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Callegari and Hebert honored by WHA

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Local leaders Bill Callegari and Byron Hebert received highest honors from the West Houston Association during the WHA's Public Officials and Awards Reception at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, on October 11th.

Callegari received the association's 2023 Impact Award -- an exceptional honor, only given every few years; the last time it was given by the WHA was in 2019, said the association. Callegari was honored for his many years of community service to the West Houston area.

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Bill Callegari and Byron Hebert proudly display the awards that each received from the West Houston Association on Wednesday, October 11th. Callegari received the Impact award for his many years of community service, while Hebert was recognized with the 2023 Star of Excellence award for his work encouraging investment and development in the City of Katy.

Katy school board meets for team-building, training

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
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In a special meeting Monday night, the trustees of Katy ISD's school board came together for team-building activities and for more training on their roles, rights and responsibilities as board members. All board members were present for the session, which was held in the Martha Lopez Aki Building on the Katy ISD administrative campus.

The training -- requested by Board President Victor Perez -- was conducted by Innovative Teachers of Texas, a Deer Park-based nonprofit organization whose motto is "Standing for Traditional Texas Values" and which bills itself as being "for teachers, by teachers." The organization's website states that the organization "was created to provide a modern

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SUSAN ROVEGNO

The Board of Trustees came together on Monday, October 16th, for a special team-building meeting in the Martha Lopez Oki Building at 6361 S. Stadium Drive in Katy. Left to right: State Board of Education member Julie Pickren, who facilitated the initial training session; Dr. Natalie Blasingame, a CyFair ISD school board member who led the second session; and board members Morgan Calhoun, Amy Thieme, Lance Redmon, Mary Ellen Cuzela, board president Victor Perez, Dawn Champagne and Superintendent Ken Gregorski.

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Early shoppers strolled along Second Street Friday night, checking out the food trucks and vendors.

Rice Harvest Festival reaps another successful event

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy's signature hometown event -- the Rice Harvest Festival -- came to a close Sunday night after three days of near-perfect weather. The annual festival held in Katy's historic downtown square celebrates the area's rich agricultural heritage and the rice farming that built the area.

Co-sponsored by the City of Katy and the Rotary Club of Katy, the event not only showcases Katy's history and heritage, but also raises money for the Rotary Club's scholarship programs and other charitable donations.

City Parks Director Kevin Browne said Tuesday that there were over 190 vendor booths who set up at the weekend event -- 29 food vendors and 161 artisan/nonprofit or retail vendors. He also said that 93 volunteers checked in to help with the festival, many of whom were Rotarians.

Browne said that the numbers had not yet been finalized for the number of visitors who came to the festival or for the ticket sales and the amount of money raised. He said that analytic reports compiling this data will be run later in the week.



One of the last remaining rice farms in the Katy area, Jasek Farms used their space to showcase the crop for which the Rice Harvest Festival is named.



The band Party On -- the first of many musical performances -- got the party started Friday night at the Rice Harvest Festival's main stage.

Elin Energy brings new 200,000 square foot advanced manufacturing facility to Waller County

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

On September 27th Waller County Commissioners' Court approved an incentive deal that will bring Europe's largest solar panel manufacturer to Texas. Elin Energy, with corporate headquarters in Turkey, will have the capacity to manufacture 2,000 MW annually in their new US facility. Started in 1981, Elin Energy is a leader in advanced energy solutions.

Waller County Judge, Carbutt "Trey" Duhon III, commented, "We are excited to welcome Elin Energy to the Waller County community. Having the largest solar panel manufacture in Europe right here is a great honor."



Their new advanced manufacturing facility will be up and running by Q1, 2024. Located in the popular Twinwood Business Park, which is just south of

Interstate 10 in southern Waller County, Elin will bring around 100 jobs by the end of their first

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AI has already come to healthcare in Katy, industry leaders say

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Artificial intelligence is a tool already in use in local health care institutions, industry leaders said at the October 13th "State of Healthcare" summit hosted by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce at the Embassy Suites at 16435 Katy Freeway.

Michelle Stansbury, VP of Innovation and IT Applications for Houston Methodist, described how the Houston Methodist system is deploying artificial intelligence today. She said that the innovation initiatives had three main areas of focus -- the patient, the clinician and how efficiency can be increased enabling the hospital and its clinics to do things better using technology.

Stansbury said that the Houston Methodist System is already currently using AI in several ways:

- E-check in and Fast Pass. The e-check program went live in May 2023 at 116 hospital departments -- facilitating completion of forms and payment prior to the appointment. Fast Pass is a "wait list" feature that automatically sends patients a text or email messages notifying them of a wait list appointment offering. The imaging



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Innovative programs using artificial intelligence are now in place in the Houston Methodist Hospital System, said Michelle Stansbury, VP of Innovation and IT Applications for Houston Methodist at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Friday luncheon.

department went live on June 26 and has showed a 27-day improvement, Stansbury said.

- Phone bots. A pilot program is now in progress through which patients calling in to renew their prescriptions are directed by the Syllable Voice-Bot on how to fill their prescription. Another pilot program allows patients calling into the call center to be scheduled by the Syllable Voice-Bot. The technology allows patients to carry on a natural conversation without pressing buttons and will also enable appointment scheduling.

- The Virtual ICU was created five or six years ago in the Med Center as a virtual command center to leverage technology to deliver personalized care for patients. Stansbury called this development a "game changer" which facilitated the rollout of iPads to the nursing team.

- Biosensors worn by the patient which deliver continuous medical data to the care team.

Stansbury said that the hospital system has additional plans for the future, including the following possibilities for AI deployment -- many of which will be in use at Houston Methodist's newest hospital being built in

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At the ceremony are (left to right): Tommy Kuykendall, Rhonda Kuykendall, Sydney Zuiker (Crimestoppers of Houston), and Andy Kahan (Crimestoppers of Houston).

Local resident recognized for her work in fight against human trafficking

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local resident Rhonda Kuykendall was awarded the Paul H. Chapman Award for legislative advocacy for victims of child sexual abuse and sex trafficking in Texas during a special ceremony in Atlanta on September 30th. Kuykendall was among seven national honorees celebrated by Improvement of Justice at the event. She was nominated by Crime Stoppers of Houston for her work, the majority of which has been in Fort Bend County.

"The nominee's legacy and tenacious ability to bring about change will undoubtedly resonate for generations to come," read the nomination in part. "The nominee truly shows how one person can truly make a positive difference in the lives of so many people, especially for those who have no voice."

Kuykendall, an outspoken advocate for child victims of sex trafficking, was recognized for her legislative reform efforts on behalf of these children. She successfully lobbied the Texas legislature to abolish the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse victims, working for more than five years and two legislative sessions to help enact this new law. Kuykendall has worked on passing over a half dozen bills which strengthen human trafficking laws and provide resources for child victims. She is on the Texas Human Trafficking Survivor Leader Council; is an anti-child trafficking consultant for Texas CASA; Chair, Legislative Advocacy Team, Child Advocates of Fort Bend; and Chair, Human Trafficking Team, Fort Bend County DA Office.

For more information on her work, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ourvoicetexas/>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Katy's First Methodist Church opens Pumpkin Patch daily in October

A long-standing Katy tradition, the Pumpkin Patch at Katy's First United Methodist Church is now open every day from noon to 6 p.m. Come in and get a pumpkin and pose for a picture under the stately trees. Volunteers will also read stories to children. The Pumpkin Patch is located behind the church at 5601 Fifth Street in Katy.



SUSAN ROVEGNO

There's still plenty of time to choose a pumpkin from Katy's First United Methodist Church's Pumpkin Patch, which is open from noon to 6 p.m. daily through the end of the month.

Katy Market Day returns to downtown Katy on October 21st

Enjoy the fall and cooler weather while strolling the streets of Katy's historic downtown during the October Market Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 21st, featuring excellent shopping at unique vendors as well as food trucks and entertainment. The event is reserved only for arts, crafts and cottage industries. Now in its 29th year, Katy Market Day is an outdoor event and is FREE to the general public. The market is held every third Saturday of the month from March to November on the square near Avenue C and Second Street in old Katy.

Masonic Fish Fry to be held on October 21st as drive through or dine in

Get your fill of delicious fried fish at the Katy Masonic Lodge's Fish Fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 21st. Adult plates are \$15.00 each and children's plates are \$8.00 each. The Katy Masonic Lodge #1439 is located at 3158 Katy Hockley Rd., Katy.

Brookshire Pattison Fire Department hosts second annual spaghetti lunch and community craft show on October 21st

Stop by the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department at 2950 FM 359 in Pattison from 12 to 3 p.m. on October 21st for a tasty lunch of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert

and drink. Presale plates at just \$10.00; at the door, \$15.00. RSVP to hmconnell@brookshirepattisonlions.org or call 713-594-9297. All proceeds benefit the Brookshire-Pattison Lions Club Charities and local community. Local craft vendors will be featured.

Relive the Old West with George Ranch Frontier Days on October 21st

The Fort Bend History Association presents the George Ranch Frontier Days festival, held at the George Ranch Historical Park on October 21st. Bring the whole family to discover more than 150 years of Texas history. Enjoy hands-on activities, battle re-enactments, live entertainment, first-person costumed interpreters, historic home tours, games, cowboys, vintage vehicles, food, craft vendors and more. The park is located at 10215 FM 762 Rd, Richmond. Tickets may be purchased at www.georgeranch.org.

Community groups join together to host family festival on October 28th

The West Memorial Community Association, West Memorial Friends, ALA Unit 164 and American Legion Post 164 Katy TX, will be having a free event for the benefit of the community on October 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Memorial Park, 22415 Kingsland Blvd, Katy. There will be family fun including candy, games, face painting, tattoos and a maze. Additionally, Texas Sno will be selling snow cones. For more information, please contact communications@legionpost164katytx.org or call 949-395-6401.

It's "Trunk or Treat" at Katy's First UMC on October 28th

Wear your costumes and get ready for a spook-tacular evening of Halloween fun as Katy's First United Methodist Church holds "Trunk or Treat" on October 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be real-life unicorns, a haunted house, decorated cars, a costume competition, and a pumpkin patch. Live music and food will also be available. The church is located at 5601 Fifth Street in Katy.

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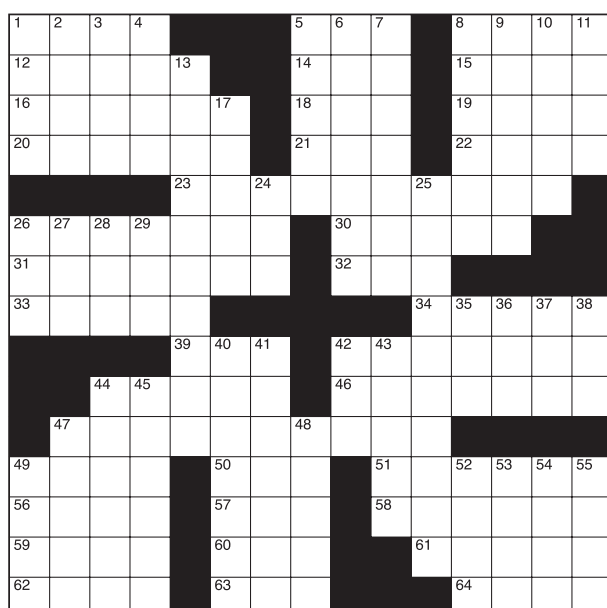
CLUES ACROSS

- A device to disengage without a key
- Subdivision
- Network of nerves
- Lounge chair
- Ocean
- C. European river
- Bowl-shaped cavity
- Caesar, comedian
- Lyric poems
- Tia's sister
- A way to develop
- Cows collectively
- Areas close by
- Slightly disreputable
- Made a mistake
- One who cites
- Food stall: ___ pai dong
- Narrow valley between hills
- Members of people living mainly in the Congo
- More (Spanish)
- Classroom implements
- Cognizant of
- One who tells on others
- Free from slavery
- Thick piece of something
- Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
- Removed entirely
- Late rocker Turner
- Appreciated

- Observation expedition
- Opposite of subtracts
- Unit of work
- Wreckage on the sea bed
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Witness
- River in England

CLUES DOWN

- A dissenting clique
- Japanese city
- Spiritual leader
- Second letter of Greek alphabet
- Musical term
- Ruled over
- Fortified wine
- First year player
- Moved in a circular way
- Adolescents
- Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- Someone who serves in the armed forces
- Bring up
- Factual written account (abbr.)
- Having three sides
- Annoy
- Hustle
- American WW2 leader
- Stale atmosphere
- US Treasury
- Sound unit



- They ___
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Places to play video games
- Medical event
- When you hope to arrive
- Fixed prices
- Popular Boston song
- Valley in Indiana and Illinois
- Omit when speaking
- German explorer of the Congo Basin
- Stick around
- From a distance
- Heroic tale
- Amounts of time
- Eat

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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alternative in professional liability insurance for teachers without funding a liberal political agenda." According to spokesperson Todd Taylor, who opened the meeting, the group provides "Back to Basics" training for school boards and also funds a "Triple T" program -- "Teacher Travel for Testimony" -- which enables individual teachers to travel to speak personally to lawmakers about education

issues.

Julie Pickren, who is a member of the State Board of Education, conducted the first training session for the Katy board, outlining their specific roles and responsibilities. Each board function which Pickren described was well-documented and supported by citations from state law, attorney general opinions, U.S. Supreme Court decisions or other legal

documentation.

Dr. Natalie Blasingame, who currently sits on the CyFair ISD school board, led the second training session, which focused on the process and criteria for superintendent evaluation.

The next meeting of the school board is a work-study meeting scheduled for October 23rd in the Board Room of the administration building at 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy.

FACILITY

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year of operations with an estimated 450 by the end of year seven.

"This is an exciting project. Elin represents the best in solar panel manufacturing and are a company that has built their reputation on quality and customer satisfaction," says Waller County Economic Development Partner's Executive Director, Vince Yokom. "We are excited that they chose Waller County for their US facility."

The new manufacturing facility, strategically located in Texas, marks a significant milestone in Elin's mission to be the premier solar panel manufacturer in the country. This expansion aligns perfectly with their core values and vision of a greener and cleaner future powered by

solar energy.

Mr. Arda YALI, President of Elin Energy LLC., expressed his excitement about the new facility, saying, "Our expansion into Texas represents a significant step towards a cleaner and more sustainable future for the USA. We are dedicated to providing top-quality solar panels to empower the nation with renewable energy solutions."

Elin uses efficient designs that increase solar panel productivity. They are more efficient and require less area to generate the same electricity as a traditional mono-facial system. This makes them very popular with solar farm developers and commercial contractors looking to build greener facilities.

AI

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the Cypress area:

- Virtual Nursing, which will leverage the power of in-room sensors, AI-powered autonomous monitoring, and automated documentation. The program will improve intake and discharge workflows, hourly rounding, patient and family education, compliance reporting and care team coordination.

- Ambient intelligence in operating rooms, which will focus on efficiency in OR set up time and break down/clean up, resulting in quicker turnaround of ORs.

- "Smart Room" of the future which focuses on delivering comfort, control and connectedness for patients and their families and for care givers. The in-room TV is not only an engagement device but also serves as the digital "white board" for the patient, listing the members of the care team and the care plan for the day, among other information. Rooms are wired with virtual care cameras which serve multitude connected use cases. Ambient intelligence enables patient safety and operational monitoring, Stansbury said. Patients will be able to control lights, temperature and connected devices. She noted that Smart Rooms will require an investment in network infrastructure and IT security, changes in technology including contingency plans for data and upgrades in the electrical system and cabling, and that operational workflows would need to be

redesigned.

- Use of prediction models using sets of patient data to identify discharge barriers for patients and to predict when they can be discharged.

But a professor from Rice University cautioned about the potential challenges associated with the use of artificial intelligence. Dr. Vladimir Braverman, a Victor E. Cameron professor of computer science, said that there is a "deep notion of trust" and that AI is not infallible. He demonstrated a mathematical proof generated by AI that contained an early calculation error, which caused the proof to deliver false results. Dr. Braverman said that he is teaching a class at Rice designed to familiarize non-medical students with the possibilities for use of AI in the medical field; he called on the medical industry to provide the same kind of training on the medical side in order to foster better collaboration and innovation using AI.

A panel of three other local healthcare leaders, moderated by Jason Hodge of Medical Fitness Pros, also updated attendees on the current state of healthcare in the greater Katy area.

- Dr. Carla Braxton, Chief Medical and Chief Quality Officer from Houston Methodist West, noted that her 271-bed hospital had just opened its third medical tower. She said the hospital has three hybrid operating rooms and four robots which assist with guided procedures. Dr. Braxton

also said that "access" is the buzzword of the year and described the hospital system's self-scheduling options which are designed to get the patient to the right doctor the first time and so that all services work together for the patient. She spoke about the "social determinants" of healthcare and explained how Houston Methodist is using enhanced patient screening to help deliver a complete continuum of care and improved outcomes.

- Amanda Hamlin from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center said that their Medical Center campus planned to double its capacity over the next several years. She noted that MD Anderson owns the land behind the West Houston campus near Katy and that there are plans to eventually expand services at that facility in the future.

- Lara Mautz, executive director of charity medical facility Christ Clinic serving the uninsured, praised the local healthcare institutions for working together to ensure care for the community. She also recognized the Katy area's aging population and the need for more primary care; she stressed the need for more "same day available" appointments in the area. Mautz noted that the number one barrier to patients in the West Houston area receiving care is lack of transportation. She said that 95 percent of Christ Clinic's patients were at 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

TRIBUTES

Henry F. Lyle was born on October 7, 1937, in Dickinson, Texas. He grew up in the Houston area where he graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1955. He obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a master's degree from the New School in New York City. On November 29, 1969, he married the love of his life, Mary Helen Booth of San Antonio, Texas.



HENRY F. LYLE
1937 - 2023

Henry was a natural-born and passionate educator, devoting most of his professional career to teaching and mentoring a generation of Texans. Henry's impact as an educator was felt outside the classroom as he led debate teams, chess clubs, gifted-and-talented students, and coached tennis and soccer.

Always thirsty for knowledge, Henry was an avid reader who would put his learnings to use, whether de-

bating Civil War history with a friend or rebuilding a busted VW carburetor.

Henry was also a sports fan and enjoyed following his alma mater UH and especially the Astros. He enjoyed playing tennis, running and spending time coaching his kids in too many sports to mention here. Fun loving and adventurous, Henry loved the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting and

camping.

He was a valued choir member with a rich baritone voice. He played the 12-string guitar and often entertained his children with his version of children's songs.

Henry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary who will always remember his carefree and venturesome personality that gave her many happy memories during their 54 years of life together. Also surviving are his children, Greg, Chris, Trey and wife Lisa and Becky and husband Rory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Fletcher Lyle and Ethel Lucille Moore Lyle.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, www.StJude.org.

HONORS

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Callegari has been a major force within the water industry both regionally and across the state. Over the course of his professional career, Callegari founded and ran several major water utility companies, helped create the Association of Water Board Directors - Texas, and served on several professional committees and boards relating to environmental control, water, and wastewater treatment. Callegari served seven terms in the Texas Legislature representing the Harris County communities of Katy and Cypress. Among his many legislative successes, he authored water resource management legislation, created the Texas Hurricane Center for Innovative Technology, and worked to amend the Texas Constitution making way for water districts to receive reimbursement for creating parks and recreational facilities.

The 2023 Star of Excellence was awarded to Katy City Administrator Byron Hebert for his work encouraging investment and development in the City of Katy. The West Houston Association's Star of Excellence Award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the Greater West Houston area, according to the association's website.

"Byron understood that population

growth was going to change the City of Katy and knew that it was quickly going to outgrow being a small town. He understood the importance of working with land developers and that well managed, high-quality development would be beneficial to the city," said the WHA website. "A belief that over that past decade would prove instrumental in paving the way for Katy's emergence as a thriving urban hub, with continued growth slated both for the city and the surrounding area. The City of Katy has reaped the rewards of his forward thinking and Byron has become a resource to other cities in the region as they navigate how to flourish as they are growing."

"As industry leaders we promote quality development, sustainable infrastructure, long-term planning and sound public policy," the website continued. "Our Star of Excellence recipients are not members of the West Houston Association, but their work complements our own to achieve a shared vision. We honor them as shining examples of the leadership and determination that is required for everyone to find great experiences and opportunities in Greater West Houston."

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Katy ISD Districtwide Proposed 2023 Bond Projects

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Projected Enrollment Projected

Year	Enrollment
2023	95,104
2025	98,493
2027	101,156
2029	103,852
2031	106,274

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Memorial Hermann welcomes Patient Care Technicians

Health system is building future health care workforce by offering new entry-level position

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

HOUSTON (Oct. 3, 2023) – Memorial Hermann Health System recently welcomed its first-ever class of entry-level patient care technicians (PCTs). The new position, avail-

able at all Memorial Hermann hospitals, was created to open doors for individuals who are interested in a health care career but have no previous experience.

"We listened to feedback and developed a position that will create a pathway for clinical talent," said Leah Blackwell, vice president and chief nursing officer of Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital and executive sponsor of the initiative. "We will equip these new employees with the tools and experience necessary to start their career in health care."

The entry-level PCTs will begin with a brief orientation and training, where the

clinical education team will teach them basic clinical competencies. They'll learn clinical skills such as recording vital signs, feeding patients and tracking a patient's intake and output, which will help set them up for success as a valuable teammate on their patient care units.

After one successful year of employment, they will be promoted to PCT I, equipped with the skills and experience necessary to pursue a variety of options for an exciting career in health care. They can also take advantage of Memorial Hermann's Learn Well tuition payment, which offers increased financial support by providing direct payment

to accredited schools for tuition and books, to earn a nursing degree or pursue education for other health care-related roles.

Memorial Hermann's vision is to create healthier communities, now and for generations to come. In order to achieve this goal, the system is committed to empowering employees with the skills and support needed to advance their career. As a member of the Health Anchor Network, Memorial Hermann is committed to a culture of inclusivity and access to opportunities in all its operations.

For more information or to apply for an entry-level PCT position, email patient-carenonnursing@memorialhermann.org.

Christian Brothers Automotive showcases importance fellowship at ninth annual conference

Automotive brand hosted company conference in support of technicians and service team members across the country

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

HOUSTON – Christian Brothers Automotive, which is headquartered in the greater Katy area, recently celebrated its ninth-annual Mastering the Difference Conference (MTD) in Houston. The yearly gathering brings together automotive technicians and service team members from CBA shops across the country over four days, providing a platform for learning, networking and recognition.

"The Mastering the Difference conference is a great opportunity for our brand to come together, strengthen relationships and learn from industry professionals. This year's conference not only showcased our commitment to excellence in the automotive space but also highlighted the importance of community and camaraderie," said Donnie Carr, President and CEO of Christian Brothers Automotive. "When we invest in our team, we're investing in the success of our brand and the satisfaction of our guests. We appreciate everything our technicians and service team members do for our shops and guests, and we look forward to continuing to support their development."

Alongside Christian Brothers Automotive team members were a variety of keynote speakers, including Chick-fil-A marketing pioneer David Salyers, Master Technician and host of the MotorTrend TV show All Girls Garage Bogi Lateiner and Pastor Jason Robinson of the Church

of the King.

During the conference, attendees participated in an impactful service project known as "Feed the Hunger." The organization aims to identify vulnerable children at risk of starvation or malnutrition, provide immediate nutritional resources, and invest in their long-term success through education and spiritual growth. The attendees at Christian Brothers Automotive's MTD conference packaged over 75,600 meals for children in need throughout the world.

Founded in Mission Bend, Texas in 1982, Christian Brothers Automotive has strived to change the way that guests think about their auto care experience. Ranked number one by J.D. Power in Customer Satisfaction among Aftermarket Full-Service Maintenance and Repair Providers four times in a row, Christian Brothers Automotive's number one priority is creating a positive experience for every guest, said the company in a press release. From the inviting waiting room environment of each shop – which feels more like a comfortable family room, to complimentary shuttle rides and digital vehicle inspections that take guests under the hood of their vehicle right alongside the technician, Christian Brothers Automotive has fostered automotive service that makes guests feel at home, the press release continued.

About Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation

With its guiding principle of "loving your neighbor" instilled from the very first location, which opened in 1982, Christian Brothers Automotive has successfully expanded to more than 275 locations in 30 states. The Houston-based company delivers a variety of professional auto-care services including upkeep, maintenance, and repair. A complete list of services can be found on the brand's website: www.cbac.com.

Big Sky Medical acquires three Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Centers, including Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

DALLAS, Oct. 04, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Big Sky Medical, a leading player in the healthcare real estate investment sector, has completed the acquisition of three single-tenant medical outpatient buildings in the Houston market.

Situated in the Katy, Spring, and League City submarkets, each building is long-term net leased to Memorial Hermann Health System, one of the nation's foremost healthcare providers. These assets combined represent a total of 110,636 square feet and are strategically positioned to capitalize on Houston's thriving healthcare landscape.

Each facility offers 24-hour Level 1 trauma emergency care, primary care, breast care, sports medicine and rehabilitation, and imaging.

Jason L. Signor, Founder and CEO of Big Sky Medical, expressed enthusiasm about the acquisition, stating, "We are delighted to further expand our footprint in the dynamic Houston market. These properties align perfectly with our strategic vision for healthcare

real estate investment. The partnership with Memorial Hermann Health System underscores our commitment to providing top-notch healthcare facilities to meet the needs of growing communities."

Memorial Hermann Health System, founded in 1907, is a nationally recognized healthcare provider with a network of 17 hospitals, 4,233 beds, and over 30,000 employees. Their portfolio extends to 320 care delivery sites strategically located across the Greater Houston area.

Big Sky Medical Real Estate is an investment manager focused on commercial real estate across the United States with a weighted focus on the medical clinic sector. Big Sky was formed in 2020 by industry veteran Jason L. Signor to invest in healthcare and life science real estate. Big Sky leverages its deep relationships built over the past two decades as a sector specialist to position its platform as a flexible source of capital for developers, healthcare operators, and investors of high quality medical real estate without competing conflicts of interest.

To learn more, visit www.bigskymed.com.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Dr. Letosha Gale-Lowe sworn in as county's Local Health Authority

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Office of the County Judge and Fort Bend County Health and Human Services confirmed the appointment of Dr. Letosha Gale-Lowe as the new Local Health Authority (LHA) for Fort Bend County. Fort Bend County Judge KP George administered the oath on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

With an impressive background in public health and clinical service, Dr. Gale-Lowe steps into this role, ready to further the health objectives of the county. Her past tenure as Chief Physician with the Houston Health Department, where she served a population of over two million residents, exemplifies her commitment and capability.

Dr. Gale-Lowe's connection with Fort Bend County is long-standing. Her past roles include Board Member and Chief of Staff at OakBend Medical Center and Medical Director for the Fort Bend County Jail from 2005-2012. Having earned her BA

in Chemistry from Fisk University and her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Dr. Gale-Lowe is also pursuing her Master's in Public Health at the University of Texas at Houston. She resides in Fulshear and remains a steadfast Fort Bend County community member.

On the appointment, Judge KP George remarked, "Dr. Gale-Lowe's vast experience and dedication to public health make her an invaluable asset to our county. We look forward to the advancements we can achieve in public health under her guidance."

In response to her appointment, Dr. Gale-Lowe said, "It is an honor to serve as the Local Health Authority for Fort Bend County. I am committed to ensuring that Fort Bend County residents live, learn, work, and play in healthy and safe communities through disease prevention, surveillance, intervention, and by working with our many community partners to achieve a healthier Fort Bend for all."

IKEA continues U.S. expansion with new format store in Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Conshohocken, PA -- On October 3rd, IKEA U.S. announced plans to open an IKEA Plan & order point with Pick-up in Katy in the spring of 2024.

This expansion and development is part of the IKEA commitment to become more accessible, convenient and affordable for the many. The Plan & order point with Pick-up is a new type of meeting point for Houston customers. It will offer home furnishing inspiration and personalized interior design planning, plus include an IKEA pick-up point, allowing customers to pick up their purchases made online or ordered at the Plan & order point. Purchases made at IKEA Katy can also be arranged to be transported to a customer's home or to another convenient location.

"Our commitment to expanding the IKEA experience is unwavering and Katy is a strategic next step in our journey. We believe in bringing the magic of IKEA closer to our customers to better meet their needs, both in-store and digitally, with newer, more accessible store formats," said Javier Quiñones, CEO &

Chief Sustainability Officer, IKEA U.S.

IKEA Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up is the second location in the metro area, joining the large-format IKEA store in Houston, TX. IKEA Katy will be located in the LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch shopping center at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Suite G130, in 5,500 square feet of leased space.

"By bringing IKEA closer to home, we're making it easier than ever for everyone in Katy and the wider Houston area to access the brand they know and love—without the long drive. We're so excited to open the IKEA Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up as a testament to our pursuit of accessibility, convenience and quality," said Fredrik Rabe, Market Manager, IKEA U.S.

In addition to opening new Plan & order points and Pick-up locations in city centers, IKEA U.S. has made significant investments to enhance its e-commerce experience and service offerings, including new IKEA Family benefits, IKEA Business Network loyalty program, lower priced shipping and delivery, Click & collect and TaskRabbit assembly services.

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Dr. Linda Kay Thomas Merrell was born on January 25, 1948 in Paris, Texas to Dero Thomas and Mary Ruth Smith Thomas. She passed away peacefully on October 12, 2023 in Plano, Texas surrounded by her husband Leonard and her two sons, Brian and Mark.

Linda graduated from Paris High School in 1965. She later studied at East Texas State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in 1968. In 1970, she returned to study for her Master's degree in education and later received a Doctorate degree from Texas A&M University - Commerce.

Linda married the love of her life, Dr. Leonard Merrell, on January 31, 1969. She had a successful decades-long career as an educator, touching the lives of countless students and teachers in the La Marque and Cypress-Fairbanks School Districts. While she cherished her role as an educator, her three most treasured roles were as a wife and partner to Leonard, as a loving mother to Brian and Mark, and as a doting grandmother to her eleven grandchildren.

Linda will be remembered most for her selfless spirit and love for others. She had a one-of-a-kind gift of hospitality that permeated her entire life. Whether that meant hosting dozens of screaming teenagers for a sleepover or catering an elaborate dinner party, Linda was the consummate hostess. All were welcome. All were loved. To know her was to love her; to be known by her was to feel love.



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She is survived by her husband, Dr. Leonard Merrell; her sons, Dr. Brian Merrell, Mark Merrell, JD; grandchildren, Brooklynn, Drew, Adaline, Mason, Desmin, Dominique, Kiewan, Caleb, Noah, Elli, and Rory Jane and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ruth and Dero Thomas; and sister, Barbara Thomas Hancock; and by her parents-in-law W.T. and Adaline Merrell.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 20, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, Texas. A funeral service will be held Saturday October 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, Texas. Interment at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023 in Forest Grove Cemetery, Telephone, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial donations be made to Fannin County Excellence Fund Texas A&M University - Commerce (ATTN: Kim Jefferies) P.O. Box 3425 Commerce, Texas 75429.

To express condolences, please visit www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net

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Danielle Harris appointed to UMARMY board of directors for Texas and Louisiana

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Danielle Harris, a member of Katy First United Methodist Church on 5601 Fifth Street in Katy, was appointed to the UMARMY's regional Board of Directors for Texas and Louisiana. The UMARMY is the United in Mission: Action Reach-out Ministry by Youth is primarily an organization for Methodist missions and the board members are active

participants who use their experiences and insight to improve the experience for youth and adult volunteers.

This past year UMARMY had approximately 1,400 participants across different Methodist denominations on mission trips across the region.

Harris has participated in seven previous UMARMY missions at Katy First United Methodist Church, participating with both high school and junior high students.



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Vaccaro named Memorial Parkway Elementary principal



NELLY VACCARO

Memorial Parkway Elementary (MPE) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Nelly Vaccaro as its new principal, effective Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Vaccaro brings a wealth of experience, dedication and a passion for education to the MPE community.

With a Master of Education in Leadership of Learning from Abilene Christian University, and a career spanning over 17 years in education, Vaccaro has demonstrated exceptional leadership

qualities and is a servant leader, said a Katy ISD news release on October 5th. "Having recently served as an assistant principal at Shafer Elementary in Katy ISD, she brings an extensive background and unwavering dedication to students make her a perfect fit for the MPE family," the release continued.

Throughout her career, Vaccaro has achieved numerous accolades, including her "Assistant Principal of the Year" nomination, completing the Aspiring

Principal Academy, and serving on the District Assistant Principal Task Force and District Discipline Committee.

"We are excited to welcome Nelly Vaccaro as the new principal of Memorial Parkway Elementary," said Ken Gregorski, KISD superintendent of schools. "Her experience, leadership and commitment to excellence will undoubtedly enhance the educational experience of our students and the overall success of the school," he added.

"It is my belief and experience that all students can learn and excel at the highest levels with the appropriate support, leadership and authentic learning experiences. I am excited to learn more about Memorial Parkway this school year and many more years to come," said Vaccaro. "I look forward to meeting and learning from each of you as I transition into this role. Together, great things will happen at Memorial Parkway Elementary," she added.



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Royal ISD FFA members celebrate their many wins at the Waller County Fair.

Royal FFA members earn big awards at Waller County Fair

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Royal ISD FFA members won awards in every species category at the Waller County Fair. "Congratulations to the exhibitors for their hard work and determination," said the district website. Awards are listed below.

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Eliana Nunez - 15th Place

Market Rabbit

Emery Woods - 18th place meat pen, 3rd place fryer, 4th place junior showmanship
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Market Goat Results

Class 1, Kaylee Meader - 3rd place
Class 2, Elizabeth Ibarra - 5th place
Jaylyn Danz - 4th place
Class 3, Helena Ferro - 2nd place
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Jacob Pistor - Class 2 - 5th place
Hayden Rico - Class 2 - 6th place
Presley Jacob - Class 3 - 7th place
Ramiro Ferro - Class 3 - 11th place, Reserve Junior Showmanship champion
Valentin Ferro - Class 4 - 3rd place
Tania Ramirez - Class 5 - 8th place

Calf Scramble Catches

- Brianna Burrow
- Raelee Hacke
- Alex Pena

Breeding Heifers

Porter Jacob - 1st Place Light Weight AOB, Champion Jr. Showman
Kaelynn Hein - Champion Scramble Heifer
Kynslee Hein - 16th place LightWeight ABC

Kevin Weatherford - 5th Place Scramble Heifer, 12th place Middleweight ABC
Raelee Hacke - 4th place Light Weigh ABC
Tate Seward - 8th place Scramble Heifer, 7th place Heavyweight ABC
Ava Seward - 9th place LightWeight ABC
Jazbel Marmolejo - 10th place Scramble, 2nd place LightWeight ABC
Rafael Marmalejo - 11th place Scramble, 7th place Light Weight AOB
Victoria Miller - 7th place Middle ABC
Shelby Woods - 7th place LightWeight ABC
Jacob Pistor - 12th place Scramble, 6th place LightWeight ABC
Jaycee Estep - 4th place Middleweight ABC
Danielle Jones - 9th place LightWeight ABC
Brianna Diezi - 5th place MiddleWeight ABC, 7th Place Pen pf 2
Sophia Clingenpeel - 6th Place Light Weight AOB
Tessa Clingenpeel - 14th place Middleweight ABC
Deysi Rivera - 3rd place Heavy Weight ABC
Deysi Rivera - 4th place Scramble, 9th place Middle Weight AOB, Champion Scramble Showman
Kaylie Marmolejo - 3rd Place LightWeight ABC

Market Steers

Presley Jacob - Class 1 ABC - 2nd place
Shelby Woods - Class 2 ABC - 1st place
Porter Jacob - Class 3 ABC - 1st place, Breed Champion ABC Steer,
Elyssa Pruner - Class 3 ABC - 4th place, Champion Senior Showmanship

Livestock Judging

Placing 4th High team, Members are Maria Gomez, Porter Jacob, Presley Jacob and Shelby Woods. in the Junior Division and Top Ten Awards go to Presley Jacob, 9th High Individual. In the Waller County Division, Kynslee Hein was the Junior High individual and Presley Jacob was the Intermediate high individual.

Waller County Fair Princess

Jaylyn Danz
Creative Living
Callie Hacke, 3rd Place Quilt
Ekon Ferro, Reserve Champion Woodworking

Katy ISD Partners in Education welcomes businesses, seeks help with feeding area families

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Katy ISD's Partners in Education program welcomed area businesses and campus teachers alike to the community rooms at Legacy Stadium on the rainy morning of October 5th.. Businesses were able to showcase their special offers and services for area teachers and to offer assistance to teachers looking for help for their campuses.

Teachers were able to learn what resources were available in the community to help them with needs specific to their individual schools. "My campus needs help," said Elizabeth Paz, a teacher at Morton Ranch High School. "I'm here to find out what resources are available to us."

Participating businesses included Houston Methodist West Hospital, Memorial Hermann Hospital, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Cabo Bob's, Great Harvest Bakery, and many others.

The Partners in Education pro-



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Lauren Slovisky, Partners in Education coordinator, welcomes Chef Casey Castro of Astor Farm to Table to the October 5th Katy ISD Partners in Education Business and Community Partnership Open House at Legacy Stadium.

gram's next project is Katy ISD Food for Families, which rallies community support for Katy ISD families in need through funding grocery gift cards. Those wishing to contribute may give online at <https://www.pledgecents.com/cause/htddkf/kisd-food-for-families> OR donations may be mailed or delivered to Katy ISD Partners in Education, 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas 77494. Please make checks payable to: Katy ISD Food for Families.

Royal Education Foundation delivers grants to campuses

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Each fall and spring, the Royal Education Foundation (REF) provides Royal educators with an opportunity to apply for grants. REF's mission is to help provide funding and other support for the unfunded or underfunded programs and activities of Royal ISD.

On October 2, REF representatives Cori Vahalik and Sarah Stevens Mason visited each campus to surprise the Fall 2023 grant recipients! The total amount distributed was \$39,378.25.

The Royal ISD Education Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization comprised of Royal ISD graduates, parents of current Royal ISD students, and community members committed to providing resources to enrich, expand, and enhance opportunities in Royal ISD.

Fall 2023 Grant Recipients
• Ms. Greene, RES Updated Music Classroom, \$3000
• Jessica Ball, 3rd Grade Team: RES Third Grade iPads, \$4000
• Danielle Wright and Damaris Schelmetty: RES Triple Beam Balances, \$2319.43

- Christy Andrews, RES Laptop Charging Equipment, \$2922.66
- Madelyn Maldonado, ECC Educational Centers, \$779.39
- Lilia Brents, RES Laptop Wheels, \$4000
- Bobbie Karns-Novicke, STEM and RJH Mono Printing, two grants at a total of \$2066.40
- Roderick Davenport, RJH Band Equipment, no amount specified
- Gary Miller, RHS Band SOARS, \$250
- Claramely Lopez, Advancing STEM Education through VEX Go Robotics \$4,554
- Mabely Lopez, ECC Empowering Minds Through Sensory Spheres, \$460
- LaShan Bland and Douglas McGill, RHS MJROTC Mascot, \$556
- Patricia McBride, RES Library Books to Build Readers and Leaders, \$2000
- Ivania Chavarria Marcia, ECC Leveled Class Library (Spanish), \$992.32
- Raymond Callies, RHS Theater Costumes for Grease Performance, \$2500
- Roldan Salais and Selena Castillo, RHS Welding Track Torch, \$3728.05

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Tompkins quarterback Wyatt Young (10) carries the ball for a touchdown during a high school football game between Morton Ranch and Tompkins on October 13, 2023, in Katy.

Tompkins continues to improve in win over Morton

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Wyatt Young had been anxious to get back.

The Falcons senior had been held out of the Falcons' games for the past three games as he nursed a hamstring injury, but he was pushing to get back on the field the whole time, rehabbing and doing everything he could to help the team.

Young finally got his chance to get back on the field on Friday and immediately made an impact, scoring three touchdowns and totaling 184 yards in just three quarters in a

41-20 win for the Falcons (4-3, 3-2) over Morton Ranch (1-7, 1-5) in a big District 19-6A battle.

"It was just so great to be able to go out and compete and be a part of this team," Young said. "I've been waiting for this and wanting it so bad. It's like I'm back home."

Young ran for 83 yards while passing for 103 in the win and he got started early.

The Falcons drove straight down the field on their opening drive and Wyatt Young capped it off with a 12-yard touchdown run. After forcing a punt Tompkins came right back down the field and scored again, with

Jhase McMillan taking a jet sweep 38 yards for a touchdown.

Morton Ranch fought to get back into things and trimmed the deficit to one score twice in the second quarter. Mike Gerald scored on a touchdown run from 7-yards out late in the first half but Tompkins came right back with a score of its own with a 34-yard pass from Young to Rhys Phillips. The Mavericks answered back again on a 48-yard pass from Gerald to Tyler Williams with just a minute left in the half, but Tompkins was able to increase its lead to two

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Cinco outlasts Paetow in defensive battle

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch knew coming into this week that they were in for a slugfest.

Going up against a Paetow team that has been very physical with a strong improving defense, the Cougars knew they would get a test and they came prepared for it on both offense and defense.

That preparation paid off, it ended up being a fight from the first whistle to last, but Cinco eventually outlasted Paetow 17-7, earning a big win and keeping the Cougars' playoff hopes alive.

"It doesn't matter the record — we knew we're facing a really good Paetow team today and that it could be a really low scoring game," Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley said. "We preached to the kids that you can't get frustrated about not breaking things if things aren't coming in early. We just stuck with the gameplan and were able to get a few big plays when we needed them. I'm really proud of the way we stayed the course. Paetow has a great front on both sides of the ball and it was a great matchup."

There was an explosive start to the game but it swiftly turned into a defensive battle which lasted the entire game.

Paetow was forced to punt on its opening drive and Cinco took advantage of good field position on its first possession, using a trick play where Tessiah Young received a backwards pass before throwing it to a wide open Kellen LeCronier downfield, who fought off defenders on his way to a 46-yard touchdown. But as soon as that happened, Paetow answered back, taking the ensuing kickoff return 73 yards for a touchdown and tying the game.

Cinco came back with a good drive late in the first quarter, but the Paetow defense stepped up and Victor Thomas came away with an interception to hold the Cougars out of the endzone. The Cougars then took the lead early in the second quarter after driving deep into Paetow territory before settling for a field goal. Paetow had a chance to tie the game before the half, but. Short field goal went wide as Cinco went into the locker room up 10-7. The defense was the story for Cinco in the first half and through the game. The Cougars allowed just 13 pass yards and 138 yards on the ground, while forcing three turnovers to lead the way.

"We came into this game and were really prepared

for everything and we knew that we had to stop the run," junior linebacker Luke Mathaismeier said. "From our front seven to our defensive backs that was our main focus and we did a really good job of limiting that. It got our offense the ball back more and gave them opportunities to go and make plays."

Taytum Johnson made a big play early in the third, intercepting Paetow and the Cougars took advantage of that field position with Marcus Gadlin running in a touchdown from 37 yards out. Paetow tried to get back into things and got a fumble recover around midfield halfway through the fourth quarter, but Cinco's defense stepped up to the challenge at every turn, keeping the Panthers off the board before the Cougars offense ran the clock out to secure the

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DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Drew Tureau takes off downfield after a catch during a game between Cinco Ranch and College Park at Rhodes Stadium.

Katy, Tompkins take home gold at District meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy and Tompkins took home gold medals on Thursday at the District 19-6A cross country meet, as both the Tigers and Falcons finished top two in both the girls and boys meets, advancing to the Class 6A Region III Meet.

Katy came in first place on the girls side, while Tompkins took home first in the boys meet. In the girls meet, Tompkins came in second and Mayde Creek came in third. On the boys side, Katy came in second place and Seven Lakes came in third.

Katy's Maddy Hunter took the individual gold in the girls meet. The team consisted of Victoria Guerrero, who finished fifth, Lauren Acopa, who finished ninth and Heidi Greene, who finished fifteenth, Asha Salim came in 20th for Katy, while Hailee Greene came in 21st and Gracie Rocha came in 23rd.

Tompkins was led by Rowan Saacke, who won the meet for the second straight season, who came in second at the meet and the team also consisted of Sara Hurtado, who finished 11th, Ashley Thompson, who finished 12th, Meghan

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The Tompkins boys finished in first place at the District 19-6A meet.



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The Tompkins girls finished in second place at the District 19-6A meet.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Cinco Ranch 17, Paetow 7
- Jordan 38, Seven Lakes 14
- Tompkins 42, Morton Ranch 20
- Taylor 31, Mayde Creek 7

Thursday

- Taylor vs. Jordan, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Friday

- Tompkins vs. Mayde Creek, 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Seven Lakes vs. Paetow, 5:30 p.m., Legacy Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Paetow, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday

- Boys Tompkins, Katy, Seven Lakes at Region III 6A meet in Huntsville

Girls

- Katy, Tompkins, Mayde Creek at Region III 6A meet in Huntsville

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Texans fans cheer during the Saints' last-chance drive late in the fourth quarter of an NFL game between the Texans and the Saints on October 15, 2023 in Houston. The Texans won, 20-13.

Houston defense leads the way in win over Saints

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Houston Texans' defense made a leap this week.

Houston's offense has been the talking point this season. CJ Stroud has been exceptional and has led the team in the right direction and stepped up early in the year.

But the story on Sunday against the Saints was the Texans' defense. The unit repeatedly stepped up against a tough team, stopping New Orleans in key spots on the way to a 20-13 win.

"It's tough to win in this league and it was awesome to see the way our guys grinded it out and stepped up in the end," said Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans. "I couldn't be more proud of our defense and you continue to see growth in these guys through the whole team. You saw resiliency today in situations you didn't last week. That's growth the way they finished it out."

It took some time for the Texans' offense to find its stride, but once they did Houston never relinquished the lead. Houston was forced to punt on its opening drive, but the Houston defense forced a long field goal from New Orleans that missed. Stroud nearly made a big mistake the next drive, throwing the first interception of his career and breaking a streak of 191 attempts without an interception, but the Texans forced a fumble on the same play and got the ball back, after which Stroud drove the team down the field and threw a 1-yard touchdown to Dalton Schultz.

New Orleans responded right back with a touchdown drive of its own, getting a big play from Derek Carr to Rashid Shaheed for the score, but Houston got back into the redzone and retook the lead with a 24 yard field goal from Ka'imi Fairbairn early in the second quarter. The Texans kept pushing as well, getting a three-and-out on defense and then driving down the field with a strong run game before Stroud found Robert Woods for a 6-yard touchdown pass, but the Saints trimmed things to a 17-10 Texans lead as the teams went into halftime.

"There was a lot of hard work put into this," Stroud said. "We worked our tails off in practice on the little things and we really took away from that that

we could be better than we even are right now. In our losses we've missed some key details and that's what it boils down to. We corrected some of that today and it comes down to that hard work at practice and getting better every day."

Houston made it to the redzone again on its first drive of the second half but were again limited to a field goal, and the Saints came back with a field goal of their own to trim it back to a touchdown lead for Houston.

New Orleans had another good drive to start the third quarter before a missed field goal thwarted things, and kept Houston up by seven. The Saints kept pushing and again got the ball deep in Houston territory before Blake Cashman made one of the biggest defensive plays of the game, stopping Alvin Kamara short on a fourth and short and getting Houston the ball back. The Saints had one more chance, but the Texans' defense, put in a spot where they could win the game, delivered. Houston held the Saints once they got into Houston territory and sealed the win on a fourth down interception by Steven Nelson that stopped the drive and allowed the Houston offense to run the final seconds off the clock.

"Something we talked about all week was finishing," Ryans said. "We're continuing to get better, but to win games, you have to finish. It was nice to do that, especially headed into our bye week. Now we can go in and work from a positive place. There's definitely things still to clean up in all three phases, but it's easier to do those things coming off a win."

The win puts Houston at 3-3 going into its bye week and a game back of the first place Jaguars in the AFC South, putting the Texans in prime position to contend for the division at least early on.

"We have to go and attack this bye week and get better there as well," Stroud said. "The rest is going to be nice and will get us ready for the rest of this season but it's going to be nice to work on that execution, get better and keep working. I'm so happy with this win and I'm proud of these guys for being resilient. Now we have to keep fighting."



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Texans cornerback Steven Nelson (21) celebrates with safety Jalen Pitre (5) after Nelson made an interception to end the Saints' final opportunity to tie the game in an NFL game between the Texans and the Saints on October 15, 2023 in Houston. The Texans won, 20-13.



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud (7) is sacked by Saints defensive end Carl Granderson (96) during an NFL game between the Texans and the Saints on October 15, 2023 in Houston. The Texans won, 20-13.



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Down syndrome triathlete to compete in Katy Triathlon

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

As if celebrating its 30th anniversary weren't enough – the Rotary Club of Katy Triathlon will be even more special, as a local triathlete attempts a world record feat.

Haskett Junior High student athlete Nico Reyes hopes to be the first child in the world with Down Syndrome to complete a triathlon in the sprint category at just 11 years of age.

Although Nico has Down syndrome, that has never stopped him from achieving his goals. According to a September post on the Katy ISD Facebook page, Nico was named the USA Triathlon Kid of the Year. He has completed seven youth triathlons and the USA National Championship and is a true triathlete at heart.

Recently, a request was submitted to the Guinness World Records for Nico to become the first child in the world with Down Syndrome at 11 years of age to complete a triathlon in the sprint category. The organizers of the Katy Triathlon hope that it happens here in Nico's hometown.

Nico and his parents, who are also athletes in their own right, hope to inspire the Katy community by sharing Nico's story. Nico's father, Christian Reyes, was recently interviewed by the Katy Times about Nico's triathlon journey.

1. How did Nico get interested in triathlons?

During the pandemic, we set up a home trainer, and together with a TV app, we dedicated part of our day to physical activity to take our minds off everything happening in the world due to the pandemic. It was always in our minds that Nico could enter the Special Olympics Team, and that was our goal since we were in Ecuador. However, we hadn't yet discovered that Nico had a passion for sports. At church, we installed a drum set, and without any shame, he and his dad would pretend to play the drums and enjoy the half-hour of praise. We thought his inclination was more towards music until we formed a cycling group with



Nico Reyes is competing in the Rotary Club of Katy Triathlon as he attempts to become the first child with Down Syndrome to complete a triathlon in the sprint category who is 11-years old or younger.

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family and friends, including our kids, and it became a weekend routine. His dad had already done some triathlons and became his coach. That's when his love for triathlons began, and they started training together.

2. How old was he when he competed in his first event and where was that event?

It was in Bridgeland, Cypress, and he was nine years old. Since we were embarking on a new challenge with Nico, we looked for a local race that wasn't too far from the city and where he could participate. The big challenge was overcoming the fears we, as parents, felt. Just a few months earlier, Nico had a fear of the pool and was still using training wheels on his bicycle and floaties. The big surprise was that Nico completed his race! When he reached the finish line, it was the greatest excitement we felt as parents, and we can say that he was the happiest kid in the world.

3. How many triathlons has Nico already done?

At the moment, he has completed seven triathlons, including a National Triathlon Championship in the United States held in Irving, TX, last April.

4. What does he do to get ready for a triathlon?

First and foremost, he looks for competitions and sets a goal to achieve. Once

he's registered for a competition, there's no turning back, and he has a real mission to train and achieve his goals.

5. What is his training regimen?

He goes to the gym to swim with his dad, runs and bikes at the park during the week, and goes jogging with his mom before school. Additionally, on Tuesdays and Sundays, he attends his triathlon club, Journey Multisport, where he, along with his great team of coaches, works on achieving high-quality athletic performance and efficiency through the latest techniques, technology, and training concepts. Before going to the triathlon club on Tuesdays, he also attends Special Olympics swimming training. Tuesday is, arguably, Nico's busiest day, and all of this has to be added to his school hours. We are constantly in training, and for Nico, it's fun. We also go cycling with his cousins, family, and friends on weekends, although this is not as frequent.

6. Does he eat anything special?

OMG, Nico has always been a child who enjoys eating everything and eats very well (almost like an adult). However, we always try to maintain a diet low in sugars and gluten. Considering that his weakness is bread and french fries.

7. Does he have any good luck charms or any special things he does?

Our good luck charm is undoubtedly God, and it's the phone call from his grandparents and uncles on both sides, wishing him luck and giving their blessings for a successful race. While waiting in transition to start each race, Nico always starts dancing and is in good spirits. We believe that the support from people who greet us when we're setting up our things in the transition area makes him feel more comfortable, both for him and for us, and gradually, the nerves disappear. And how can we forget all the people who reach out to him when Nico is approaching the finish line and shout, "Go Nico Go!"

8. Has he always lived in Katy?

We used to live in Houston, and we had the opportunity to buy our house here in Katy two years ago.

9. Is there anything special that you do as a parent to help Nico?

As Nico's parents, everything we do is for him and with him in mind. Even though he doesn't speak (but understands everything), we are always talking to him and supporting him to become a useful human being in society, sensitive, collaborative, respectful, and, above all, a happy child. He has been in Taekwondo, loves music

(guitar, accordion, drums), dancing is his passion, and he enjoys sports (swimming, cycling, athletics). We don't put any barriers in his way because despite his disability, he has shown that with discipline and perseverance, he can accomplish everything he sets his mind to. That's what parents are for – to be his right hand on the path of life.

We hope to inspire more families and friends to pursue their dreams and to realize that limits are not defined by disabilities but by the determination we put into achieving our dreams, which leads to the happiness of reaching our goals. It doesn't matter where we finish; what matters is that we did it, we tried, and we enjoyed the race.

10. What are Nico's plans after the Katy Triathlon – what is his next event?

The youth competition season ended last week [in September], and the challenge ahead for Nico is very big and tough. This isn't over yet; he will continue training and preparing for next year to achieve new victories. For now, he is preparing very well for the National Triathlon Championship in Omaha, Nebraska in 2024 and continues to break new barriers and reach new goals every day. The goal is for Nico to complete an Ironman one day.

We are awaiting approval from Guinness World Records for Nico to qualify as the first 11-year-old child with Down syndrome to complete a Sprint Triathlon, and what better place to do it than in his hometown at the Katy Triathlon. Once this happens, we hope Nico becomes known and serves as an inspiration to many other families facing similar conditions to ours. We also hope to motivate more parents to discover and nurture their children's talents, whether in sports, music, or different areas like science or art, and so on.

11. How does he feel about possibly being in the Guinness Book of World Records?

For us, as parents, it would be a source of pride for our son to make history and be featured in the pages of this important book that documents and celebrates outstanding achievements.

The Rotary Club of Katy Triathlon will be held October 29th at Cane Island, 2100 Cane Island Parkway Katy. Traditionally held in early September, the event is moving to a larger venue in order to accommodate its growth in popularity, according to event organizers. The triathlon starts at 7 a.m. and includes the following events: Triathlon, Two Person Relay, Three Person Relay, Athena, Clydesdale, Duathlon, Aquabike and Military/First Responders, among others. The race is limited to 800 participants including relays. Proceeds from The Katy Triathlon benefit the Rotary Club of Katy's scholarship fund, which provides grants to graduating seniors of the Katy Independent School District and other valuable community projects.

"The Katy Triathlon has always been the champion of our students in our wonderful community," said Rotarian Paul Kurt, who co-chairs the triathlon, along with his daughter, Christina Kurt. "As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we continue that tradition with the participation of Niko and his quest for a world record. Niko embodies the human desire to overcome adversities laid before him in his young life," Kurt continued. "We are so proud that Niko and his family have selected his hometown of Katy to attempt this world record. We invite the entire Katy community to come out and support Niko on October 29th. Go Niko!"

Anderson, Milroe lead teams to huge wins



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe (4) passes the ball during an NCAA college football game between Texas A&M and Alabama on October 7, 2023, in College Station, Texas. Alabama won, 26-20.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jalen Milroe and Nic Anderson had two of the biggest games of their college careers and both played integral parts in their teams' success as Oklahoma and Alabama secured big wins.

Milroe had a big day leading The University of Alabama to a 26-20 win over Texas A&M. The redshirt sophomore threw for a career high 321 yards and three touchdowns, completing 21 of 33 passes, good for a 63% completion percentage to

clinch the win and help the Crimson Tide improve to 5-1 on the season, with Alabama staying in first place in the SEC West.

Anderson, who has received more playing time for the University of Oklahoma recently, only made one catch in the Sooners' 34-30 win over the University of Texas, but that catch was the biggest of the entire game. On second and goal with 15 seconds left in the game, Anderson hauled in a three-yard touchdown pass that put the Sooners up four, won the game for OU and kept them alive in the

College Football Playoff and Big 12 regular season title hunt. The win moved Oklahoma to 6-0 on the year and 3-0 in Big 12 play as the Sooners moved into first place alone in the conference.

Anderson now has 11 catches for 282 yards and six touchdowns on the year while Milroe has thrown for 1,159 yards and nine touchdowns so far this year. Both Oklahoma and Alabama remain right in the mix with the elite of college football as they continue to try and stay alive for the College Football Playoff.

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Katy ISD Provides Evaluations for Students with Suspected Disabilities
The Katy Independent School District Department of Special Education provides evaluations for students with suspected disabilities to identify every student with a disability living within the district's boundaries. These evaluations are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district's special education or Section 504 program.
Students with all categories of disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 can be provided with services to ensure their success in school. These services and supports may be provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Special Education services are also available to children who are visually and/or auditory impaired starting at birth.
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO REVISE A SUBDIVISION PLAT FILED FOR RECORD WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

APPLICATION: Tanya Coury, owner, requests to revise Lots 3 & 5, of Briarmeadow Subdivision, Sec 1. The revision will create 4 Lots from existing Lots 3 & 5. The new lots will be 3n, 3s, 5n, & 5s. Briarmeadow Subdivision, Sec 1 is in the George A Dennett Survey, Abstract No. 123, recorded in Vol 357, Pg 485 of the W.C.D.R.
This replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant's property.
PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on November 15, 2023, 9:00am at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITY

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WALLER §
CITY OF PATTISON §

TO ALL THE DULY QUALIFIED, RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PATTISON:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the CITY OF PATTISON (the "City") FOR ELECTORS IN THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION on November 7, 2023 ("Election Day"), calling an election:

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PATTISON MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE IMPOSITION OF A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE DISTRICT.

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held on the 7th day of November 2023 the City, which is a uniform election date pursuant to Section 41.001, Texas Election Code, for the purpose of AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PATTISON MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE IMPOSITION OF A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE DISTRICT.

SECTION 2: The polling places for precinct 106, 315, and 416 listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2023, at: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

SECTION 3: THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL BE CONDUCTED EACH WEEKDAY AT AND HOURS OF: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

SECTION 4: Applications for ballot by mail may be mailed to early voting clerk at the following address:

Waller County Elections
816 Wilkins
Hempstead, TX 77445
979-826-7643
c.eason@wallercounty.us
vote@wallercounty.us

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2023.

Issued this 12th day of October 2023.

JG
Mayor Joe Garcia

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A TODOS LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES DEBIDAMENTE CALIFICADOS DE LA JURISDICCION EXTRATERRITORIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE PATTISON:

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una elección en la CIUDAD DE PATTISON (la "Ciudad") PARA ELECTORES EN LA JURISDICCION EXTRATERRITORIAL DE LA CIUDAD el 7 de noviembre de 2023 ("Día de las Elecciones"), convocando a una elección:

AUTORIZAR LA CREACION DEL DISTRITO DE DESARROLLO MUNICIPAL DE PATTISON Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO SOBRE LAS VENTAS Y EL USO A LA TASA DE LA MITAD DEL UNO POR CIENTO CON EL FIN DE FINANCIAR PROYECTOS DE DESARROLLO BENEFICIOSOS PARA EL DISTRITO.

SECCION 1: La Elección se llevará a cabo el día 7 de noviembre 2023 la Ciudad, que es una fecha de elección uniforme de conformidad con la Sección 41.001, Texas Election Code, con el propósito de AUTORIZAR LA CREACION DEL DISTRITO DE DESARROLLO MUNICIPAL DE PATTISON Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO SOBRE LAS VENTAS Y EL USO A LA TASA DE LA MITAD DEL UNO POR CIENTO CON EL PROPOSITO DE FINANCIAR PROYECTOS DE DESARROLLO BENEFICIOSOS PARA EL DISTRITO.

SECCION 2: Los lugares de votación para los precintos 106, 315 y 416 que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 7 de noviembre de 2023, a las siguientes 7:00 a.m., a las 7:00 p.m., el 7 de noviembre de 2023, a:

VÉASE EL ANEXO "A" ADJUNTO

SECCION 3: EL PRINCIPAL LUGAR DE VOTACION ANTICIPADA POR COMPARECENCIA PERSONAL SE REALIZARA TODOS LOS DIAS LABORABLES A LAS HORAS Y HORAS DE:

VÉASE EL ANEXO "A" ADJUNTO

SECCION 4: Las solicitudes de boleta por correo pueden enviarse por correo al secretario de votación anticipada a la siguiente dirección:

Elecciones del Condado de Waller
816 Wilkins
Hempstead, TX 77445
979-826-7643
c.eason@wallercounty.us
vote@wallercounty.us

La solicitud de boletas por correo debe recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del viernes 27 de octubre de 2023.

Emitido este 12 día de octubre de 2023.

JG
Alcalde Joe Garcia

EXHIBIT 'A'

WALLER COUNTY JOINT SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED ELECTION DAY LOCATIONS NOVEMBER 7, 2023 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.

VOTING PRECINCTS	POLLING LOCATION	ADDRESS
101, 102, 103, 104, 105	WALLER COUNTY ANNEX (ROAD & Bridge)	775 BUS 290 HEMPSTEAD, TX
208, 210	WALLER CIVIC CENTER	3007 WALLER ST, WALLER, TX
207, 209	COWBOY CHURCH	27633 FM 1488, HOCKLEY, TX
311, 312	WALLER COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER	21274 FM 1098 LOOP, PRAIRIE VIEW, TX
313	MONAVILLE FIRE DEPT	13631 COCHRAN RD, WALLER, TX
314, 315	ADAMS FLAT BUILDING	36249 FM 529, BROOKSHIRE, TX
106	MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH	40998 MT. ZION RD, BROOKSHIRE, TX
417, 418	WALLER COUNTY JP4 BUILDING	32225 US HWY 90 BUSINESS, BROOKSHIRE, TX
416, 419	BROOKSHIRE CONVENTION CENTER	4027 5 TH ST., BROOKSHIRE, TX
420	KATY VFW	6206 GEORGE BUSH DR, KATY, TX

WALLER COUNTY JOINT SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

ALL LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN THE SAME HOURS AS LISTED

MAIN LOCATION	POLLING LOCATION	ADDRESS
	WALLER CO ANNEX (ROAD & BRIDGE)	775 BUS 290 HEMPSTEAD, TX
	WALLER CIVIC CENTER	3007 WALLER ST, WALLER, TX
	WALLER CO. COMMUNITY CENTER	1274 FM 1098 LOOP, PRAIRIE VIEW, TX
	BROOKSHIRE CONVENTION CENTER	4027 5 TH ST., BROOKSHIRE, TX

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES

DAY	DATE	TIME	DAY	DATE	TIME
MONDAY	OCT 23	8 AM – 5 PM	TUESDAY	OCT 31	8 AM – 5 PM
TUESDAY	OCT 24	8 AM – 5 PM	WEDNESDAY	NOV 1	8 AM – 5 PM
WEDNESDAY	OCT 25	8 AM – 5 PM	THURSDAY	NOV 2	7 AM – 7 PM
THURSDAY	OCT 26	8 AM – 5 PM	FRIDAY	NOV 3	7 AM – 7 PM
FRIDAY	OCT 27	8 AM – 5 PM			
SATURDAY	OCT 28	8 AM – 5 PM			
MONDAY	OCT 30	8 AM – 5 PM			
TUESDAY	OCT 31	8 AM – 5 PM			

CROSS COUNTRY

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Carlson, who finished 19th, Sophia Ramshaw, who came in 24th, Madeline Bartlett, who came in 33rd, and Jordan Musselman, who came in 38th.

Mayde Creek was led by Claudia Klander, who had a third place finish, followed by Jamie Klander who came in fourth. Ava Gonzalez came in 10th, Denise Perez came in 32nd, Madeline Bartlett came in 33rd, Jollette Soto came in 36th and Jocelyn Montano came in 48th to round out the Rams' team.

Individual qualifiers from the girls side were Cinco Ranch's Kirsten Thomas, Jordan's Addison Sutton, Taylor's Casey Scherpereel, Jordan's Lilah Katz, Seven Lakes' Regina Pasiero Garduno, Jordan's Jordan Allen and Cinco Ranch's Ava Walker.

On the boys side, Tompkins took gold as a team behind second place individual finisher Parker Wood and third place finisher Griffen Saacke. The team was rounded out by Austin Garcia, Juan Perez Salas, Mathias Pitzel, Aaron Ramshaw and Diego Reyes.

Katy's second place team consisted of fourth place finisher Ryder Darcey, along with eighth place finisher Joshua Perez, Diego Mion, Logan Morris, Evan Couture, David Kalwahali and Benjamin Robins.

Seven Lakes was led by Matthew Montgomery, who won the individual gold for the second straight year, he was joined on the team by Samuel Garcia Camejo, Christopher Cameron, Arjun Baviskar, Keegan Pollard and Hudson Smith.

Individual qualifiers from the boys meet were Paetow's Elijah Emerson, Taylor's Carlos Varela, Taylor's Michael Klahn, Cinco Ranch's Ryan Du Plessis, Cinco Ranch's Alex Hahn Vadstein, Mayde Creek's Roy Sixtos, Cinco Ranch's Tomas Tellez, Jordan's Andres Merizalde, Mayde Creek's Cash Taylor and Mayde Creek's Dwight Bennett.



The Katy girls finished in first place and the Katy boys finished in second place at the District 19-6A meet.



The Seven Lakes boys finished third at the District 19-6A meet.



The Mayde Creek girls finished third at the District 19-6A meet.

TOMPKINS

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scores again just 20 seconds later when the Falcons hit a trick play where Dylan Rodriguez threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Adebisi Bello as Tompkins went into the locker room with a 28-14 lead.

"We've really committed to getting better in practice and we're locking in every time out," Phillips said. "At this point our destiny is in our own hands, so we just have to keep grinding and getting after it every day. That's kind of been what our focus is and we just want to keep getting better every day."

The Falcons kept things going in the second half. Tompkins was unable to score on its opening drive, but the teams defense stepped up to force a fumble deep in Morton Ranch territory, which the offense took advantage of with Wyatt Young finding Caleb Blocker on a pass that the running back took 22 yards tip toing on the sideline past defenders for a touchdown. The Falcons wound the clock down all second half, only allowing one score the rest of the game on a Martavian Hill 3-yard run and scoring on a fumble recovery by Preston Smith late in the game as Tompkins earned a big win and stayed with the pack in the playoff race.

The Falcons forced two turnovers in the game, with one being returned for a touchdown and they also found ways to limit Morton Ranch from explosive plays on the way to the win.

"It's huge to get those plays and get the ball back," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "It's a big deal for any football team because it gets you the ball back, allows you to run clock and it stops the momentum of the other guys. We did well offensively with protecting the football as well and our special teams played great, those guys did a great job and it made a difference."

Tompkins will play Mayde Creek next as they try to bring their winning streak to four games.

"This was a great week but we can always find things to build on," Young said. "We just have to go in, watch the film, find ways to get better, keep picking up our energy on the sidelines and supporting each other and just focus on the next game."

TOMPKINS 41, MORTON RANCH 20

Morton Ranch 0 14 0 6 -- 20
Tompkins 7 21 7 7 -- 42

First quarter

T: Wyatt Young 12 run (Williams Duncan kick) 4:23

Second quarter

T: Jhase McMillan 38 run (Duncan kick) 8:26
MR: Mike Gerald 7 run, 3:18
T: Wyatt Young 34 pass to Rhys Phillips (Duncan kick) 2:30
MR: Mike Gerald 48 pass to Tyer Williams (Gerald run) 1:07
T: Dylan Rodriguez 46 pass to Adebisi Bello (Duncan kick) 0:46

Third quarter

T: Wyatt Young 22 pass to Caleb Blocker (Duncan kick) 4:35

Fourth quarter

MR: Martavian Hill 3 run, 4:33
T: Preston Smith 30 fumble return (Duncan kick) 1:30

Team stats

	Morton Ranch	Tompkins
First downs	14	12
Yards rushing	43-198	29-244
Yards passing	153	149
Passes	13-22-1-0	8-10-2-0
Punts	2-45	1-42
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalty-yards	2-10	5-53

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 19-125; Wyatt Young, 7-81-1; Jhase McMillan, 1-38-1; Morton Ranch: Mike Gerald, 17-85-1; Ryan Hall, 18-67; Martavian Hill, 8-46-1;

Passing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 7-8-103-1-0; Dylan Rodriguez, 1-1-46-1-0; Justin Thierheimer, 0-1-0-0-0; Morton Ranch: Mike Gerald, 13-22-153-1-0

Receiving – Tompkins: Adebisi Bello, 4-72; Rhys Phillips, 1-34-1; Caleb Blocker, 2-34-1; KJ Madison, 1-9; Morton Ranch: Tyler Williams, 5-84-1; Martavian Hill, 5-40; Markel McNeal, 1-13; Noah Lopez, 1-11; Kelvin Malone, 1-5

CINCO

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win.

Cinco stayed balanced all game, rushing it 28 times and throwing it 24, with Gadlin leading the way with 59 yards while Davis Roup threw for 155 yards with Gavin Beavers being a huge part of that, catching nine passes for 125 yards.

"We just took advantage of their cornerbacks playing so off," Beavers said. "That opened up the quick game and then when we kept hitting that it made them widen out and it opened up the run game."

Cinco will go up against Katy next in a huge game, and the Cougars know they have to take things a week at a time.

"You can talk about the different routes into the playoffs but the easiest thing for us to do is just win," Dudley said. "That's the easiest route. We can sit here and talk about different tie breaker scenarios but we can't focus on that stuff. We have to control what we can control and let things shake out how they might in the district."

CINCO RANCH 17, PAETOW 7

Paetow 7 0 0 0 -- 7
Cinco Ranch 7 3 7 0 -- 17

First quarter

CR: Tessiah Young 46 pass to Kellen LeCronier (Noah Machart kick) 7:30
P: Jackson Farrar 73 kickoff return (Omar Yaghi kick) 7:18

Second quarter

CR: Machart 26 field goal, 9:55

Third quarter

CR: Marcus Gadlin 37 run (Machart kick) 5:45

Team stats

	Paetow	Cinco Ranch
First downs	11	11
Yards rushing	33-138	28-90
Yards passing	13	201
Passes	3-13-0-1	15-24-1-1
Punts	3-38	4-24.5
Fumbles-lost	3-2	1-1
Penalty-yards	2-10	1-15

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Cinco Ranch: Marcus Gadlin, 13-59-1; Tessiah Young, 14-32; Davis Roup, 1-(-1); Paetow: Kaleb Molina, 18-97; Jackson Farrar, 11-38; Brock Nichols, 1-7; Riley Silves, 1-7; Jabari Bush, 1-4;

Passing – Cinco Ranch: Davis Roup, 14-24-155-0-1; Tessiah Young, 1-1-46-1-0; Paetow: Jackson Farrar, 3-10-13-0-1; Brock Nichols, 0-3-0-0-0

Receiving – Cinco Ranch: Gavin Beavers, 9-125; Kellen LeCronier, 1-46-1; J.P. Smith, 4-25; Marcus Gadlin, 1-5; Paetow: Jabari Bush, 2-9; Joshua Scott, 1-4;

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Notice of Applications for Permits to Drill and Produce Groundwater from the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District in Waller County

Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 1, whose address is c/o Schwartz, Page, & Harding, LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77056, filed applications with the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") seeking permits to drill 1 well in Waller County to produce from the well a maximum amount of three hundred thousand gallons per day (approximately 340 acre-feet per annum). The Applicant intends to apply the produced water to beneficial, non-wasteful use for municipal purposes within the District. The well would be 18 inches in diameter and drilled to depths of approximately 1,000 feet below the surface with casing to at least 775 feet from the surface down hole. The well would be completed in the Evangeline aquifer. Production from the well would be managed in a manner designed to minimize any interference with any neighboring wells completed in the same aquifer. The well will be located on property in Waller County with a street address of Stockdick Road, Brookshire, TX 77423. The proposed Waller County well is generally located approximately 5.2 miles N. of IH 10. The coordinates for proposed location of the well are as follows on Stockdick Rd:

Well No.	Latitude	Longitude	Formation/Aquifer	County
BWLL-0159	29°51'13.35"N	95°57'9.40"W	Evangeline	Waller

The Board of Directors of the District may grant a contested case hearing on the applications if a written hearing request is filed within 20 days after the publication date of this notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following in writing: (1) your name (or for a group or association, a representative), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity; and, (6) for a party desiring for the hearing to be conducted by the State.

Office of Administrative Hearings the request must include the statement: "[I/we] request that the State Office of Administrative Hearings conduct the hearing." Note that a party requesting that the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) conduct the hearing shall pay all costs associated with the contract for a SOAH hearing and will be required to deposit with the District an amount determined by the District to pay the SOAH contract amount.

You may also file written comments within 20 days after the publication date of this notice without requesting a contested case hearing.

Comments or requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing and mailed to Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 269 Navasota Texas 77868-0269, or faxed to 936-825-7331, or emailed to BGCD@bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

The applications are available for review at the District Offices, 1903 Dove Crossing Lane, Suite A, Navasota, Texas 77868 or on the District's website at www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

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Week 9 Katy ISD Previews

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Thursday

Jordan (6-1, 4-1) vs. Taylor (4-3, 4-1), 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Jordan 34, Taylor 14
 • Jordan and Taylor will come together for a huge matchup on Thursday that could decide one of the top spots in district and potentially the top seed in the Division II playoffs out of the district, as both sit at 4-1 so far in district play.

The Warriors come off a big win over Seven Lakes where they controlled the game from start to finish. The Warriors scored 28 first half points and strolled to a win and were strong, especially defensively throughout the entire game.

Taylor meanwhile had a very good game against Mayde Creek which they will hope to build off of going into this week. The Mustangs were led by Dante Archie, who had a huge game on the ground, rushing 18 times for 127 yards and three touchdowns. He wasn't the only one who made an impact in the rush game though, with Joe Praise-Adeyemi rushing for 79 yards and Ethan Jacobson rushing for 56 yards. Daniel Bruns only was forced to pass six times, completing three passes for 24 yards and a touchdown to Archie. The Taylor defense was huge as well in the game, limiting Mayde Creek to 182 yards in the win.

Jordan's challenge in this game will be to slow down a Taylor run game that is headed by a very big, physical offensive line while offensively they will need to find ways to get things going on the ground. Taylor meanwhile will try to be strong again in the run game while mixing in the play action and the Mustangs' secondary will need to have one of its best games of the season going up against a Jordan squad that has weapons all over the field offensively.

Cinco Ranch (5-3, 4-2) vs. Katy (6-1, 5-0), 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 56, Cinco Ranch 28
 • Cinco Ranch faces what may

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS							
	Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1	Katy	6	1	5	0	227	70
2	Jordan	6	1	4	1	189	92
3	Taylor	4	3	4	1	101	78
4	Cinco Ranch	5	3	4	2	167	136
5	Tompkins	4	3	3	2	166	112
6	Mayde Creek	3	5	2	4	80	198
7	Seven Lakes	2	5	1	4	72	163
8	Morton Ranch	1	7	1	5	125	204
9	Paetow	0	7	0	5	50	124

be their most important game of the year so far when the Cougars play Katy on Thursday. The Tigers meanwhile will be coming off a bye and will be ready as they push closer to a District 19-6A title.

Cinco Ranch comes off one of its best defensive performances of the year in a win over Paetow. It was a balanced night for the Cougars, who had success throwing the ball and committed to running the ball until it paid off in the second half, ending the night with 201 yards through the air and 138 yards on the ground. Gavin Beavers was big in the win, catching nine passes for 125 yards while Marcus Gadlin ran the ball 13 times for 59 yards, and Davis Roup threw for 155 yards. The defense was the biggest story of the game though, holding Paetow to under 150 yards in total as they secured a big win by limiting Paetow especially in the pass game to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Katy meanwhile comes off a well deserved bye week. The last time Katy played it was against Paetow and the Tigers put together a great defensive performance and a ground and pound offense. Tremayne Hill continued to step up and had a big day, rushing for 186 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. Gunner Nelson passed for 105 yards and a touchdown while adding a touchdown on the ground while Cade McCall caught two passes for 63 yards and a score.

Katy has had the edge in this rivalry game for a while and will look to continue that on Thursday, the Tigers will have to limit the Cinco Ranch offense, especially through the air, while slowing down an improving defense. Cinco will have to have their best game of the

season against the run game if they want to slow down the Katy offense while being aware and ready for play action. The Cinco offense will have to continue to be balanced and not turn the ball over.

Friday

Tompkins (4-3, 3-2) vs. Mayde Creek (3-5, 2-4), 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Tompkins 52, Mayde Creek 28

• Tompkins will be in search of its fourth straight win when the Falcons go up against Mayde Creek on Friday, while the Rams will be looking to bounce back from a hard loss to Taylor.

The Falcons dominated against Morton Ranch in Wyatt Young's first game back from injury and will be looking to build off that. The Falcons controlled the clock and used the run game all game, with Caleb Blocker rushing for 125 yards, Wyatt Young rushing for 81 yards and Jhase McMillan rushing for 38 yards. Young also made an impact in the pass game, throwing for 103 yards and two touchdowns. The Tompkins defense also stepped up in a big way, limiting Morton Ranch from having many explosive plays and getting two turnovers, one of which turned into a touchdown.

Mayde Creek meanwhile did its best against Taylor, but weren't able to hang with the Mustangs offensively last week. The Rams were efficient but not explosive in the pass game, as Cole Jensen completed 14 of 23 passes for 96 yards to lead the way while Trey Williams caught three passes for 42 yards. Williams also added a touchdown rushing and Chris-



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Marcus Gadlin stiff arms a College Park player during Friday's game between Cinco Ranch and College Park at Rhodes Stadium.

tian Bradford had the most yards on the ground, carrying the ball 10 times for 60 yards. The Rams struggled against the run in the game, allowing 288 yards and three touchdowns rushing.

Tompkins will try to use the same formula they did last week in the win, pounding the ball through the run game and limiting big plays while trying to force turnovers and that is a good strategy to use. Mayde Creek meanwhile will need to be better with its run defense and continue to be balanced with the pass and run on offense while trying to find ways to get big plays.

Seven Lakes (2-5, 1-4) vs. Paetow (0-7, 0-5), 7:15 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Last year: Paetow 42, Seven Lakes 14

• Paetow and Seven Lakes each come into this week trying to stop a losing slide, as both come off losses where they weren't able to get going offensively.

The Spartans played a very good Jordan team last week and weren't able to keep up with the

Warriors offensively. The Spartans managed two scores in the game off a 27-yard run from Edgar Varela, and a 1-yard run from Barrett Hudson ran in a 1-yard score. But the Spartans defense wasn't able to slow down an explosive Jordan offense.

Paetow meanwhile had a terrific defensive game against Cinco Ranch, but weren't able to do enough offensively to get the win. Kaleb Molina did very well for the Panthers, rushing for 97 yards, while Jackson Farrar rushed for 38 to lead the Panthers, but they weren't able to get things going in the pass game in the loss after an injury to their starting quarterback. The Panthers defense though held Cinco to below their season averages both on the ground and through the air as they kept the Panthers in the game.

This will be a game in which the Spartans and Panthers both try and get things going in the run game and build off there, it has the makings of a close game and could be decided by which defense steps up to make plays or create turnovers.

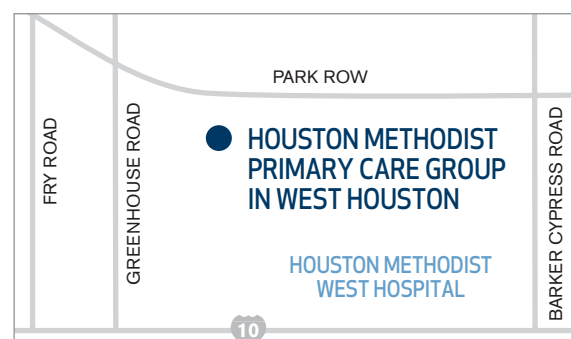
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