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Council convenes special workshop to discuss tighter regulations on e-bikes

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Members of the City of Katy's city council met on November 16 for a special workshop to discuss potential new regulations for electric bicycles and motor-assisted scooters. About 20 people were present, including city staff. Four people spoke during public comments.

Randy Connor, City of Fulshear city council member District 5, who said he had lived in the Katy area for over 20 years, said that he had a lot of interest in what was happening in Katy and that the City of Fulshear also had a joint interest in the matter under discussion. Fulshear has recently experienced a couple of tragedies involving e-bikes and e-scooters, he said, and there were also four injuries in Fort Bend County the previous week. He also called the intersection of Cinco Ranch Blvd. and FM 1463, which is outside of the City of Katy, the "epicenter" of accidents. He said that he would like to see the two cities work together and furnished council members and Mayor Dusty Thiele with a copy of an ordinance,

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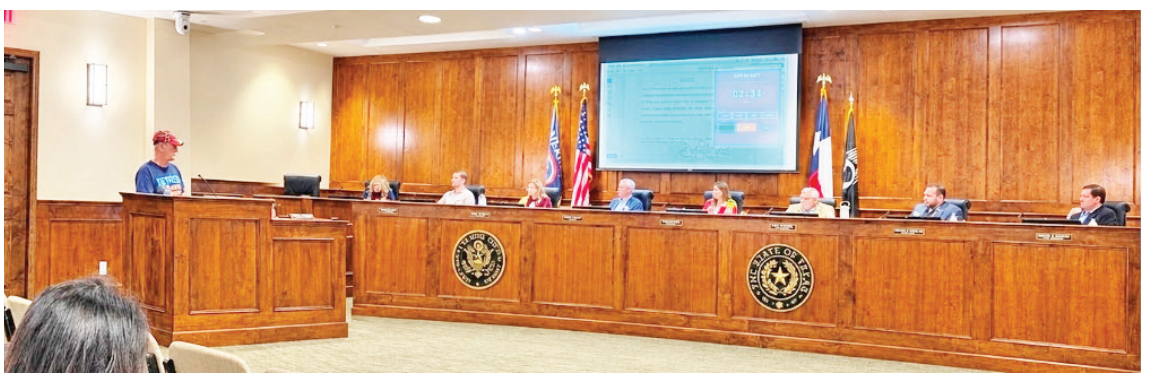

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Katy resident Robert Wolfe (left, at podium) speaks during public comments at the City of Katy's special city council workshop on November 16 at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy. Council members met to hear recommendations for an updated ordinance regulating e-bikes, e-scooters and other small motorized vehicles.

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

KISD invites community input on Elementary No. 49 name

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy ISD Naming Advisory Committee presented its recommended name for Elementary No. 49 to the Board of Trustees during the November 16 board work study meeting, recommending naming the new campus Juli Noeldner Elementary.

Noeldner is a full-circle product of Katy ISD, starting off as a kindergartner at Addicks Elementary and spending her entire 30-year professional career with the district, working her way up from a teacher to principal positions at Mayde Creek and Jo Ella Exley elementary schools.

Located at 6435 Pitts Road in the Sunterra development, Elementary No. 49 will accommodate up to 1,280 students and provide enrollment relief for Youngblood Elementary in

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PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Moderator Matt Stoops (left) of LJA listens as Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones speaks during the West Houston Association's "West Houston Trails Project" panel discussion held November 13 at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston. Other panelists were Barron Wallace of Bracewell and Justin Schultz of the Houston Parks Board.

WHA looks at possibility of interconnected trail system serving West Houston and Katy

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

On November 13 the West Houston Association (WHA) hosted a conversation on the emerging idea of a West Houston Trail System, exploring how connected parks and trails can support mobility, recreation, environmental resilience, and quality development across the Greater West Houston region.

"As growth continues across western Harris County, Waller County, and Fort Bend County, there is an opportunity to think proactively about how green corridors, drainage channels, parks, and community spaces can be linked into a broader regional network," the association said in the invitation to the event.

The discussion examined examples such as potential connections between John Paul Landing Park and Addicks Reservoir, while also exploring how municipalities, developers, municipal utility districts, and regional partners can coordinate to map existing trails, identify gaps, and gradually build a connected system that supports the long-term growth and quality of life of the region.

Collaboration is key to moving the idea forward, panelists said.

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones outlined the recently-announced Langham Creek connectivity study, a $300,000 planning partnership with

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KCM board begins search to hire new executive director

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy Christian Ministries has initiated a change in leadership at the nonprofit, the organization's board of directors said in a November 3 letter to area churches. Kyle Strickland, who joined KCM in May 2026, is no longer with the organization.

"As a Board, we are committed to complete transparency," the letter said. "At the end of Q3 2025, KCM faced severe financial challenges. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the board took immediate and decisive action. We restructured our leadership team and launched a comprehensive operational overhaul. Through careful restructuring, we eliminated redundant middle management positions, streamlined our core operations, and fine-tuned our daily processes. We are incredibly blessed to report that these intensive stabilization efforts have

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Katy ISD board increases holiday lump sum payment for all teachers and staff

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy ISD Board of Trustees has unanimously approved an additional compensation increase for the 2026–2027 school year. The district will increase the previously-approved one percent lump sum payment to a two percent lump sum disbursement in December 2026.

The increase in the lump sum payment is based on updated appraisal district data provided by the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division and identified through a district audit.

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KATYITES' FILM WINS 2 AWARDS AT KILGORE FILM FESTIVAL



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"The Rocin Chronicles," a film produced by former Katy ISD educator Mac McStravick (right) and starring several Katy-area residents, won two awards at the Reel East Texas Film Festival in Kilgore on November 13-14: Best Dramedy and Best Texas Feature. The film was inspired by small town life in a town, much like Katy, McStravick told the Katy Times.

FORMER AMBASSADOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PANAMA CANAL TO TEXAS AND HOUSTON ECONOMY



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Juan Sosa, former ambassador and consul general of Panama, speaks to the Highway 36A Coalition on November 16 at the Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Texas 36 South in Rosenberg. Sosa called the Panama Canal a "game changer" for the economy of the greater Houston region and for the Texas economy as a whole. More than 70 percent of the traffic through the Panama Canal carries freight destined for the United States, with Texas and its eight ports (including the Port of Houston and Port Freeport) as major destinations. The greater Houston area has now become the number one logistics center for the U.S., he said. The Highway 36A Coalition aims to expand Highway 36A to enable the roadway to carry more freight from Port Freeport north through Fort Bend and Waller Counties to Interstate 10 and to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Katy Fire Department announces schedule for 2026 'Santa Tours'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Santa is getting ready to ride through old Katy with us once again this year, courtesy of the Katy Fire Department.

KFD has released its 2026 Santa Tours calendar where you can find your neighborhood within the City of Katy, mark your calendar, and get ready for lights, sirens, and holiday cheer.

Wondering about your street? The calendar lists general neighborhoods and areas - not every street is on each route.

Detailed route maps are coming soon so you can check for your street and will be posted to the department's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/KatyFireDept. The page will also soon feature "Santa tracking."

Have a Katy address but aren't sure whether you live within City of Katy limits? Many Katy mailing addresses extend beyond city boundaries. Use the "Am I a Resident?" page on the City of Katy website to check your address: www.cityofkaty.com/am-i-a-resident.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Katy ISD honors Teachers of the Year with annual brick unveiling

Katy ISD will celebrate its 2025 – 2026 campus Teachers of the Year during the district's annual Teacher of the Year Brick Unveiling on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Drive, Katy. Honorees will receive a commemorative brick at the park, permanently recognizing their dedication to students and contributions to Katy ISD's tradition of teaching excellence. The ceremony will feature a performance by the Tompkins High School Show Choir, with light refreshments available for attendees. Venus Construction and Modern Pest Control proudly support the annual celebration in partnership with the Katy Heritage Society.

City of Brookshire to host Christmas party for senior citizens Dec. 3

Attention seniors living in the Brookshire area! The City of Brookshire will host a Senior Citizens Christmas party on December 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 Fifth Street in Brookshire. Lunch will be served. All seniors are welcome.

View annual Christmas tree lighting on top of The Dryer on Dec. 2

Do you remember the original Christmas tree that once shined atop the historic J.V. Cardiff & Sons Rice Dryer? Join the community on December 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. as The Dryer lights the tree on the historic Cardiff rice dryer once again. The Dryer is located at 5339 E. Third St., Katy. Tickets are $10 per seat ($5 to be donated to Katy Heritage Society) and may be purchased at https://www.facebook.com/events/2586375635136126. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come celebrate a beautiful piece of Katy's history.

Treat yourself to Katy Santa Market at Humble Grounds on Dec. 5

Join Humble Grounds Coffee for the most wonderful time of the year at The Gathering Grounds, 1512 Avenue C in Katy, to get ahead of your holiday shopping while supporting some of our favorite small businesses, and of course a chance to see the big guy in red. And don't forget to grab a spot for Cookies & Cocoa with Santa. Just $10 per child includes a Santa picture, a personalized themed coloring sheet, cookies, and our hot cocoa bar. It all takes place on December 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy the Nutcracker Exchange on Dec. 5, followed by City of Katy's tree lighting

The City of Katy and Historic Downtown Katy invite the community to attend the Katy Nutcracker Exchange and 54th Annual City of Katy Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5. Come to Historic Downtown Katy at Second Street an Avenue C for an afternoon and evening of holiday festivities, featuring local vendors, family friendly activities, entertainment, special character appearances and seasonal celebrations. The Katy Nutcracker Exchange and holiday festivities start at 2 p.m., followed by the 54th Annual City of Katy Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m. Free to attend.

Come to 'A Katy Old Fashioned Christmas' with Katy Market Day at The Dryer Dec. 5

On December 5, Katy Market Day, Katy's beloved tradition, will be held as the "A Katy Old Fashioned Christmas" at The Dryer, 5339 E. Third St., Katy, from 3 to 9 p.m. Free entry, no ticket required. This is the revived Katy Market Day after its 2024–2025 hiatus, now organized by The Dryer. It will feature local vendors with Christmas-themed arts, crafts, and goods; seasonal food and drinks, festive music and holiday activities and family-friendly entertainment.

See holiday magic during Weston Lakes tour of homes Dec. 5

Don your festive holiday attire and then grab your girlfriends, neighbors and family for a festive night out at the Weston Lakes Tour of Homes on December 5 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Drinks and snacks are available at each home. Early bird tickets are $30 and at the door, tickets are $40. Tickets may be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-homes-tour-weston-lakes-tickets-2004586851234. The week of the event a map will be sent out to all of those who purchase tickets. Ticket pick up will be December 2 from 5 to 6:30 p. m, at the Waterside Grill, 32611 FM 1093 in Fulshear. All proceeds benefit the Weston Lakes Women's Association and Community Foundation, which awards grants and scholarships.

Lone Star Symphonic Band presents "Celebrate Joy!" Christmas Concert

The Lone Star Symphonic Band invites families and music lovers throughout Katy and the West Houston area to celebrate the holiday season with an afternoon of festive music at its annual Christmas concert, "Celebrate Joy!" The concert will take place December 6 at 4 p.m. at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, 22111 Morton Ranch Road, Katy. The Christmas concert is one of the highlights of the Lone Star Symphonic Band's season, bringing musicians and audience members together to share in the warmth and excitement of the holidays. "Celebrate Joy!" promises to be a wonderful way for families, friends, and neighbors to begin their holiday celebrations. During the performance, the LSSB Community Handbell Choir will be featured on two pieces. Tickets: Individual tickets are available for $11 and may be purchased online at https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=341765.

Katy Heritage Society hosts 'Christmas at the Park' and TubaChristmas on Dec. 12

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Step into the magic of a small-town Christmas at Christmas at the Park, hosted by the Katy Heritage Society on December 12. A pair of unique signature events will take place at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Drive, Katy.

Don't miss the first event – TubaChristmas – starting at 4:30 p.m. The Katy Heritage Society, in partnership with the Lone Star Symphonic Band, has announced the return of this a one-of-a-kind holiday celebration that fills the air with the deep, festive sounds of tubas and euphoniums playing timeless Christmas carols, performed by players of all ages from local schools and the surrounding area. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and enjoy this free, family-friendly concert among the beautifully lit historic homes of Katy.

Founded in 1974 by tuba player Harvey Phillips, TubaChristmas concerts are now held in cities around the world to honor legendary musician William J. Bell and celebrate the spirit of community and the joy of music during the holiday season.

Following the concert there will be a brief period to reset the park for "Christmas at the Park" which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Then stroll through the Katy Heritage Society's beautifully decorated historic homes and view more than 12 Christmas trees decorated by local businesses – and vote for your favorite. Enjoy the sounds of Christmas carolers, sip complimentary hot cocoa provided by Humble Grounds, and take photos with Santa for unforgettable holiday memories with your family. See classic Christmas movies under the stars or send your letters to Santa from the historic post office. There will also be a family-friendly Christmas scavenger hunt along with magical experiences with Texas Bubbles. Hot dogs, popcorn, and holiday treats are available for purchase. Add a Christmas Hayride for just $5! Enjoy a festive ride to Katy's Historic Town Square and Southern Dough, sponsored by The Dryer and 24/7 Plumbing Co. Tickets are limited so families can enjoy a cozy, relaxed Christmas experience without overwhelming crowds. Tickets may be purchased at https://www.katyheritagesociety.com/events.











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Employees previously received a one-time, lump sum payment of one percent in August.

"We have chosen to reinvest this money into our hard-working teachers and staff," said Katy ISD Board President Lance Redmon. "We would not be the destination school district in Texas if it were not for their commitment to our students and our community. This lump sum payment increase is another way of recognizing their contributions."

Taylor High's Mustang Theatre set to present 'Pride and Prejudice' Dec. 11-12

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On December 11 and 12, Mustang Theatre will present Jon Jory's adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved classic, "Pride and Prejudice," bringing its sharp wit, social expectations, romantic misunderstandings, and memorable characters to the Taylor High School Black Box Theater.

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. each evening at the Taylor High School Black Box Theater, 20700 Kingsland Blvd. in Katy.

"The production showcases the talent and dedication of our varsity student actors and technicians, who continue to create exceptional theatrical experiences," said Megan Gazda, VP of Communications for the Mustang Theatre Booster Club.

Tickets may be purchased for $15 for adults and $10 for students online at mustangtheatre.org.

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primarily focusing on requirements for helmets, which was to be considered by Fulshear city council on November 17, and invited them to attend the Fulshear town hall scheduled for November 18.

Other speakers were Michael Payne, David Greene and Robert Wolfe.

City of Katy Police Chief Bryon T. Woytek made a brief presentation on a proposed ordinance for the City of Katy which would govern electric bicycles and motor-assisted scooters. "We've been lucky enough that we've only had a handful of accidents – one severe, most of them minor," Woytek said. However, the city gets a lot of calls about dangerous and reckless conduct on the roadway, he said.

The city has 12 campuses within its city limits and "there are a ton of kids on these e-bikes and e-scooters going to school," Woytek said. "We have to understand that these e-bikes and e-scooters have a place – some of these kids have to go a mile to school because they don't get bus service." The proposed ordinance is a way to educate riders and their parents while allowing them to ride to their destinations in safe way, Woytek said.

The proposed ordinance, which applies to public roadways controlled by the city, including parks, has five sections:

- Definitions: who is a child; what counts as an e-bike and what doesn't
- Allowable uses: minimum ages, sidewalks v. streets, speed limits
- Restrictions: banned vehicles, passengers, surfaces, lighting, parents' responsibilities
- Helmets: required for all children under 18
- Penalty: Class C misdemeanor which is a fine only

Riders under age 18 would be required to wear a helmet and would not be allowed to have any type of headphones or devices that would cover up their hearing.

Woytek also clarified the definition of an e-bike, which must have pedals but has a motor under 750 watts with a top assisted speed of no more than 28 mph. The state of Texas does not permit e-motorcycles and "pocket bikes" are not permitted on public roadways, Woytek said. Motor-assisted scooters have at least two wheels on the ground while operating, have brakes that can stop under typical conditions, a gas or electric motor of no more than 40 cc, a deck to stand on or sit on while riding, and can be moved by human power alone.

For Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, Woytek proposed a minimum age of 14 and said that they could be operated on city sidewalks and streets at a maximum speed of 10 mph. For Class 3 e-bikes, the minimum age would be 15, and for motor-assisted scooters, the minimum age would be 14. All classes of vehicles would have to follow the same traffic laws as cars, Woytek said. Riders must dismount and walk bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters through crosswalks to cross a street. The vehicles are restricted to one rider per seat and must stay on paved surfaces.

After dusk, the vehicles must be able to be seen from 500 feet away and must have a visible light on the front, a rear red reflector and a rear red lamp.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS HARRIS

Katy Police Chief Bryon T. Woytek presents recommendations for tighter controls on e-bikes and other small motorized vehicles during a special City of Katy city council workshop on November 16 at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy.

"Parents are accountable and private property is exempt," Woytek said, noting that "knowingly permitting a violation" is an offense and parents are subject to citation. Parents are not permitted to allow their child to ride without a helmet. The misdemeanor could carry a fine up to $500, which would be set by the court, Woytek said.

Ward A Councilmember Paula Taylor asked the reason that helmets were not required for riders over age 18, and Woytek said council could require that if they chose. Taylor also recommended working with Katy ISD to require parking stickers for vehicles on campus. She also asked for the ordinance to require that riders yield to pedestrians.

Ward A Councilmember Johnston Dietz asked for additional changes in the proposed ordinance. Dietz also said that he was not comfortable with holding parents responsible for their child's conduct. "It creates a presumption that the parents permitted it simply because the child was riding without a helmet," Dietz said. "The fact that the child did not wear a helmet does not necessarily establish the fact that the parent knowingly allowed it." The presumption may be rebutted by evidence to the contrary, said city attorney Bridgette Begle. It is up to the judge or jury to decide, she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Gina Hicks asked if the scooter age limit could be lowered to age 10 for scooters; Woytek said that he would not recommend going below age 12. Hicks suggested making the speed limits on Snow Goose Trail consistent with speed limits for regular bicycles at 15 mph. She also asked for additional protections for motorists who are operating their vehicles safely. A lot of the ordinance puts the responsibility on the e-bike rider and not on the motorist, Woytek said.

At Large Councilmember Paul Follis asked how children would learn about the new restrictions. Woytek said that once the ordinance was approved, there would be a big social media push to get the word out, and that schools would be asked to pass the information along to parents. Follis recommended some sort of training for riders.

Ward B Councilmember Michael Meihls asked if only parents would be cited. Parents would be called to the location to deal with the citation, Woytek said. Enforcement will focus on helmets and most likely, a warning will be issued to the parent first, rather than a citation, Woytek said. Meihls recommended working with community groups such as Active Community Services for bike education. He also asked for additional communication with the state for stronger regulations at the state level.

No action on the recommendations was taken during the workshop session, and the proposed ordinance remains under review, said Mayor Thiele. He said that any action resulting from the workshop discussion would be taken at the December 14 council meeting.

During the week after the meeting, the City of Fulshear voted on November 17 to unanimously approve an ordinance which mandates helmets for riders under 18 on e bikes, bicycles, and motor assisted scooters, and introduces other safety rules, fines, and restrictions, according to reporting by Click2Houston.

Lamar CISD Superintendent Roosevelt Nivens also announced new regulations governing e-bikes on November 20, according to a Facebook post on the George Ranch High School Facebook page. Beginning January 2027, Lamar CISD will implement new safety requirements for motorized devices on its campuses.

- Students without a valid Texas driver's license will not be permitted to ride or bring e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, motorized skateboards, mini-bikes, or other motorized riding devices onto district campuses.
- Students with a valid Texas driver's license may bring permitted motorized devices to campus, provided they comply with applicable laws, district safety requirements, and protective gear expectations.
- Traditional bicycles and non-motorized scooters will continue to be permitted.
- Accommodations for students who use mobility devices due to a disability will remain in place.
- Devices brought to campus in violation of these requirements will be secured by campus administration and must be retrieved by a parent or guardian.

Nivens said that the new regulations were his decision as superintendent and that the LCISD board of trustees did not vote to establish this requirement.

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been highly successful. Today, KCM has returned to solid financial ground and rests on a remarkably firm foundation."

With its operational foundation restored, KCM's focus has shifted toward building a leadership team capable of guiding KCM into its next chapter, the letter said. "While we have successfully brought on dedicated new leadership in our Development and Finance departments, we have reached a critical juncture regarding the executive office. The Board has determined that a change in leadership is necessary to fully realize KCM's long-term strategic goals. Effective today, we are implementing an immediate change in the Executive Director position."

Phil Reeves will step back in as the Interim Executive Director, KCM said, actively overseeing daily operations alongside the board, as it launches a rigorous, targeted search for a permanent replacement, the letter said.

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the Houston Parks Board which will study the feasibility of a 16-mile regional trail linking communities to Bear Creek Park, Weekley Park, and John Paul Landing Park.

It will also connect to newly built sidewalks in from Sidewalks 4 Precinct 4 effort at Barker Cypress, West Little York, Greenhouse, Clay, and Fry Roads.

The presentation emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships, with Houston Parks Board President and CEO Justin Schultz citing the support of the Kinder family's foundation, which in 2013 donated $50 million to the non-profit Houston Parks Board for the Bayou Greenways 2020 project.

Panelists said that strong trail systems were an important factor in attracting economic development as well as contributing to the overall health of the population.

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the district's rapidly growing northwest quadrant. The campus is scheduled to open in fall 2027.

Community members are invited to provide feedback on the proposed name during a public forum at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, at the Katy ISD Education Support Complex Board Room, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy.

Following the forum, the Naming Advisory Committee will review community feedback and make any necessary adjustments to its recommendation. The Board of Trustees will consider the recommendation and public input before taking action at a future meeting.

For more information, visit the Katy ISD school and facility naming webpage at https://www.katyisd.org/board/board/school-and-facility-naming.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Mustang Express Pipeline, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 183672 and Nonattainment Permit Number N332, which would authorize construction of a natural gas compressor station at the following location: from Highway 90 and County Road 2855, head north for 2.8 miles and the site will be on the right, Katy, Waller County, Texas 77493. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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65. "He ____ and drank the precious Words..."
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9. Uncontrolled swerve
10. "Piece of cake!"
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12. Limit, to some
15. Come into view
20. Kind of #5 Down
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25. *Grandson of Rick Sanchez
26. Sunlight interference
27. Subtraction sign
29. *Pet of Bedrock City
31. Eggnog spiker, pl.
32. West African spiritual practice
33. Bell-bottoms bottom
34. *Cat of silent animation era
36. Lyric poems
38. Anis-flavored aperitif
42. Mold a mind
45. Vacation location
49. Use a chair
51. Subtlety
54. Bug
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58. "Metamorphoses" poet
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64. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
66. *Jerry's scheming pursuer



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Lyte Fiber acquires MidSouth Fiber, pledges 1% giveback to local charities

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Lyte Fiber, LLC ("Lyte"), a rapidly growing Houston-based fiber internet provider backed by SDC Capital Partners, announced November 18 that it has completed its acquisition of MSEC Communications, doing business as MidSouth Fiber Internet ("MidSouth Fiber"), from MidSouth Electric Cooperative ("MidSouth").

The acquisition brings MidSouth Fiber's established residential and business fiber network across Brazos, Grimes, Madison, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller counties into Lyte Fiber's Texas footprint. With the transaction complete, the combined company is on track to pass more than 100,000 homes and businesses and serve approximately 25,000 subscribers by the end of 2026.

Lyte offers residential and business internet plans for a range of usage needs. Plans run on an XGS-PON network that delivers symmetrical speeds up to ten Gbps, along with modern Wi-Fi equipment, giving customers enough capacity for everything from browsing and streaming to telehealth and remote work. Residential plans come with a lifetime reliability guarantee and no-nonsense, month-to-month pricing. Lyte's customer service team and network operations center are both based in Houston.

Lyte Fiber is also committed to giving back, the announcement said. The company has pledged a one percent giveback each year to local charities and causes in communities throughout its service areas, and this commitment will be extended throughout MidSouth's footprint.

FOOT SOLUTIONS KATY CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Foot Solutions Katy celebrated its first anniversary by giving back to the community with a block party and a food drive for Katy Christian Ministries on November 21. The event, held at 5125 Peek Road, Suite 102 in Katy, featured local vendors, a bounce house, a DJ, and raffles for a TV as well as prizes from Typhoon Texas, Fogo de Chão, Main Event, and many more partners.

Coventry Homes to start sales in Cross Creek West

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Coventry Homes is expanding into fast-growing Fulshear, starting sales this December in Cross Creek West, according to a November 16 announcement from the company.

The builder will offer eight floor plans designed for 50-foot homesites in Cross Creek West, with pricing from the mid $400,000s and sizes ranging from 2,150 to 2,898 square feet. Features include open-concept living areas, upstairs lofts and island kitchens. Buyers can customize their homes with a study, wine room, Texas-sized covered patio, sliding patio doors and other options. A model home is slated to open in early December.

"Cross Creek West is a community with a lot to offer," said Brian Grigsby, Houston South Division President for Coventry Homes. "Developed by Johnson Development, Cross Creek West offers generous onsite amenities and access to amenities at its nearby sister community of Cross Creek Ranch. Parents will also appreciate onsite schools, including an elementary school that is now open and a junior high and high school opening in 2027."

Onsite amenities at Cross Creek West include a resort-style pool, fitness center, courts for pickleball and tennis, trails and several parks and playgrounds — including a planned dog park and park with a putting green. Cross Creek Ranch further expands recreational opportunities, with additional pools, parks and more.

Coventry Homes builds in 27 Houston-area communities. Cross Creek West is the builder's only active community in Fulshear, which the U.S. Census Bureau ranks as the nation's second-fastest-growing city with a population of 20,000 or more. Learn more at www.coventry-homes.com.

CHILDREN OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXPRESS THANKS TO LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS



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The Stars and Stripes Society, Children of the American Revolution celebrated Thanksgiving by making care packages for the team at Willowfork Fire Department Station No. 2, 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy. The National Society Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. Stars and Stripes Society is the Katy Chapter for Children of the America Revolution (C.A.R.). Email Kathryn_Smith1@yahoo.com for more information.

DSNDP COMPLETES ANOTHER CLEANUP PROJECT IN NEEDVILLE AREA



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In collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT), six volunteers from Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan (DSNDP) led another impactful environmental initiative on November 15 at FM361/FM1994 up to Seiler Rd, Needville. Workers removed approximately 150 pounds of waste and collected ten bags of litter, improving both safety and environmental quality. This effort is part of DSNDP's broader mission driven by the philosophy "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" — "The World is One Family," under the leadership of Dr. Shri Appasaheb Dharmadhikari and Dr. Shri Sachindada Dharmadhikari.

Grange adds nearly 500 homesites in next phase, set to start construction of 20-acre amenity

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

With hundreds of homes sold and more than 500 residents, Grange in Katy is moving into its next phase, adding nearly 500 homesites and starting construction on Ricestead, a 20-acre amenity complex designed for recreation, retail and events.

The new homesites span a range of sizes, from 40 to 85 feet wide. The larger 70-, 75- and 85-foot homesites are new to the community, as are homesites positioned for garages to be accessed by alley.

"This is an exciting new chapter and a natural progression in our development of Grange," said Jacob W. Rice, Vice President and General Manager of Grange. "The demand is there for larger homesites which will allow our residents to move into more spacious homes within the community as their family needs dictate. With construction starting on Ricestead and roadway improvements happening in and near Grange, our community will continue to be sought after by home buyers looking for a newly built home in Katy."

In all, builders — including new builder Partners in Building — are expected to receive 483 homesites by the end of the year. They include:

- Highland Homes and J. Patrick Homes, 98 40-foot lots
- David Weekley Homes and Newmark Homes, 104 45-foot lots
- Chesmar Homes and Perry Homes, 69 50-foot lots
- Drees Custom Homes and Westin Homes, 67 55-foot lots
- Highland Homes and Perry Homes, 67 60-foot lots
- Highland Homes and Partners in Building, 39 60-foot lots with alleyway access
- J. Patrick Homes and Partners in Building, 8 70-foot, 25 75-foot and 6 85-foot lots

"We are still supporting demand for the strong segment of home buyers for our current lot sizes, while opening the community up to those who want larger homes," Rice said.

Crews are expected to break ground on Ricestead in December, with construction taking approximately a year. The complex goes beyond a traditional amenity center, Rice said, incorporating retail and a large village green into its design.

"We view Ricestead as a modern-day town square where businesses and residents become true partners," he said. "We envision people meeting for coffee, shopping local merchants and attending a concert or farmers market at the village green. Ricestead will move Grange from being a neighborhood to becoming a hometown."

Ricestead will also offer a resort-style pool and separate lap pool, an open-air pickleball and basketball pavilion with six courts, and the Harvest Hall clubhouse with a fitness center and co-working space. Boutique retail is planned for a future phase of Ricestead's development.

Homes in Grange are priced from the upper $300,000s. Learn more about the Johnson Development community at www.liveingrange.com.

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Support sorority's 5th annual toy drive

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Give a little joy this holiday season and make a child's Christmas a little brighter. Join the Katy Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Katy-Fulshear Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. for their fifth Annual Christmas Toy Drive on December 6, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Myst Lounge, 2395 South Highway 6, Houston. Come and enjoy great music, fun and laughs. The event benefits school age children within the organizations' service area.

To donate items from a child's wish list, go to https://tinyurl.com/KAACToyDrive. For more information, contact eddevkatydeltas@gmail.com.

Texas United Christian Chamber of Commerce launches with heavy support from Katy

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

The Texas United Christian Chamber of Commerce – after almost two years in the making – held its launch event on November 17 at Houston's First Baptist Church (Loop campus) at 7401 Katy Fwy., Houston. More than 300 people attended, with many local leaders from the Katy area, including nonprofits, healthcare organizations, local businesses and others.

The organization, which was originally founded as the Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce, is expanding statewide – first serving the greater Houston area, then later branching out to Austin-San Antonio and Dallas-Fort Worth. Founder and CEO Erica Scardino announced its new name, a new board of directors and a new website in a March 30 news release, describing its expansion plans and its work behind the scenes to transition from a local chamber of 300–400 members into a scalable, statewide infrastructure capable of serving thousands. The organization believes business is a powerful platform for Kingdom impact, fostering Christian relationships and service in the marketplace, according to its website.



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

Texas United Christian Chamber of Commerce Chairman Paul Kurt (center, with shears) prepares to cut the ribbon celebrating the launch of the new statewide Christian chamber on November 17 at Houston's First Baptist Church – The Loop Campus, 7401 Katy Freeway in Houston. During the luncheon event, Founder and CEO Erica Scardino (fifth from left) outlined membership benefits and previewed upcoming events to be hosted by the new chamber.

Chairman Paul Kurt gave the official welcome at the launch event, which was followed by a reflection on leadership from Aaron Alejandro, CEO of the FFA Foundation of Texas. Guest speaker Howard Patridge, a best-selling author and speaker who lives in Sugar Land, spoke on "High Road Leadership." The keynote speaker was Rick Figueroa, chair of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, who spoke on "What Are You Still Waiting to Do?"

Mayte Weitzman, public relations director for Goya Foods, introduced Scardino, who described the organization's structure and benefits and outlined the levels of membership.

According to Scardino, Texas United Christian Chamber offers:

- "Leadership Summits" and "Executive Labs" for strategic growth and networking
- "Faith & Business Series" talks
- Networking events and connection workshops to build relationships among faith driven leaders

Rather than traditional networking, Texas United uses technology to match members with similar interests and goals, Scardino said.

The Executive Labs provide "hands on" training and skill application. The next Executive Lab, to be led by Figueroa, is scheduled for December 9; go to https://txunited.org/events/texas-united-executive-lab/ for more details.

The chamber will host leadership expert John Maxwell on January 26 at Houston's First Baptist Church – The Loop Campus for a regional leadership summit. For more information on that event, go to https://txunited.org/events/regional-leadership-summit/. Additional summits will follow in the spring (with Houston Christian University) and in the fall (with First Liberty Institute).

For additional information on the Texas United Christian Chamber, go to https://txunited.org.

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RE: No. CV26-04-0122;
Luis Ivan Chavez Hernandez v. Guillermo H. Garcia;
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STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF THE SUIT

On or about November 25, 2024, on Highway 290 in Prairie View, Waller County, Texas, Defendant *Guillermo H. Garcia's* trailer disconnected from its towing vehicle, crossed over the unprotected median and entered the westbound lanes of travel, creating a sudden and extremely dangerous roadway hazard directly in the path of westbound traffic. The unsecured trailer struck Plaintiffs' vehicle to which Plaintiffs have suffered damages.

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EXAMPLE A

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PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 183672 AND NONATTAINMENT PERMIT NUMBER N332

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Mustang Express Pipeline, LLC, 20329 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070-2655, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 183672 and Nonattainment Permit Number N332, which would authorize construction of a natural gas compressor station at the following location: from Highway 90 and County Road 2855, head north for 2.8 miles and the site will be on the right, Katy, Waller County, Texas 77493. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en espanol está disponible en https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 9, 2026. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants in amounts significant enough to require a Nonattainment Review: nitrogen oxides. In addition, the facility will emit: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid mist, and ammonia. No other pollutant emission increase will result from this facility.

Waller County has been designated nonattainment for ozone because Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Stations have shown that ambient concentrations of ozone exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Ground-level ozone is not emitted directly into the air, but is created by chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides (NOX) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires that new major stationary sources and major modifications at sources in designated nonattainment areas must satisfy nonattainment new source review prior to commencement of construction.

As required by the nonattainment review, all applicable air contaminants have been evaluated and the "lowest achievable emission rate" has been addressed for the control of these contaminants. The emission increases from this project will be offset with emission reductions by a ratio of 1.3 to 1. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated that the benefits of the existing facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification. Finally, the applicant has certified that all major stationary sources owned or operated by the applicant in the state are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable state and federal emission limitations and standards. The executive director, therefore, has made the preliminary determination to issue this permit.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, and the executive director's air quality analysis will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at the Brookshire Pattison Library, 3815 6th Street, Brookshire, Waller County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. These documents are accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid: the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, the air quality analysis, and, once available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application. Access the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) using the above link and enter the permit number for this application. The public location mentioned above provides public access to the internet. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.886197,29.82589&level=13.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comment. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.**

A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. A contested case hearing request must include the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and when possible, a valid email address; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requester submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. Issues that are not submitted in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. If a timely contested case hearing request is not received or if all timely contested case hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the CID. If any timely hearing requests are received and not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

For more information about the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. You can also view our website for public participation opportunities at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation.

Further information may also be obtained from Mustang Express Pipeline, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jake Haney, Assistant Project Director at (855) 256-1122.

Notice Issuance Date: November 20, 2026

WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 40
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 40 ("District"), at a meeting held on August 27, 2026, adopted a Drought Contingency Plan ("Plan") providing for implementation, enforcement, and penalties for violations to the Plan and a Rate Order ("Order") providing rules and regulations for connection to and use of the District's water, sewer and drainage system as well as charges for these services.

Violation of any provision contained in the District's Plan may subject the violator to charges fees, and/or penalties, which include a penalty of up to $20,000 or the maximum amount authorized by state law per breach and/or day, disconnection of water service, payment of any costs or damages resulting from the violation, and civil or criminal legal action.

Violation of any provision contained in the District's Rate Order may subject the violator to charges fees, and/or penalties, which include a penalty of up to $50,000 or the maximum amount authorized by state law per breach and/or day, disconnection of service, payment of any costs or damages resulting from the violation, and civil or criminal legal action. Copies of the Order and Plan are on file at the principal office of the District, The Muller Law Group, PLLC, 202 Century Square Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas 77478, where it may be read in full.

/s/ Raymond Hay
President, Board of Directors

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Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held **remotely** on **December 4, 2026, at 10 a.m.** Local Time, via ZOOM. Join the meeting from your computer at https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/95153867354. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY,** and no Bid will be opened unless the bidder or representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search **NWCt517.** Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

Bidder must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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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.

November 19 Puzzle Answers

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: *Mason Creek Utility District*
Owner's Office: *847 Dominion Dr., Katy, Texas 77450*
Project (the Work): *Section 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation*
Project location: *In Harris County Texas south of IH-10 near Rennie Dr. and Houghton Rd.*

Owner proposes to let a contract for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed, and physically submitted at Owner's Office by **December 8, 2026, at 11:00 AM,** when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on civcastusa.com. A pre-bid conference is set for December 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Brian Connolly, Project Officer.

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Katy ISD student-athletes sign-on to compete in college

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Years of practice, sweat and tenacity paid off as dozens of Katy ISD student-athletes celebrated National Signing Day. The occasion carries each student's academic and athletic careers forward to the collegiate level.

Katy ISD basketball, football, soccer, golf, softball, baseball, volleyball, track, swimming and cross-country student-athletes distinguished themselves on and off the field to earn the chance to join NCAA programs across the nation and represent their schools and the district.

"National Signing Day represents years of commitment, sacrifice and determination from our student-athletes," Katy ISD Executive Director of Athletics Lance Carter said. "These students will compete at the next level and pursue their academic goals knowing how proud we are of their accomplishments and their future successes."



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Katy ISD student-athletes shared special moments with coaches, family, friends and teammates on National Signing Day.

KATY ISD STUDENT-ATHLETES SIGNING LETTERS OF INTENT

Name	School	Sport	College / University
Lindsey Deleon	Cinco Ranch HS	Softball	Navarro College
Ashlyn Edwards	Cinco Ranch HS	Volleyball	University of Scranton
Rahima Kone	Cinco Ranch HS	Volleyball	Trinity University
Gabrielle Perez	Cinco Ranch HS	Softball	San Jacinto College
Sydni Vandeventer	Cinco Ranch HS	Softball	San Jacinto College
Brooklyn York	Cinco Ranch HS	Soccer	Florida Southern College
Lauren Acopa	Katy HS	XC/Track	Houston Christian University
Baylee Corcoran	Katy HS	Soccer	Auburn University
Gianna Emeish	Katy HS	XC/Track	University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith
Ryan Gonzales	Katy HS	Baseball	Wayland Baptist University
Mason Gore	Katy HS	Baseball	Temple College
Kaylin O'Leary	Katy HS	Soccer	Hardin-Simmons University
Kailey St. John	Katy HS	Soccer	South Carolina State University
Gino Tonielli	Katy HS	Baseball	Texas State University
Lane Watson	Katy HS	Baseball	Northeast Texas Community College
Julia Cleary	Jordan HS	Soccer	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Keely Gorman	Jordan HS	Soccer	Dallas Baptist University
Luke Janik	Jordan HS	Golf	Letourneau University
Carlie Lewis	Jordan HS	Basketball	East Central University
Cole Matthias	Jordan HS	Golf	University of the Incarnate Word
Mackenzie Morris	Jordan HS	Cheerleading	Sam Houston State University
Jenilee Ngo	Jordan HS	Volleyball	Sam Houston State University
Cooper Rolens	Jordan HS	Volleyball	East Texas Baptist University
Jada Wright	Jordan HS	Volleyball	Texas Southern University
Carla Angueira-Colombani	Seven Lakes HS	Track	Duke University
Gracie Hobin	Seven Lakes HS	Volleyball	Vanderbilt University
Camryn Lumpkin	Seven Lakes HS	Soccer	Palm Beach Atlantic University
Sienna Marchitello	Seven Lakes HS	Soccer	Florida Southern College
Willtrace Ngoh	Seven Lakes HS	Volleyball	University of Florida
Payton Rich	Seven Lakes HS	Softball	Tyler Junior College
Isiah Santos	Seven Lakes HS	Basketball	University of Minnesota
Nicko Silvas	Seven Lakes HS	Baseball	Erskine College
Dean Spencer	Seven Lakes HS	Basketball	University of Illinois - Chicago
Dmitrijs Sterbs	Seven Lakes HS	Swim	Indiana University - Indianapolis
Camila Riebeling	Taylor HS	Soccer	California Baptist University
Eva Kate Simoncic	Taylor HS	Volleyball	University of Incarnate Word
Kyla Corey	Tompkins HS	Softball	Western Oklahoma State College
Naomi Medeiros	Tompkins HS	Soccer	McNeese State University
Kaylee Segura	Tompkins HS	Softball	Bryant University
Hans Patagoc	Tompkins HS	Basketball	St. Edward's University

Tompkins' St. Rose named to UIL state volleyball all-tournament team

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2026 UIL Volleyball State All-Tournament Teams, as selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association Volleyball Committee, were announced on November 22.

Tompkins standout Elsa St. Rose was named to the Conference 6A-D2 team; she was the only player from Katy ISD selected as an honoree.

Here is the complete list of the 2026 UIL state volleyball all-tournament teams for Class 6A:

Conference 6A-D1		
Maya Ogbogu*	Jr.	Allen
Olivia Kitur	Jr.	Allen
Landry McRae	Jr.	Allen
Sayge Chandler	So.	Allen
Kaelyn Harvey	Jr.	Cy. Ranch
Saniya Reynolds	Sr.	Cy. Ranch
Peyton Smith	So.	Duncanville
Conference 6A-D2		
Vanessa Glenn*	Sr.	Southlake Carroll
Mariel Elizondo	So.	Southlake Carroll
Collins Alonzo	So.	Southlake Carroll
Geralynn Byers-Veal	So.	Austin Westlake
Annabel McDuffee	Sr.	Austin Westlake
MC Crutcher	So.	Mansfield
Elsa St. Rose	Jr.	Katy Tompkins

** Indicates championship match MVP selected by the media*



TIGERS ADVANCE AFTER DEFEATING HUTTO 47-7 IN AREA ROUND

After obliterating the Hutto Hippos on their home field on November 20 by a score of 47-7, the Katy Tigers will advance to the next stop on their journey to another state championship. The Tigers will play the Humble Summer Creek Bulldogs on November 27 in Humble.

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