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New Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones meets Katy ISD Position 7 Trustee Dawn Champagne at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce State of the City luncheon.

KISD sets May trustee election

Trustees will also consider November bond election

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees Monday set a May 6 election at which district voters will decide who fills three positions on the board of trustees.

The filing period began Jan. 18. As of the Jan. 23 meeting, five candidates have filed for the three places on the ballot. However, the three incumbents—Position 3 Trustee Ashley Vann, Position 4 Trustee Leah Wilson and Position 5 Trustee Greg Schulte—have not yet filed.

The filing period ends Feb. 17. Here are the candidates who have filed.

- Position 3: Bruce Bradford, a mortgage loan originator, and

Amy Thierre, a realtor.

- Position 4: Erica Bretell and Morgan Calhoun, both stay-at-home mothers.

- Position 5: Mary Ellen Cuzela, a Katy ISD substitute teacher.

All seven seats on the board of trustees are at-large seats, though in recent weeks an effort has been made to change to single member districts.

In December, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund sent a letter to district officials urging the adop-

tion of single-member districts. In this way, the letter suggested, minority participation would be encouraged. The letter also suggested that the district, under its current at-large arrangement, might be in violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act because, it claimed, it prevents Black and Latinx voters from electing their preferred candidates to the board of trustees and from participat-

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Taking Charge

Pct. 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones makes the rounds in Katy

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

For new Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones, the Jan. 19 State of the City address, sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, proved a good place to say hello to some of her new constituents.

Briones, a Democrat, defeated incumbent Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, a Republican, in last November's election. She making the rounds and getting up to speed with her new job. Towards that end, she said the biggest thing she's learning in her new role is what a commissioner can do independently versus what she must do working with others.

In her case, "others" includes both her fellow Harris County commissioners, as well as her Katy-area counterparts, Fort Bend Pct. 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales and Waller County Pct. 4 Commissioner Justin Beckendorff. Both were at the luncheon.

"It's been wonderful to meet them," Briones said. "I'm looking forward to working across the aisle and among the cities."

Learning new things is nothing new for Briones. She said she was a teacher before going into law. She said she used to tell her students that, if she could, she would be a student forever.

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ASTROS CARAVAN VISITS KCM



Above: Houston Astros television announcer Todd Kalas joined the Houston Astros Caravan for some volunteer work Jan. 19 at Katy Christian Ministries, 3506 Porter Road. Here he poses for a photo with Deysi Crespo, KCM executive director. Opening Day for the Astros is March 1 against the Boston Red Sox at Minute Maid Park.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Right: Houston Astros pitcher Joe Perez signs an autograph while Khoi Nguyen watches at Katy Christian Ministries. Perez and his fellow pitchers and catchers report for spring training Feb. 16, with the full team reporting for workouts Feb. 21.

SUSAN ROVEGNO



State of the City

Katy leaders tout new mall clients and local development

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy is revising its strategic plan for future growth while it welcomes new businesses to the city, Mayor Dusty Thiele and City Administrator Byron Hebert said at the State of the City presentation.

The Jan. 19 address, sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, took place at the Embassy Suites, 16435 Katy Fwy.

Several of the new businesses settling in Katy are doing so at the Katy Mills Mall. The mall, which opened in 1999, is a key driver of the local economy. Thiele said a new action park, Slick City, was in development at the mall and expected to open later this fall. It will be situated between entrances 7 and 8, he said.

The park, for all ages, touts itself as the world's first indoor slide (but no water) and sports court park. The park will be about 50,000 square feet.

Slick City might be the newest brand to make its mark at the mall, but other companies have been coming to Katy since the mall's renovation, which began in 2018. The Adidas store has expanded, and Dickies, Kilwins

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District names new schools to honor local educators

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees have named the district's two newest elementary schools to honor two couples who have dedicated their careers to serving Katy ISD students.

The schools, which are expected to open this fall, are the 45th and 46th schools as the district continues to grow. Elementary 45 is being named David and Terri Youngblood Elementary. Elementary 46 is being named Russell and Cindie Faldyn Elementary.

The Youngbloods have a combined 77 years of service to support public education in Katy ISD.

"We're daunted by this," David Youngblood said. "It's something we never really thought about. It's very fulfilling to know that we've made a difference in the district with a lot of kids. It's very exciting."

Terri Youngblood said it was unbelievable to

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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

David and Terri Youngblood visit with Russell and Cindie Faldyn after Katy school trustees named the district's newest elementary schools in their honor Monday.



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Community Calendar

February

FEB. 1-MARCH 8

A TASTE OF AFRICAN HERITAGE

Join Prairie View A&M University nutrition education associate Janelle Levy-Verry for a six-session class for people of all ages with an interest in learning how to add more flavor and good nutrition to meals, anyone interested in learning more about African heritage and culinary history. Food demonstrations and tastings will be part of each week's class. Classes are from 1-2:30 p.m. on successive Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 8, at the Harris County Pct. 4 Hockley Community Center, 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 713-274-3220.

FEB. 2

KATY LIONS COMMUNITY NIGHT

Hear from teenage incentive programs founder Mattie Mason as she talks about her program's efforts to serve teens with discipline problems, drug problems, low self-esteem, poor grades and pregnant or parenting or social problems, to keep them in school. Also, learn about several organizations that Lions Club members are leading, including the Katy Lions basketball team. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church of Katy, 22101 Morton Ranch Rd. For more information, visit katylions.org.

FEB. 2

CINDERELLA

The Studio VII Theatre Company at Seven Lakes presents the new Broadway edition of Cinderella. The show is from 7-9 p.m. at Seven Lakes High School, 9251 S. Fry Road. For tickets and more information, visit the website studiovii.org.

FEB. 4

CATS & COFFEE

Enjoy a cup of coffee while socializing with the free-roaming, adoptable cats at Citizens for Animal Protection. The event is from 9:30-11 a.m. at Citizens for Animal Protection, 17555 Katy Fwy. For more information, visit the website cap4pets.org/support-us/donation-programs/fundraising-events.

FEB. 4

KATY ROCK SHOP MINING EVENT

Be part of a sluice mining and hunt through bags of rough ore from different regions of the world. The event is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Katy Rock Shop, 535 Pin Oak Road. For more information, call 832-437-4733.

FEB 4

FOUR CHAPLAINS HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

In association with the Four Memorial Chaplains Foundation, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 of Katy will hold an honor and remembrance ceremony for four U.S. chaplains, of different faiths, who died together during World War II. The ceremony is from 2-4 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, 2855 Greenhouse Road. For more information, call the post at 281-615-5670.

FEB. 4-5

KATY HISTORIC HOMES TOURS

The Katy Heritage Society opens historic homes

for free guided tours from 12-4 p.m. at Katy Heritage Park, 5990 George Bush Dr. For more information, call the society at 281-377-5710.

FEB. 4-5

HEART OF KATY CRAFT MARKET

This free, semi-annual event has over 100 vendors and a concession stand. All proceeds go to the Katy Bengal Brigade and Cheerleaders. The market is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 4 and 12-5 p.m. Feb. 5 at Katy High School, 6331 Highway Blvd.

FEB. 6

BROOKSHIRE LODGE 1066 MEETING

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Masons-only meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge, 819 Purdy St. in Brookshire. For more information, email WorshipfulMaster@Brookshirelodge.com.

FEB. 7

TMEA HONOR SEND-OFF CONCERT

Katy-area friends are invited to come cheer on the 2023 TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) Honor String Orchestra as it presents its full program to our Katy community. For more information, call Michael Porter at Tompkins High School at 291-234-1000.

FEB. 8

GALENTINE'S GIRLS NIGHT OUT

A girls' night out, featuring snacks, sips and sales. Botox and facials provided by Harmony Health Spa & Wellness. The girls night out begins at 6 p.m. at Southern Divas Boutique, 23114 Cinco Ranch Blvd. For more information, call the boutique at 832-437-5228.

FEB. 8 & FEB. 11

A CLOSER LOOK AT NATURE: NATURE JOURNALING

All are welcome at this program designed especially for school-aged children. Each class includes a 30-minute presentation followed by an activity. The program is from 2-3 p.m. on Feb. 8, or from 10-11 a.m. on Feb. 11 at John Paul Landing Park, 9950 Katy Hockley Road. Registration is required and space is limited. Email johnpaullanding@hcp4.net or call 713-274-3131 to sign up, and be sure to say which day you want to attend.

FEB. 10

COMMUNITY DATE NIGHT

Katy Church of Christ hosts a community date night, with free childcare for kids through age 12 so spouses can go on their date without the added expense of a babysitter. Date night includes ac-

tivities, Bible lessons, and food for the kiddos. The event is from 5:30-8 p.m. at Katy Church of Christ, 5458 E. 5th St. Registration is required. To register, visit the website katychurchofchrist.com/community-date-night/.

FEB. 11

KATY HALF MARATHON, 5K AND KIDS 1K

The Katy Half Marathon is the second race in the 2022-23 Bayou City Half Marathon Series. The race runs from 7-11 a.m. and begins at Typhoon Texas, 555 Katy Fort Bend Rd.. For more information and to register, visit the website at runsignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyHalfMarathon.

FEB. 11

TEXAS CHILI COOKOFF

A family-friendly Katy tradition celebrates its fifth year. Celebrity judges will judge the chili dishes in several categories: visual, aroma, taste, texture and favorite. Community judges will judge the best decorated tent. Proceeds benefit the Katy ISD FFA. The cookoff is from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the American Furniture Warehouse parking lot, 500 Pin Oak Road. Tickets are \$5 at the gate. For more information, call the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce at 281-391-5289.

FEB. 11

KTX MARKET DAY

A family-friendly event with local vendors, local music and local food trucks. The event is from 1-5 p.m. at No Label Brewing Co., 5351 1st St. For more information, call No Label Brewing Co. at 281-693-7545.

FEB. 11

HEARTS LOVE KATY CASINO NIGHT

An evening of gambling for prizes, featuring craps, roulette and black poker. The event begins at 6 p.m. at No Label Brewing Co., 5351 1st St. For more information, call No Label Brewing Co. at 281-693-7545.

FEB. 11

BOOTS & BADGES GALA

This annual event raises scholarship money for students from families of Fort Bend County first responders. It features casino games, live auction and a silent auction. The gala is at 6 p.m. in the Infinity ballroom at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond. For more information, visit the website behindthebadgecharities.com.

FEB. 12

DOG ADOPTION EVENT

The dog adoption event, by Berg Foster Life -

Animal Rescue, is from 12-3 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus East, 21011 Highland Knolls Dr. For more information, call 281-324-0681. To apply for a dog, complete the application at shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/BERG/Dog. To see available animals, see the website bergfosterlife.org/available-dogs.

FEB. 12

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

The Hangar Unity Center of Brookshire hosts its 6th annual Super Bowl watch party. In addition to the game itself, this family-friendly event features, food, drinks and games. The free event begins at 5 p.m. For more information, call 832-441-5805.

FEB. 14-18

KATY ISD FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW

The livestock show will be at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center, 5825 Katy Hockley Cutoff Road. To see a daily schedule, visit the website at katyisd.org/domain/5853.

FEB. 15

FULSHEAR KATY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chris Harris, who serves on the Coastal Prairie Conservancy advisory board in addition to his roles as Katy City Council member-at-large and mayor pro tem, will speak about the conservancy and its activities. Networking begins at 7:30 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 8 a.m., at the Parkway Fellowship, 27043 FM 1093 in Richmond.

FEB. 16-18

KATY RODEO

The Katy Rodeo coincides with the livestock show, though they are separate entities. The rodeo begins at 7 p.m. each night at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Sciences Center, 5825 Katy Hockley Cutoff Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 4-11. For tickets, visit the website

FEB. 18

KATY RODEO PARADE

The traditional parade begins at 9:30 a.m. in Downtown Katy.

FEB 18

DIY GLASS ETCHING AND WOOD TRIVET WORKSHOP

Learn how to add etch glass and make wood trivets. The workshop is from 6-9 p.m. at Board & Brush, 23930 Westheimer Pkwy.

FEB. 21

JENKS ELEMENTARY

Join the Jenks PTA and counselors for a parent-only speaking engagement featuring Deborah Berry, author of The Tech Trap. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the school, 27602 Westridge Creek Lane. For more information, call the school at 281-234-4100.

FEB. 25

GRAEME'S RUN

The 8th annual Graeme's Run begins at 9 a.m. at No Label Brewery, 5351 1st St. You must register by Feb. 10 to ensure you receive a run shirt. For more information, call 281-693-7545. To register, visit the website graememcdanielfoundation.ticketspice.com/grames-run2023.

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- Fishes without the line touching water
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Actress Lathan
- A metric for athletes
- Food storage location
- Colossus
- Desolations
- Accustom to something unpleasant
- ___ Kubrick, filmmaker
- You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- Arkansas city
- Gave food to
- Request
- V-shaped open trough
- Make lively
- It accompanies feather
- Blonde bombshell
- One who revolves
- Bluish greens
- Charity
- Having the shape of a cube
- Unwind
- Believed by some to be the supreme being
- Checks or guides
- Leak slowly through
- Top-quality
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Part of your foot
- It's at the back of the eyeball
- Where things stand
- Offered
- Contains pollen
- Boisterous get-together
- Asserts out loud
- They're in the sky
- Canonized
- A politician's official stances
- It can catch fish
- British thermal unit
- Helps little firms
- Where patients go for treatment
- Large red deer
- Pokes holes in
- "Star Wars" hero Solo
- One in a hospital
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Famous cat
- ___ Angeles: City of Angels
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- City along the Rhine
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away
- Rare species of rodent
- Suppress

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

BRIONES

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Briones graduated from Yale Law School and practiced law at Vinson & Elkins before joining the Laura & John Arnold Foundation as its general counsel. Later, she became judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4 before her election as commissioner last year.

One can see how her lawyer training will help her learn quickly. Briones said when she was at Vin-

son & Elkins, would track her time carefully, billing clients for every six minutes—in some cases, every 10 minutes. She described herself as a Microsoft Outlook person, using the tool to help her keep track of things.

"I'm extremely Type A and I have three young kids," Briones said. "You have to be able to fire on all cylinders."

She took office Jan. 1 and

attended her first commissioners court meeting. At that meeting, she said, commissioners approved a work safety contractor plan and a climate action plan.

"It was very, very productive," Briones said. "I love the whole gamut of work that we're doing."

Looking forward, Briones said public safety and infrastructure were priorities. She said she's al-

ready met with Mayor Dusty Thiele and city officials to learn about projects in the city.

"Count on a very ongoing partnership across the board," Briones said, adding that she wanted to do infrastructure projects in a way that she described as "future-ready." By this, she said, she means the infrastructure is ready for the next hurricane while being

respectful of the environment.

"We're thinking strategically," Briones said. "At the end of the day, we're here to improve the quality of life and I look forward to doing that every day."

Briones said she was thankful for Pct. 4 residents giving her the chance to be a commissioner.

"I'm so grateful to be here today," Briones said.

ELECTION

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ing in the electoral process on an equal footing."

The letter also criticized Position 1 Trustee Victor Perez, who, it claimed, "was not the candidate preferred by Black and Latinx Katy residents, (but) successfully campaigned (and) won a seat on the board of trustees in a campaign based on a so-called anti-'critical race theory' platform." The letter said media reports described Perez running "a campaign during which he often referenced removal of 'pervasively vulgar' books and information, and books he believes promote critical race theory, from district libraries and internet servers." The letter said Perez referred to books that were pulled from Katy ISD libraries as pornographic, and some books written from the perspective of Black or Indigenous people as critical race theory.

Perez responded at the meeting.

"This letter makes outrageous and unjustified characterizations of me as engaging in subtle and overt racial appeals during my campaign, and also racist rhetoric," Perez said, adding that the statements were false and defamatory. "Clearly, the writer of the letter does not know me."

The letter said Perez was a "Latinx identifying individual," which Perez said he found offensive.

"I am a Cuban-born refugee, bi-



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GREG SCHULTE



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lingual, Hispanic or Latino male," Perez said, adding that the letter creates "division" in the district.

While some districts, such as Richardson, have adopted single-member districts, there are no plans to do so in Katy. The district, in an email response to the NAACP letter, said the district remains confident in the fairness of its elections and consider the matter closed.

"We disagree with your legal posture and the mischaracterizations of facts surrounding past elections and candidates," Justin Graham, the district's general counsel, wrote in the district's response.

Trustees changed one of the early polling locations. Graham said the district has five early polling locations, one of which is Morton Ranch High School, 21000 Franz Road. Graham suggested moving that early polling location to Paetow High School, 23111 Stockdick School Road. In this way, he said, the district would still offer voters living north of I-10 an early polling location, plus it would be more inclusive, given the growth

near Paetow.

The other four early polling locations are Cinco Ranch High School, 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd.; the Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Dr.; Seven Lakes High School, 9251 S. Fry Road; and Taylor High School, 20700 King-stand Blvd.

Trustees approve formation of bond committee

Trustees approved the formation of a community bond advisory committee to review enrollment projections, explore current and future school needs and make a determination on a November 2023 bond package.

Schulte, the board president, said the district has established a three-year bond cycle to build new schools, renovate older ones, and provide for safety and upgrades when needed.

"Our last school bond, which was delayed due to COVID, was in 2021," Schulte said. "With the continued fast growth in our northwest quadrant, our board believes it is important to move



KATY ISD

Members of a Katy ISD bond committee discuss what issues to place on a bond that Katy voters approved in 2021. The district will soon have another bond committee with the intention of placing a bond on the November ballot.

forward with the formation of a committee this spring to get ahead of the population boom that will inevitably impact our classrooms and learning."

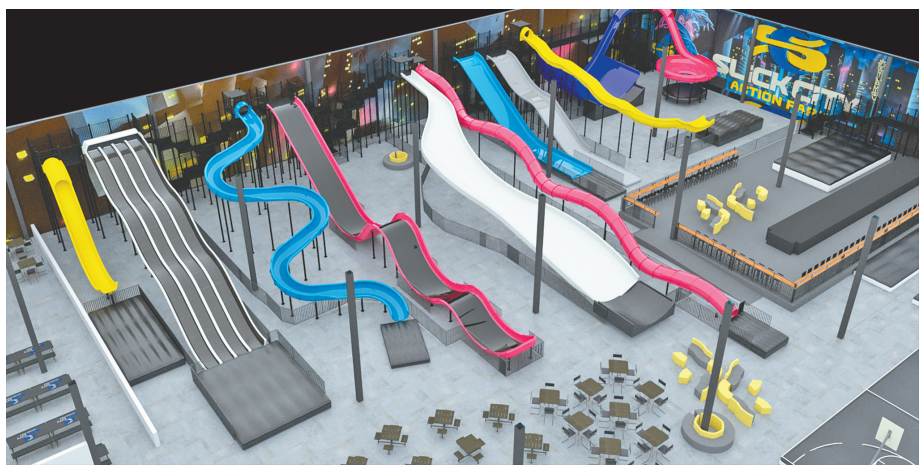
District demographers project Katy ISD will serve more than 100,000 students in 2027—four years from today. They predict the district will continue to add an average of 1,400 new students annually until at least 2032. The majority of this growth will take place in the northwest quadrant.

The committee will review current and future growth projections, as well as identify capital, technology and safety needs across Katy ISD. An application to serve on the

committee will be available from February 1-15 through the email address community members have on file with the district. The committee's first meeting will be held in March.

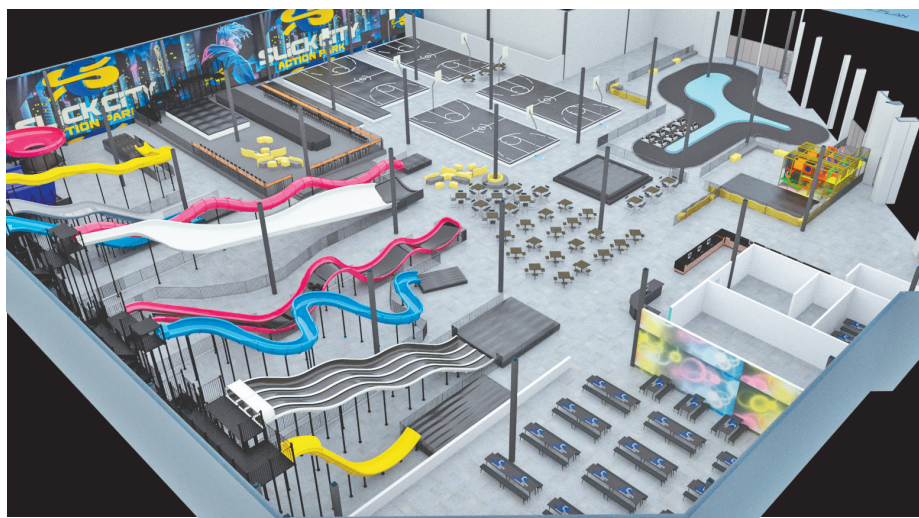
The committee structure is designed to be accessible to the entire community. This decision-making group will consist of approximately 150 members that include parents, business owners, senior citizens, students, partner institutions, professional and civic organizations, and other community members.

The district has set up a bond advisory committee website at katyisd.org/Page/9854.



SLICK PARK ACTION PARK

An artist's rendition of Slick Park Action Park, touted as the world's first indoor slide Park and sports court. The slides have no water and the park is designed for patrons of all ages. Slick Park Action Park is expected to open this fall at Katy Mills Mall.



CITY

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and Wrangler have set up shop at the mall, Hebert said.

These developments are, no doubt, exciting for Katy-area shoppers and residents. Yet managing the growth remains a priority for city leader. Officials have been revising Katy's comprehensive plan, and were scheduled to hold a workshop on it Tuesday evening at City Hall.

Hebert said the plan had four purposes:

- To protect the quality of life.
- To help the city solve existing problems.
- To guide future growth.
- To enable using the city's land area and resources to the betterment of everyone.

The top strategic priorities in accomplishing these goals, Hebert said, were preparing for ongoing growth, enhancing mobility and access, giving ongoing attention to the city's infrastructure, achieving an even more livable Katy and giving ongoing attention to Katy's public safety services. Public safety constitutes 54% of the current city budget, Hebert said.

The city has some unique challenges in accomplishing these goals. To begin with, the city is surrounded by extrajurisdictional property for the cities of Brookshire, Fulshear in Houston. Katy must work with both developers and these other entities.

Much of the commercial development is happening along I-10 west of Cane Island Parkway. Examples of this include Woods Industrial, which will be situated south of I-10, and Love's Travel Stop, 612 Pederson Road, which is north of I-10. East of Cane Island Parkway, a new Kohl's is being planned for a site south of I-10 and west of the mall. Living Spaces, a furniture store, opened last year at 444 Katy Village Pkwy.

But the development is not just commercial. The Katy City Council recently approved an expansion to the Katy Court Planned Development District. The development, at Clay Road and Katy Hockley Cutoff Road, will have approximately 600 homes and roughly 20 acres of restricted commercial space, Hebert said.

The Katy Boardwalk Project remains in progress as well. The Prairie Parkway, the total construction cost for which is \$787,036, was completed in December. Phase 3 of the Katy-Fort Bend Road extension, is expected to be complete by the summer. Phase 2 of the Boardwalk Trails is expected to be complete by late summer.

Meanwhile, a second set of lofts, along with the hotel and conference center, are in design.

The city continues to work on a number of transportation and water and sewer infrastructure projects as well.

SCHOOLS

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think that they'd be considered for such an honor.

"We're just beyond grateful and appreciative so excited to start this new journey with a new school and the students," she said.

The Faldyns have a combined 66 years of service to support public education in Katy ISD. Russell Faldyn shared the sentiments of the Youngbloods. The families have known and worked with each other for years. In some cases, they taught the other family's children.

"It's the ultimate honor as an educator," he said. "It's an ultimate honor as a lifelong resident, to come back and work in a district that you were raised in."

Cindie Faldyn said when they received the news they would be a school namesake, they were over-

whelmed with gratitude.

"We just went to work every day and did our ministry, which is mentoring elementary and high school students," she said, adding that she worked with elementary schools while Russell worked with the high school students. "We felt, 'we're just regular, we're just regular.'"

All four remain involved in the district. All four said they wanted to be involved in their namesake schools. Cindie Faldyn said she was involved with one school opening earlier in her career. Opening one's namesake school is special, and all four were excited about what lies ahead.

Cindie Faldyn said the experience has been like was like Christmas, and that she had been crying

a lot when thinking about the honor. She said it was important to create a new atmosphere at the new schools.

"I cannot wait to greet those lovebugs and see them at that school," she said. "I want to be there all the time for everything. I want to serve the teachers. Being a teacher, I want them to know they can lean on me and we can lean on them."

Trustees at their December board meeting set up two advisory committees for naming the schools.

David and Terri Youngblood Elementary will be located at 25600 Longenbaugh Road. Russell and Cindie Faldyn Elementary will be located at 25615 Clay Road. Both locations are in the northwest quadrant of Katy ISD.

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Stove debate a real gas

I love my gas stove—almost as much as I love my Weber gas grill.

So I became curious this past week when I heard that a commissioner in one of our ever-expanding federal-government agencies discussed a possible ban on natural gas stoves.

As the story goes, Richard Trumka Jr., a U.S. Consumer Product Safety commissioner, told Bloomberg that gas stoves are a hidden health hazard and that “products that can’t be made safe can be banned.”

Bloomberg says that 40% of America’s homes use gas stoves and that they “emit air pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and fine particulate matter at levels the EPA and World Health Organization have said are unsafe and linked to respiratory illness, cardiovascular problems, cancer and other health conditions ...”

If that is the case, I consider myself a gas-stove survivor.

Growing up in a house with eight people, our gas stove was always cooking something.

My mother mastered the gastronomic wonders of Hamburger Helper most nights and we devoured her delicacies unaware that our little lungs, hearts and other parts of us were being put at incredible risk.

Almost daily, my dad made the best eggs, bacon, hash browns and pancakes this side of an upscale Manhattan restaurant in his trusty cast-iron skillet—which posed its own health dangers.

Every Friday he used it to grill up the cheapest hamburger meat he could find and the exploding grease balls nearly took my eye out on more than one occasion.

God only knows the damage my parents caused us when we suffered a power outage on a cold winter day and they cranked up every burner on the stovetop to stay warm.

My dad loved to cook with gas so much he ran a gas line from the house out to the back porch to a grill that we used every night, rain or shine, from spring until Thanksgiving, to grill up delicious, healthy and inexpensive chicken and pork.

We enjoyed hundreds of delightful meals on our back porch that way.

We had no idea that using natural gas to feed our large family was shortening our lives and contributing to the downfall of the global ecosystem.

Nowadays you must feel



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SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

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guilty about having a large family and even guiltier if you choose to cook with a wondrous blue flame that can be turned up or down at will rather than use a red electric coil that heats and cools on its own sluggish schedule.

In any event, in response to the great gas-stove backlash that swept the country, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says now that there are no federal plans to outlaw gas stoves anytime soon.

But state and local efforts to ban gas stoves are gaining ground.

According to the Washington Examiner, nearly 100 cities and counties and 20 states have already adopted policies restricting the use of gas-powered stoves and heaters or have begun phasing them out for new construction.

Banning gas stoves isn’t the way to go, though.

If there are health issues with their use, then let our creative minds in the private sector innovate gas-stove solutions—or make other cooking technologies, such as induction stoves, more affordable.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I’m going to fire up my cast iron skillet and make a fried-egg breakfast that would make my father proud.

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Are you old enough to be a fashion model?

According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, the demand for older models in the fashion and cosmetics industries is exploding.

Sorry. Perhaps “exploding” is a trigger word. It might give some of the most seasoned models flashbacks of “the rocket’s red glare, bombs bursting in air.”

That’s right. When I say “older,” I am not simply referencing hints of gray. Cosmetics juggernaut L’Oréal currently employs Helen Mirren (age 77) and Jane Fonda (age 85), and those celebrities are just the “young chicks” compared to other spokespeople out there hawking makeup and clothing.

(I’m still trying to secure an interview with one model who alleges, “When I started, the whole fashion line consisted of fig leaves. My best friend failed to moisturize and turned into a pillar of salt. You couldn’t strut your stuff on the runway until the waters parted.”)

For too long, mature women have let college-age influencers, teens or even creepily sexualized preteens set an impossible standard of beauty for them. (“Wait—before you bring home the bacon and fry it up in a pan, be sure to warm up by doing the splits and decorating the homecoming float.”)

Bless the ladies for whom “class” means something other than copying the school brain’s algebra test.

Good genes, diet, exercise, skincare and attitude have given society a plethora of older women who are stunningly beautiful. (So I am told. I hate when my wife reads over my shoulder!) Yet they have traditionally been burdened with



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fashions so frumpy that a “come hither” look is answered with, “Why? Do you need help milking the yaks?”

I’m glad we’ve gotten away from the paradigm of models being ever-younger and ever-skinny. People with memories of the disco nightclub days of Studio 54 still talk about the ugly scene when a model became jealous of her own still-attached umbilical cord.

One substantial advantage of hiring older models is that they are more sensible and less likely to let the glamor and spotlight go to their heads. Granted, there are other things that may cloud their judgment. (“Have you ever

seen anything as beautiful as my grandson’s drawing of a whatever-it-is? If I can’t display this on the next lingerie magazine cover, you’ll hear from my lawyer, you whippersnapper!”)

Of course, new advertising campaigns must be tailored to current realities. The models who implored “Don’t hate me because I’m beautiful” in 1980s Pantene commercials would now beseech, “Don’t hate me because I’m going to drain the Social Security trust fund dry before you ever get there. Bwahaha...”

I must admit not all my friends are onboard with the industry shift. The article touted “models over 50 whose faces tell a story.” One friend conceded, “Okay, their face can tell a story—just as long as it’s not the one about walking five miles to school in the snow, uphill both ways. Or the one about sharing a wild taxi ride with Guy Lombardo.”

The heck with him. We need courageous models (male and female) who can inspire their contemporaries or those who aspire to be that age in a few years.

Perhaps you or someone you know has a bright future in modeling.

Just be prepared for the hyper-competitive arena of seeking to be quoted.

“Like I told Francis Scott Key, what happens in Fort McHenry stays in Fort McHenry!”

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Willowfork Fire Department to hold push-in ceremony for new fire truck Jan. 30

The Willowfork Fire Department and Fort Bend County ESD #2 invite the public to participate in the official fire truck push-in ceremony for the department's newest fire truck.

The ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Station #2, 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd.

Fire department officials said the push-in ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the late 1800s. In those days, fire departments used hand-drawn pumpers and horse-drawn equipment. Upon returning to the station after a fire call, the horses could not easily back the equipment into the station. The horses were disconnected from the fire equipment, which was pushed back into the station.

The original Tanker 81, purchased in 2005, carried 2,000 gallons of water, had a 500 GPM water pump, and seating for only two firefighters. Based on increased call volume in the territory over the years, and the fact that the truck had reached replacement age, the ESD Board of Directors decided to replace the 2005 truck with a new truck that could be a tanker when needed, but also a reserve fire engine.

In 2021 after months of planning, the new Tanker 81 was ordered from Pierce Fire Apparatus in Appleton, Wis. The new Tanker 81 carries 2,500 gallons of water, has a 2000 GPM water pump, seating for four firefighters, multiple fire attack hose lines, EMS

equipment, ladders, and rescue equipment.

For more information, call the fire department at 281-395-0011.

Hope Chest to open Katy location Jan. 30

The Hope Chest is opening a new, 21,000-square-foot warehouse. The new warehouse will have a grand opening celebration at 10 a.m. Jan. 30 at 6545 Stockdick School Road.

The Hope Chest is a resale market where one can donate old treasures for a good cause. The resale market benefits Cy-Hope, a nonprofit organization "making life better for kids" and proceeds benefit their many programs. These include summer camps; a food pantry; baseball workshops led by Larry Dierker, former Houston Astros All-Star pitcher and manager; community centers that provide tutoring and mentoring; music initiatives; and financial assistance for college and career readiness.

The resale market is currently accepting items, including gently used clothing, shoes, linens, furniture, musical instruments, antiques, books, household items, and more.

Hope Chest also offers volunteer opportunities behind the scenes. Hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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The Willowfork Fire Department is taking delivery of this fire truck. The pumper is 10-foot-1 tall. Above, youngsters push in a Willowfork Fire Department fire truck at a previous push-in ceremony.

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Deputy Terrance Wall (center) was promoted to sergeant. He is a graduate of the FBCSO Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. He obtained his basic instructor certification and was a member of the honor guard. He celebrates 15 years within law enforcement, having also completed eight years with Fort Bend County Constable Precinct 1. Wall was pinned by his son, Zion Wall. Sheriff Eric Fagan (left) looks on.



Deputy Kathryn Petrash (second from left) was promoted to sergeant. She is a graduate of the FBCSO Gus George Law Enforcement Academy and was 2019 class president. She has served within many divisions of the sheriff's office including dispatch, support services, and detention. She was also a member of the honor guard. Petrash was pinned by her father, Harris County Sheriff's office reserve Sgt. Dan Petrash.



Captain Kevin Hunt (right) was appointed captain of the FBCSO Court Division. He joined the sheriff's office in the Fall of 2022. He was born and raised in Fort Bend County. Hunt began his career in law enforcement in 2001 when he joined the Houston Police Department as a patrol officer. After 20 years of dedicated service, he retired as a senior officer. He then transferred to the Port Patrol Division helping secure the Port of Houston. Hunt was pinned by his cousin, Judge Teena Watson.

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Fort Bend County Sheriff's office recognizes staffers and partners

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's office recognized the men and women within the department as well as partnering agencies for their commitment to public safety in ceremonies held Jan. 12 at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy.

During the ceremony, various divisions recognized personnel who went above and beyond in their role within the department. Surrounding partnering agencies were also

recognized for their contributions including the Texas Rangers, Home Depot Investigators, Homeland Security and the Rosenberg Police Department.

"It's always a great day when we see families and friends come together to celebrate," Sheriff Eric Fagan said. "Each individual recognized plays a vital role in the overall efforts of the sheriff's office to serve and protect the citizens of Fort Bend County."



Deputy Kayla Elwood is a team lead for the CISM team within the department, which focuses on the mental health and resilience for first responders.



Lt. Scott Soland celebrates 30 years with the department.



Investigator Jesse Murphy and Home Depot Investigator Mike Collins. Their work led to the identification and apprehension of two suspects for their involvement in an illegal fencing operation in the Fort Bend County.



Deputy Connie Lilly celebrates 25 years with the department.



Investigator Jose Hernandez celebrates 25 years with the department.



Maud Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen, celebrated the beginning of the Lunar New Year Jan. 21 with a traditional Lion Dance program. In the lunar year, the months are measured moon cycles around the earth. Several cultures, including China, honor the holiday, which was Jan. 22. A library official said over 300 people came to watch the program.

MAUD SMITH MARKS LIBRARY

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Katy listed among top 10 cities for finding new apartments

Katy is listed among the top 10 cities for finding new apartments in 2023, according to the rentcafé.com website.

Katy is 10th on the list, along with five other Texas markets. Those markets are: Midland (2), Humble (3), Frisco (4), McKinney (5), and Spring (8).

The website said Katy has experienced a 123.2% increase in new apartments, a 44.9% share of new apartments in top locations, at a 94.9% occupancy rate. The website said the average size of new apartments is 951 square feet.

"This growing suburb of Houston offers the best of both worlds: small-town charm and big-city amenities," the website said. "Katy's population climbed 55% from 2010 to 2020 largely due to the highly rated schools here and access to the major employers in and around Houston. And, with plenty of healthcare facilities and recreation centers, Katy is also a popular retirement spot in Texas."

Rotary Scholarship deadline is Jan. 31

Applications are being accepted for the Rotary Club of Katy's 2023 scholarship program.

The club is distributing \$125,000 to multiple recipients, with individual amounts ranging between \$2,500-\$10,000.

Applicants must be Katy ISD seniors graduating this spring, with plans to attend a two- or four-year college, vocational, technical or trade school. They must demonstrate a financial need and submit an application, transcript and two essays. Deadline is Jan. 31.

Applicants will be notified if they are selected for an interview. The interview will determine the individual scholarship amount awarded.

For more information, email katyrotary-scholarship@gmail.com or visit the website katyrotary.com.

Fort Bend County Libraries' "Ancient Civilizations" series focuses on Egypt in February

Fort Bend County Libraries will have an educational series focusing on "Ancient Civilizations" this spring. The next program in the series, "Ancient Civilizations: Egypt," will take place from 2-4 p.m. in the meeting room at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd.

Architecture professor Sheba Akhtar will talk about the significance of the Nile River to the history of Egypt, as well as significant events during different periods. Hear about the mastabas (tombs), Imhotep and the



The Harris County Emergency Services District 48 held its employee appreciation banquet Jan. 20. Jerry Hales, fourth from right, was among those recognized. He received the Fire Positive Attitude Award in recognition for his achievements and dedication in serving the citizens of HCESD 48.

LIA HALES

evolution of the pyramids of the Old Kingdom. Learn about the rock-carved tombs of the Middle Kingdom.

For the New Kingdom period, Akhtar will talk about the Temple at Karnak, Queen Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple, Ramses II's Temple at Abu-Simbel, Akhenaton the Mono-Theist and King Tut's Tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

An assistant professor of architecture at Prairie View A&M University, Akhtar received her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania and taught art and architecture history for more than 20 years. She has practiced as an architect in the United States, England, Scotland, Jordan and Pakistan. She is the author of "Of Colour and Form" and numerous articles on art and architecture.

In March, the series will continue with a program at George Memorial Library on the

Indus Valley.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website fortbend.lib.tx.us.

Cinco Ranch Branch Library presents intermediate MS Word class

Fort Bend County Libraries' Adult Services staff at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present a free computer class, "MS Word: Intermediate," for version 2016, from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Feb. 7 in the computer lab of the library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd.

This class is for people who already have a basic understanding of MS Word, but would like to master more advanced functions and tools in this word-processing software program.

Learn how to change the page color, insert pictures and word art, create numbered and bulleted lists, and add headers and footers.

The class is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online, visit the website fortbend.lib.tx.us, click on "Class-

es & Events," select "Cinco Ranch Branch Library," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-395-1311, or by visiting the library.

Cinco Ranch Branch Library presents Introduction to Legal Research class

The Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present "An Introduction to Legal Research" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 8 in the computer lab of the library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd.

Staff from Fort Bend County Libraries' Willie Melton Law Library will introduce the basics of legal research. Learn about the difference between primary and secondary resources, and gain a better understanding of how to read legal citations.

This class will also explain where to find legal informational resources, both in print and online.

The class is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register, visit the website fortbend.lib.tx.us.

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SHEBA AKHTAR



The Royal ISD STEM Academy is holding a toiletry item drive to benefit the Hangar Unity Center in Brookshire.

JOSELYN HOFER



SHERREL ROGERS

Left: Athena Medical Clinic is on Kingsland Avenue in Brookshire and is situated in a growing area of the community. Above: Nurses Iolani Aves (left) and Senthinayaki Kasiraja are two of the staff members at Athena Medical Clinic.

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data Control Codes		General	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 457,849,365	\$ 181,083,904	\$ 726,196	\$ 22,120,296	\$ 661,779,761
5800	State Program Revenues	433,307,087	1,705,081		5,722,293	440,734,461
5900	Federal Program Revenues	15,794,865			108,837,895	124,632,760
5020	Total Revenues	<u>906,951,317</u>	<u>182,788,985</u>	<u>726,196</u>	<u>136,680,484</u>	<u>1,227,146,982</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	574,680,747			46,670,102	621,350,849
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	9,710,894			657,179	10,368,073
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	11,951,000			7,256,620	19,207,620
0021	Instructional Leadership	7,134,057			1,035,416	8,169,473
0023	School Leadership	50,415,352			1,376,419	51,791,771
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	43,604,225			6,314,134	49,918,359
0032	Social Work	103,150			1,093,284	1,196,434
0033	Health Services	9,414,824			604,100	10,018,924
0034	Student Transportation	23,962,329			156,454	24,118,783
0035	Food Services				40,557,791	40,557,791
0036	Extracurricular Activities	19,432,294			9,131,086	28,563,380
0041	General Administration	15,380,177		150	360,283	15,740,610
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	82,706,422			881,059	83,587,481
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	11,538,493			74,745	11,613,238
0053	Data Processing Services	16,388,276			291,718	16,679,994
0061	Community Services	234,222			1,197,916	1,432,138
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt		100,498,863			100,498,863
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt		85,308,236			85,308,236
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		19,990	3,160,246		3,180,236
0081	Capital Outlay: Facilities Acquisition and Construction	892,853		204,405,612	414,673	205,713,138
Intergovernmental Charges:						
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agents SSA	726,473				726,473
0095	Payments to JJAEP	21,608				21,608
0097	Payments to Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone	4,975,610				4,975,610
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	5,001,153				5,001,153
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>888,274,159</u>	<u>185,827,089</u>	<u>207,566,008</u>	<u>118,072,979</u>	<u>1,399,740,235</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>18,677,158</u>	<u>(3,038,104)</u>	<u>(206,839,812)</u>	<u>18,607,505</u>	<u>(172,593,253)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)						
7911	Capital-Related Debt Issued			439,620,000		439,620,000
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	313,460				313,460
7916	Premium on Issuance of Bonds			23,520,246		23,520,246
7080	Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>313,460</u>	<u></u>	<u>463,140,246</u>	<u></u>	<u>463,453,706</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	18,990,618	(3,038,104)	256,300,434	18,607,505	290,860,453
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	307,797,823	62,901,768	16,032,171	22,298,300	409,030,062
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<u>\$ 326,788,441</u>	<u>\$ 59,863,664</u>	<u>\$ 272,332,605</u>	<u>\$ 40,905,805</u>	<u>\$ 699,890,515</u>

BROOKSHIRE BRIEFS

Athena Medical Clinic opens in Brookshire

Dr. Tammy Allen, along with nurses Senthinayaka Kasiraja and Iolani Aves, have opened Athena Medical Clinic in Brookshire. The staff said its goal is to provide top-of-the-line medical care for people all stages of life. Towards that end, the clinic strives to help every patient family live long, productive lives. The staff wants to build strong, long-term relationships founded on trust and supported by quality, compassionate care for a wide range of health issues.

Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit the clinic at 30543 Kingsland Blvd. #150, in Brookshire, call 281-717-4674, or visit the website at athenamedicaltx.com.

Royal STEM Academy holding toiletry drive to benefit Hangar Unity Center

The Royal STEM Academy Elementary Student Council is holding a toiletry drive to benefit the Hangar Unity Center, 4010 4th St. in Brookshire.

Items being sought for donation include bar soap, bottled soap, dental floss, deodorant, disposable wipes, hand sanitizer, hairbrushes, pocket-size Kleenex or paper tissues, shampoo, socks (all sizes), toothbrushes and toothpaste.

For more information, call the academy at 281-934-3181.

Project Prom set for Feb. 11

The second annual Brookshire Project Prom, in which young ladies are paired with personal shoppers for the perfect prom dress, is set for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Hangar Unity Center.

For more information, call 832-722-8612.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Pet owners can enjoy a variety of coffees, teas and other refreshments.

Going to the Dogs

Pucci opens in LaCenterra, Dogtopia Dog Daycare to open in Fulshear

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Pucci, a public café and dog boutique, has opened in LaCenterra.

Pucci—it rhymes with Gucci, as in the clothing and purse manufacturer—is a one-of-a-kind pet-friendly establishment. It offers dog accessory collections from across the United States and around the world. It also offers dog spa products.

Yet Pucci Café also has attractions for the dog owners and enthusiasts. It serves coffees, teas, and pastries, as well as specialty beers, wines, and campaigns. Customers are also welcome to bring their friendly dogs to enjoy the chilled vibe on the elegant back patio. The café is also planning to partner with local rescue groups.

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce was scheduled to hold a ribbon cutting at Pucci Jan. 24.

Meanwhile, Dogtopia, the nation's leading dog daycare, boarding and spa facility, is opening a new location on Jan. 30 in Fulshear, and hosted an open house Jan. 21.

Dogtopia, at 6434 FM 1463, offers contact-free, curbside drop-off and pick-up services. In celebration of the opening, Dogtopia of Fulshear will offer an exclusive promotion for the first 100 dogs to sign up for their special founders offer.

The new location is owned and operated by entrepreneur and businessman Justin Burnett, who pivoted from an extensive career in the oil industry to business ownership, and is looking forward to bring Dogtopia to the Fulshear and Katy communities.

"I am excited to share Dogtopia with this great community, and we can't wait to start making a difference in the lives of pet parents and their pups," Justin Burnett said.

Providing personalized care for pups in a fun, safe and comfortable environment, Dogtopia sets the industry standard among dog daycares with its three key benefits: education, exercise and socialization. Dogtopia is the perfect place for pups to gain those important social skills and play with new furry friends.

Dogtopia's environment allows dogs to feel comfortable, enjoy plenty of playtime and exercise, and the various playrooms offer fun for dogs of similar size and temperament. Each playroom has compressed rubber flooring to ease joints, prevent slipping and promote safer play. Dogtopia gives each dog an opportunity to stay active throughout the day in an environment that is safe and clean, which can give local



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Pucci Café sells dog sweaters, among other accessories.

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—JUSTIN BURNETT, Owner of Dogtopia

families a peace of mind.

To ensure the safety of all pups, pet parents and employees, Dogtopia is taking extra safety precautions alongside their rigorous cleaning protocol. In addition to their curbside drop-off and pick-up services, Dogtopia maintains a custom cleaning program that utilizes pet-safe products that clean, disinfect and offer the highest level of safety available. The playrooms are sanitized twice daily when the pups are resting, and routine detail cleaning is performed throughout the day. Each playroom has a powerful HVAC system, with in-duct UV lighting that funnels air out of the building to ensure clean, fresh air, and eliminates bad bacteria.

Alongside providing quality care in a healthy, safe and fun daycare center for local pups, Dogtopia

is bringing between 20-40 job opportunities to the community. Dogtopia also launched the Dogtopia Foundation with the noble cause to enable dogs to positively change our world. The Foundation funds programs focused around three worthy causes: Services Dogs for Veterans, Youth Literacy Programs and Employment Initiatives for Adults with Autism. All funds raised are donated directly to supported organizations. To learn more, visit the website dogtopiafoundation.org.

Dogtopia is open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays. Sundays are available for boarding drop off and pick up.

For more information, call 281-606-3113 or visit the website dogtopia.com/fulshear-katy/.



Fort Bend County Judge KP George, right, and other county officials welcomed Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham for discussions about infrastructure, transportation and erosion protection issues.

FORT BEND COUNTY

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fort Bend County leaders meet new land commissioner

Fort Bend County officials and local leaders welcomed newly sworn-in Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Jan. 18 for discussions about infrastructure, transportation and erosion protection.

"Our master drainage plan is of the utmost importance, especially as our county population continues an upward trajectory, both in residential and commercial business growth," George said. "We are looking to provide erosion protection, especially along our major thoroughfares."

The meeting took place at the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Ferraro to serve on Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Board

Matthew Ferraro, Katy Area Chamber of Commerce president, will serve in 2023 as one of 20 members of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Board for the 2023 fiscal year.

TCCE is the longest standing association of chamber of commerce professionals in the nation, working to

provide guidance to local and regional chambers through professional education, resources, and networking opportunities. Additionally, Ferraro will chair TCCE's Scholarship Committee.

"TCCE is committed to providing excellence in professional education, networking, resource and idea exchange among the chamber industry," Jim Johnson, TCCE board chair. "Matthew's knowledge, skills and experience will benefit chambers across Texas."

Ferraro is serving a three-year term for the board of directors and will represent TCCE's 230 chambers from every part of Texas.

Fort Bend County Fair's Cindy Schmidt honored

Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo's Fair Manager Cindy Schmidt has been named the 2023 recipient of the Texas Association of Fair and Events (TAFE) "Professional of the Year" award. The recognition took place at the TAFE convention held in Galveston.

The elite honor recognizes all fairs, festivals, rodeos and events held around the state, including the Houston Live-

stock Show and Rodeo, The State Fair of Texas and the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

As fair manager of the Fort Bend County Fair, Schmidt oversees one of the largest fairs in the State of Texas. She has consistently assembled her team, her people and her board, and pulled them through several uncharted circumstances, such as the Hurricane Harvey aftermath, the COVID-19 pandemic, and numerous other incidents.

In 2022, she spearheaded the Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo, a national TV deal, and became a qualifier for one of the largest rodeos in the world. She also welcomed the WPRA (Women's Professional Rodeo Association) ladies' Breakaway event. Schmidt oversees year-round events, including tag-ins, a fishing tournament, a crawfish boil and more. In addition, Schmidt secures entertainment acts, coordinates fair committee agendas, procures sponsorships and adheres to a year-round budget.

As a volunteer, Schmidt began with the Livestock Committee in 1990. She was also part of the Fair Club Committee, Hospitality Committee, and Decorations Committee.

Katy Christian Ministries golf tournament registrations now open

Registration is open for the Katy Christian Ministries (KCM) 24th Annual Swing from The Heart Golf Tournament, set for April 10 at Weston Lakes Country Club, 32611 FM 1093 in Fulshear.

This year's tournament will give golfers and non-golfers alike a chance to join KCM in supporting its social services, food pantry, crisis center and community outreach programs.

A tournament ticket costs \$750 for a team of four or \$195 for a single player, and includes entry fees, lunch and dinner as well as a limited-edition 24th Annual Tournament Hat. Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$150 up to \$25,000. All proceeds will go towards funding KCM's mission of "Transforming lives through God's grace and the generosity of the community."

Deysi Crespo, KCM executive director, said the tournament is an excellent chance for community members to get involved in something truly special while helping those who are struggling during these uncertain times.

"This fantastic event is one we look forward to every year because it gives us the chance to connect with some amazing people all while raising awareness and funds since this event would not be possible without the generous donations of so many people who are passionate about KCM's mission," Crespo said.

For more information, visit the website at ktcm.org/golf or calling 281-391-5261 ext. 103.

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Rotary Club of Katy

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A scholarship interview will determine the individual scholarship amount awarded.
Recipients will be provided additional instructions on the award collection process.

Instructions
✓ On-Line Application form must be filled out completely & accurately
✓ Must include transcript (an application WILL NOT be considered WITHOUT one)
✓ Two short essays are required

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
✓ KISD Senior graduating Spring 2023
✓ Plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college, vocational, technical, or trade school
✓ Demonstrate a Financial Need
✓ Submit an accurate & timely application (Dec. 10, 2022 - Jan. 31, 2023)

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Questions: katyrotaryscholarship@gmail.com
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Winter graduates of Katy ISD high schools celebrated their commencement in a Jan. 18 ceremony at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Dr.

KATY ISD



TEACHERS OF TOMORROW

This artwork by Tompkins High graduate Zoe Puno, called Waterfall Effect, was recently featured on the Expressions Challenge, an arts program to connect, inspire and empower youth to share their perspectives on life through the arts.



KPRC meteorologist Anthony Yanez spoke Jan. 18 at Cimarron Elementary about how the water cycle affects the weather.

KATY ISD



Students at the Royal ISD STEM Academy were honored for their individual achievements at the Jan. 16 Royal ISD Board of Trustees meeting in Pattison.

SHERREL ROGERS

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Aristoi Classical Academy open enrollment underway

Open enrollment is underway at Aristoi Classical Academy, a public school offering classical education from kindergarten through 12th grade. Deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call 281-391-5003 or visit the website aristoiclassical.org.

Katy ISD teacher receives Teachers of Tomorrow scholarship

Shannon Chavez of Katy has been awarded a New Teacher Scholarship from Teachers of Tomorrow, the nation's largest alternative certification provider. The organization awarded 20 scholarships to the next generation of teachers in several states in which it operates.



SHANNON CHAVEZ

Chavez is one of four aspiring teachers in the Greater Houston area to receive the scholarship. With this scholarship, Teachers of Tomorrow covers the entire program fee to reduce the financial burden of changing careers.

Other Houston-area teachers receiving scholarships were Yasmin Moreno, of Humble; Dominique Shaw, of Houston; and Braden Baikauskas, of Kingwood.

Teachers of Tomorrow said its goal is to supply schools with high-quality, passionate teachers to make a difference in the classroom.

Katy students make Iowa State, Nebraska Wesleyan dean's lists

Two students from Katy have made the Fall 2022 dean's lists at their respective colleges.

Samuel Lowell McDaniel, a third-year performing arts student, made the dean's list at Iowa State University in Ames. McDaniel is one of more than 10,200 Iowa State students who have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the dean's list. These students must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Robert Simmons made the dean's list at Kansas Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Students earning at least a 3.75 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) while completing a full-time course load of at least 12 credit hours of graded work (pass/fail courses are not included) are eligible.

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Tompkins battles back to beat Taylor

Falcons overcome 16-point deficit to continue their successful run

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins has started to find its groove over the past few weeks. The Falcons came into the year with a young team that had to grow into their roles — it's taken until this point in the season, but Tompkins is showing that growth and the results have started to show on the scoreboard.

Tompkins has started the year winning four of six, only losing to the top two teams in District 19-6A, and the Falcons continued their run of success on Saturday, as they beat Taylor 83-78 in what was a huge victory that keeps the Falcons in the top four of district and within one of third place.

"This was such a big win to get," said junior guard Luke Coughran. "This is a good team and we came in, competed and found a way. That's how you have to do it in these games, you have to keep finding a way and we were able to do that. This was one we needed."

It was not an easy win for the Falcons and they knew it wouldn't be going in. Tompkins trailed after each of the first



TYLER TYRE

See **TOMPKINS**, page B8 Luke Coughran dribbles through the Taylor defense during Saturday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at the Taylor gym.



TYLER TYRE

Isaiah Roberts fights through contact to shoot a layup during Wednesday's game between Paetow and Jordan at the Jordan gym.

Paetow starts second half of district with big win over Jordan

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Mike Niemi has told his Paetow team for the past few weeks that they have to believe. Niemi preached that they had to believe in themselves, believe in their abilities and believe that they could beat the top teams in District 19-6A.

It's been a process for Paetow

— they had to replace virtually all of their production from last season's team that won a district title and reached the Class 5A regional semifinals.

The Panthers started district slow, but Niemi always believed they would improve and be able to compete against anyone, and the performance that he was waiting for came on Wednesday, as the Panthers made a big comeback to

beat Jordan, who sat second overall in district 55-54 in what was a hugely important game for Paetow.

"This is a good team, we're just hiding behind a bad record," Niemi said. "We have to believe that and we have to believe that we can compete with and beat these good teams in the district. When we do that then this group can do things,

See **PAETOW**, page B6

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seven Lakes continues climbing into playoff race, beats Morton Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

This year has brought a test of adversity for Seven Lakes. The Spartans have had to deal with a number of injuries to a young team and it derailed them early in the season and district play, but since the winter break, the Spartans have seemed to find their stride.

The Spartans have won three of five since they came back from break, including earning

big wins over Cinco Ranch and Tompkins, and they kept things going on Friday, beating Morton Ranch 56-32 as the Spartans continue to fight towards a top four spot in district 19-6A.

"The biggest thing for us is that we're back on the floor together," said Seven Lakes head coach Angela Spurlock. "We have not had a lot of luck with the injuries and it really hit us hard. Getting them back and

See **SPARTANS**, page B7

WEEK OF JANUARY 27

SCORES & SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday

- Paetow vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Paetow, 7 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Saturday

- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 1 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Katy, 1 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 1 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 7:15 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 7:15 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Tompkins, 7:15 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 7:15 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday

- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Saturday

- Katy vs. Paetow, noon
- Cinco Ranch vs. Jordan, 1 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 7:15 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Seven Lakes, 7:15 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 7:15 p.m.



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Who is the right choice for the Texans?

Ranking the head coaching candidates

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Houston Texans took no time in developing a vast array of candidates for their head coaching vacancy last week, as they already have reached out to interview eight coaches from around the league.

The candidates come in many forms, from offensive to defensive minded, coordinators to assistants and up and comers to veterans with head coaching experience. The Texans have kept their options open to try and find the right fit in what is probably the most important head coaching search in the franchise's history.

So let's take a look at each candidate so far and how they stack up against each other in my view.

8. Ben Johnson: Detroit Lions Offensive Coordinator

Johnson has become a hot commodity on the coaching market after the Lions' success this year in what has been a very quick turnaround offensively for Detroit.

Johnson is still very young at 36, but brings over a decade of coaching experience in the NFL.

Johnson started as an offensive assistant in Miami in 2012 and eventually worked himself up to the team's wide receivers coach in 2018.

After the 2018 season, Johnson was hired as an offensive quality control coach in Detroit and when Dan Campbell joined as head coach, was promoted first to passing game coordinator in 2020 and offensive coordinator this past season.

The Lions finished fifth in scoring and total offense this year, even with a cast that didn't include any seen as starts, and Jared Goff had a very good season at quarterback under Johnson.

But, it's just one season, his only season as a coordinator. It's an interesting bet if the Texans were to go with Johnson and a bet that this season is what you would get from him and Detroit's struggles in prior years were because of previous coordinators and not Johnson.

7. Ejiro Evero: Denver Broncos Defensive Coordinator

Only a first year defensive coordinator, Evero has picked up steam as a candidate for a number of head coaching jobs, including in Houston and Carolina.

Evero's teams have been consistently good over the years even when he was not a coordinator, and after getting his first chance at running a defense this year, he delivered, even as the Broncos had a disappointing season.

Denver's defense finished seventh in yards allowed per game, seventh in opponents points per drive and second in third-down success rate.



Houston Texans fans during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

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Evero worked his way up the ladder, first as an assistant in Tampa Bay and then with the 49ers, Packers and eventually the Rams, before joining Broncos. Those close to him rave about his leadership and his defensive acumen. But with the candidates that the Texans have, he would not be at the top of my personal list.

6. Jonathan Gannon: Philadelphia Eagles Defensive Coordinator

Said by some to be the early front runner for the Texans' head coaching job, Gannon has been interviewed by a number of teams after helping the Eagles rebuild to a contender over the previous two years.

Gannon has been around the game for 15 years at the NFL level, starting as a quality control coach with the Atlanta Falcons before moving to the Titans and Vikings. Then he joined the Colts as a defensive backs coach before becoming the Eagles defensive coordinator for last year and this year. The Eagles are allowing the fewest yards per play this year to go with the most quarterback hits and the most sacks in the league while clinching the first seed in the NFC.

Gannon was a finalist for the job last year, and is expected to be a very strong contender against any of the other candidates this year.

5. Thomas Brown: Los Angeles Rams Tight Ends & Assistant Head Coach

Brown was a fast up and comer last year but his name

has cooled off a bit in coaching searches this year after the Rams' struggles in 2022.

Brown only has three years of NFL coaching experience, but spent over a decade in the college ranks before that and is lauded by his peers. He started his career at Georgia before working his way around the college ranks, eventually becoming the offensive coordinator at Miami from 2016-2018. He spent a year at South Carolina before joining the Los Angeles Rams as a running backs coach in 2020, adding the assistant head coach title the next year. Brown became the team's tight ends coach this year as he continued to work himself up the ladder.

Brown is someone the Texans would have to take a shot on, without any NFL experience as a coordinator and only a few years overall in the league, so it remains to be seen if the organization thinks he is someone that can build along with a young team.

4. Mike Kafka: New York Giants Offensive Coordinator

Mike Kafka to be clear is not a bad candidate for many head coaching jobs, but the Texans have put together a very good search with lots of talented coaches and I am not sure of the fit, or experience so far.

Kafka spent six years as a backup quarterback or practice squad member in the NFL before getting into coaching. He spent one year as a graduate assistant before joining Andy Reid's

coaching staff in Kansas City and since then has been a very fast riser.

Kafka spent a year as the quality control coach for the Chiefs before becoming the teams quarterbacks coach for two seasons and then also adding the hat as the team's passing game coordinator for two years. He then joined the New York Giants this year under first year head coach Brian Daboll as offensive coordinator and has helped orchestrate a major turnaround for the Giants, as the team has made it back to the playoffs and into the second round of the playoffs, while helping quarterback Daniel Jones reach a new level.

But Kafka is in an unfortunate position where he has always been under an offensive guru in coaching, whether it was in Kansas City with Reid and Eric Beiniemy or the Giants with Daboll, making it hard to grade on what he has done vs. what the staff above him has done.

3. Shane Steichen: Philadelphia Eagles Offensive Coordinator

The Texans have seemed to lean towards Gannon out of everyone so far in this coaching search, but if it were up to me, I could take a much harder look at the Eagle's offensive coordinator than their defensive coordinator.

Steichen has been a huge success for the Eagles over the past two years, turning around a struggling offense into one of the best in the NFL and helping grow Jalen Hurts into one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL.

Steichen started his career at Louisville as an offensive assistant before going to the NFL, joining the Chargers' coaching staff. He moved himself up from an

assistant to quality control coach to eventually becoming the offensive coordinator for the Chargers in 2019 and 2020.

The Eagles have been one of the best and most consistent offenses in the NFL this year. They are second in total points, second in yards and top ten in both passing and rushing yards this year as they have been formidable, and it would be very intriguing to pair his offensive talents with a top young quarterback.

2. Sean Payton: Former New Orleans Saints Head Coach

Sean Payton's record as a head coach is top notch, and you don't see often someone with that kind of resume become available, or be interested in a team that is in the current state that the Texans are. I'm sure for the majority of people, Payton is at the top of their list of potential coaching options, but for me, he still ranks second.

Payton became the head coach in New Orleans and turned in one of the biggest turnarounds a coach could in the NFL, taking New Orleans from relative national obscurity to one of the most successful teams in the league over his 15 years as head coach, never losing more than nine games in a season and making the playoffs nine times, making the NFC Championship three times and winning a Super Bowl.

He has a great offensive acumen and has experience bringing along quarterbacks at the highest level. He also would be a good choice to help a front office and ownership group that has heavily struggled over the past few years. The main downside for bringing Payton in would be the draft compensation the Texans would have to

give up, as Payton is still technically under contract with the Saints, and any team wanting to secure his services is expected to have to give up a first round pick to make Payton their head coach.

1. DeMeco Ryans: San Francisco 49ers Defensive Coordinator

Which brings me to my top candidate for the Texans job and it's a familiar face in DeMeco Ryans.

There are a lot of reasons that Ryans is my top pick for the job. He has led the 49ers defense to among the league leaders in each of the past two seasons and this year has been impressive, as the defense has led the team to a great position entering the playoffs.

San Francisco's defense is ranked in the top five in opponents points per game, yards per game, yards per play, and touchdowns per game this year, as they have been among the top defenses in almost every category.

Ryans, who started his career as a player with the Texans and was one of this town's first stars, isn't just a great choice for his X's and O's, but also what he would bring to this city. The Texans need excitement, they need someone who can rejuvenate this fanbase and most of all, fans need someone who they can trust. Ryans has all of these qualities, while also being young and having a chance to stay as the head coach for a long time.

Maybe it's the nostalgia of watching him when I was young, maybe it's trusting Ryans more than those in the front office and ownership because he knows what it means to be a Texans and play at NRG, but for me the answer is clear, and he is my top choice.



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The Jordan girls team won the District 19-6A swim and dive championship

Tompkins boys, Jordan girls win swim and dive titles

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Tompkins boys team and the Jordan girls team finished with golds on Saturday at the District 19-6A meet, finishing as top dogs in the district and advancing a number of athletes to regionals.

It was the second straight year for both teams to win district titles, as the Falcons won a District 19-6A title last year and Jordan won the District 19-5A title last year, moving up and winning the district title this season in their

first season in 6A.

Along with winning the meet as a team, Jordan added an individual award to their resume as well, as Emma Aumauger was selected as the girls athlete of the meet after setting a district record in the 200-yard individual medley and also winning the 100-yard butterfly.

Taylor's Logan Pack was named the boys swimmer of the meet for the second straight season after winning and breaking district records in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Jordan head coach Scott Slay and Tompkins head coach Kate Sweeso were named the coaches of the meet after Slay led the Warriors girls to a district championship and Sweeso led the Tompkins boys to a district gold.

The top six finishers in each swimming event advanced to the Region V-6A swim and dive meet, while the top three divers from the 1-meter dive advanced.

Following are the regional qualifiers from the District 19-6A swim meet.



Taylor's Logan Pack and Jordan's Aumauger were named the District 19-6A swimmers of the meet.



Jordan's Scott Slay and Tompkins' Kate Sweeso were named the District 19-6A coaches of the meet.



The Tompkins boys team won the District 19-6A swim and dive championship

DISTRICT 19-6A SWIM MEET RESULTS

Girls

Final team scores

1. Jordan, 159
2. Seven Lakes, 114
3. Taylor, 76
4. Tompkins, 66
5. Katy, 59
6. Cinco Ranch, 53
7. Paetow, 13
8. Morton Ranch, 9
9. Mayde Creek, 6

200-yard freestyle relay

1. Jordan
2. Tompkins
3. Katy
4. Cinco Ranch
5. Seven Lakes
6. Paetow

400-yard freestyle relay

1. Jordan
2. Tompkins
3. Seven Lakes
4. Taylor
5. Katy
6. Cinco Ranch

Medley relay

1. Seven Lakes
2. Taylor
3. Jordan
4. Cinco Ranch
5. Tompkins
6. Katy

50-yard freestyle

1. Caroline Shade, Seven Lakes
2. Olivia Bobrowski, Cinco Ranch
3. Claire Hegar, Katy
4. Vanessa Moonsammy, Jordan
5. Victoria Hewitt, Jordan
6. Avery Knies, Seven Lakes

100-yard freestyle

1. Taylor Craft, Seven Lakes
2. Ava LaBrose, Tompkins
3. Caroline Shade, Seven Lakes
4. Maggie Yang, Jordan
5. Violet Hardy, Jordan
6. Isabella Xiao, Taylor

100-yard fly

1. Emma Aumauger, Jordan
2. Mariana Diaz Ponce, Taylor
3. Olivia Bobrowski, Cinco Ranch
4. Ella Schlorholtz, Taylor
5. Gracie Solis, Jordan
6. Avery Knies, Seven Lakes

100-yard backstroke

1. Claire Hegar, Katy
2. Josephine Pulkkinen, Seven Lakes
3. Ella Schlorholtz, Taylor
4. Kayla Tran, Jordan
5. Ashley Lee, Taylor
6. Daisy Yang, Jordan

100-yard breaststroke

1. Taylor Craft, Seven Lakes
2. Mariana Diaz Ponce, Taylor
3. Marley Barnard, Cinco Ranch
4. Regan Olson, Taylor
5. Haley Kim, Jordan
6. Sophia Richardson, Jordan

200-yard freestyle

1. Kaeli White, Jordan
2. Ava LaBrose, Tompkins
3. Jordan Musselman, Tompkins
4. Violet Hardy, Jordan
5. Maggie Yang, Jordan
6. Isabella Xiao, Taylor

200-yard IM

1. Emma Aumauger, Jordan
2. Marley Barnard, Cinco Ranch
3. Gracie Solis, Jordan
4. Haley Kim, Jordan
5. Anna Szucs, Tompkins
6. Regan Olson, Taylor

500-yard freestyle

1. Kaeli White, Jordan
2. Addison Diamond, Seven Lakes
3. Anna Szucs, Tompkins
4. Ellory Ram, Katy
5. Nicole Carpenter, Seven Lakes
6. Daisy Yang, Jordan

1-meter dive

1. Kailey Koval, Seven Lakes
2. Avery Coates, Katy
3. M.J. Leviaguire, Jordan

Boys

Final team scores

1. Tompkins, 118
2. Seven Lakes, 116
3. Cinco Ranch, 78
4. Taylor, 74
5. Katy, 51
6. Jordan, 49
7. Morton Ranch, 23
8. Paetow, 19
9. Mayde Creek, 10

200-yard freestyle relay

1. Seven Lakes
2. Cinco Ranch
3. Tompkins
4. Jordan
5. Katy
6. Taylor

400-yard freestyle relay

1. Seven Lakes
2. Tompkins
3. Taylor
4. Cinco Ranch
5. Katy
6. Morton Ranch

Medley relay

1. Tompkins
2. Taylor
3. Cinco Ranch
4. Katy
5. Jordan
6. Mayde Creek

50-yard freestyle

1. Logan Pack, Taylor
2. Jason Li, Seven Lakes
3. Ryan Wilks, Cinco Ranch
4. Aaron Tran, Tompkins
5. Dillon Dierschke, Seven Lakes
6. Trace Lucio, Jordan

100-yard freestyle

1. Jason Wang, Tompkins
2. Ryan Wilks, Cinco Ranch
3. Justin Guo, Cinco Ranch
4. Jonathan Palamattam, Jordan
5. Derek Wintergrass, Katy
6. Ethan Lin, Tompkins

100-yard fly

1. Joel Nace, Seven Lakes
2. Jonas Dark, Cinco Ranch
3. Santiago Salazar, Taylor
4. Javier Brenes-Quesada, Tompkins
5. Trace Lucio, Jordan
6. Arnaldo Serpa, Seven Lakes

100-yard breaststroke

1. Carter Gray, Tompkins
2. Derek Wintergrass, Katy
3. Travis Anderson, Katy
4. Jason Li, Seven Lakes
5. Patricio Perezpuebla, Tompkins
6. Lucas Cadet, Seven Lakes

100-yard backstroke

1. Logan Pack, Taylor
2. Aaron Tran, Tompkins
3. Logan Solomon, Tompkins
4. Nicholas Freeman, Morton Ranch
5. Arnaldo Serpa, Seven Lakes
6. Jerry Lu, Seven Lakes

200-yard freestyle

1. Joel Nace, Seven Lakes
2. Connor Jones, Seven Lakes
3. Jason Wang, Tompkins
4. Gabriel Jesurum, Seven Lakes
5. Karl Nolte, Taylor
6. Asher Lin, Cinco Ranch

200-yard IM

1. Carter Gray, Tompkins
2. Jonas Dark, Cinco Ranch
3. Santiago Salazar, Taylor
4. Logan Solomon, Tompkins
5. Napoleon Nasta Terrazas, Katy
6. Kai Walker, Jordan

500-yard freestyle

1. Connor Jones, Seven Lakes
2. Gabriel Jesurum, Seven Lakes
3. Nicholas Freeman, Morton Ranch
4. Karl Nolte, Taylor
5. Napoleon Nasta Terrazas, Katy
6. Asher Lin, Cinco Ranch

1-meter dive

1. Kaiden Davaul, Jordan
2. Kaleb Velazquez, Paetow
3. Carmelo Turner, Paetow



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IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022						
REVENUES:						
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 20,935,340	\$ --	\$ 7,697,270	\$ 220,347	\$ 28,852,957
5800	State Program Revenues	8,986,123	--	39,316	354,139	9,379,578
5900	Federal Program Revenues	499,977	1,697,389	--	6,120,307	8,317,673
5020	Total Revenues	<u>30,421,440</u>	<u>1,697,389</u>	<u>7,736,586</u>	<u>6,694,793</u>	<u>46,550,208</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	12,475,149	190,521	--	3,926,447	16,592,117
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	176,134	--	--	427	176,561
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	477,179	459,238	--	89,516	1,025,933
0021	Instructional Leadership	599,624	170,416	--	46,501	816,541
0023	School Leadership	1,793,949	--	--	34,900	1,828,849
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	741,056	67,612	--	233,350	1,042,018
0032	Social Work Services	127,740	--	--	--	127,740
0033	Health Services	295,994	--	--	20,069	316,063
0034	Student Transportation	1,363,404	221,348	--	--	1,584,752
0035	Food Service	72	--	--	1,660,879	1,660,951
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,172,658	--	--	53,585	1,226,243
0041	General Administration	1,551,994	--	--	9,739	1,561,733
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	6,664,560	588,254	--	122,085	7,374,899
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	263,720	--	--	21,705	285,425
0053	Data Processing Services	605,586	--	--	5,000	610,586
0061	Community Services	12,558	--	--	1,273	13,831
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt	842,096	--	3,435,000	--	4,277,096
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt	139,898	--	1,782,386	--	1,922,284
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	70,870	--	19,347	--	90,217
0093	Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	--	--	--	15,294	15,294
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	387,769	--	--	--	387,769
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>29,762,010</u>	<u>1,697,389</u>	<u>5,236,733</u>	<u>6,240,770</u>	<u>42,936,902</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	659,430	--	2,499,853	454,023	3,613,306
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):						
7911	Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	8,200,000	--	--	--	8,200,000
8949	Other Uses	(27,813)	--	(1,919,826)	--	(1,947,639)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>8,172,187</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(1,919,826)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>6,252,361</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	8,831,617	--	580,027	454,023	9,865,667
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	11,726,103	--	2,644,280	285,616	14,655,999
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 20,557,720</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 3,224,307</u>	<u>\$ 739,639</u>	<u>\$ 24,521,666</u>

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Coughran excelling in lead role for Falcons

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Luke Coughran has been setting Tompkins records all season. From scoring to three-pointers, the junior has continued to set top marks for the Falcons, breaking records both for single game and career marks throughout the year.

And Coughran has been doing all of this while leading the Falcons to wins, carrying a team that lost ten seniors and most of its production from last season into a playoff spot and competing against the top teams in District 19-6A.

"He's not only one of the best shooters but one of the best scorers I've ever been around," said Tompkins head coach Bobby Sanders. "It doesn't matter if we're down 20 — we can come back at any time because he's on the floor and he's a guy that can hit five three's in a quarter, and that is something he's done multiple times this year. And it's not just him. Guys know to get it to him and they're unselfish about it, and he's so good off the ball with his movement that it makes him hard to guard. It's just great to have a shooter like that."

Coughran has twice scored 42

points this season, a Tompkins school record, including on Jan 18 against the leader of the pack in the district, Seven Lakes. Along with that, he has set the Tompkins single game record with 12 3-pointers in a game earlier this year and has already broken the single season record for 3-pointers, with over 120 on the season and has surpassed 1,000 points for his career.

Tompkins has needed it and Coughran has delivered by stepping up into that starring role after playing a secondary role the previous two years on varsity with a talented group of seniors to learn from. But now as just a junior, Coughran is the one who is in that leadership role as everyone around him has adjusted.

"It hasn't been hard for me at all because I got to see that leadership on varsity as a freshman and sophomore," Coughran said. "It's all about encouraging your teammates and that's what I'm trying to do. I just try to pick them up help them play to their best and trusting them to make the right plays. You can really see it paying off and were playing at a high level right now."

But Coughran is more than a shooter. The junior routinely gets his points by driving and getting to the line as well.

And his offensive prowess opens things up for the entire rest of the team — they feed off of him and get easy looks because of the gravity that Coughran forces out of every team's defense.

"It just makes everything so much easier for all of us," said sophomore guard Scottie Guillory. "If we run our offense and set screens right, we know he's gonna get a look and it's going to go in. That forces teams to overcommit to him and we get open shots of that. We're always practicing and feeding off that — we want to get everyone involved and shoot open three's and it all comes from that kind of stuff."

That has led to the Falcons climbing back into the playoff race and it has everything to do with Coughran's play and the team reaching a new level. They feed off him and the Falcons are surging at the right time.

"The best thing about him is how composed he is and it just is great for the rest of our guys," Sanders said. "He'll miss five in a row and it will look like he's just made five. He never loses confidence in himself and that confidence goes through the whole team. We know we can always count on him and were building in the right direction."



Luke Coughran shoots a jumper during Saturday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at the Taylor gym.
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids in duplicate addressed to City of Pattison will be received at City of Pattison City Hall, 3410 First Street, Pattison, TX 77446, until 10:00 a.m., February 6, 2023, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of 2022 TXCDBG Water Line Improvements for the City of Pattison, CVD21-031.

The project consists of approximately 2,300 linear feet of 6-inch (6") diameter water line by trenchless construction along with appurtenances along Avenue J and 6th Street. Project also includes the installation of new water services lines for the new water line. Project also includes an Alternate Bid of installing approximately 800 linear feet of 6-inch (6") diameter water line by trenchless construction along with appurtenances along Avenue F.

The project is located within the City of Pattison along Avenue F, 6th Street, and Avenue J.

The bidder shall submit either a five percent (5%) cashier's check or five percent (5%) bid bond of the maximum total bid amount. Make the bid bond payable to the Owner.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, and any attachments for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

The project to be constructed will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful Bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to TDA Policy Issuance regarding Federal Revisions for Section 3 Requirements is required for all contracts and subcontracts.

ATTENTION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908, unless you are a publicly traded entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of same, you must be able to provide The City of Pattison (the "Owner") with printed and signed copies of a completed disclosure of interested parties form (Form 1295) and a certificate of filling at the time of the Owner's execution of the contract. Failure to do so will result in the Owner's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid/Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

There will be a pre-bid conference in the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Consulting Engineers, 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449 at 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2023. Attendance is not mandatory.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 calendar days from the date bids are open.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

City of Pattison, Mayor Joe Garcia, Publication Dates January 19 and 26, 2023.

Texas Commission On Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) RENEWAL

General Permit Authorization No. TXR040539

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Woodcreek Reserve Municipal Utility District (MUD), 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a renewal of authorization number TXR040539 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the Woodcreek Reserve MUD MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 23, 2019.

The MS4 is located in the area within the Woodcreek Reserve MUD limits that is located within the Houston Urbanized Area in Fort Bend County, Texas. The discharge from the MS4 will eventually reach Buffalo Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 1014 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The MS4 is part of a coalition which includes the following MS4s: City of Katy, TXR040659, Fort Bend County MUD 161, TXR040654, Fort Bend County MUD 163, TXR040656, Fort Bend County MUD 199, TXR040653, and Woodcreek Reserve MUD, TXR040539.

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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and SWMP. The SWMP, if approved, would establish additional terms and conditions, not included in the general permit, under which the MS4 must operate. The Executive Director has made the preliminary decision that the SWMP meets all statutory and regulatory requirements and made a preliminary decision to approve the small MS4's authorization under the TPDES Small (Phase II) MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000.

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Further information may also be obtained from Woodcreek Reserve MUD at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Sarah Storts at 281-391-4876.

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Far left: Elijah Black shoots a layup during Wednesday's game between Paetow and Jordan at the Jordan gym. Left: Princeton Layton fights through contact and drives towards the rim during Wednesday's game between Paetow and Jordan at the Jordan gym.

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PAETOW
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they're scrappy, they can fight back into this thing. But we have to do it one game at a time and one day at a time. But once we believe in ourselves this is a different team, and I think this game is going to start building that belief even more."

The Panthers' win was a hard fought one, and it didn't start out the way that they wanted. Jordan jumped out to a lead and controlled things early, leading 15-8 after the first quarter and carrying a 30-21 lead in the locker room as Paetow struggled on the boards and with turnovers in the first half.

But things changed for the Panthers as soon as they came out

in the second half, as they were reinvigorated and got back in the game quickly, and even took the lead for a short amount of time in the third quarter.

"We knew we could compete against these guys and we proved it," said senior wing Jared DeFrance. "We're growing as a team, learning to trust each other more and battling. Yeah we were down at half, but nobody hung their heads — we knew we could get back into it and win it."

The Panthers went into the fourth down two points and it was evenly matched throughout the final quarter, with Paetow and

Jordan trading baskets and fighting back and forth.

It came down to the final seconds. Jordan took the lead with under 30 seconds left on a pair of free throws, but Paetow came down the floor and got the win on a tip in from Ikemba Otuonye, who got an offensive rebound in the waning seconds and scored.

"It was just an amazing feeling," Otuonye said. "I was struggling all game, but my teammates and my coaches believed in me — they told me to keep pushing and keep crashing the boards. To get that score, I'm just glad I was able to help my team at the end of the game."

Paetow's success came from their selflessness with the basketball on the offensive end, they made the extra passes down the stretch and it made the difference. Niemi hopes that it is something they can carry over as the Panthers look to battle their way back into the playoff hunt.

"It makes me so happy the way we finished that game," Niemi said. "All year we've preached being unselfish and when we've lost close games it's had a lot to do with not making those extra passes. Tonight we did a really good job of moving the ball, finding our teammates and making the extra pass. That

was huge for us tonight and a step in the right direction. That's how we have to keep playing."

District 19-6A
PAETOW 55, JORDAN 54
Points: (P) Ikemba Otuonye 15, Princeton Layton 10, Miguel Diwaku 6, Julian Onezine 6, Ade Onaleye 6, Jared DeFrance 6, Isaiah Roberts 4, Tyler Gaines 2; (J) Trevor Martz 16, Misaias Herrera 10, Jaden Holt 9, Elijah Black 7, Jude Oluokun 6, Tyler France 3, Quinn Ford 2; Halftime: Jordan 30-21; 3-Pointers: (P) Onezine 2, Otuonye, DeFrance; (J) Herrera 3, Martz; Records: Paetow: 9-14, 4-5; Jordan: 20-6, 7-2;

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien.

Sale to be held ONLINE at storagetreasures.com

The facility is BEAR CREEK MINI STORAGE 17730 Kieth Harrow Blvd, Houston, TX 77084. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023, and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Jadarrian Morris, Uranius Thomas, Isabel Garcia, Jeffery Patrick Miller, Edward Chaviev, Sandra Caceres, Jason Saxton.

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The facility is at FRY ROAD MINI STORAGE. 20150 Park Row, Katy, TX 77449 Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023 and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Al Boyce, DeanneMidgiel Morales, Kenneth D Moulden, Sierra Mothershed, Gloria M. Munoz, Corey Farrow.


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The facility is at Huffmeister Mini Storage 13710 Huffmeister RD, Cypress, TX 77429 Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023 and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Steven Harris, Paulino Ramirez, Jennifer Goings, Adam Griffin.

Texas Commission On Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NEW

General Permit Authorization No. TXR040653

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District (MUD) 199, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040653 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the Fort Bend County MUD 199 MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 23, 2019.

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Further information may also be obtained from Fort Bend County MUD 199 at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Sarah Storts at 281-391-4876.

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January 19 Puzzle Answers

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SPARTANS

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playing together, you can see how they're getting it and gaining that chemistry. We're not where we need to be right now, but we're definitely making progress to get where we want to be. The practice is starting to pay off."

Friday's win was a complete team effort from the Spartans and it started in the first quarter, with Justice Carlton getting Seven Lakes off to the right start, scoring seven points and leading Seven Lakes as they jumped out to a 15-8 lead. That lead continued to grow in the second as they grew the lead to eight points heading into the locker room.

"We're just getting closer and getting better every day," Carlton said. "It's the little things, the team dinners, watching TikTok's together — it just brings us together as a team and it's really started to click lately."

Morton Ranch made a run early in the third, but Seven Lakes bounced right back, switching to a full court press with a half court trap and making a number of plays to get easy baskets to break the game open. Madison Carlton was a huge part of that, creating havoc on defense and coming up with a number of steals and baskets in the quarter.

"It was a close game, and sometimes it takes a player going out there and being a spark — tonight that was Maddie," Spurlock said. "She decided that she was going to go make plays — she went out, made steals, got us on the break and scored baskets and it allowed us to get that quick momentum we needed. Those moments are important. It sparks the team and it led to our really great finish to the game."

Shreya Jategaonkar was also a huge part of that third quarter run, making three three-pointers and executing the Spartans' offense, getting people involved and being the primary ballhandler when they needed to run a play. She has become a huge

part of the Spartans' attack, as she takes pressure off of Justice Carlton, is smart with the basketball and is able to make plays offensively.

Seven Lakes ended the quarter up 44-25 and it was a comfortable fourth quarter as they rolled to the win.

"We have a lot of talent and skill on this team and it's starting to come together, that's what we've needed," Jategaonkar said. "There's been lows and highs but we found out how to be consistent and we're building on that. We're putting those final pieces together and we have to keep going."

Every game from here on out is an important one for the Spartans, as they are locked in a four way battle for the final two spots in district and currently sit a game back of fourth place. The Spartans have embraced a do or die mentality, and they're ready to fight the rest of the way.

"It's back against the wall and that's the way we are approaching every day from here on out," Spurlock said. "We just have to work hard every day, keep encouraging one another and not get down on ourselves. We understand where we are and that's part of it, you have to understand that and where you want to be. We are going to work to get there and put everything we have into it."

District 19-6A

SEVEN LAKES 56, MORTON RANCH 32

Points: (SL) Justice Carlton 20, Shreya Jategaonkar 18, Dulce Franco 6, Madison Carlton 4, Lisa Faidi 4, Lenore Hudspeth 2, Calianna Calibo 2; (MR) Trinitee McFarland 17, Lydia Polk 6, Mykayla Bement 4, Angelica Davis 2, Alexis Scott 2, Keyona Richardson 1;

Halftime: Seven Lakes 24-16; 3-Pointers: (SL) Jategaonkar 4, Franco 2, Carlton; (MR) Polk, Bement, McFarland; Records: Seven Lakes: 14-13, 5-5; Morton Ranch: 10-17, 1-10;



Above: Justice Carlton backs down a defender during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Morton Ranch at the Morton Ranch gym. Left: Shreya Jategaonkar shoots a 3-pointer during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Morton Ranch at the Morton Ranch gym.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice Is Hereby Given That The Building And Standards Commission Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Hold A Public Hearing On **Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, At 4:00 P.M.**, In Council Chambers At Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C. Said Hearing Is To Hear And Discuss Final Corrective Action For Failure To Schedule Flatwork Inspections For The Installation Of Concrete In The Parking Lot And Drive Thru. **Legal Description: 1709 Spring Green Boulevard, Reserve at Katy PDD, Shops at the Reserve East, Restricted Reserve C, Block 1, In Fort Bend County.** Property Owner Of Record Is **MMCGDBR Houston, LLC.** Agent is **Tim Wyatt.** All Other Vested Interests In The Property Are Hereby Notified.

The Building And Standards Commission Will Allow For Public Comment On This Matter.

Katy ISD Provides Screenings for Students with Suspected Disabilities

The Katy Independent School District Special Education Department provides screenings for students with suspected disabilities in an effort to identify every student with a disability who lives within the district's boundaries. The screenings are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district's special education programs.


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

Katy Independent School District
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Texas Commission On Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NEW
General Permit Authorization No. TXR040654

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District (MUD) 161, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040654 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the Fort Bend County MUD 161 MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 23, 2019.

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Owen Craig shoots a jumper during Saturday's game between Tompkins and Taylor at the Taylor gym.

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TOMPKINS

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three quarters and trailed by 11 heading into the fourth, and were down 16 late in the third quarter, but made up the deficit quickly in the fourth quarter before holding on down the stretch to earn the win.

"I told them before the fourth quarter, 'hey, this is only going to take four or five possessions and we are right back in this thing,'" said Tompkins head coach Bobby Sanders. "They just believed in that and they went out and did everything we wanted so well to start the fourth. They got big stops, made big shots down the stretch and they played so tough. I'm proud of the way they finished this game."

Taylor led by just one after the first quarter in what was back and forth before growing that to a four point lead at half. But the whole time the Falcons kept composure and kept making shots to keep things close. Coughran struggled in the first quarter but poured in 12 points in the second, including three 3-pointers as the Falcons continued to climb into the game.

"Our slogan is to go out and play fast and furious," said sophomore guard Scottie Guillory. "That all we were doing. Got up and down the court, pressured them on defense and did whatever we could to keep this game fast. That's just how we want to play, and it makes teams uncomfortable."

The Falcons came out strong to start the third quarter, but Taylor went on a run late to take the big lead, but everything changed in the fourth.

Tompkins' full-court press started to get to Taylor and it led to a number of easy baskets as the Falcons quickly got back into the game. After Tompkins

took the lead, Guillory was huge down the stretch for the Falcons to maintain it, making a number of key rebounds and free throws while also being the primary ballhandler.

"Even though Scottie is a point guard, he's also our biggest guy out there a lot of the time and he really has done a great job of crashing the boards for us," Sanders said. "He's strong with the ball and can finish plays and he was just huge for us. He made clutch free throws, made the right plays and just did everything and more that you could ask from him in that fourth quarter."

The win was huge for Tompkins, who is currently tied for fourth in district with Cinco Ranch and is also a game back of Taylor for third place in district. And the Falcons are focused on getting better the rest of the way.

"We've been locked in the past few weeks and we have to stay that way the rest of the way," Guillory said. "We have to continue to attack practice everyday, keep our focus and play selfless when were on the court moving the ball around. That's how we keep getting better."

District 19-6A

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Points: (TO) Luke Coughran 26, Scottie Guillory 17, Owen Craig 9, Greg Ilagan 9, Colton Collins 7, Grant Schulenberg 6, Emmanuel Paul 3, Mason Hereford 2, Tiger Jackson 2, Noah Babineaux 2; (TA) Luke Robbie 28, Reece Hymowitz 16, Aidean Rainey 11, Elijah Melchiorre 8, Jabari Parker 7, Catch Robbie 6, Benjamin Agboola 2; Halftime: Taylor 41-37; 3-Pointers: (TO) Coughran 4, Schulenberg 2, Ilagan; Paul; (TA) Hymowitz 2, Parker; Records: Tompkins: 16-12, 6-4; Taylor: 19-8, 6-2;

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 58


To the residents and taxpayers of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 58 (the "District"), and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the District, at a meeting held January 10, 2023, established an additional meeting place outside the boundaries of the District at Costello, Inc., 2107 CityWest Boulevard, Third Floor, Houston, Texas 77042 and has abolished the previously established office at BGE, Inc., 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., A250, Katy, Texas 77494.

Said meeting place is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such location and other locations previously established by the Board of Directors as meeting places of the District.

/s/ Gina Cummings
Secretary, Board of Directors

Texas Commission On Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NEW
General Permit Authorization No. TXR040656

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District (MUD) 163, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040656 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the Fort Bend County MUD 163 MS4. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on July 23, 2019.

The MS4 is located in the area within the Fort Bend County MUD 163 limits that is located within the Houston Urbanized Area in Fort Bend County, Texas. The discharge from the MS4 will eventually reach Buffalo Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 1014 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The MS4 is part of a coalition which includes the following MS4s: City of Katy, TXR040659, Fort Bend County MUD 161, TXR040654, Fort Bend County MUD 163, TXR040656, Fort Bend County MUD 199, TXR040653, and Woodcreek Reserve MUD, TXR040539.

A copy of the NOI, SWMP, general permit, and general permit fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at City of Katy City Hall, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493. The SWMP can also be viewed online at the City of Katy's website at <https://www.cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/public-works/storm-water>. Substantial changes to the MS4's SWMP during the permit term will be posted on the same website.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and SWMP. The SWMP, if approved, would establish additional terms and conditions, not included in the general permit, under which the MS4 must operate. The Executive Director has made the preliminary decision that the SWMP meets all statutory and regulatory requirements and made a preliminary decision to approve the small MS4's authorization under the TPDES Small (Phase II) MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000.

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 written or oral comments 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 or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the MS4 is located. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest residential population.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Any personal contact information you provide to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's records; this includes your name, phone number, email address, and physical address. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep>. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Fort Bend County MUD 163 at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Sarah Storts at 281-391-4876.

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Houston's Marcus Sasser named to Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List

STAFF REPORT

Leading the No. 1 ranked University of Houston Men's Basketball program to an 18-1 record and first place in the American Athletic Conference standings, senior guard Marcus Sasser was named to the United States Basketball Writers Association Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List on Thursday.

Since the 1958-59 season, the USBWA has named a National Player of the Year. In 1998, the award was named in honor of the University of Cincinnati Hall of Famer and two-time USBWA Player of the Year Oscar Robertson. It is the nation's oldest award and the only one named after a former player.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the entire USBWA membership will vote for the award. The winner of the award will be announced at the 2023 Men's Final Four in Houston with the formal presentation to follow at the annual USBWA Awards Luncheon hosted by the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis.

All Division I players remain eligible for the 2022-23 Oscar Robertson Trophy. The watch list spotlights the top candidates, as selected by the USBWA board.

Sasser has been a leader for the Cougars throughout the 2022-23 season as the Cougars moved to the top of the Associated Press and USA TODAY Sports Coaches polls for the first time since 1983.

The Dallas native leads the Cougars and ranks fifth in The American with 16.9 points per game and has drained a team-high 52 3-pointers this season, including a season-high seven treys in Tuesday's 80-60 road win at Tulane.

He has posted back-to-back 20-point games entering Sunday's home showdown against Temple, including a career-high 31 points in a win over South Florida on Jan. 11.



COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS

Senior guard Marcus Sasser has been named to the Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List. Sasser has led the No. 1-ranked University of Houston team to a 18-1 record so far this season.

However, Sasser is doing far more than shoot and score for the Cougars. He leads Houston with 1.8 steals per game and ranks second among the Cougars and among The American's Top-15 leaders with 3.1 assists

and a 2.23 assist-turnover ratio.

He became the 50th 1,000-point scorer in Houston history earlier this season and recently broke into the Cougars' Top-30 career scoring leaders with 1,176 points to date.

With his long-range performance at Tulane, Sasser also moved into fourth in Houston career history with 232 3-pointers and needs only 30 more treys to set the school record in that category.

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Texas Commission On Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NEW

General Permit Authorization No. TXR040659

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Katy, PO Box 617, Katy, Texas 77492, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Small MS4 General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040659 to discharge stormwater to surface water in the state from the City of Katy MS4. The new authorization would replace expired authorization number TXR040009. The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program (SWMP) were received by the TCEQ on August 9, 2019.

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Further information may also be obtained from City of Katy at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Sarah Storts at 281-391-4876.

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123 Katy ISD athletes earn Academic All-State honors

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

One hundred and twenty-three Katy ISD student-athletes in cross country, volleyball and football earned Academic All-State honors and accolades for the 2022-2023 school year from the Texas Coaches Association (THSCA). The Academic All-State title is awarded for excellence in GPA, class rank, and SAT/ACT scores. Sydney Lyons from Katy, Arnav Joshi from Cinco Ranch and Sahil Gandhi from Seven Lakes had the honor and privilege of making it to the "Elite Team" after achieving near-perfect scores in all classifying categories.

All-State Athletes for Cross Country include:

Award	Student Name	Campus
Elite Team	Sydney Lyons	Katy
Elite Team	Arnav Joshi	Cinco Ranch
Elite Team	Sahil Gandhi	Seven Lakes
1st Team	Madelyn Cullen	Katy
1st Team	Ximena Lopez	Jordan
1st Team	Henry Ebben	Cinco Ranch
1st Team	Logan McLean	Cinco Ranch
1st Team	Adam Elbanna	Cinco Ranch
1st Team	Albert Yang	Seven Lakes
1st Team	Sarah Lowe	Seven Lakes
1st Team	Vrinda Tandon	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Nia Allison	Katy
2nd Team	Nathan Bradley	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Grace Havern	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Izabella Chaverra	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Paige Belleville	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Isabella Saenz	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Avi Morsbach	Katy
Honorable Mention	Sophia Richardson	Jordan
Honorable Mention	Clarence Walker	Cinco Ranch
Honorable Mention	Victoria Dascola	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Camilla Garrow	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Laine Heiser	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Mariana Rosas Tena	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Hanz Jimenez	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Isabella Pitre	Seven Lakes
Honorable Mention	Trey Pierson	Seven Lakes

All-State Athletes for Volleyball include:

Award	Student Name	Campus
1st Team	Jessie Leach	Katy
1st Team	Sara Peters	Seven Lakes
1st Team	Claire Garcia	Mayde Creek
2nd Team	Lauren Thomasse	Katy
2nd Team	Kaylea Marhofer	Katy
2nd Team	Kiyah Tarver	Paetow
2nd Team	Julia Valverde	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Josephine Chiu	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Isabella Deuel	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Presley Powell	Tompkins
2nd Team	Ashley Aguilera	Mayde Creek
2nd Team	Jada Mackey	Mayde Creek
Honorable Mention	Layla Caine Kunkel	Jordan
Honorable Mention	Ella Folse	Jordan
Honorable Mention	Grace Rogerson	Jordan
Honorable Mention	Addison Chapman	Katy
Honorable Mention	Madeleine Chaaep	Katy
Honorable Mention	Jillian Montalvo	Paetow
Honorable Mention	Ivany Colorado	Paetow
Honorable Mention	Nevaeh Bosma	Paetow
Honorable Mention	Emma Bryan	Tompkins
Honorable Mention	Emily Safe	Tompkins
TGCA Academic All-State*	Courtney O'Brien	Cinco Ranch
TGCA Academic All-State*	Skylar Skrabanek	Tompkins
TGCA Academic All-State*	Cindy Tchouangwa	Tompkins

All-State Athletes for Football include:

Award	Student Name	Campus
1st Team	Aadiya Patel	Cinco Ranch
1st Team	Sahar Sahebi	Katy
1st Team	Sergio De La Garza	Katy
1st Team	Chase Truex	Jordan
1st Team	Logan Lawson	Jordan
1st Team	Samuel Panjwani	Jordan
1st Team	Boston Blake	Tompkins
1st Team	Chloe Meyer	Tompkins
1st Team	Marcel Davis	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Fischer Reed	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Harrison Moore	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Jack McCall	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Robert Marbach	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Santiago Taborda	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Seth Salverino	Cinco Ranch
2nd Team	Blake Geiman	Katy
2nd Team	Caleb Koger	Katy
2nd Team	Janie Baker	Katy



Cinco Ranch's Seth Salverino fights for yardage after a catch during Friday's game between Cinco Ranch and Tompkins at Rhodes Stadium.

JUSTIN HARTOJO | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES



Katy quarterback Caleb Koger (10) passes the ball during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegriff on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN



Morton Ranch's Santana Scott #3 goes up for the reception during a conference game between Katy and Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

2nd Team	Rolando Garza	Katy	2nd Team	Preston Bozeman	Seven Lakes	Honorable Mention	Joshua Gulizia	Jordan
2nd Team	Stephen VanDyk	Katy	2nd Team	Rui Kaneda	Seven Lakes	Honorable Mention	Walker Roby	Jordan
2nd Team	Tate Scullin	Katy	Honorable Mention	Rayan Khalil	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Diego Jimenez	Taylor
2nd Team	Thad Nielsen	Jordan	Honorable Mention	Coleson Harry	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Jase Forester	Taylor
2nd Team	Braeden Fuquay	Taylor	Honorable Mention	Colten Michalec	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Patricio Meza	Taylor
2nd Team	Austin Holda	Tompkins	Honorable Mention	Dylan Grandchamp	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Guerra	Taylor
2nd Team	Christopher Ageh	Tompkins	Honorable Mention	Eric Eckstrom	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Emmanuel Lawton	Tompkins
2nd Team	Griffin Simonton	Tompkins	Honorable Mention	Gavin Rutherford	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Kayla Ilagan	Tompkins
2nd Team	Morgan Choate	Tompkins	Honorable Mention	Jake Manzi	Cinco Ranch	Honorable Mention	Santana Scott	Morton Ranch
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2nd Team	Jason Blue	Paetow	Honorable Mention	Aidan Mohammed	Katy	Honorable Mention	Truehill	Paetow
2nd Team	Ka/Maiyah	Katy	Honorable Mention	Colleen Carey	Katy	Honorable Mention	Andrey Chzhen	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Janae Miller	Paetow	Honorable Mention	Hayden Sanderson	Katy	Honorable Mention	Dylan McGee	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Nana Abena Poku	Paetow	Honorable Mention	Jacob Egg	Katy	Honorable Mention	Luke Cunningham	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Nicolas Enrique Lira	Paetow	Honorable Mention	Nicholas Tristan	Katy	Honorable Mention	Paul Owino	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Cameron Durand	Seven Lakes	Honorable Mention	Seth Davis	Katy	Honorable Mention	Shay Bangert	Seven Lakes
2nd Team	Jackson Crandall	Seven Lakes	Honorable Mention	Braden Franklin	Jordan	Honorable Mention	Tanner Perez	Seven Lakes
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