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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board hears budget and staffing updates, recommendations for safety and potential ABM change

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

At Katy ISD's Board of Trustees meeting on March 24, board members heard a 2025-2026 budget update from CFO Chris Smith as well as recommendations for district staffing for next year from Chief Human Resources Office Brian Schuss.

Smith said that district officials were watching the 89th legislative session closely and that action was anticipated on use of the state surplus budget, school safety, property tax cuts and potential changes to the homestead exemption, approval of education savings accounts and changes to special education.

Smith said that KISD is planning for slower growth in student enrollment next year, with a projected increase

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Board holds special meeting to address concerns on teachers' planning periods

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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Katy ISD's board of trustees came together March 20 for a special meeting to hear both from teachers and from district administration on the district's alleged infringement on teachers' planning time.

A number of teachers, or representatives who spoke for them in order to protect their anonymity, have raised concerns during public comments at recent board meetings.

Under the Texas Education Code, every classroom teacher is entitled to at least 450 minutes within each two-week period for instructional preparation, including parent-teacher conferences, evaluating students' work, and lesson planning, according to the website for the teachers' union Texas American Federation of Teachers

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Left to right: Robert Long of the Texas Association of School Boards and school board candidates Victor Perez (incumbent in Position 1), James Cross (challenger in Position 1), Tammy Reed (challenger in Position 2), Lance Redmon (incumbent in Position 2) and Khris Fields (challenger in Position 2) listen as moderator Jason Burdine poses a question during the March 18 candidate forum sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. About 100 people attended the event, held at the Legacy Stadium community room at 1830 Katyland Drive in Katy.

School board hopefuls speak at Katy chamber's candidate forum

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

A near-capacity crowd of around 100 people filled the community room at Legacy Stadium on March 18, attending the school board candidate forum sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The function at 1830 Katyland Drive in Katy drew supporters for all candi-

dates, with most attendees about evenly divided in support for incumbent board president Victor Perez and his opponent, retired Katy ISD educator James Cross, who are both running for Position 1.

Position 2 incumbent Lance Redmon also had strong support in the audience, but his challengers – KISD teacher Tammy Reed and write-in candidate Khris Fields -- had sup-

porters present as well.

The panel discussion was facilitated by Robert Long, division director of Board Development Services for the Texas Association of School Boards and Jason Burdine, a former trustee at Fort Bend ISD who served from 2014 to 2020. After Burdine established context for each question,

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Council approves proposal for Thomas Park, adds jobs to police department

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

The City of Katy is moving forward with plans to develop Thomas Park and adjacent city-owned properties into a green space that will connect with City Hall and the historic downtown square. At the March 24 meeting of city council, councilmembers authorized the mayor to enter an agreement with MHS Planning & Design, LLC, for initial plans for the spaces at 5919 Fourth Street and 903 and 907 Avenue D.

MHS Senior Planner Hunter Rush said that the firm would seek feedback from the community



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City council members stand with representatives from Keep Katy Beautiful as Mayor Dusty Thiele (center) presents special recognition to the group for their recent awards from Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful.

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EMMETT USHERS IN 'FOURTH ERA OF TRANSPORTATION' AT HIGHWAY 36A COALITION LUNCHEON



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Former Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, now a Fellow in Energy and Transportation Policy at Rice University's Baker Institute in Houston, was the featured speaker at the Highway 36A Coalition's March 20 luncheon at the Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Texas 36 South in Rosenberg. Emmett's topic was "The Fourth Era of Transportation," which – following the eras of natural movement, steam power and petroleum – will be based on the development of new fuels such as ammonia, hydrogen, compressed natural gas, nuclear energy and more, as well as continued reliance on petroleum, he said.

Tying his academic approach to the practicalities of the proposed Highway 36A project, Emmett said future growth in Waller and Fort Bend counties will be shaped by the availability of transportation options, especially for movement of freight. He listed factors such as the current expansion of Port Freeport and the possible need for a second rail line, the growth in warehouse and distribution centers in the area, and the need for large truck stop operations to carry alternative sources of fuel in addition to petroleum products, among others.

Fort Bend County approves funds for juvenile detention vocational training facility

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court has approved \$2 million in federal funds to help construct a juvenile detention vocational training facility, the office of County Commissioner Precinct 4 Dexter L. McCoy announced in a February 25 press release. This center will be the first facility of its kind in Texas and its goal is to support juveniles in gaining job skills, education, and open future employment opportunities while they are in juvenile detention.

This vocational training facility would allow young people who are being held in

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Fort Bend County Master Gardener Annette Beadles of Richmond helps Alex make a rain stick at Kids Camp.

Registration open for Master Gardeners' summer Kids Camp

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Youths entering grades 3-5 can have fun this summer learning about gardening by attending Earth Kind Kids Camp, sponsored by Fort Bend County Master Gardeners.

The July 21-24 day camp will cover the topics of gardening, horticulture and environmental science through different high-energy projects that help the youths learn about seeds, plants, rain and other topics between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Registration is open for the camp, which will be in Building D at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 Texas 36 in Rosenberg. The camp is limited to the first 25 paid participants.

Register at <https://agrillife.org/ftbend4h/event/2025earthkindkidscamp/> The fee is \$85. Registration includes all materials, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Brandy Rader at Brandy.Rader@ag.tamu.edu.



Fort Bend County Master Gardener Clarence Gray of Missouri City leads a session on microplastics and their challenge to the ecosystems last year during Kids Camp.

Swifties, unite! 'Ultimate Karaoke Night – Taylor Swift 2.0' set for April 5

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Back by popular demand! The City of Katy's award-winning "Ultimate Karaoke Night – Taylor Swift ERAS" returns to the historic downtown square at 904 Avenue C in Katy, on April 5 from 4 to 7 p.m.

But the event -- awarded "Most Innovative Program 2024" by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) -- is going to be bigger and better than

ever organizers say.

"Ultimate Karaoke Night – Taylor Swift ERAS 2.0" will have karaoke under the bright lights, DJ Max spinning your favorite Taylor Swift hits, a photo booth with Taylor-inspired props, face painting, and a friendship bracelet-making station. There will also be a costume contest where you could rock your best Swiftie look and amazing shopping at the Taylor-inspired pop-up boutiques. There will

be food truck and drinks to keep you fueled, too.

"We're taking it to the next level this time," said Kaci Maris, City of Katy Tourism & Marketing Event Coordinator, in a recent Facebook post. "Expect more songs, more surprises, and even MORE TAYLOR! So get your costumes ready, your voice warmed up, and your best Swiftie energy in check — because this is one night you won't want to miss."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Run...for your life...at the 'Wellness in the Workplace' Texas Heritage 5K on March 29 in Fulshear

Do you share the belief in the crucial role of physical and mental wellness in the workplace? The Fulshear Regional Chamber for Commerce invite you to join in spotlighting small business owners who support their teams in their business and personal lives. On March 29 starting at 7 a.m., the Chamber will sponsor a 5K run, 1-mile fun run/wak and kids' run at Viola Gilmore Randle Elementary School, 5902 Sycamore Ranch Ln in Fulshear. This will be more than just a run. It's a chance to win prizes, earn bragging rights, and enjoy live music, food, and fun. For more information, contact Rachel Durham at the chamber at rachel@fulshearregional.com.

Kingsland International Festival returns March 29

Kingsland Baptist Church invites families to experience community through an enriching celebration of the diverse cultures of our city at the fourth annual Kingsland International Festival, which will feature dynamic cultural performances, local international cuisine, a global artisan market, and fun activities for kids of all ages. Join your neighbors and friends for this exciting, family-friendly event, and as always...admission and parking are FREE! The event will take place at the church's main campus at 20555 Kingsland Blvd. in Katy from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friends of Maud Marks Library will hold book sale on March 29

The Friends of Maud Marks Library (FOMML) will be holding the third used book sale of the year 2025 at the library, 1815 Westgreen Boulevard, Katy, on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Presale viewing and sales (cash or check only) will be available to members of FOMML on Friday, March 28, from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Annual memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10.

This month there is a good selection of sewing and quilting books.

All funds earned from the sale are used to support library programs offered to the community, such as the Senior Bus Trips and the Summer Reading Program. Books (adult or children's, fiction, nonfiction, reference, foreign language, etc.) that you would like to donate to the sale are now welcomed. Please put them, during library hours, in the bins inside the entrance.

KACC and KAEDC to host golf tournament March 31

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the Katy Area Economic Development Council are hosting the return of the highly anticipated Second Annual Katy Area Golf Tournament, set to take place on Friday, March 31, at The Club at Falcon Point, 24503 Falcon Point Drive in Katy. This premier event, sponsored by Memorial Hermann Hospital, offers a dynamic opportunity for business and community leaders to connect, network, and enjoy a day of golf

in support of the Katy business community. The event features a four-person scramble format, exclusive contests, raffle prizes, and on-course refreshments. Registration opens at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Awards and dinner will take place at 5 p.m. For additional information, please contact the Katy Area Chamber at 281-391-5289 or email info@katy-chamber.com.

Katy Business Connection hosts after-hours 'Meet and Greet' at Brass Tap on April 1

Can't make those Wednesday morning network meetings with the Katy Business Connection networking group? Here's your chance to get acquainted with KBC, as the group hosts an evening mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on April 1. The event will take place at The Brass Tap, 7109 Katy-Gaston Road in Fulshear, with the venue offering happy hour and food specials. Bring your business cards and enter the drawing for door prizes provided by Kevin Drury with Power2Price Electricity brokerage firm. Free to attend.

Katy Police Officers Association cooks up the annual Fish Fry and Auction on April 3

Come out to the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy on April 3 to support the Katy Police Officers Association. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., officers will serve up an all-you-can-eat menu that includes a catfish filet, hush puppies, green beans, potatoes and iced tea. Adult tickets are \$20.00 each and children aged 6 and under are free. Raffle tickets will also be available for sale and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

Keep Katy Beautiful to sponsor community recycling event on April 5

Time for spring cleaning, so get all that trash out of your house and over to Katy's First Baptist Church at 600 Pin Oak in Katy, where Keep Katy Beautiful will hold a free recycling event. From 9 a.m. to noon on April 5, KKB will accept electronics, paper, plastic bags, scrap metal, appliances and plastic packaging. The Katy Lions Club will also collect prescription glasses and sunglasses.



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CROSSWORD THEME: VACATION DESTINATIONS

CLUES ACROSS

- Aladdin's find
- Reggae precursor
- "Lights out" signal
- Not good
- Flock's echo
- ____ diet, a.k.a. caveman diet
- Kind of jerk
- *Southern and Southwestern U.S. region: Sun ____
- Financial backer
- *Switzerland's skiing destination (2 words)
- Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- Clint Eastwood's "Play ____ for Me"
- One in a pod
- Wear out
- Masculine
- *Princess' turf
- Makes a sum (2 words)
- "He's Just Not That ____ You"
- Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
- Choose
- Provide food
- Answer from a tunnel
- Virtual you
- ____ Scare
- Prickly plant
- *Second "National Lampoon's Vacation" destination
- Biblical Adam's partner
- Cause and effect cycle?
- Goals
- *Jamaica and Cayman Islands location
- Bert's sidekick
- Poet Pound
- Hay bundle
- "The Great Gatsby" author
- Billiards relative

CLUES DOWN

- Theories
- ____-deaf
- Boar's mate
- Reason to cram
- Not more
- Swear, not curse
- Between mini and maxi
- Bodily fluid
- Small silvery fish
- ____ G. of "SpongeBob SquarePants"
- Aardvark's repast
- *Serengeti National Park location
- Aquatic plant
- Pressure inducer
- *Costa del ____, Spain
- Humiliated
- Eucharistic plate
- Fretted instrument
- OB-GYN test
- Balance sheet item
- *Coastal destination
- Policeman's club in India
- Cockapoo or Puggle, e.g.
- Foreword
- Make tea
- Vast multitude
- Peace symbol
- *Rest and relaxation destination
- *El Capitan and Half Dome location
- Pigeon food?
- Brewery order
- Acrobatic move
- Living room centerpiece?
- Velveten creature
- Type of membranophone
- Cupid's ammo
- Gas station brand

51. Aware of a secret (2 words)

52. Porcinos

53. "At ____, soldier"

54. Charitable contribution

55. Hawk's aerie, e.g.

56. Time in NYC

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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through public engagement meetings, an invitation-only focus group and a public survey. “This is the first big step in getting this done,” said Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris who said that the project had been planned since 2019, when the Rylander property was purchased.

Council also approved a plan which will add the new job description and salary range for a “police cadet” position to the city’s list of jobs. City Planner Rachel Lazo said that the city will hire up to three police cadets and pay them to go to the police academy, in return for two years of service when they complete their training.

- In other action, council:
- Approved a variance allowing Old Katy Patio, LLP, to serve alcoholic beverages near a church or school. Old Katy Patio, LLP, is located inside the Texas Legacy event venue at 1306 Avenue A, and will primarily serve alcohol at evening and weekend events, owner Keith Jobe said.
 - Approved two proposals for projects

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based on best practices, Long queried each candidate in turn on topics ranging from to ensuring support for student growth and achievement while maintaining sound fiscal practices, to states’ rights versus local control, to the actions that each has taken over the past five years to benefit KISD students, to improvement in student and staff safety. Candidates did not receive the questions in advance.

Each candidate gave an opening overview as well as a two-minute summary explaining the reasons that they were the best choice for the position:

Position 1

- **Perez (incumbent):** A four-year board member who describes himself as a champion for conservative community values who wants to stop a liberal takeover of the board and district,” calling his opponent “a Katy insider” and alleging that two candidates on the dais were supported by a radical PAC and called one a “Democratic socialist.” Perez is a former energy CFO who believes he is equipped to handle the district’s \$1.4 billion budget and who wants to focus on teacher retention, fully funding SPED and career-technical education, reducing class sizes and enhancing the lump sum payment program for teachers.
- **Cross:** A lifetime educator and KEYS mentor with multiple honors who has 30 years of experience in staff and campus management. Since retiring from KISD, Cross has spent the last two years working for a nonpartisan public school advocacy group focused on securing funding for public schools. Cross said that as a so-called “Katy insider,” he helped the district grow and to receive national recognition.

KISD

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of only 0.5 percent compared to 1.4 percent growth this year; the total projected increase of 524 students will take the district to 97,186 students. Because the district is opening two new elementary schools as well as adding a grade level to the new Freeman High School, the district will need to add new teachers, compared to 131 added for the current year. Additional non-teacher positions (including special education positions) will be up by 149, compared to an increase of 186 this year. While the district was able to give a three percent salary increase this year, Smith said that a salary increase for next year “is not modeled at this time.”

The district is currently in a good financial position, Smith said, due to rising property values, an increase in student attendance and a declining maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate. Challenges include sluggish enrollment, allotment caps imposed by the state on programs such as the fast-growth allotment and on programs for dyslexia and for gifted and talented students, and changes to the SHARS program. Smith gave two examples of programs that are underfunded by the state, including school safety and the transportation allotment. Revenue is stagnant in the face of inflation, he said.

Smith is projecting a budget deficit for next year of \$37.9 million; this year’s deficit was projected to be \$26.7 million but underspending by the district reduced that amount to about \$8.1 million. He said that if the legislature does increase basic per-student allotment which funds public schools, that there would likely be “strings attached” such as a requirement to increase salaries for teachers.

Brian Schuss, the district’s chief human resource officer, presented a more detailed blueprint for staffing additions for the coming school year, totaling 262 new positions. The plan is based on both slow growth enrollment trends and on the need to add staff at the two new elementary schools and at Freeman High. The district plans to add 203 more teachers (63 elementary and 110 secondary), of which 87 are special education positions. Other new campus staff positions will total 59. For the new elementaries, Boudny Elementary will be allotted 92 teachers and Cross Elementary will have 126 teachers, and the addition of a grade level at Freeman High will add 56 teachers at that campus. The board is expected to vote on

related to the build-out of the third floor of City Hall, which will house archived documents.

Mayor Thiele issued special proclamations honoring the life of late city attorney Art Lee Pertile III and recognizing April 5 as “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-off Day.”

Special recognition was awarded to Keep Katy Beautiful, which recently received the 2024 President’s Circle Recognition Award from Keep Texas Beautiful and the Gold Star Recognition from Keep Texas Beautiful. KBB board member Jamie Wolman said that the two awards represent the highest levels of recognition for community affiliates nationwide.

The City of Katy Parks & Recreation Department, displaying their trophies, also received recognition for their recent regional and state TRAPS awards for the 2024 Taylor Swift ERAS Tour Karaoke Night.

The next meeting of city council is at 6:30 p.m. on April 14 at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy.

Position 2

- **Redmon (incumbent):** Board member since 2019 who as a local business owner has experience with budgets, human resources issues, policy and strategy; the former pastor has attained Master Trustee status through the Texas Association of School Boards and has advocated for the district at the state level.
- **Reed:** An award-winning Katy ISD fine arts teacher with 26 years of education experience, Reed wants to give teachers a voice on the board and to eliminate unnecessary expenditures in order to fund resources in the classroom. She wants to improve teacher retention, to provide every student with the tools needed for success, achieve full transparency between the school board and the community all to allow district librarians to follow state guidelines for literature choices.
- **Fields:** Has invested 5500 leadership hours in helping 170 mentees of his foundation to win national awards; believes in setting up the next generation for success through access; has received over 30 awards from various levels of government.

The forum was live streamlined and may be viewed in its entirety on the chamber’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/katy-chamber/videos. Two hours after the event concluded, the video had received over 1700 views.

The school board election is on May 3, with early voting taking place from April 22 to 29. To see a list of polling places, go to www.katysd.org/cms/lib/TX50010808/Centricity/domain/4308/documents/election_25/Katy_ISD_Polling_Locations_2025.pdf.

the proposed staffing plan at the March 31 regular board meeting.

Katy Police Chief David Rider, along with Director of Emergency Management and School Safety Ruben Martinez, presented a proposal for the installation of “fliplock” devices on classroom doors. The unique locking devices would only be used in the case of a campus lockdown, Rider said, and would secure the doors. KISD already requires that classroom doors be locked during instructional time, he said. The fliplocks would add an additional layer of protection as well as giving students and staff a “visual affirmation” that the door is locked and secure during a lockdown. The proposal, which must be approved by the board in a future meeting, would install 11,000 of the devices on doors of every classroom where attendance is taken, Rider said. Installation would take place after hours and during the summer and the process is expected to be completed by the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The project would be funded from savings from the 2023 bond, CFO Chris Smith said. The total project cost was not disclosed during the presentation.

Chief Operations Officer Ted Vierling presented a recommendation for an attendance boundary modification which would affect about 65 students currently zoned to Cinco Ranch Junior High, moving them to Tays Junior High. The proposed change would affect students living in Land Use Zones 60C (south of Westheimer Parkway near Grayson Lakes) and 60D (the Westlake neighborhood northeast of Gaston Road near Tompkins High). A parent who was the lone speaker during public comments said that Tays Junior High is closer to their neighborhood, but that Cinco Ranch Junior High is 4.5 miles away. Vierling said that because the distance to Tays is walkable from the neighborhood, that the district could eliminate a bus route. The district will move forward with a survey of families in the affected area, to be conducted April 1-30 using electronic surveys, email, written correspondence and telephone calls to solicit feedback on the proposed change. The survey findings would be presented to the board at the May 5 board meeting. If the change is approved by the board, the new zoning would be effective for the 2025-2026 school year, Vierling said.

The next meeting of the board of trustees will be March 31.

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the Fort Bend Juvenile Detention Center to have access to skills training in fields such as cosmetology, carpentry, HVAC/Electrical, and welding. The facility would also include additional classroom space, offices, and a computer lab. Juveniles in detention already receive classroom instruction; however, through partnerships with local higher educational partners, Fort Bend County hopes this new facility would help prepare juveniles for our growing workforce.

“I’m proud that Fort Bend County is leading the way in providing additional opportunities for children who are all too often written off by their communities,” said Commissioner McCoy, who has championed this project. “These young people will get education and skills training that will help to send them in a new

direction, achieve gainful employment in the future, and ultimately uplift them, their families, and all of Fort Bend County.”

Research has shown that investments in education and training for justice-involved youth help prevent recidivism, improve public safety, and offer opportunities for young people that may be inaccessible to them elsewhere, the commissioner’s office said.

Fort Bend County is in the beginning stages of planning for the new facility to be located on the site of the Juvenile Detention Center at 1700 Oliver Hill Way in Richmond. On February 25, Commissioners Court passed a resolution asking the Texas state legislature to provide matching funds to assist with equipment, programming, and other infrastructure costs related to this project.

TEACHERS

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(www.texasaft.org/resources/know-rights/planning-and-preparation/#:~:text=Under%20the%20Texas%20Education).

But teachers and district officials appear to have different interpretations of the law. The Katy Times reached out to KISD legal counsel Justin Graham for clarification on the differing perspectives but did not receive a response by press time for this issue.

Teachers believe that they are guaranteed planning time which cannot be interrupted.

“Your prep period must consist of at least 45 consecutive minutes on any given instructional day; it cannot be divided up throughout the day. During a planning and preparation period, a classroom teacher cannot be required to participate in any other activity,” according to the Texas AFT website. “Your planning and prep period is to be used at your discretion, and it cannot be hijacked by administrators without your consent. The Office of the Attorney General of Texas has ruled that during the preparation and planning period, it is unlawful to mandate attendance at group sessions or meetings.” Teachers are not prohibited from volunteering to participate in a meeting or planning session during their planning periods but cannot be coerced to do so during the allotted 450 minutes of planning and preparation time, the site says.

Guidance from the Texas Association of School Boards, which informs most districts’ policies, advises administrators not

to make a request for voluntary participation in such a meeting during the teacher’s planning time, the Texas AFT website says, also stating that the Texas commissioner of education has ruled repeatedly in favor of teachers who were called for meetings, sessions, or additional instruction during their planning time, citing six cases ranging from 1986 to 2014.

District officials maintain that there are a number of reasons – including federal and state requirements -- that district or campus administration might schedule a meeting during a teacher’s planning period. According to the presentation by KISD assistant superintendents, these include ARD (Admission, Review and Dismissal) meetings, 504 meetings for students with disabilities, LPAC meetings for bilingual or ESL programs and MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) intervention meetings, all required by federal regulations; and ARD meetings, 504 meetings, LPAC meetings, test security trainings, safety tracking and HB1416 meetings (which address accelerated learning requirements) as required by the state.

Following the presentations and discussion, school board President Victor Perez said that the board would form a committee to study the issue and to potentially provide campus administrators with additional tools to help with the issue, which could include the hiring of substitutes who could take over instructional duties while the teacher has their planning period.



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Dig World's Jacob Robinson appears on "Shark Tank" on ABC.

Dig World nets a big fish on ‘Shark Tank’

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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Local entrepreneur Jacob Robinson just dug up a \$200,000.00 investment by appearing on the ABC-TV series, "Shark Tank." Dig World, Katy's own unique amusement park, was invited to appear on Shark Tank last year. The Sharks give budding entrepreneurs the chance to secure business deals that could make them millionaires, according to the program's website. Dig World is a construction-themed park located at Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Circle

in Katy, where kids and adults can operate real construction equipment all year round. Company founder Jacob Robinson traveled to Los Angeles to film the show. "It was a phenomenal experience. and the show was great from start to finish!" said a spokesperson for Robinson. The episode aired March 14 on ABC. "We secured a deal with Robert Herjavec," said spokesperson Carly Hamilton in an interview with the Katy Times. "The other Sharks were optimistic about the business but felt for various reasons they were not the right fit. We are excit-

ed to be working with Robert! We believe he is the best fit." According to multiple media sources in the Houston area, Robinson secured a \$200,000 investment by Herjavec in exchange for 10% of equity in Dig World. Where does Dig World go from here? "We are starting the franchise process," said Hamilton. "We have already sold our first franchise in Dallas and close to selling a few more across the country." The unique park opened in March 2022 and has added various attractions since then, said a

spokesperson for Dig World. "We opened after COVID so that was not a factor for us," said Hamilton. "We face challenges like any other start up -- growing pains, vendors, supply issues and many others...but we love working through those things to deliver a great product." Since opening, Dig World has had an educational partnership with Texas A&M and sees thousands of school-age kids on field trips every year. The park also has quarterly "Special Needs Nights" for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and will hold the next one in April.

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch debuts ‘Bloom’ campaign for sustainability

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

On March 3, LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch announced the launch of BLOOM, an innovative month-long series of events intended to promote sustainability and celebrate the coming of spring. Set to run from March 15 to April 22 in Heritage Square, BLOOM will reinvent LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch into a hotspot for seasonal spring events and eco-friendly activities. "BLOOM offers more than just a fun afternoon with the whole family," says Imani Webster, marketing manager at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch. "Through BLOOM's programs and events, attendees will not only gain valuable knowledge on how to make eco-conscious decisions at home, but also support the amazing local organizations making a difference in the Katy community and beyond."

BLOOM is designed to inspire visitors to embrace sustainable living practices while building a stronger sense of community and promoting fresh beginnings, according to the March 3 press release. The campaign features a wide array of fun activities suitable for people of all ages across its month-long schedule, including:

Spring Work Out - Saturday, April 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Get in shape with a free Spring Work Out class led by the LaCenterra team! Lululemon will set up a water station and offer guests the opportunity to order merch on-site and enjoy up to 15% off that day. Nando's will provide samples to fuel up post-work out as well as freebies and special discounts. The center will also provide a space for children to decorate pots and plant wildflower seeds. Attendees will be able to take their pots home and watch them grow as they support pollination in our environment.



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LaCenterra, a world-class shopping and retail destination located at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy, has launched BLOOM, designed to promote environmental sustainability. The month-long effort includes a giveaway of free trees scheduled for Earth Day on April 22.

Earth Day Celebration – Tuesday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BLOOM will conclude with an Earth Day celebration with LaCenterra giving away 150 tree saplings for guests to take home and plant. In addition, several LaCenterra tenants will be taking part in the Earth Day festivities, including:

- Trader Joe's will set up a flower bar for customers to make and take-home beautiful bouquets
- Buff City Soap will lead a bath bomb-decorating workshop for children
- London Alchemist will showcase eco-friendly products for healthy hair

In addition, LaCenterra will give away free tickets to a special screening of 'The Lorax' to the first 45 guests that visit their booth during the event. The movie will begin following the conclusion of the event at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. For a full calendar of events, visit lacenterra.com/bloom and follow LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch on Facebook and Instagram. The shopping center is located at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy.

Tricoast Homes opens sales in Pattison’s La Segarra community

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tricoast Homes, a Houston-based premier residential real estate builder, announced March 17 that the model homes for La Segarra, a thoughtfully designed new home community in Waller County, have officially opened for sales. Inspired by the tranquil beauty of the Spanish countryside, La Segarra offers residents a unique blend of elegant Spanish architecture, serene walking trails, scenic ponds, and family-friendly amenities. Nestled in Pattison, this 215-acre master-planned community provides a peaceful retreat while ensuring easy access to Katy's premier shopping and dining via FM 362 and I-10. The community location is at 360 Stone Placa Trail, Pattison, TX 77423. Homes are priced from \$244,990, according to the company's website. "Our homes speak for themselves, and we pride ourselves on our floor plan choices, personalization process, quality of materials, smooth purchasing experience and price point," said Landon Steinhagen, Former Division President of Tricoast Homes. "We're

proud to offer homes that are exceptional in quality and accessible in price. We believe everyone deserves to live in a home they love, which is why we strive to provide value without compromising on quality." Tricoast Homes are currently being sold in eight Houston area communities: Cantera Creek in Rosharon, Emberly in Beasley, La Segura in Katy, Lago Mar in Texas City, Marvida in Cypress, Meridiana 55+ in Manvel, River Ranch in Dayton and Sunterra in Katy. Future projects include Summer Place in Montgomery, breaking ground in Summer 2024. Individual projects offer varying home prices, all starting at \$300K and above. "Unparalleled integrity is a defining characteristic for Tricoast Homes, and we are conscious of how every client interaction contributes to the success of their comfortable living environment," said Steinhagen. "It's not just about delivering houses; it's about creating relationships built on trust and honesty. We understand that our clients trust us with one of the most significant decisions of their lives, and we take that responsibility seriously." To learn more, go to tricoasthomes.com.



For his Eagle Scout project, Siddharth Majumdar has built three flag collection boxes for the retirement of old and tattered U.S. flags. The boxes will be placed in the Willowfork Fire Stations 1, 2 and 3. The VFW will collect and retire the flags, Majumdar said. PHOTO COURTESY OF SIDDHARTH MAJUMDAR

Young Eagle Scout urges community to ‘respectfully retire’ worn, tattered U.S. flags

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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He's young – just a seventh grader at Beck Junior High School in Katy – but he's already working on his Eagle Scout project. Siddharth Majumdar has been involved with Scouting since he was a Cub Scout in first grade. He moved up to Boy Scouts in March 2023. Majumdar participates in Flags Across America Program, where Scouts put on and take off flags on seven national holidays in their neighborhoods. Once the flags became old, and tattered, he did not find a place in Katy where the worn-out flags could be respectfully retired. There were no collection boxes in the greater Katy Area. So as a part of his Eagle project, Majumdar decided to build three flag collection boxes, which will be placed in the Willowfork Fire Stations 1, 2 and 3. The VFW will collect and retire the flags, his family said. The project planning started in September 2024, and after all required permissions, the boxes were built in March 2025, using regular materials from Home Depot. Every Scout gets a Life to Eagle Counselor to coach the guide with

paperwork, his parents said, but apart from that Majumdar did not have any other coaches on the project. While it is unusual for a junior high student to become an Eagle Scout, it is not impossible, Scouting District Director Jonathan Mook told the Katy Times. "The entire community of Cinco Ranch, Silver Ranch, Pine Mill Ranch, Seven Meadows will benefit from it," said proud parent Sangy Majumdar. "I want all readers to know that flags are important even when they are torn. Torn flags should not be put up. There is a respectful way to retire flags. Most importantly, residents of Katy can walk up to their nearest fire station to discard their worn flags. Trash cans are not the place for flags." In addition to participating in Scouting, Siddharth Majumdar is a competitive swimmer, third dan blackbelt in taekwondo, and working on becoming a national master (fourth degree/dan) in taekwondo. He is also a chess.com enthusiast, school team football player and in school team in track and field. Although the Scout is only a seventh grader, he plans to study engineering like his dad. But there is still high school to get through first. And flags to collect until then.

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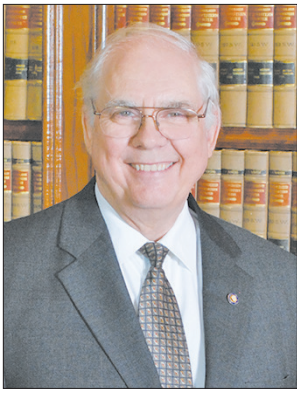
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Mack Jacob Travers, a respected attorney, devoted family man, and cherished friend, passed away on March 14, 2025, at the age of 78. His wisdom, integrity, and dedication to the law left a lasting impact on the legal community and all who knew him.

Mack was born on January 30, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri, and grew up in Independence, Missouri. When asked about his childhood home, Mack would fondly recount that he was occasionally Harry Truman's paper boy and would often see President Truman on walks. Mack proudly joined the US Air Force in 1965. Following his medical retirement, Mack graduated from Rockhurst University in 1972 and worked as an insurance adjuster for USF&G from 1972 until 1987. Mack moved to Texas in 1979, where he met and married the love of his life, Sherrie. Mack then received his Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in 1989 before embarking on a distinguished career spanning four decades. In 1995, Mack and Sherrie joined forces to form Travers



MACK JACOB TRAVERS
1947-2025

& Travers, which remains a legacy and partnership built on mutual respect and dedication. A staunch advocate for his clients and a mentor to many, Mack practiced law with honor, dignity, and unwavering professionalism. Mack was a member of the State Bar of Texas, The Missouri Bar, American Bar Association, State Bar College, Texas Bar Foundation - Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Family Law Foundation - Sustaining Life Fellow, Katy Bar Association (Founding Member), Fort Bend County Bar Association, Houston Bar Association,

ciation, Family Bar of Fort Bend (Founding Member), the Burta Rhoads Raborn Family Law Inns of Court, and the Order of St. John Knights Hospitaller. Mack was admitted to practice law in the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas and was licensed to practice law in both Texas and Missouri.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mack had a love of history, particularly World War II, and was often engrossed in books, documentaries, and discussions about the era. A devoted fan of classic radio programs, he found joy in the golden age of storytelling and nostalgia. Mack and Sherrie were also part of Texan Bench & Bar, a group of lawyers and judges dedicated to collegiality and dialogue with legal professionals in other countries. Their travels with Texan Bench & Bar took them to England, Italy, Greece, Germany, Poland, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Russia, and Scotland.

Mack was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, whose wit and guidance shaped the lives of his family. Mack is survived

by Sherrie Haussner Travers, his partner in law and his partner in life. Mack is also survived by his daughters, Allison (Shelby) Hamilton and Annilee (Devin) Reed; his grandchildren, Reagan, Joshua, Abigail and Jackson; his brother, John (Linda) Travers; and numerous other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar F. Travers and Lula Frances Smith Travers.

The family received visitors at Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway in Katy on March 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. A funeral service was held at Schmidt Funeral Home on March 26 at 11 a.m., followed by burial with full military honors at the Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mack's honor to the American Kidney Fund, The Truman Library Institute, and the South Texas Fund at South Texas College of Law.

Mack will be remembered not only for his legal expertise, but for the love, wisdom, and laughter he shared with all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Hop to It! Easter
Bunny returns to Katy
Mills Mall on March 28

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy Mills Mall announced on March 18 that the Easter Bunny will visit as part of the Bunny Photo Experience. The Easter Bunny arrives on March 28 and will be available for visits until April 20.

The Bunny Photo Experience will be open daily, and reservations are strongly encouraged. For daily Bunny Photo hours and to make reservations, go to whereisbunny.com/mall/0641?utm_campaign=ma-katy-mills&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=website-simon.

Katy Mills will also the following host events:

- Pet Photos – Sunday, March 30 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bring your furry friend to pose with the Easter Bunny!
- Tea Party with Bunny – Saturday, April 5 from 1 – 2 p.m. Kids enjoy 'tea,' treats and a special gift from the Easter Bunny. Limited to the first 50 attendees, while supplies last.
- Caring Bunny® – Sunday, April 6 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Caring Bunny® is a private photo opportunity for children with special needs and their families. Special care is taken to ensure a sensory-friendly environment. Reservations are required.

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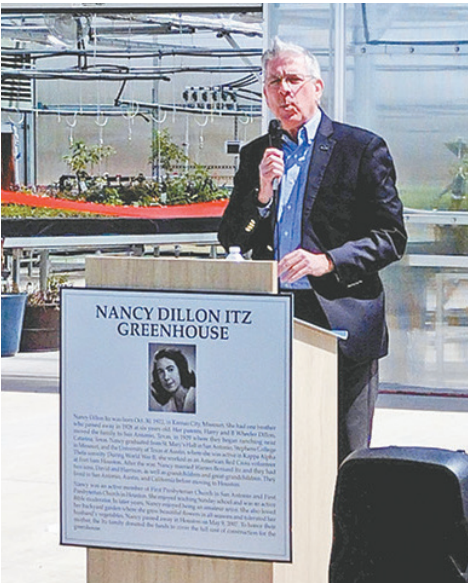
The interior of the new Nancy Dillon Itz Greenhouse at HCC-Katy is already stocked with plants; the facility will eventually feature a hydroponic wall, a selection of native grasses and a herb garden, among other items.

HCC-Katy dedicates greenhouse to enhance ag studies program

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Things are “on the grow” again at Houston Community College’s Katy campus. On March 19 college officials, joined by city and county officials and other local dignitaries, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to formally dedicate the Nancy Dillon Itz Greenhouse located behind the college’s main building at 22910 Colonial Parkway. The greenhouse project is part of what HCC Northwest President Zachary Hodges said is the only urban agriculture program in Harris County. Hodges said that HCC used to have a very successful agricultural program at the college’s old campus on Fry Road where FFA competitions were hosted and which had a greenhouse that supported the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo with plants for the exhibition area. That program was eventually “sunsetting,” he said, but now HCC has the opportunity to start over, and will once again be working with HLS&R. In order to restart the program, Hodges said that HCC had to figure out how to fund it – and David Itz and the Itz family stepped forward with the naming rights for the program, naming the program after the family patriarch, Warren Bernard Itz. Then Hodges said

that they needed a greenhouse, so that students would have the tools that they needed for horticulture and other programs. David Itz and family also funded that structure, with state-of-the-art technology “that includes everything,” Hodges said. The greenhouse is named for David Itz’s mother, Nancy Dillon Itz, who passed away in 2007. David Itz is the chair of the HCC Foundation. Hodges said that HCC had also received two grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture worth over \$1.5 million. One grant is for workforce development and the other is for a transfer program. HCC’s new agricultural program is centered around three components, Hodges said. The first is workforce development, offering certifications that created access for people working in the field to get statewide certification in many areas, as well as “to plant the right plants in the right way, put the right pesticides down and respect the water issues and to contribute to the ecology of Harris County as well,” he said. The second is a transfer program which HCC has with Sam Houston State University. HCC has an academy for ag majors, where classes for the first two years are taught at HCC by professors for SHSU. Students can start here, live at home and have lower tuition, and then transfer to SHSU, Hodges said. The third component is



David Itz, chairman of the HCC Foundation, speaks on behalf of the Itz family at the March 19 dedication of the Nancy Dillon Itz Greenhouse which the family endowed at Houston Community College’s Katy campus, 22910 Colonial Parkway in Katy.

the community aspect, Hodges said, with a student club, partnerships with area master gardeners and many other partners working inside and outside the greenhouse. David Itz listed future projects to be developed at the campus, including outside garden plots, rainwater collection, water conservation, a pollinator garden, installation of native grasses, a hydroponic garden, vegetable gardens and potentially a farmers market, among others. “We are officially launched,” Hodges said just before the ribbon was cut in an official ceremony. “So stay tuned and be amazed as this program develops. It’s going to be a signature program for the college, and I can’t wait to see where it goes.”

KISD student artists among HLS&R’s best as auction sets a new record

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Bringing in more than \$125,000 combined at auction, four Katy ISD students’ art was among this year’s 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) School Art Auction, the district announced on March 20. This year’s Grand Champion piece earned a record-breaking \$276,000. Two of the Katy ISD works were named Class Premium Champion in

their respective media category. “The Rodeo Art Auction is a major showcase for student artwork in Houston, and we are so proud of our auction honorees,” said Laura Simoneaux, assistant director of fine arts in Katy ISD. “Congratulations to their teachers, as well, for inspiring these talented young artists to earn this achievement.” This year’s auctioned works include:



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATY ISD

“Nature’s Glow” by Tomkins High School student Madison Huang was auctioned for \$35,000.00 at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo’s 2025 art auction, Katy ISD announced on March 20. Fellow Tompkins student Fernando Cen Chang’s work, “Golden Awe,” (not pictured) was also auctioned for \$35,000.00.

Name	School	Artwork	Auction Amount	Teacher
Fernando Cen Chang	Tompkins HS	Golden Awe	\$35,000	Christie Skinner
Ashlyn Low	Jordan HS	The View from the Top	\$31,000	Katrina Cerk
Madison Huang	Tompkins HS	Nature's Glow	\$35,000	Christie Skinner
Liana Hosseinifar	Tompkins HS	Ties that Bind	\$26,000	Christie Skinner



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

APPLICATION: Yellow Guy, LLC and C-2 Pederson West, LLC, owners, are requesting to be allowed to amend Pederson West Business Park. The amendment will create two Restricted Reserves out of Restricted Reserve Reserve "B".
This Replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant's property.
PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on April 16, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.m., at the Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488, Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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.
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, on behalf of Katy West Municipal Utility District will be received electronically until 10:30 a.m. Local Time, April 10th, 2025, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all plant, labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of: Construction of Mass Grading, Detention, and Drainage Facilities in The Green at Katy West Municipal Utility District, Katy, Texas. 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: 723 796 841#
Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Construction of Mass Grading, Detention, and Drainage 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 April 3rd, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Local Time. Below is the information to attend the pre-bid conference by teleconference.
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Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract Documents and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates and Bonds within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the successful bidder. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening.
Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. 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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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for submitting a Bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the responsible bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.
The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF
AUTOMATIC
TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Katy ISD General Election held on May 3, 2025 will be tested on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Room 1600), 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.
/s/ Justin R. Graham
Signature of Officer
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AUTOMÁTICA
Se notifica por el presente que el equipo de tabulación automática que se usará en la Elección General de Katy ISD el 3 de mayo de 2025 será sometido a prueba el día miércoles 2 de abril de 2025 a las 9:00 a.m. en Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Sala 1600), en 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, TX 77494, para asegurar que contará con exactitud los votos emitidos para todos los cargos y todas las medidas.
/firma/ Justin R. Graham
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids in duplicate will be received by Katy Development Authority in the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC (L.A. License No. 2602, Texas), 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494 until 2:00 P.M. on April 17, 2025, for **Prairie Parkway East Streetscape**.
All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for construction of improvements including concrete and paver sidewalks, site furniture, lighting, irrigation, planting, fine grading and hydromulch.
Bidders shall submit two (2) copies of the Bid on exact copies of the Bid Form provided. A Certificate of Interested Parties (HB Form 1295) must be returned with Bid.
Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC, 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494, or may be obtained upon request.
A Cashier's Check or Bidder's Bond Payable to Katy Development Authority in the amount of not less than two percent (2%) of the bid submitted, outlined in the Contract Documents, must accompany the Bid.
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. at the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC.
Bidders must have at least five years of confirmed experience on comparable size projects of a similar scope in the Houston Area.
The successful bidder receiving contract award must furnish Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas.
The winning bid is decided not by low price but by this standard:
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Katy ISD dominates first round of soccer playoffs

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

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

Seven Lakes boys dominated in the first round, beating Fort Bend Bush 7-0. Sam Harpole earned man of the match honors for the Spartans as they advanced to the area round for the eighth straight season. Seven Lakes advances to play Spring Woods, time and date

to be determined.

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

Tompkins beat Fort Bend Austin 2-1 behind goals from Andrew Bodington and Tola Fasade. It was a big win for the Falcons as they advanced to the

second round for the first time since 2021. Tompkins will play Northbrook in the area round time and date to be determined.

Jordan secured the sweep on the boys side as the fourth seeded Warriors overcame Ridge Point with a 2-1 win over first seeded Ridge Point. Dylan Hout and Santiago Davila scored the two goals for Jordan as they went on to secure their third straight trip to the area round. The Warriors will play Cy-Ridge time and date to be determined. Jordan played Cy-Ridge last year in the second round

and beat them 2-1 in extra time in a thrilling game.

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

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

Tompkins joined both the Spartans and Warriors as winners

after beating Clements 2-1. Rhegan Coombs and Makena Zukeran had the goals for the Falcons as they advanced to the area round for the eighth straight season. The Falcons advance to play Stratford in the second round. It's a chance for revenge for Tompkins as Stratford has ended the Falcons season each of the past three years.

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

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