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FBCSO hosts multi-agency press conference on automated license plate recognition technology

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office hosted a multi-agency press conference on October 21 at the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office, 1840 Richmond Parkway, Richmond, to discuss the benefits of automated

license plate recognition (ALPR) technology, address community concerns, and encourage greater public participation in crime prevention efforts. Sheriff Eric Fagan, joined by local law enforcement leaders, discussed how the technology supports criminal investigations, enhances interagency

collaboration, and assists law enforcement in protecting communities throughout Fort Bend County. Appearing with Fagan were Fort Bend County District Attorney Brian Middleton, Missouri City Police Chief

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Katy Police Chief Bryon Woytek (left) listens as Fort Bend County District Attorney Brian Middleton speaks at an October 21 press conference on the use of automated license plate readers at the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office, 1840 Richmond Parkway, Richmond.

SONS OF REPUBLIC OF TEXAS REFURBISH KATY’S SESQUICENTENNIAL SIGN



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

On October 24 the Sons of the Republic of Texas repainted the Texas Sesquicentennial sign located at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Drive in Katy. The project, in cooperation with the City of Katy’s Parks & Recreation Department, is part of the organization’s promotion of the 190th anniversary of the Republic of Texas, said Bart Dawson, District Representative, Lone Star Chapter, The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Board hears recommendations on attendance boundary, reviews Mayde Creek Elementary improvement plan

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

The board of trustees for the Katy Independent School district met for a work-study session on October 19, with President Lance Redmon away on business. Vice President Dawn Champagne led the meeting. Chief Operating Officer Ted Vierling presented the updated recommendations for the attendance boundary modifications for the next academic year. The district will open its new-

est elementary school in the Sunterra area in rapidly-growing northwest quadrant, which will relieve Youngblood Elementary as the neighborhoods of north Sunterra, Winward and Anniston continue to grow, Vierling said. He said that the area is still growing, although not at the “hyper-growth” rate of previous years. Wolfe Elementary, 502 Addicks Howell Rd. in Houston, which is expected to grow enrollment with new apartment complexes and new devel-

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Katy ISD earns CTE ‘District of Distinction’ honor for second consecutive year

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

For the second consecutive year, Katy ISD has earned the Career and Technical Education (CTE) District of Distinction designation from the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT), recognizing the district’s commitment to innovative programming, workforce readiness and student success. Katy ISD made the announcement on October 16. The recognition highlights Katy ISD’s efforts to prepare students for college, careers and the workforce through CTE programs aligned with industry needs. CTAT’s District of Distinction program honors school districts that demonstrate excellence in career-focused education, innovative instruction and community partnerships. More than 32,000 Katy ISD students are enrolled in CTE courses across 40 programs, with nearly 45 percent of graduating seniors earning an industry-based certification

before graduation. Through hands-on instruction and partnerships with local industries, students gain practical experience and develop skills that prepare them for career opportunities after high school. “Earning this recognition for a second consecutive year reflects the dedication of our CTE educators and the strength of our industry partnerships,” Katy ISD Director of Career and Technical Education Nicholas Gonzales said. “Our focus is on providing students with meaningful opportunities to explore careers, gain firsthand experience and earn industry-recognized credentials that prepare them for post-graduate success.” CTAT’s CTE District of Distinction program recognizes districts that meet criteria in workforce alignment, innovative instruction, industry-based certifications and student outcomes, showcasing recognized

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KATY ISD

Katy ISD boasts programs that prepare students to enter the workforce with industry certifications out of high school.

CenterPoint Energy announces fall ‘Community Connect’ events, including stop in Katy

Event to offer one-on-one customer support, information on bill assistance programs and energy-saving resources for winter heating season

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On October 19, CenterPoint Energy announced it will be hosting ten “Community Connect” events this fall in local neighborhoods across Greater Houston beginning on October 22. The current schedule for the fall Community Connect events includes a stop in Katy on November 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Katy High School Main Cafeteria,

6331 Hwy. Blvd., Katy. From October 22 through November 20, ten Community Connect events will be held across the Greater Houston area to provide customers with the opportunity to meet with CenterPoint Energy representatives in person. Through the program customers can learn how the Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative (GHRI) is improving reliability and resiliency, ask questions and share feedback about their service, and learn about vital resources and programs that can help save energy, stay informed, and prepare for the winter season. During each Community Connect event, attendees can learn about programs and resources designed to help manage energy costs and prepare for cooler weather. Topics include: • Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): Eligible households may receive financial assistance to

help cover winter heating costs. • Flexible payment options: Payment arrangements, due date extensions and leveled billing can help customers better manage energy costs throughout the year. • Energy-saving resources: Energy efficiency tips, rebates and tools are available that can help reduce energy use and lower bills. Additional information about financial assistance programs, payment options and energy-saving resources is available by calling 800-332-7143 or visiting [CenterPointEnergy.com/ResourceHub](#). “Serving our community is a responsibility we value, and each of our Community Connect events will provide opportunities for our customers to meet with the CenterPoint people who are

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U.S. News & World Report names all Harmony's elementary, middle schools in Houston to list of top K-8 schools

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

U.S. News & World Report has named all of Harmony Public Schools' elementary and middle schools in its Houston Districts among its top K-8 public schools in the nation in its annual school rankings, the charter school system announced on October 21. The recognized campuses are part of Harmony Public Schools, the largest STEM-focused

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Warrior Ruck/Run 2026 set for Nov. 7

FROM STAFF REPORTS

VFW Post 9182 is hosting its third annual Warrior Ruck/Run on November 7 at 7 a.m. at No Label Brewing, 5351 E. First Street in Katy.

The event will feature a 5K and 10K ruck as well as a 5K and 10K run and a one-mile fun run. There will be awards and prizes for the top three male and female finishers in each division. Participants will receive a race bib, T-shirt and medal.

“One of the things that makes this

event unique is that a large number of our participants choose to ruck march the course while carrying nonperishable food items in their rucks,” said Ruben Arriaga, former post commander.

Participants are encouraged to load up their rucksacks with non-perishable food items to make weight. At the finish line, all of those food items are collected and donated to Katy Christian Ministries to help local families in need. For a list of requested items, go to <https://ktcm.org/foodpantry>.

“It’s a great combination of veterans,

fitness, local businesses, and the community coming together around Veterans Day to support a local cause,” Arriaga said.

Toyota of Katy, one of the major sponsors, has supported the Warrior Ruck/Run for three years. Proceeds help support local veterans through the programs, outreach and services provided by VFW Post 9182.

To register or for more information, go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/138553/2026-warrior-ruck-run-5k10k>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Trunk or treat at All Saints Party hosted by St. Faustina Catholic Church on Oct. 30

St. Faustina Catholic Church will host a trunk or treat event and “All Saints Party” at 6 p.m. on October 30 at the church at 28102 FM 1093 in Fulshear. Free to attend.

Experience ‘Viva La Vida’ at Central Green on Oct. 30

Celebrate life, remembrance, and rich tradition as the community partners with LaCentera’s Viva la Vida Celebration for an unforgettable Día de los Muertos event at Central Green Park. Bring your family and friends for an evening of culture, community, live entertainment, and vibrant traditions. It all happens October 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Central Green Park, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Katy. Free admission.

Don’t miss ‘Howl-o-ween’ at Katy Dog Park on Oct. 31

It’s the City of Katy’s annual party for you and your pups – it’s Howl-o-ween at the Katy Dog Park, 5414 Franz in Katy. The free event starts at 9 a.m.

New Sofi Lakes community to hold Halloween drive-through trick or treat

Sofi Lakes, a new-home community in Katy, is holding a Halloween Drive-Through Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2026, 6 to 10 p.m. Families drive through the decorated streets and collect candy. Free and open to everyone. The event is at 1262 Sofi Lakes Blvd, Katy, just off FM 529. Guests can RSVP at sofilakes.com, or call 281-868-9526 with questions.

Halloween Boo Bash Returns to Katy Mills Mall on Oct. 31

Calling all the monsters! Families are invited to celebrate Halloween at Katy Mills’ annual Boo Bash on October 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the AMC Plaza in Neighborhood 1 at the mall at 5000 Katy Mills Circle in Katy. El Sistema Texas Orchestra will soundtrack an evening of trick-or-treating and a costumed dance party for ghouls, goblins, and little monsters in a fun, family friendly environment.

Brookwood Community to host holiday fashion show and ‘Ladies Night Out’ on Nov. 3

For the first time ever, The Brookwood Community is kicking off the season with a Holiday Fashion Show at The Brookwood Café on November 3 at 4 p.m. If you love Rebecca Matthew’s amazing fashion sense (and better sense of humor) from the famous Rodeo Fashion Show, join in as the Café is transformed into a runway to showcase the season’s latest looks, accessories, and must-have styles from the Brookwood Gift Shop—all modeled with plenty of personality and purpose. A purchased ticket is required to attend the Holiday Fashion Show. Dinner will be served and each attendee receives two drink tickets for Ladies Night Out. Space is limited, so grab your ticket and your girlfriends and make plans to be front-row ready! Grab your ticket at <https://brookwood-store.org/.../pro.../2026-fall-fashion-show>.

When the runway wraps, the fun is just getting started. Head over to the Gift & Garden Center for the fall favorite, Ladies Night Out—and no ticket is needed. Admission is completely free and open to all ladies who love to shop with a purpose. Sip, shop, socialize, and get a jumpstart on holiday shopping while exploring beautiful seasonal décor, apparel, accessories, gifts, plants, and one-of-a-kind Citizen-made treasures. Come for one or make an evening of both. Purchase your ticket for the Fashion Show at 4 p.m., then enjoy free admission to Ladies Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. The Brookwood Community is located at 1502 FM 1489 Rd. in Brookshire.

Help honor veterans at Nov. 6 breakfast with Brazos Valley Rotary and Fulshear-Simonton Lions Club

The annual “Honor Our Veterans” breakfast, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Rotary and Fulshear-Simonton Lions Club, will take place November 6 at 8 a.m. at the Weston Lake Country Club Ballroom at 5646 Weston Drive in Fulshear to honor all who served. The meal is complimentary for veterans and \$10 per person for additional guests. Attire is business casual. Seating is limited and reservations are required by November 3. RSVP by calling 281-850-5105 or emailing jennifer@westonlakes.net. The organizations are also seeking to add new veterans to the Honor Roll of Veterans.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF KATY SUPPORTS CANCER WARRIORS, RAISES FUNDS FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



Above: Cancer survivors and caregivers walk the opening lap of Relay for Life of Katy on October 24 at VFW Park, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy, greeted by the cheerleaders from Katy Junior High. The event – themed “Heroes Unite for Hope” – raised money for the American Cancer Society through sponsorships, team participation and a silent auction. Left: The Katy Junior High School cheerleaders – dressed in pink for the occasion – rally the crowd at Relay for Life of Katy on October 24 at VFW Park at 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy.

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Once Upon a Sugar Plum: Market celebrating 25 years of magic on Nov. 4-7

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 25th annual Sugar Plum Market, hosted by the Fort Bend Junior Service League, returns to the Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road in Stafford, with four days of magical events, beginning with a preview night celebration on November 4 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The Sugar Plum Market is the largest, all volunteer and oh so festive holiday shopping extravaganza that features more than 100 vendors from across Texas with unique items for everyone on your

gift list.

“Once Upon a Sugar Plum Market’ is a festive, joyous time to shop for loved ones, make new connections and give back during the most wonderful time of the year—and this year we are thrilled to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Sugar Plum Market,” organizers said.

Market days will be:

- *November 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- *November 6 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (market admission does not include admission to the fashion show)
- *November 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stroller hours are Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. to close and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to close.

The 25th Anniversary Fashion Show will be November 6 at 6 p.m. and includes same-day market admission lite bites and one drink. Photos with Santa will be November 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at <https://hovqr.me/91a63195>.

Event proceeds benefit Fort Bend County charitable organizations. For more information, go to <https://www.sugarplummarket.com>.

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ALPR

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Troy Finner, Fulshear Police Chief David Gott, Fort Bend County Precinct 4 Constable Patrick Qui, Chief Richard Ramirez from Stafford and Chief Bryon Woytek from Katy, among others.

Fagan said that law enforcement officials were hearing citizens’ concerns about the misuse of license plate readers and cameras by a small number of officers. “Today we stand united in our commitment to transparency, accountability and responsible use of this vital technology,” Fagan said “We cannot afford to lose this vital tool that helps us solve crimes, locate missing loved ones including individuals living with Alzheimer’s, dementia or autism. We all support policies that restrict automated license plate readers’ use to legitimate law enforcement purposes.”

While each agency maintains its own policies, Fagan said that they all agree on four essential safeguards:

- A valid case or event number

CENTERPOINT

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improving our systems and learn more about how we are building a more reliable and resilient grid or ask questions about their service and energy savings programs available for their family,” said Melinda Little, CenterPoint Vice President of Community Affairs. “We are excited to hold these great local events again and truly look forward to meeting with our customers in person.”

The fall “Community Connect” events follow 24 similar events held this summer and reflect CenterPoint’s ongoing commitment to the communities it serves, the company said in its announcement.

- A legitimate reason for every search
 - A robust monthly audit
 - Accountability for misuse, including disciplinary action, up to and including indefinite suspension
- Fagan said that the agencies would protect the technology and would hold officers accountable for its proper use.
- DA Brian Middleton said that misuse of any data from the cameras is a crime and that information regarding such misuse should be sent to his office so that those individuals could be held accountable. Middleton also called for support from the state legislature in drafting tougher laws “so that we can be sure that these abuses don’t occur.”
- The press conference also addressed common misconceptions and privacy concerns surrounding the technology, while providing residents with a better understanding of its capabilities, intended uses, and potential benefits.

KISD

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opment going in on Highway 6, will transfer two land use zones (LUZ) to newly-renovated Bear Creek Elementary, 4815 Hickory Downs Dr., Houston, to move those students closer to a school campus and to reduce commute times down Highway 6 for parents, Vierling said.

West Memorial Elementary, 22605 Provincial Blvd. in Katy, will transfer some students to Cimarron Elementary to help balance enrollment. There are a large number of apartment complexes in the area – 12 to 15 – which create challenges in terms of a large influx of students as well as mobility, Vierling said. In addition, about 25 students will be shifted from Katy High School to Taylor High School, Vierling said, to be consistent with the new feeder pattern established for West Memorial Elementary.

Mayde Creek Junior High, 2700 Greenhouse Rd. in Houston, will balance enrollment with Cardiff Junior High, 3900 Dayflower in Katy, by transferring two small land use zones.

Cinco Ranch High School, which has seen a growth in sidewalks in the area and has “swelled up” in enrollment, Vierling said, will transfer 62 students to Tompkins High School, which has shrunk slightly.

No action was taken on the ABM proposal during the October 19 work study meeting. A public hearing was held on the “Targeted Improvement Plan” for Mayde Creek Elementary, 2698 Greenhouse Road in Houston, followed by a presentation by campus leadership. The school, a Title I school built in 1983, served 821 students last year and is expected to serve 910 students this academic year. Its student population is 40.7% Hispanic and 74.7% economically disadvantaged, according to the Texas Tribune Schools Explorer data. The number of special needs stu-

dents has grown, school officials said during the presentation to the board. The campus received a D rating from the Texas Education Agency in the last rating cycle.

The school improvement strategy provides intensive curriculum and instruction improvements focused on strengthening instructional practices to increase student achievement and close gaps, according to the presentation. The eight milestones for the plan are:

- Establish a consistent PLC planning cadence that includes data analysis, backwards planning, lesson internalization and lesson rehearsal
- Implement routine lesson rehearsals for each teacher twice per semester
- Build campus leadership capacity for data analysis to translate findings into instructional action.
- Implement a campus assessment and data-analysis calendar to support timely instructional decisions and adjustments
- Implement a student-level progress tracker to monitor growth and support individual student goal setting
- Use disaggregated data to drive small group instruction
- Implement targeted Tier 2 interventions
- Strengthen instruction for emergent bilingual students.

The board also briefly discussed future board approval for the superintendent to form a naming advisory committee for the purpose of naming new Elementary School #49, which will open in the northwest quadrant of the district at 6435 Pitts in Katy in mid-2027. No action was taken.

The next meeting of the school board was scheduled for October 26, after the Katy Times went to press for this edition.

HARMONY

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charter public school network in Texas.

Among state charter school achievements, Harmony Science Academy-Sugar Land and Harmony Science Academy-Katy Elementary ranked in the Top 10 Charter Elementary Schools in Texas. Harmony Science Academy-Katy Middle and Harmony School of Excellence-Sugar Land Middle ranked in the Top 10 Charter Middle Schools in Texas.

Additionally, nine local Harmony campuses earned the number one ranking for public K-8 schools in their respective ZIP codes:

- Harmony Science Academy - Sugar Land
- Harmony School of Exploration
- Harmony School of Fine Arts & Technology
- Harmony School of Achievement - Houston
- Harmony School of Innovation - Houston
- Harmony School of Discovery - Houston
- Harmony School of Endeavor - Houston
- Harmony School of Excellence - Houston
- Harmony School of Technology - Houston

In evaluating elementary and middle schools, U.S. News & World Report analyzes

state assessment results, examining student proficiency in math and reading as well as performance in the context of student demographics.

Harmony’s Houston South and Houston West districts serve PreK–12 students across 30 campuses in Houston, Sugar Land, Katy, Cypress, Spring, Beaumont, and Bryan.

Harmony’s curriculum emphasizes STEM learning, character education, project-based learning, and college readiness. Systemwide, Harmony maintains a 98% high school graduation rate and a 100% college acceptance rate among graduating seniors.

Harmony Public Schools is a Texas-born, Texas-wide public charter school system with more than 60 campuses serving PreK-Grade 12 students in 23 cities across the state, including Greater Houston, DFW, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Waco, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, Bryan, Beaumont, and the Rio Grande Valley. Harmony’s curriculum places a heavy focus on STEM skills, Character Education, project-based learning, and college readiness.

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5. Zeppelin lead-in

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13. Workbench holding device

14. Thing of the past

15. Just right (3 words)

16. “If all ____ fails...”

17. Thin mountain ridge

18. *Michael Jackson’s Halloween party song

20. Exclamation, with Louise

21. Like days long gone

22. Lion’s “hand”

23. Large seabird

26. YHWH

30. 50 states, acr.

31. Gone (2 words)

34. Drawn in the sand?

35. Long stories

37. Over there

38. Subsequently

39. Doris Day’s “Que ____”

40. One million ohms

42. Vatican vestment

43. Causes of PTSD

45. Theater passages

47. Local Area Network

48. Like autumn air

50. ‘60s British teenagers

52. *Jason’s last name

55. Subway in Paris

56. Pinnacle

57. First Nation nation

59. Cheerleader’s prop

60. *____’s “swelter’d venom” in #36 Down

61. Capital of Ukraine

62. Any day now

CLUES DOWN

1. Club alternative

2. ‘80s band “Quiet ____”

3. Wet nurse

4. Maid, after getting married

5. City in Northern France

6. Ruhr’s industrial center

7. Hunted ruminant

8. *Full moon shapeshifter

9. Sheltered, nautically speaking

10. Flighty one

11. Skater’s turf

13. South African grasslands

14. Indian prince

19. Intestinal obstruction

22. Liveliness in one’s step

23. *Ghost at a Halloween party

24. According to

25. Nigerian money

26. Jupiter’s sister and wife

27. Essential to life

28. Anoint

29. *Witches’ hemlock and belladonna, e.g.

32. *Pennywise’s are mismatched

33. *____ of bat, and tongue of ____

36. *____toil and trouble; fire burn and ____ bubble”

38. Anabaptist group

40. Gingerbread shape

41. *Red-____, like Winifred Sanderson of “Hocus Pocus”

44. Wide-mouth jar inventor

46. Small spots

48. “Cuckoo for ____ Puffs”

63. Francisco lead-in

64. Dried-up

49. Kieran Culklin as ____ Roy

50. Not nice

51. Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.

52. Giant kettles

53. Great Lake

54. Tiresias in “Oedipus Rex,” e.g.

55. Business degree, acr.

58. *All Hallow’s ____

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Rotary Club of Katy awards \$60K in grants to area causes

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

At its October 22 meeting at the Club at Falcon Point, 24503 Falcon Point Drive in Katy, the Rotary Club of Katy awarded more than \$60,000 in grants to area nonprofits and causes.

The grants benefitted 21 different organizations in the area, with funding coming from the service club's signature events – Wild West Brewfest held in the spring and Katy Rice Harvest Festival, a partnership with the City of Katy each October.

Recipients included the following organizations which were not present at the meeting:

- Brookwood Community, \$5,000 (award made earlier in the month at the community)
- Rise Against Hunger, \$1,000
- Armor of Hope Foundation, \$5,000
- Cinco Ranch High School Choir, \$1,500

Organizations present to receive their checks were:

- Katy Christian Ministries, \$5,000, which will use the grant to create greater efficiencies in performing its services to the community
- Foster Village Houston, \$1,000, which provides resources



to children in foster care and the families who take care of them

- Operation Salvation, \$1,000, which teaches woodworking skills to veterans and first responders who may be struggling with PTSD
- Adira Clinic (formerly the Pregnancy Help Center), \$3,000, which helps expectant mothers choose life and also provides classes and resources for mothers-to-be
- Boaz House, \$2,000, which provides individualized recovery plans for women in Fort Bend and Harris counties and the surrounding area battling addiction
- Respect the Cue, \$3,500,

which will support a local charity granting wishes to children with disabilities

- Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, \$2,500 for the creation of a leadership program for high school students, similar to “Leadership Katy”
- Oath Inc., \$1,000, which assists veterans with PTSD
- We Love Foundation, \$2,500, a 501(c)(3) umbrella foundation which channels resources to non-profits globally
- MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), \$3,000, which provides education and resources



PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

to combat drunk and distracted driving

- Lone Star Symphonic Band, \$1,500, which performs concerts in the Katy area
- Rotary Club of Houston Foundation Lombardi Award, \$5,000, which funds the Lombardi Award awarded annually by the Rotary Club of Houston to the college football player who best embodies the values and spirit of NFL's legendary coach Vince Lombardi
- HerWell, \$5,000, which assists victims of sexual assault and domestic violence
- Monty Ballard YMCA, \$3,500,

which will use the funds for STEM programs for students

- Young Hearts & Hands Foundation, \$2,000, which creates service opportunities for youths in the Katy area
- Hope Impacts, \$3,000, which assists the chronically homeless in Katy
- Operation Turkey, \$3,000, which provides Thanksgiving meals to veterans

For additional photos, go to katytimes.com.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Katy and its grant program, go to katyrotary.com.

U.S.-MEXICO CHAMBER EXPANDING PRESENCE IN KATY



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Executive Director Ana Maria Simmons (left) explains the mission of the U.S.-Mexico Chamber to attendees at an October 22 networking meeting at Fogo do Chao, 222 W. Grand Parkway in Katy. The 55-year-old organization is expanding its presence in the Katy area. The U.S.–Mexico Chamber of Commerce Houston–The Woodlands–Gulf Coast is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit business organization based in Houston, which is dedicated to strengthening trade, investment, and business collaboration between the United States and Mexico. The organization supports companies expanding across both markets by helping them navigate legal, regulatory, cultural, and language differences. Through targeted events, industry forums, and strategic networking opportunities, the chamber connects members with Mexican companies, institutions, and associations to foster partnerships, generate opportunities, and accelerate business growth. For more information, go to www.usmcochtx.org.

PERA Cocktails and Kitchen set to open in mid-November in NW Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Husband-and-wife hospitality team Zack and Carmen Kuru have announced the upcoming opening of PERA Cocktails and Kitchen, an upscale-casual cocktail bar expected to welcome guests in mid-November 2026 in Katy.

With years of experience in the Houston-area restaurant and bar industry, the Kurus are no strangers to creating gathering places for their communities. Their previous ventures include Drix, Bricco and Midpoint Bar in the Katy area, as well as BeerForest in The Woodlands. PERA is a concept the couple has envisioned for years: a smaller, more intimate destination where guests can enjoy thoughtfully crafted cocktails, a curated selection of light bites and a sophisticated yet relaxed atmosphere.

“PERA has been a long time coming for us,” said Zack and Carmen Kuru. “We’ve always wanted to create a place that feels special without being formal — a beautiful, comfortable space where people can meet for a cocktail, share a few bites and enjoy good company. After years in the hospitality business, we’re excited to finally bring this vision to life.”

Designed with an understated sense of elegance, PERA will offer an inviting alternative to the traditional bar experience, combining the warmth of a neighborhood gathering place with the atmosphere of an intimate, upscale lounge. Alongside its cocktail menu, PERA will pour an extensive wine list and serve small plates and cheese boards made for sharing.

For the Kurus, opening PERA also marks an exciting opportunity to connect with a new community.

“We’ve spent so many years serving guests in Katy, where we call home and where we raised our two kids, both recent graduates of Taylor High School,” the Kurus said. “We’re incredibly grateful for the relationships we’ve built along the way. Now we’re looking forward to becoming part of another community in West Houston and creating a place people will enjoy returning to.”

PERA Cocktails and Kitchen is located at 6845 Peek Rd., Suite 210, Katy. Opening-date details and hours will be announced on PERA’s social channels and at peratx.com.

For more information, call 281-396-4355 or visit facebook.com/peracocktailsand-kitchen.



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Bagel lovers will love PopUp Bagels, which just opened a take-out only location in LaCenterra at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy.

PopUp Bagels now open in LaCenterra

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PopUp Bagels, the “Not Famous, but Known” bagel shop opened its next shop in the Lone Star State at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy. The take-out only location in LaCenterra officially opened on October 23. To mark the occasion, PopUp is teaming up with Houston favorite House of Pies (@houseofpiestx) on a special Bavarian Banana Schmeer, available exclusively at the Katy opening while supplies last.

PopUp Bagels’ mission is fueled by passion and dedication: to craft perfect bagels with no frills, using the essence of simplicity. No sandwiches here – bagels are served fresh from the oven, hot and whole, to grip, rip and dip.

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AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	W. Skelton

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	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.24990 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.24990 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$625,994	\$637,610
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$625,994	\$637,610
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,564.36	\$1,593.39
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$29.03 1.8557%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

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Public Notice

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Legal Notice

SEDALCO Construction Services, serving as the Design/Builder for Waller County, is receiving proposals from subcontractors & suppliers for the **Waller County Justice Center** until **November 23, 2026 at 2:00 PM**. The project is a new 5-story building totaling approximately 171,000 SF including site development. The project site is located directly East of the existing Waller County Jail at 100 Sheriff R. Glenn Smith Drive, Hempstead, TX 77445. Proposals should be emailed to bids@sedalco.com. Bid documents are available starting November 2, 2026 upon request from Dave Ritz at dritz@sedalco.com or (817) 831-2245. Invitations to Bid and bid documents will be distributed via BuildingConnected.

Royal Independent School District
Notice of Public Hearing

The Royal Independent School District will hold a public hearing to present and distribute its 2025-2026 FIRST rating and Annual Financial Management Report, based on FY 2024-2025 financial data on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. At the public hearing, the Report will be distributed and members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board of Trustees. The public hearing will be held at Royal Independent School District in the Board Room at 3714 FM 359 Pattison, TX 77466

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Legends of the games – Katy ISD Athletic Hall of Honor inducts Class of 2026

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD honored former student-athletes, coaches and championship teams during the 2026 Athletic Hall of Honor induction ceremony at Legacy Stadium on October 16, celebrating their achievements and lasting contributions to the district's tradition of athletic excellence.

The annual ceremony brought together inductees, families and community members to recognize individuals and teams whose achievements have contributed to Katy ISD's tradition of athletic excellence.

Honorees were recognized for their competitive accomplishments and for demonstrating the values of the district's Athletic Department, including character, leadership, commitment, sportsmanship, accountability, work ethic and teamwork.

"The Athletic Hall of Honor is an opportunity to recognize the people and teams who helped build the foundation of Katy ISD athletics," Executive Director of Athletics Lance Carter said. "Their accomplishments represent years of dedication, teamwork and commitment to excellence. We are proud to celebrate their contributions and the lasting impact they have made on our schools and community."

The 2026 Katy ISD Athletic Hall of Honor inductees include:

Teams:
2016 Cinco Ranch High School
Lady Cougar Wrestling

Individuals:
Julie Vetterick
Patty Hyatt Henson
Kayla De Leon
Charlotte Fowler
Taylor Rosario
Trevor Enders
Brenda John-Israel
Neil Kallmeyer
Jimmy Krueger
Dianne Bell Loftin
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The Katy ISD Athletic Hall of Honor recognizes former student-athletes, teams, coaches, educators, athletic trainers and others who have made significant contributions to the district's athletic programs. The annual recognition celebrates their achievements and preserves the history of Katy ISD athletics for future generations.



The Katy ISD Athletic Hall of Honor welcomed the Class of 2026 in grand fashion at the endzone of Legacy Stadium on October 16.



Cinco Ranch tennis captain Abril Malvicino leads with empathy, eyes career in nursing

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Cinco Ranch High School senior tennis captain Abril Malvicino knows the importance of empathy, leadership and helping others. Those qualities have made her an important part of the Cougars tennis program and inspired her to pursue a career in nursing.

According to Cinco Ranch Head Tennis Coach Nolan Rush, Malvicino helped bring the team together during a challenging period last season. Her combination of empathy, accountability and determination strengthened team relationships and helped establish a culture that will benefit the program for years to come.

During a coaching transition, Malvicino served as an advocate for her teammates, communicating concerns and helping Rush build relationships with players.

"She took time and made sure everyone felt included and felt like they were a part of the team at all times," Rush said. "She has no fear of coming up to me and saying, 'Here are the concerns. Here's what's laid out, and I need solutions to this,' which was really impactful for my own coaching journey as well as how the team has formed."

Malvicino began playing tennis in fifth grade after receiving an invitation from a friend. Now a senior, she said she has grown both mentally and athletically, particularly since being named team captain.

She has embraced the leadership role by organizing team gatherings and encouraging boys and girls players to support one another during matches. Her goal is to build relationships that extend beyond the tennis court.

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UIL Legislative Council meets to consider basketball shot clock, girls' flag football

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The University Interscholastic League Legislative Council met in Austin on October 18-19 to make decisions on proposed rule changes.

In athletics, the Council approved a proposal for home field advantage for the first round of playoffs in all conferences for all team sports beginning with the 2027-28 school year. The distance of the Conference 4A girls cross country race will increase to 5,000 meters beginning in 2028-29, and junior high cross country meet start times will now be allowed to take place in the morning as a result of actions taken by the Council.

The Legislative Council also passed a proposal to allow Conferences 1A and 2A to participate in Conference 4A team tennis beginning next school year. Currently, Con-

ference 3A schools are allowed to participate in 4A team tennis.

The Legislative Council also passed two more proposals regarding athletics:

1. The adoption of a 35-second shot clock for girls and boys basketball no earlier than 2028-29 for varsity games. It will be adopted with the proposed implementation plan:
 - 5A and 6A (No earlier than 2028-29)
 - 3A and 4A (No earlier than 2030-31)
 - 1A and 2A (No earlier than 2032-33)*Each stage will be monitored by UIL for the ability to adopt according to the above schedule and may be modified.
2. The development of girls flag football in concept as a pilot program with the

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Thanksgiving

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Former Cinco Ranch star Henderson in World Series as Brewers starting pitcher

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It's every baseball player's dream – playing in the World Series. And now it's come true for Logan Henderson, a Katy native and proud graduate of Cinco Ranch High School. Henderson attended Cinco Ranch High School and played college baseball at McLennan Community College. He was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the fourth round of the 2021 Major League Baseball draft. Henderson signed with the Brewers and spent his first professional season in 2022 with the Arizona Complex League Brewers and Carolina Mudcats. He spent the 2023 campaign back with Carolina. Henderson split the 2024 campaign between the ACL Brewers, the High-A Wisconsin Timber Rattlers,

Double-A Biloxi Shuckers, and Triple-A Nashville Sounds, accumulating a 7–6 record and 3.32 ERA with 104 strikeouts across 81+1⁄3 innings pitched. On November 19, 2024, the Brewers added him to their 40-man roster to protect him from the Rule 5 draft. Henderson was optioned to Triple-A Nashville to begin the 2026 season. He was called up in April and pitched well, went on the IL in late May with a back injury, and returned in June. He had a very successful season, making 18 starts, and posting a record of 11-3, to go with an ERA of 2.47. Henderson was called upon by Brewers' manager Pat Murphy to start the team's second playoff game, against the San Diego Padres in the NLDS. He pitched the October 24 game of the World Series against the Tampa Bay Rays.



FILE PHOTO
Former Cinco Ranch standout and right-handed pitcher Logan Henderson is pictured here as he helped McLennan Community College win the NJCAA Division I national championship as a freshman in 2021. Henderson pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers during game two of the 2026 World Series against the Tampa Bay Rays in Tampa.

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“I want to leave a legacy having built up the community of the team at Cinco Ranch,” Malvicino said. “I want to continue to unite the team, especially the boys and girls players, to become one family. I want that to continue well after I leave.” While tennis remains an important part of her life, Malvicino is more focused on academics and her future in healthcare. The AP and honors student hopes to become a nurse anesthetist, with plans to gain experience in intensive care nursing along the way. Over the summer, Malvicino participated in Memorial Hermann's Junior Volunteer Program. After completing a competitive application process, she earned a placement in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), where she supported hospital personnel and assisted with patient discharges. The experience reinforced her interest in healthcare and gave her an opportunity to observe the work of medical professionals firsthand.

Malvicino is also involved in HOSA – Future Health Professionals, an organization originally called Health Occupations Students of America, supporting students pursuing careers in healthcare. For Malvicino, her career aspirations are rooted in personal experiences and a desire to better understand medical challenges faced by her loved ones. “I’ve had a lot of family members with cancer,” Malvicino said. “I have a grandpa with diabetes, and I don’t understand a lot of it. I really want to study medicine and get a good knowledge of it. And I think I’m a very empathetic person. I feel like that’s definitely something that I would find rewarding as a career.” As she prepares for college, Malvicino hopes to continue playing club tennis while pursuing her nursing education. She credits the sport with teaching her valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork and perseverance while introducing her to some of her closest friends. Whether supporting her teammates on the court or preparing for a future caring for patients, Malvicino hopes to continue making a difference through the same empathy and leadership that have defined her time at Cinco Ranch.

Seven Lakes rises as Tompkins drops out of TGCA volleyball poll

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the latest statewide volleyball poll from the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA), released on October 19, Seven Lakes moved up to number 9, previously ranked as number 12 in the prior week's poll. Tompkins High School, previously ranked number 19 in the prior week's poll, dropped out of the top 25 entirely in the latest poll. Here are the complete rankings for TGCA's top 25 teams in Class 6A according to the latest poll:

1. Duncanville 37-4	14. Round Rock 30-11
2. Allen 34-2	15. Mansfield 33-7
3. Houston Memorial 34-3	16. McKinney Boyd 27-6
4. Hebron 33-7	17. Southlake Carroll 20-11
5. Wylie 32-4	18. Klein Oak 39-6
6. Los Fresnos 38-2	19. Plano 31-8
7. Austin Westlake 36-8	20. Plano West 25-6
8. Laredo Alexander 28-5	21. Waco Midway 28-7
9. Katy Seven Lakes 28-10	22. Tomball 28-7
10. Austin Lake Travis 36-6	23. Eaton 21-14
11. Flower Mound 25-7	24. Atascocita 23-6
12. SA Brennan 32-7	25. Lake Ridge 32-7
13. Cypress Ranch 32-7	

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	El Campo	49	Brookshire Royal	14

Source: Dave Campbell's Texas Football

UIL

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establishment of no more than two classifications to begin no earlier than the 2028-29 school year. UIL will gather additional information for rules and guidelines of the pilot program to be considered at subsequent Legislative Council meetings. Additionally, the Legislative Council passed a proposal to allow linear foot-

ball broadcasts on Friday night of the regular season when mutually agreed upon by both schools. All rule changes approved during this meeting can be found on the UIL website. The Commissioner of Education must approve all rule changes passed by the Legislative Council before they take effect.



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