families within King Lakes," said a spokesperson.

This event was organized by dedicated volunteers of the Indo-Americans of Katy organization: Sandesh and Snehal Ghumare, Soma and Arjndam Chatterjee, Anjana Dabral, Alok Dubey and Shaily Pathak, Aditi and Hans Gupta, Manisha and Mahesh Halapeti, Harshil, Hemant Jadhav, Vasudha and Mahesh Karnik, Ganesh Nanaware, Ajit Pansare, Amudha, Mona and Parimal Patel, Saraswati and Bhupendra Patidar, Nutan and Parag Ramteke, Naina and Mehul Rawal, Vibhu Sharma, Srinivas, Sudha Tiwary, Vani Srikant, and Shrikantha.

*This article was compiled by Ganesh Nanaware on behalf of the Indo-Americans of Katy organization.*

## The Glitter Fix: How one retiree is spreading joy one craft project at a time

FROM STAFF REPORTS

"As I approached the time to retire, my friends all told me to take a few years off before I decided what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Well, my head and my heart were set on becoming a volunteer..."

And, for the past eight years, retiree Virginia "Ms. Ginny" Silver has done just that, dedicating her time to enriching the lives of seniors through volunteer work. After retiring, Silver initially started her new role volunteering to call bingo and leading craft activities at a senior living community.

Recognizing that many standard craft projects felt too juvenile for the residents, Silver set out to elevate the activities, believing "there is nothing that is messed up that we can't fix with a little glitter."

Through adaptive techniques and a focus on empowering even physically challenged residents, Silver transformed craft time into an experience of dignity and pride.

Now, she volunteers at the Sunrise of Cinco Ranch community, located at 21939 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy, where they continue this



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Ginny Silver volunteers her time at Sunrise of Cinco Ranch as well as at her church, helping elevate craft activities to enrich the lives of senior citizens. Silver believes that "there is nothing that is messed up that we can't fix with a little glitter."

mission of bringing joy and creativity to seniors. Residents create meaningful keepsakes to share with loved ones, rather than leaving projects abandoned. "This heartwarming approach aligns perfectly with Sunrise Senior Living's mission of 'championing quality of life for all seniors,'" said Heather Hunter, senior manager of external communications at the facility.

Silver's commitment extends beyond Sunrise, as she also volunteers with a dementia respite program at her local church, drawing on

personal experience caring for a parent with Alzheimer's. This "full circle" story of giving back could inspire other retirees seeking purpose in their golden years, said Hunter.

"On World Kindness Day, we want to uplift Ms. Ginny and her mission to spread joy through the power of creativity and community, in spite of all the negative news happening in the world," said Hunter.

World Kindness Day, which began in 1998, will be celebrated on November 13. The movement was initiated by a group of kindness organizations in order to create a global focus on creating kindness, according to worldkindness.org. The movement encourages individuals to initiate random acts of kindness that have a ripple effect, spreading from one person to another and resulting in a wave of goodwill across communities. The website suggests starting with small activities like paying for a stranger's coffee or distributing "kindness cards" with positive messages. Organizing community events or workshops focused on kindness can have a lasting effect, according to the website.

## Lightbridge Academy of Katy highlights the importance of STEM for young children

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Local early learning center Lightbridge Academy is highlighting the importance of early STEM exposure for young learners in honor of National STEM Day on Friday, November 8. Recognizing that foundational skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) set children up for success, Lightbridge Academy prioritizes interactive learning experiences in its curriculum that foster curiosity, problem-solving, and creativity.

"At Lightbridge Academy, we believe early STEM exposure is essential for nurturing lifelong curiosity and confidence in young learners," says Theresa Costantini, a local education expert from Lightbridge Academy. "Incorporating STEM concepts into playtime allows little ones to make observations, ask questions, and solve problems in a way that feels natural and engaging."

Costantini encourages families to introduce simple STEM concepts at home through hands-on activities that are accessible and engaging for children. For example, families can create sensory bags filled with colorful materials to explore textures and cause-and-effect relationships. Everyday moments, such as building with blocks or exploring the outdoors, also provide excellent opportunities to spark interest in engineering and science.

A popular activity choice both at home and in the classroom is the Rigamajig, a tool that introduces children to foundational STEM principles. The Rigamajig encourages imagination, discovery, collaboration, and problem-solving through hands-on, experiential, and open-ended play. Lincoln Logs and ball or marble runs are two excellent budget-friendly STEM toys that offer young learners engaging educational experiences. Lincoln Logs also inspire creativity and introduce basic engineering principles, allowing children to build their own structures while developing fine motor skills and



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Parents can introduce simple STEM concepts at home through hands-on activities that are accessible and engaging for children, as well as being budget-friendly, says a local education expert from Lightbridge Academy.

spatial awareness. Ball and marble runs, meanwhile, foster problem-solving skills and experimentation with gravity and physics as kids design pathways and test their creations. Both tools provide young learners with engaging opportunities to develop essential STEM skills promoting critical thinking and hands-on learning.

"I recommend starting by encouraging children to ask questions about their surroundings and engage in activities like building, counting, and observing. These simple practices naturally promote STEM learning and build confidence in their ability to experiment and learn from mistakes," said Costantini.

As an industry leader in educational child care, Lightbridge Academy has two locations in Katy, located at 1711 Spring Green Blvd #900 and 3321 Peek Rd. The centers incorporate STEM-focused activities within their curriculum that go beyond traditional academics, equipping children with the skills and curiosity essential for exploration and discovery.





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TRIBUTE

Writer and musician, husband and father, Kenneth Karl Steger ("Ken") left the embrace of his family and loving home on September 17, 2024, to greet eternity. Ken entered the world in a New Orleans hospital in April 1954, the first-born child of an elegant homemaker mom and an engineer dad. His young childhood was spent in a new neighborhood in Metairie on a block teeming with young children. Bees were caught in mason jars; turtles were captured in the canal at the end of the block; young boys on bicycles were more numerous than cars; and afternoons were filled with ball games in the street and "playing army" in backyard battlefields. The verdant New Orleans of that era—replete with flowers, tropical plants, birds, insects, and reptiles—was a boyhood paradise.

In 1964, Ken's dad accepted a job with Monsanto, so the family, which had expanded to include a



KENNETH KARL STEGER  
1954-2024

younger brother and sister, packed up the Plymouth Valiant and moved to Alvin, Texas. In a rural community that was home to future hall-of-fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, baseball was deified, and 10-year-old Ken proved himself to be an adept ballplayer. Compact and wiry, Ken became a starting catcher for both his Little League and Teenage League teams. His interest shifted to basketball in high school, and he earned a starting

spot as a point guard in the varsity lineup. Dad was ecstatic about his son's athletic prowess, but little did he realize that he had sown the seeds for a premature end to Ken's athletic career when he and mom decided one Christmas to give Ken a guitar (ordered from a Sears & Roebuck catalog). It turned out that the manual dexterity that served Ken well in sports also made him an excellent guitar player.

Music increasingly competed with athletic pursuits as he advanced through his high school years. Ultimately his love of music—and a strict "buzz cut" policy for athletes—resulted in Ken abandoning basketball and devoting his senior year to playing guitar, writing for the school newspaper, and becoming as hirsute as humanly possible. As high school graduation approached, both college and Vietnam were beckoning. Fortunately, the war wound down, and Ken was able to spend the next four years

at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, where he graduated in 1976, earning not only a degree but a smart, winsome, and lovely bride, Mary Friesenhahn.

Working in journalism following graduation, Ken and Mary eventually settled in Katy, Texas. There Ken served as the Publisher and Editor of The Katy Times from 1985 until 2006, a position he enjoyed immensely and which suited him perfectly.

Ken and Mary's marriage was filled with both triumph and tragedy. Together, they raised three beautiful, talented children—Jennifer, Stacey, and James—and grieved the loss of a precious infant child, Kristen, who died from sudden infant death syndrome. Mary suffered a brain injury in 2005, which left her partially disabled. As a result, they moved to Austin where Ken said goodbye to journalism and accepted a less demanding job so that he would have time to help his wife. Mary forged brave-

ly ahead until her death in 2019. Ken assumed that the remainder of his life would be spent in bachelorhood, but fate intervened in a wonderful way when Ken met, fell in love with, and married Susan Ragas, the mother of his daughter Stacy's husband, Ryan, and co-grandparent of their mutual granddaughter, Mary Harper. Confusing, yes. Perfect, also yes. Ken happily moved from Austin to New Orleans to join Susan in her home, where he lived out the last few years of his life in a loving relationship, experiencing joy, security, and peace.

In the midst of it all, rarely did a day pass when Ken did not spend an hour or two playing guitar and composing music. He had the soul of an artist and was a talented wordsmith. He was a good and loyal friend and loved his family well. He took especially great pride in his wife, three children, two sons-in-law, and beautiful granddaughter, Mary Harper. Ken will

be dearly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Ken is survived by his wife, Susan Ragas Steger; children, Jennifer Steger Santiago (Baltazar), Stacey Steger Davis (Ryan), and James Kenneth Steger; granddaughter, Mary Harper Davis; mother, Patricia S. Moore; brother, Christopher Steger (Carey); and Ken's New Orleans "daughters by marriage" Megan and Paige Davis. Ken was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Friesenhahn Steger; infant daughter, Kristen Steger; father, Melvin Edward Steger; sister, Kathryn Patricia Brisart; and stepfather, Haskell Moore.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, 126 W Oltorf Street, Austin, Texas 78704, on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Weavers of Hope, c/o Tenley Aldredge, 916 West Monroe Street, Austin, Texas 78704.

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# Signs of the times

Taylor educator teaches ASL during the week, also serves as interpreter at Texas Renaissance Festival

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

Who knew that sign language counts as a foreign language for students at Katy ISD? I didn't.

So we reached out to Brandy Cabe, who teaches sign language at the district's Taylor High School at 21000 Kingsland in Katy, in order to learn more.

"Sign language qualifies as a foreign language in high school for several important reasons," said Cabe in an email to the Katy Times. "First, like spoken languages, American Sign Language (ASL) has its own unique grammar, structure, and vocabulary, making it a fully developed and distinct language. In fact, back in the 1960s, a linguist named William Stokoe researched and proved that ASL was a true language, challenging the common belief at the time that it was simply a series of gestures. His groundbreaking work opened the door for ASL to be recognized as a legitimate language, both academically and culturally."

"Learning ASL not only helps students communicate with the Deaf community, but also promotes cultural awareness and understanding. ASL is widely used in the U.S. and parts of Canada, and just like learning Spanish, French, or any other language, it allows students to connect with a rich and diverse culture," Cabe continued. "Many colleges and universities also recognize ASL as a foreign language, so taking it in high school can help meet language requirements for graduation and higher education."

Cabe grew up here in Houston but attended the University of Pittsburgh. She is dual certified in Social Studies and American Sign Language (ASL).

"Like many aspects of life, seemingly small and unimportant decisions can profoundly impact our journey," said Cabe. "When I registered for classes at the University of Pittsburgh, I learned that I needed to take an additional foreign language course. As I reviewed my options, I noticed American Sign Language (ASL) among the choices. Intrigued, I decided to give it a try."

"My first class, Russian History, I made sure to sit in the front row to capture every detail. Next to me was a student named Paul, and across from him sat an interpreter. After class, the teacher requested someone to share

their notes with Paul, and I quickly volunteered, eager to help. When I attempted to sign my offer, I stumbled through it awkwardly. Paul, graciously, offered to tutor me in exchange for my notes. He introduced me to his wife, who was also Deaf, and we quickly became friends."

Over the next three years, Paul and his wife welcomed Cabe into the Deaf community and immersed her in Deaf culture. "They introduced me to a vibrant world filled with rich traditions, perspectives, and connections that I had never considered before," said Cabe. "This experience not only transformed my understanding of communication but also changed the course of my life. I became an advocate for Deaf awareness and inclusion, realizing how interconnected our lives truly are. Through those small decisions and unexpected friendships, I discovered a new passion and a deeper sense of purpose that continue to shape my journey today."

"My teaching career began in North Carolina, where I taught middle school English and Social Studies. I continued teaching middle school English and Social Studies in Okinawa, Japan, before moving to Texas, where I taught Economics and ASL. For the past 18 years, I have been teaching ASL in Katy. In 2016 I won the Edmodian of North America for the year. I am currently working with the Katy Virtual School on creating online ASL courses. I have taught the online ASL 1 for three years."

Cabe strongly believes that there is a need for students to be fluent in sign language in today's world.

"The need for students to be fluent in sign language—especially American Sign Language (ASL)—is more important than ever," she said. "As our society becomes more diverse and inclusive, it's crucial that everyone, including the Deaf community, has access to effective communication. Learning ASL is a great way to bridge the gap between hearing and Deaf individuals, helping build stronger connections, empathy, and understanding. Being fluent in ASL also opens up all kinds of opportunities! Students can engage with a rich and vibrant culture, while also setting themselves up for careers in fields like education, healthcare, interpreting, social work, or law enforcement, where communicating with Deaf individuals is becoming increasingly essential."

Students are interested in taking sign



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Taylor High School teacher Brandy Cabe teaches American Sign Language as a foreign language at the school and also serves as an ASL interpreter for the Texas Renaissance Festival.  
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language for many different reasons, said Cabe, "including its practical benefits, cultural insights, and personal connections, making it a popular choice in many academic settings. ASL is the third most commonly used language in the United States and has an increased presence in literature and film, increasing the interest in students taking the course."

Cabe says that parents are generally in favor of the student's choice to take the course. "Parents typically are very excited and supportive of their student learning ASL. They are encouraged to learn the basics with their students and be a partner in the learning experience by watching the embedded videos, attending events, and using the language outside of class."

Currently, Taylor High School has approximately 130 students enrolled in ASL courses. "Our ASL Honor Society (ASLHS) further encourages students to immerse themselves in the Deaf community by participating in events like local Deaf socials, where they can practice their skills and gain valuable cultural experience," said Cabe.

Across the district, five campuses offer ASL classes, and ASL levels 1, 2, and 3 are available online through KVS. Altogether, there are over 700 students enrolled in ASL program, Cabe said.

Cabe also works at the Texas Renaissance Festival as an ASL interpreter.

"My degree focus was in Medieval Studies, and I've been attending the Texas Renaissance Festival (TRF) since I was five years old," she said. "When my family moved back to the U.S. from Japan where my husband (a Marine) was stationed, we began attending TRF regularly,

often dressed in period costumes and camping on-site. In 2014, I attended one of the first Deaf Days at TRF and was invited to co-coordinate the event alongside Michelle Martin. The following year, we expanded Deaf Day to a full weekend, and the year after that, it grew to two full weekends, leading to the creation of ASL Faires TX, with Amber Warren joining as Vice President and Nick Thomson as Secretary. ASL Faires TX is an all-volunteer group of certified interpreters, interns, and community members dedicated to creating an accessible and inclusive event for the Deaf community each year. In 2016, we introduced DeafBlind Day in November, in partnership with the DeafBlind Camp of Texas and Jen Borland."

One of the highlights, for families camping, is the family craft activities led by Bobbi Shea, who ensures a fun and safe environment for kids every Friday night. "On Saturdays, we host a family marshmallow roast, creating cherished memories for families attending the festival," said Cabe. "Additionally, we offer informational tours for newcomers, helping them navigate and appreciate all that the festival has to offer."

In 2015, Cabe became a member of the TRF Ambassador Program, a dedicated volunteer group that supports the TRF Marketing team by serving as brand ambassadors at a variety of events.

"The Ambassadors do more than just promote events; we actively collaborate with several charitable organizations, including the Gulf Coast Blood Bank, the National MS Society, the Galveston Food Bank, and the Grimes County Backpack Drive," said Cabe. "These partnerships allow us to give back to the community and support important causes."

In 2021, Cabe was invited to join the leadership team for the program, allowing her to contribute even more to our mission of community engagement and support. In 2023 she was knighted by the King of the festival and given the title Baroness.

"I feel incredibly privileged to have been part of two amazing programs that allow me to participate in the faire's activities and help create an inclusive, welcoming environment that shares a bit of that magic I experienced my first time at faire with others," she concluded.

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# Week 11 Katy ISD Previews

## Playoff field set heading into final week

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

All games District 19-6A

### THURSDAY

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

Last year: Tompkins 48, Taylor 13  
• Taylor closes out its season against a Tompkins team that has secured a playoff spot heading into the final week of the season with both trying to end the regular season on a strong note.

Taylor comes off a 41-21 loss to Paetow in their last game and will be looking to bounce back against the Falcons. The Mustangs got three touchdowns in the game, one on an 80-yard touchdown from Garrett Barham to Josh Jacobson, another on a Xavier Haynes 80-yard run and a final touchdown on a 14-yard pass from Barham to Moaz Sabek. Taylor's defense struggled to contain a playoff bound Paetow team, allowing 41 points, but they can take some momentum into this week after a good offensive performance.

Tompkins meanwhile comes into the game after losing to Katy last time out. The Falcons had some good things they did on both ends of the ball, but weren't able to capitalize on them in the loss. Tompkins had over 200 yards of total offense and Justin Thierheimer threw for 156 yards, but every time the Falcons were close to the endzone, they were stopped and Tompkins was shut out at the end of things. On defense they recovered a fumble and forced a turnover on downs against Katy, but the Tigers were able to control the game and score 35 points.

It will be a game where Tompkins will try to build on things, continue to do well offensively and try to get things down defensively before playoffs, while the Mustangs will try to build on their last game, clean up some things defensively and try to close out the season with a win.

#### Jordan (8-1, 6-1) vs. Paetow (7-2, 6-1) 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Jordan 26, Paetow 8  
• This game features two teams that secured their spots in their playoff spots and their position in the playoffs, with Paetow being locked into the second seed in Division I and Jordan being locked into the first seed of Division I.

Jordan comes off its bye and will be trying to claim to put together a good performance before playoffs start. The Warriors beat Taylor last time out and got good performances from the offense with a 1-yard touchdown from Chad Gasper, touchdown runs of 96-yards and 40-yards from Beau Bryant and a 53-yard touchdown pass from Bryant to Zach Taylor. The Warriors only allowed three points on defense as well and continued to impress on that side of the ball.

Paetow meanwhile comes off a 41-21 win over Taylor and had a good day both passing and running the ball on offense, getting back in rhythm after the teams first district loss of the season to Katy. The Panthers' defense performed well too, shutting Taylor out in the first half and not allow points until the game was in hand in the second half.

While their playoff positions are secure, it will be a game where second place in district is decided. It would be highest finish for either team since they entered District 19-6A and it should be a good game featuring two strong teams.

### FRIDAY

#### Katy (8-1, 7-0) vs. Mayde Creek (5-4, 3-4), 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 59, Mayde Creek 7  
• Katy and Mayde Creek come into the final week of the regular season both with momentum, but having different goals as they face off with Katy already having secured the top spot in district and the Rams out of the playoff race.

Katy comes off another strong win, beating Tompkins and shutting the Falcons out. Katy had a balanced day both running and passing. Tony Manuel had 80-yards on the ground, including a 67-yard run, while Tremayne Hill had 68 yards and two touchdowns. Through the air, Gunner Nelson had 172 yards and a touchdown while Israel Olotu-Judah caught seven passes for 77 yards and Cade McCall had one catch for 70 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, the Tigers didn't allow a point and increased their streak of not allowing an offensive touchdown to five games.

For Katy the game is still a big one as the Tigers try and secure an outright district title, while for Mayde Creek they will try to end the season on a good note and bring momentum into the offseason.

#### Seven Lakes (3-6, 1-6) vs. Morton Ranch (0-9, 0-7) 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Seven Lakes 24, Morton Ranch 21

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Katy fans cheer during a game between Katy and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

# Katy clinches district title with win over Tompkins

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy continues to shut down opponents.

The Tigers' defense has been the talk of the district lately, shutting down opponents left and right throughout the past month.

The Tigers (8-1, 7-0) had a streak coming into this week that they wanted to continue, not allowing an offensive touchdown in five straight games, and they added onto it on Friday, beating Tompkins 35-0 to secure a District 19-6A championship heading into the final week of the regular season.

"That is our goal and how we want to play every week," said senior defensive lineman and punter Adam Carter. "We want to come out, not give them any points and don't give any team anything easy. We want to show that we are the best defense in this district, and I feel like we have proven that so far this year."

Katy allowed just over 200 total yards in the game and stopped Tompkins at every opportunity, even when the Falcons pushed down to the goal line.

The Tigers took their opening drive of the game all the way down to the Tompkins goal line, but were stuffed on a fourth and short from the Tompkins two. The Katy defense though stepped up and blocked a Tompkins punt and then Tremayne Hill got the scoring



Katy head coach Gary Joseph watches from the sidelines during a game between Katy and Taylor at Rhodes Stadium.

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started with a 3-yard touchdown run late in the first half. The Tigers added a second score early in the second quarter when Gunner Nelson threw a 70-yard touchdown pass to Cade McCall on a deep post and Joshua Smith added a 6-yard run on a fullback dive to make it 21-0 Katy at half.

"The offensive line has grown up a lot this year and they're doing a good job of leading us and finding a way to keep getting better," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "It's a process, offensive line is a hard position to play and I'm just thankful to have such great coaches who are in charge of those guys. It's such an important position for us and their

growth has been good this year."

The Tompkins offense got a strong drive going in the third quarter and nearly stopped Katy's streak of not allowing an offensive score, driving the ball to the 1-yard-line, but Katy's defense again came up huge, stuffing a run play on fourth and goal and keeping the shutout alive.

Tremayne Hill scored his second touchdown of the day in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run and Tim Ogu-banjo capped off the scoring in with just over a minute to play on a 27-yard

See **KATY**, page B5

# Mayde Creek surges past Seven Lakes

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Mayde Creek has found its footing over the past month.

The Rams had to overcome some struggles early in the season, figuring out a new offensive system and learning how to succeed in a new culture on the fly.

But things have started to click lately for the Rams. In their past four games, Mayde Creek has 20 points in each and in their last two they have surpassed 30 points in both.

It's been spearheaded by the team's aerial attack. Trey Williams has settled into the starting quarterback role and he has started to thrive. He is spreading the ball around and getting all of the Rams' talented players at the skill positions.

That success showed up again on Thursday, as the Rams (5-4, 3-4) put together a complete game in all three phases while beating Seven Lakes (3-6, 1-6) 44-14 with Mayde Creek continuing to gain momentum late in district play.

"It's been rewarding seeing these guys continue to work and start to get



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Trey Williams passes the ball during a game between Tompkins and Mayde Creek at Rhodes Stadium.

all of this down," said Mayde Creek head coach Mike Arogbonlo. "They are understanding what we need out of them and I'm understanding the best way to use them. It's been awesome,

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## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

# SCORES & SCHEDULES

### FOOTBALL

#### Scores

- Katy 35, Tompkins 0
- Mayde Creek 44, Seven Lakes 14
- Cinco Ranch 56, Morton Ranch 42
- Paetow 41, Taylor 21

#### Thursday

- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6:30 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Jordan vs. Paetow, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

#### Friday

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

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Scores

- BI-DISTRICT : CLASS 6A DIVISION I
- Cinco Ranch 3, Alief Taylor 0
- Fulshear 3, Seven Lakes 1

- BI-DISTRICT : CLASS 6A DIVISION II
- Tompkins 3, George Ranch 0
- Jordan 3, Foster 2

#### Schedule

- AREA: CLASS 6A DIVISION I
- Cinco Ranch vs. Cy-Fair, TBD

- CLASS 6A DIVISION II
- Tompkins vs. Stratford, TBD
- Jordan vs. Memorial, TBD



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# Jordan earns first ever playoff win, Seven Lakes falls to Fulshear

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# Cinco Ranch dominates Alief Taylor

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# Tompkins sweeps George Ranch to start playoff run

TYLER TYRE

The third set was where things got the trickiest for the Falcons. Tompkins went up 10-5 and had an advantage, but every time they would gain distance George Ranch would fight back with the Longhorns season on the line. Tompkins lead was trimmed to 14-13, then to 17-16 and then George

"Film is going to be really important and we have to prepare as well as we have all year," said senior libero Brooklynn Merrell. "We just have to go out and play the way we need to play. However it goes, if we do that we can be proud of ourselves."



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Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held remotely on **November 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Local Time**, via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams, **the number for this call is 1-832-856-3756 and enter access code 124 177 347# when prompted.**

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

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171, Attention Duane Heckmann, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until 2 p.m. Local Time, December 4th, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for “**Elyson Section 57 and Park Landscape**” Harris County, Texas” In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/my/gdietrichswa?omn=96193346249>.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: concrete trail, playground, site furnishings, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held remotely on **November 14th, 2024, at 10 a.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/my/gdietrichswa?omn=99980373357>. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**, and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search **NWct314**. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

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NOTICE

THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, HAS BEEN CANCELED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.

By Order Of Mayor And City Council  
City Of Katy, Texas  
September 23, 2024

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3162 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON OCTOBER 28, 2024:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KATY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 621 BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS A SPECIAL USE, TO WIT: A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION IN “C-1” AND “C-2” DISTRICTS LOCATED AT 5371 EAST FIFTH STREET, FOR THE BENEFIT OF RCCG THE KING’S PALACE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF UP TO \$2,000 DOLLARS PER DAY FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3163 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON OCTOBER 28, 2024:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 621; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KATY BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM “R-1” SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT TO “PDD” PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, FOR APPROXIMATELY 46.27-ACRE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MORTON ROAD AND KATY HOCKLEY CUT-OFF ROAD; CREATING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN “THE GREEN AT KATY PARK” PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF \$2,000 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

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.
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

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

A Non-Mandatory 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>  
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Dial In: 1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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

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Second Publication: November 7, 2024

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Friendswood Development Company o.b.o. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Attention Cynthia Hill, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, November 14, 2024, and then publicly opened and read via Teleconference meeting for “Construction of Water, Sanitary, & Drainage Facilities for Winward Cove Section 1 for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 465, Harris County, Texas.”

Call-In Information: Phone Number: (469) 965-2602, Phone Conference ID: 584 223 407#.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Construction of Water, Sanitary, & Drainage Facilities.

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](http://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.

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

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BY ORDER OF CHAIRMAN  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
CITY OF KATY, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 14, 2024

Katy ISD Provides Evaluations  
for Students  
with Suspected Disabilities

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

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

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

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Katy West Municipal Utility District will be received electronically until **10:00 a.m. Local Time, November 21st, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all plant, labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of: Water, Sanitary, Drainage, and Paving facilities in Katy Court Section 3 & Section 5. In addition to the opening of sealed Bids, you may attend the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Team, use the contact information below:

+1 832-856-3756 United States, Houston, Phone Conference ID: 621 957 563#

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Paving facilities.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **November 14th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time**. Below is the information to attend the pre-bid conference by teleconference.

+1 832-856-3756 United States, Houston, Phone Conference ID: 174 331 867#

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PREVIEWS

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• Seven Lakes and Morton Ranch will both try to close out their seasons in strong fashion with the final regular game of the season in District 19-6A.

The Spartans come off a loss to Mayde Creek, where they showed some good things but weren't able to keep them going in the second half after a good first half. Seven Lakes had

100-yards rushing from Apollo Lema in the game while Edgar Varela ran for 13 yards and a score as well. Shaan Patel threw for 88 yards and Kaiser Floyd had 35 yards receiving to lead the Spartans, but Seven Lakes struggled on the defensive end, allowing over 350 yards from Mayde Creek's offense.

Morton Ranch meanwhile

had a good offensive performance but was unable to pull out a win against Cinco Ranch last time out. The Mavericks got three touchdowns from Tyler Gilmore with runs of 12 yards, and two runs of one yard. Jayceon Jenkins threw for three touchowns as well — two went to Chase Williams on passes

of 80 yards and 66 yards while another went to Tyler Williams with a pass of 29 yards.

With both teams out of the playoff race, it will be a game where they try to build momentum into the offseason. Seven Lakes will try to break a streak of losses while Morton will be fighting for its first win of the year.

KATY

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touchdown run.

"The kids have done a great job of growing up," Joseph said. "This group has grown a lot since August. You can see the maturity in a lot of them. Tonight, you saw when Tompkins got down to the goal line there was no let up and the kids fought tooth and nail. The guys on offense, they've started to get in sync as well. That's the most rewarding part of this year has been seeing that growth."

The Tigers clinched the district title for the 15th time in the past 16 seasons with the win. They will close out the district season against Mayde Creek before heading into playoffs. But the job isn't done for Katy as they try and secure the outright district championship and head into playoffs on a good note.

"Our coaches remind us before every game that everything is about improving and playing your best game each week," Carter said. "That's the mindset we are going to bring in to next week. We want to give 100% effort in practice, keep making each other better and find a way to win. That's the mindset each week and it doesn't change."

KATY 35, TOMPKINS 0

Katy	7	14	0	14	--	35
Tompkin	0	0	0	0	--	0

First quarter

K: Tremayne Hill 3 run (Giovanni Moreno kick) 3:36

Second quarter

K: Gunner Nelson 70 pass to Cade McCall (Moreno kick) 8:17

K: Joshua Smith 6 run (Moreno kick) 4:03

Fourth quarter

K: Tremayne Hill 1 run (Moreno kick) 7:27

K: Tim Ogubanjio 27 run (Moreno kick) 1:25

RAMS

from page B1

there was some frustration at the beginning and it took a while, but we're starting to see what our offense could be. The sky's the limit and we're hoping to build on this and continue using that momentum through the season and into the offseason."

Seven Lakes struck first in the game. After the Spartans and Rams traded turnover on downs to start the game, Seven Lakes took over deep in its own territory and scored when Apollo Lema broke through the middle on a 79-yard run for a touchdown.

The game stayed that way until the second quarter, then Mayde Creek trimmed into the lead on a 45-yard touchdown pass from Trey Williams to Daylin Robinson. Mayde Creek got aggressive and got the ball back on a surprise onside kick and then took the lead two plays later when Williams threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to David Matthews Jr. The Rams added a 37-yard field goal later in the half by Michael Garcia, but Seven Lakes was able to answer back late in the second quarter, driving down the field before Edgar Varela ran in a 2-yard touchdown that trimmed Mayde Creek's lead to 17-14 heading into halftime.

"We're just a whole new offense and a whole new team," said senior quarterback Trey Williams. "We've grown so much from last year and even from the start of this season and you can see how the work we have been putting in has paid off."

The Rams came out and dominated the second half. They added a 48-yard field goal from Garcia to start the third and Williams got the team to the endzone twice more, one on a 30-yard pass to Matthews Jr. and another on a 12-yard run before Garcia added one final field goal and Juice Vela ran in a 2-yard touchdown to cap off the scoring.

Williams ended the night with 152 yards in the air and 70 yards on the ground, scoring four touchdowns while Johnson had 84 yards receiving on six catches. That duo has been front and center to the team's success and they are embracing the new culture fully in their



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Mayde Creek head coach Mike Arogbonlo signals to his team during a game between Paetow and Mayde Creek at Legacy Stadium.

senior years.

"It's just been really fun," Robinson said. "We're building something special here and I've just been put in a position to succeed with how we are playing. The best part though is in these fourth quarters while we're ahead. Being able to see the other guys get in, get there shine and rooting those guys on — that's the most special part for me."

Mayde Creek closes out its season against Katy next week. The Rams though, aren't focused on any particular opponent. For them, this is about themselves, continuing to improve and showing they can play well in all three phases.

"All three phases tonight really came together. That's exactly what we have been trying get these kids to play for nine weeks and they put it all together tonight," Arogbonlo said. "I just emphasized to them in the locker that 'this is who we are and who we can be on a week to week basis.' It doesn't matter who we play next week — it's about ourselves and looking beyond our opponent. These guys have really bought into that and we're just going to try and keep building."

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Madison Carlton looks to pass the ball during a Region III-6A Semifinal between Seven Lakes and Summer Creek at the Campbell Center in Aldine.

# Katy ISD Girls Hoop Classic to host speakers in mental health, physical therapy

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD is gearing up for this year's Girl's Hoops Classic and it is shaping up to be a fun tournament for people around the Katy area to attend.

The school district has partnered with Memorial Hermann for the tournament to provide sports psychologists who will offer mental performance sessions for teams, parents and coaches that will focus on mental toughness and strategies for peak performance. They will talk to the teams at the tournament and host speeches throughout the 14th and 15th,

giving a chance for those teams, parents, coaches and more to learn from experts in the mental health, physical therapy and recovery/nutrition area.

There will be a number of speakers over the two days, starting with three speakers who will give talks on mental health and performance on the 14th. Mental coach Paige Reeve, founder of the institute of sports performance Robert B Andrews and sports mental performance coach Christa Doyle will all give their perspectives and experience in the field to start off the tournament.

After that trio speaks about mental health and performance

there will also be speeches from physical therapists on how athletes can best take care of their bodies and how coaches can best look out for players. Renee Kubeczka, Chelsea Ngo and Courtney Bohne, all three of which are physical therapists at Memorial Hermann, will speak to the groups about their experiences and give advice on how to best keep your bodies healthy.

To round out the tournament on the 15th there will be talks about recovery and nutrition for athletes. Chris Slocum, the Director of Advanced Performance at Athlete Training and Health, Trey Job, the Chief Athletic Performance Officer at Athlete Training

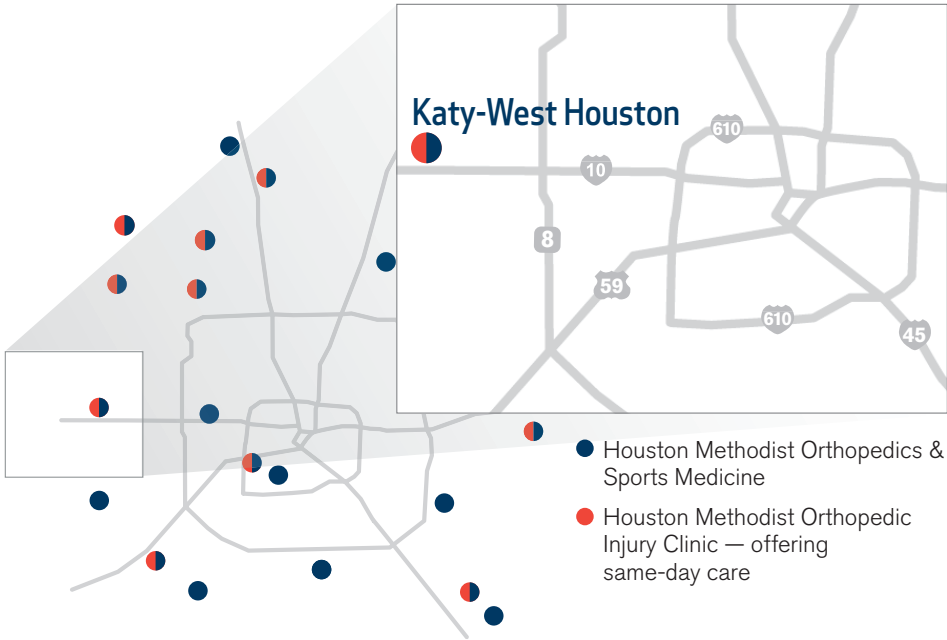
and Health, Brett Singer, a Sports Dietitian at Memorial Hermann and Emily Barnhardt, a Sports Dietitian at the Injury RD will all give talks about keeping your body healthy, recovering after games and keeping yourself ready for peak performance.

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