



## Taking advantage



RAY BORCHERT

Katy High senior Abby Sherman goes up for a swing during the Tigers' sweep of Fort Bend Austin in their Class 6A bi-district playoff match Nov. 20 at the Merrell Center.

### Seniors Jones, Sherman impact Katy playoff win

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

When the opportunities came for Katy High seniors Reghan Jones and Abby Sherman, in a playoff game no less, they did not shy away.

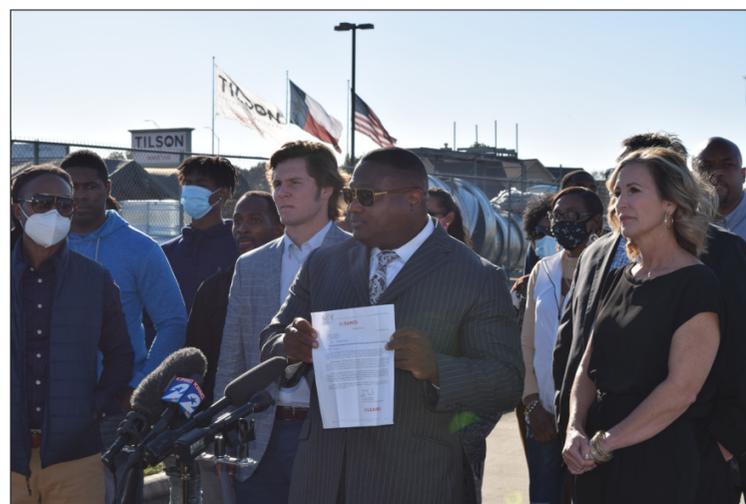
They took advantage. Sherman had seven kills and Jones had five as they helped the Tigers to a 3-0 sweep (25-16, 25-14, 25-19) of Fort Bend Austin in their Class 6A bi-district matchup to start their playoff run on Nov. 20 at the Merrell Center.

#### STATE RUN

For extensive high school volleyball playoff coverage, visit [katytimes.com/sports](http://katytimes.com/sports).

The Tigers' usual star playmakers of senior Perris Key and junior Maddie Waak led the way, but it was the timely hitting and

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R. HANS MILLER

Bronson McClelland (gray jacket) stands behind Quanell X, a spokesman for the McClelland family at a press conference held Nov. 18 near Katy ISD's Education Support Complex while his parents Angie McClelland (far right) and Colburn McClelland (behind Angie) observe. The McClellands were joined by several of Bronson's supporters who vouched for Bronson's character in statements made to the press.

## McClelland files suit against KISD, seeks re-entry to Katy HS

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy ISD student and former Katy Tigers quarterback Bronson McClelland has filed a lawsuit against Katy ISD, district Superintendent Ken Gregorski and Katy High School Principal Rick Hull to request being transferred from the district's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program and be allowed to rejoin extracurricular activities, according to a filing in the 400th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County.

"Let me tell you a bit about who I am," Bronson said at a news conference near the Katy ISD Education Support Complex the afternoon of Nov. 18. "My mind and my heart is focused on playing the game that I love and getting a good education while I'm doing it."

According to the filing, Bronson, 19, was suspended from Katy High School after a drug-sniffing K-9 found a small amount of cannabis in his father Colburn McClelland's car on Sept. 17, 2020, which Bronson was using to drive to school and sharing with his older brother, Walker McClelland. The suit alleges that the substance, described in police reports as a "green leafy substance" which was found in a field test to contain THC, was never tested to determine if it met the threshold of 0.3% THC content to be legally defined as marijuana under Texas law.

Police reports included in the filing also indicate that rolling papers, spent Juul brand vaping cartridges and cigaril-

los were found in the car. Cigarillos are often used to make a form of marijuana cigarette known as a "blunt." Reports also indicated that the amount of suspected marijuana was "unusable."

Walker later informed Katy ISD staff during the appeals process over Bronson's suspension that the green leafy substance, which the McClellands say is legal hemp rather than illegal marijuana as defined by Texas law, was his, not Bronson's.

Bronson was then transferred to DAEP and was not allowed to play football, the lawsuit says. Colburn and Bronson's mother, Angie McClelland, then withdrew Bronson from Katy High and attempted to enroll him in a private school in California, as well as a high school in Manor, 12 miles outside of Austin.

Both transfers to other schools failed, according to statements made by Bronson's parents on social media and at the news conference, because of paperwork issues indicating that Bronson would have been unable to play football, something important to his future as a player and student. Bronson has garnered attention from multiple colleges, including Rutgers University, Texas A&M and the University of Tulsa.

Bronson was a prolific passer during his time with the Tigers, with a strong arm and no-nonsense attitude on the field and was voted a team captain by his

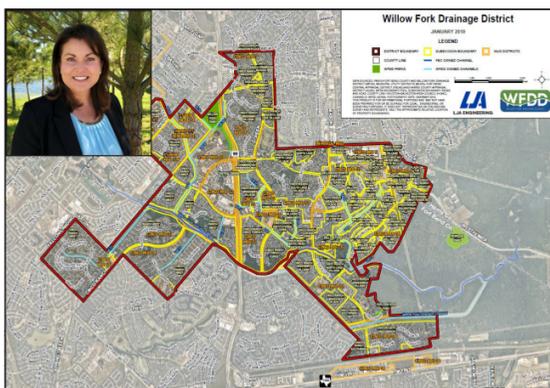
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## Duncan talks district drainage

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Wendy Duncan was just reelected to the board of the Willow Fork Drainage District, a special purpose district set near the Barker Reservoir south of I'10 between the Grand Parkway and Highway 6. Duncan has served on the WFDD board since May of 2017 and is the board's president. She is regularly seen in the community at public events providing updates to the public regarding drainage

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Wendy Duncan is president of the board for the Willowfork Drainage District which she has served on for three and a half years. Duncan and the WFDD board work to improve drainage within their district through their own project and supporting neighboring community partners to ensure drainage is improved throughout the Katy area.

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## KISD swears in new trustees, adds new classes

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Ashley Vann, Leah Wilson and Greg Schulte were sworn in as trustees for Katy ISD during the board's regular Nov. 18 meeting. Afterwards the KISD Board of Trustees approved multiple measures, including adding 10 classes to the district's curriculum.

Vann was an incumbent and won reelection after running unopposed for the position three seat on the seven-member board. The swearing-in ceremony officially placed Wilson in the position four seat and Schulte in the position five seat.

After the swearing-in, the board elected Vann as president of the board, Lance Redmon (position two) as vice president and Susan Gesoff (position six) as secretary.

Board members serve for three years and the next election is set for May 1, 2021 for positions six and seven. Registration to file for candidacy is open from Jan. 13, 2021 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 12, 2021 according to documentation on the district's website.

The new courses were added at the recommendation of the district's curriculum department which considered the content, available curriculum, staffing needs and student interest in the classes selected for addition or removal said Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Cazilda Steele. The district also considers cours-



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Ashley Vann (left), Leah Wilson (center) and Greg Schulte (far right) are sworn into office after winning their respective KISD Board of Trustees seats Nov. 3.

es' alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills test requirements and courses' relevance to KISD's strategic plan.

"Like last year we continue to take into account the state expectations on the development of programs of study for career and technology education," Steele said.

The courses added to the curriculum include Mexican American Studies and African American studies, the latter of which leaders with the local KISD-student-led

civil rights group Katy4Justice had indicated a desire for during and after a protest led by that group at Katy Park in June of this year.

Additional courses included Elements of Data Science Gap with a statistics course as a prerequisite; special education courses to help students on the Autism spectrum learn social skills and another to help special needs students connect to their chosen industries. The remaining courses that were added are related to technical fields, Steele said.

Board members also approved the renaming of the former L.D. Robinson Pavilion located near the district's Education Support Complex in honor of soon-to-be retired KISD Director of Early Childhood Intervention Martha Lopez Aki. The full name will be the Martha Lopez Aki ECI Project TYKE building.

Project Teach Your Kids Early is an early childhood intervention program operated by the district

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## Kuykendall honored with award

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Former Fulshear Mayor and City Council Member as well as Vice-President of CivilCorp, LLC, Tommy Kuykendall, was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers' John A. Focht Jr. Citizen Engineer of the Year Award. Kuykendall was recognized by the ASCE for his community service in various roles associated with the city, his work to help nonprofits such as the Texana Center's Fulshear Campus and Child Advocates of Fort Bend as well as service to Fort Bend County Emergency Services District 4.



TOMMY KUYKENDALL

## Local Eagle Scout donates care packages

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Seth Reid, a scout with Troop 925 which meets at Westland Baptist Church, has gathered items to create care packages for local law enforcement agencies to share with children affected by traumatic incidents. Seth began the project with a goal of 300 kits, but was able to raise funds to exceed that number significantly, he said.

"I think it's great," Seth's father Jimmy Reid said. "I mean, he thought of the project all on his own, executed it, you know, and had a goal of doing 300 bags to benefit one police department which was (Houston Police Department West) and had such an outpouring from our church, some developers in the area and a lot of friends and family to where he ended up doing about (1,300 to) 1,400 bags total."

Seth said he came up with the idea after remembering touring the Katy Police Department while in Cub Scouts years ago.

"They had this one room (at Katy PD) that had a bunch of stuffed animals and I thought that was kind of cool," Seth said.

Each of the care packages has a variety of items to help children who interact with law enforcement deal with the stress of the situation. Each kit comes in a drawstring backpack with packs of Kleenex, stress balls, color pens, coloring books, slap bracelets, flashlights with batteries and a small stuffed animal, according to an information sheet Seth provided.

Seth said he understands that the goal for those items was to comfort children who are



Seth Reid (third from left) poses with his father (blue polo shirt), Waller County Precinct 4 Constable Joel Trimm (center), deputy constables and officers from the Waller County Sheriff's Office. The bags being held up are care packages for young children that may need comforting when dealing with stressful situations law enforcement becomes involved in. Reid created the care packages as part of his work toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

going through a hard time such as having experienced a car accident or being in a situation where a parent had a run-in with police. He said he could see how a simple thing like a stuffed animal or a coloring book could help children deal with such situations better.

Waller County Precinct 4 Constable Joel Trimm whose office received several boxes of the care packages said he appreciated Seth's work in gathering the items which he knew his officers could use to help children out.

"Seth called and told us about what the project was," Trimm said. "I thought it was a great idea. We could take these (care packages) and the officers here in my department, the Waller County sheriff's department will be able to have some of these bags in their patrol cars to give them out to kids that are involved in accidents or things like that. You usually have some small kids and if they're in a car accident, they're all upset, so (these will) be great items to be able to give out to them."

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This new book will contain a credible "unified theory of everything" that can explain the very basics of science. Albert Einstein predicted that someone "off the street" was going to do this someday. After 53 years (at approx. year 2000), I decided to include God at every step of the process of trying to come up with a scientific "Theory of Everything". Prior to this, it was about the "only thing" I felt I had not been successful at inventing or figuring out. --- You see, God had already given me the gift of inventing at age 9-10, in His response to my Second Major Prayer. --- By the year 2014, God had allowed me to assemble sufficient knowledge that I felt 95%, of what I needed to figure out, had been accomplished.

One thing I had always wished for, especially as I was approaching the age of 40, is for God to speak to me. Well, when God did speak to me, I liked my first message from God about as much, I suppose, as Abraham liked his message from God, when he was told to sacrifice his son. But God was testing both of us! God was also making us stronger.

There are still two major topics in life to be addressed, prior to publishing the new book. One is a major release of scientific information of the new theory across the U.S.A. The second is starting an evangelical ministry.

Author of new book is a Chemistry graduate (B.S. 1971/M.S. 1978) of Texas A&M (A&I) in Kingsville, TX. He also attended S.A.C. in San Antonio. He has additional hours at SWTSU, Texas Tech U., Boston College, Westinghouse PWR. He has worked at Texas Uranium Operations as Chief Chemist, at South Texas Nuclear Project as Nuclear Chemist during pre-startup, and retired from City of Houston where he was in charge of Technical Services Section of Bureau of Air Quality Control. Owner of BAKER'S BOOKS is also the author of God's Amazing Answer To Prayer, in 2012.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Cold War player  
5. Flat-bottomed sailboat  
10. Jamaican tangelo  
14. Debauched man  
15. Less covered  
16. Require to live  
17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two  
18. Mixes  
19. Insurance claim expenses  
20. Tries to persuade  
22. Equal (prefix)  
23. Czech name for Prague  
24. London soccer team  
27. Greek letter  
30. Small Eurasian deer  
31. Swiss river  
32. Miller beer  
35. Less appealing  
37. 8th month (abbr.)  
38. \_\_\_ Alto, California city  
39. Grandmothers  
40. American time  
41. NW Chinese people  
42. "Westworld" actress \_\_\_ Rachel Wood  
43. Northeastern US university  
44. Poplar trees (Spanish)  
45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe \_\_\_  
46. Not or  
47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)  
48. Comedienne Gasteier  
49. Fonts  
52. Female cattle mammary gland  
55. Down time  
56. Spiritual leader  
60. Small brown and gray American rail  
61. Trimmed by cutting  
63. NY Giants owner  
64. A long narrative poem  
65. Old World lizard  
66. Product for sale  
67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)  
68. Pacific island country  
69. Whale ship captain

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Language  
2. Fly high in the air  
3. Made musical sounds  
4. Organized again  
5. TV channel  
6. Unable to fly  
7. Get up  
8. Air traveler  
9. Married woman  
10. Take weapons from  
11. Sicilian city  
12. Actress Remini  
13. Thought  
21. Infections  
23. Golf score  
25. Hill or rocky peak  
26. Witch  
27. Adjusted  
28. Succulent plant  
29. Forearm bones  
32. Hot fluid in the earth's crust  
33. Subatomic particle  
34. Part of an organism  
36. 007's creator  
37. Burned material residue  
38. Brain layer: \_\_\_ mater  
40. Unable to partake  
41. Lesion  
43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)  
44. Basics  
46. Scottish port  
47. Flower cluster  
49. Instruct  
50. Untamed  
51. Moth genus  
52. Utilizes  
53. Foolish  
54. Fall in small drops  
57. A place to get clean  
58. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits  
59. Metrical foot  
61. Semiliquid food  
62. Small crows

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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KISD's former L.D. Robinson Pavilion will be renamed after KISD Director of Early Childhood Intervention Martha Lopez Aki who is set to retire in December. She will be replaced in her role over the ECI program by Sane Bell, the principal of Morton Ranch High School. Bell has a Doctorate of Education from the University of Houston – Clear Lake.

## KISD

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that provides assistance to families with developmental delays or disabilities, according to the district's website.

Lopez Aki has been an educator for 40 years and has been with ECI Project TYKE for 28 of those years, according to a KISD press release.

"The program has always held a special place in my heart and now with this new dedicated facility, the opportunity for success is all but limitless," Lopez Aki said.

Lopez Aki was selected for her leadership in the field of ECI and for her dedication to the parents and students of the district. She serves as director in the district and is also the chair of the Texas Council of ECI Program Directors Consortia. Her position in the statewide organization has allowed her to coordinate relationships between ECI directors and Texas Health and Human Services Commission ECI staff, according to a district press release. She also serves in the KISD Special Education

Leadership Team and fulfills several other roles in assisting special needs students and their families.

The KISD Board of Trustees approved the remodeling of the former L.D. Robinson Pavilion in March of this year. The moniker of L.D. Robinson Pavilion was moved to the new pavilion which is part of the KISD Agricultural Sciences Center which also includes the W.E. "Billy" Morgan Rodeo Arena after that facility was completed in 2019.

The building that will be Lopez Aki's namesake is about 25,000 square foot in size and will house the ECI program, district staff offices and meeting space for the district. Renovations are tentatively expected to be completed in January 2021.

Lopez Aki is set to retire from the district in December and expressed her support for the district's remodel of the old pavilion.

"Children from birth to 36 months with developmental delays or disabilities will have easy access to the resources they need to succeed and staff members will be in a centralized location within the District," Steele said.

## DUNCAN

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challenges and improvements for the eastern portion of the Katy area which also impact those portions of the region both upstream and downstream of the district in the Willowfork Watershed.

**Q. Can you please explain in more detail what the WFDD is?**

**A.** WFDD is a special purpose district led by a five-member resident Board of Directors elected every four years by voters within the district boundaries. The District was created to build and maintain the man-made drainage for over 5,700 acres in the Cinco Ranch, Kelliwood, Canyon Gate, Falcon Ranch, Parkway Oaks areas. In 2011, district residents approved expansion of WFDD's operations to include construction and operation of parks and trails as allowed by the State Legislature. Residents also approved a bond to fund the district's Master Parks Plan, which included 10 school-based parks and construction of Willow Fork Park, Central Green, Exploration Park and 19 additional miles of trails with mid-block crossings and safety signals. To help provide a nearby baseball complex to its residents, WFDD partnered with Fort Bend County to construct Freedom Park, which the county operates and maintains. (The board) enjoys the collaborative work we do to keep our community strong through parks, trails, and drainage.

**Q. What organizations does WFDD partner with and why are those partnerships important?**

**A.** WFDD has many successful partnerships at the federal, state, and local levels. For certain areas, the (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) provides oversight for our area, overseeing permitting to ensure adherence to environmental regulation and

integrity of our system's design as it relates to the entire watershed. We maintain good working relationships with state officials who responded after Hurricane Harvey with additional flood management funding by creating the Flood Infrastructure Fund. We are applying for a grant through this fund for a proposed project that will create additional flood protection for our area. Through a 50-year lease agreement, Willow Fork Park is an example of our partnership with Katy ISD. Central Green is an example of a beneficial public private partnership. This live entertainment venue attracts visitors to our area who in turn generate sales tax, a portion of which is used by Cinco MUD 12 to make general improvements to our community. Freedom Park was built by WFDD with an agreement that Fort Bend County provides ongoing maintenance of the facilities.

**Q. What projects is WFDD currently undertaking to improve drainage and help its neighboring districts?**

**A.** We have substantially repaired and restored the diversion channel (near Barker Reservoir) by removing approximately 350,000 cubic yards of debris. Work began immediately following Hurricane Harvey. In addition, WFDD is working on a pilot flood mitigation project with the USACE (to create more detention). East of Canyon Gate, 737 acres have been identified for additional storm water storage of

which 200 acres have been selected for this project. WFDD is applying to the Flood Infrastructure Fund to assist in funding, which is (pending) Corps approval.

**Q. Can you tell Katy Times readers about some of the larger projects (2-3) that WFDD has on the radar for the next couple of years and when they can see those projects start to take motion?**

**A.** WFDD is in the process of adding mid-block crossings with safety signals to our trail system. The HAWK signals will alert oncoming motorists to pedestrians and cyclists crossing streets between major intersections. Design and engineering are being finalized for the Westheimer Parkway Underpass on our trail system located west of the intersection with Cinco Ranch Blvd. The community showed strong support for this project as a safer route to school to avoid crossing one of our community's busiest streets. WFDD is working on partnering with various other governmental entities in the area to further fund and construct additional underpass crossings. In December, work will begin to add a shade structure to Central Green's stage to provide improved shade and weather protection for performers.

*Editor's note: The responses above have been lightly edited to fit in the space allotted and to provide clarity such as in the first use of an acronym.*

## McCLELLAND

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teammates heading into his junior season.

A Beaumont native whose family moved to Katy because of their passion for Tigers football, Bronson was the first quarterback in the program to make the varsity roster as a freshman.

For his career, McClelland completed 60 percent of his passes for 4,078 yards and 55 touchdowns to 13 interceptions at Katy. He also rushed for 315 yards and 11 touchdowns on 83 carries. McClelland led the Tigers to an 11-2 record and the third round of the playoffs as a sophomore in 2018. In 2019, Katy won 10 of the 11 games McClelland quarterbacked, losing to North Shore for the second straight season in the third round.

However, the McClellands alleged through a spokesman and social media that Katy ISD officials have targeted Bronson after a video surfaced on social media in October 2019 wherein Bronson, who is white, used the N-word, which reflected poorly on the district.

Spokesman Quanell X, a Black rights activist, spoke on behalf of the McClellands at the news conference and offered his support to

Bronson, saying Bronson's use of the racial slur was "dumb" and associated with hip-hop music and association with Black friends who regularly use the term.

"We understand too many of our young people ... believe that it's OK to use the N-word because they've all grown up enjoying and listening to hip-hop and they think they can use that term in an affectionate manner toward one another," X said.

X was joined in supporting the McClellands by several Black friends of Bronson's, including teammates on the current Tigers football team, his former coaches and family friends. The McClellands also allege that their involvement of private attorneys after the 2019 incident escalated the situation as the district's administration moved to watch out for its reputation.

Colburn said the family had retained legal counsel after the October 2019 incident which had led to a two-game suspension for Bronson and loss of his captaincy.

At one point in the appeals process related to Bronson's suspension associated with the vehicle search, the McClellands received a letter signed by Gregorski indicating that

Bronson had been cleared of the allegations related to marijuana.

In the letter attached to the legal filing, Gregorski acknowledged that Bronson's older brother had claimed responsibility for the contents of the vehicle. He additionally stated that, "the District did not test the substance to determine whether the requisite amount of THC was present that would have indicated the substance was in fact marijuana as prescribed by Texas law."

"As such, I have determined that Bronson did not intend to possess the substance on campus," the letter signed by Gregorski read. "Therefore, the discipline given to Bronson McClelland on September 17, 2020 is overturned and no disciplinary matters are pending."

Police reports indicated that the matter regarding tobacco and Juul products found in the vehicle had been referred to the courts. Bronson is 19 and the legal age to own such products is 21 in Texas. Police reports also stated that Bronson was considered responsible for the items in the car due to legal chain of custody.

In response to an inquiry made by the Katy Times to Katy ISD, the district's Manager of Media Relations

Maria DiPetta provided the following statement:

"It is always Katy ISD's goal to provide clear and accurate information about student and school concerns. It is apparent from your inquiry that there is either a misunderstanding based on inaccurate statements or misinformation given to your media outlet. In order for Katy Times to avoid publishing false information, Katy ISD would request that the McClellands' authorize the District to

provide information regarding the student's discipline to correct the inaccurate information. Please advise the parents that a signed letter authorizing release to you would suffice."

Katy Times staff reached out to the McClellands to request that such a letter be submitted, but the McClellands declined to submit the letter due to concerns regarding Bronson's overall privacy.

A court date is set for Nov. 23 at 1:30 p.m. where-

in Bronson and his legal counsel, the Donati Brashear Law Firm, according to documents filed with the court, will be asking for a temporary restraining order be put in place, forcing Katy ISD to allow Bronson back into regular classes at Katy High School and back into extracurricular activities, including football, until a final decision is made in the case.

Bronson is expected to graduate in December. — Dennis Silva II contributed to this report.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Confessions of a Black Katy ISD parent

**Dear editor,**  
My husband and I moved to Katy eight and a half years ago with our two young daughters and were immediately impressed by the breadth of diversity in the schools and neighborhoods. Literally, the world is represented in the faces of the children I see every day. However, it did not take long for me to realize that not everyone shares my enthusiasm.

Over the next few years, as I became more involved in the school community through volunteering in the classroom and the PTA, I heard numerous conversations centered around the growing immigrant/expat population. Complaints from parents and staff over language barriers and cultural differences have become all too common. Additionally, individual school and district staff and administration does not reflect the diversity of the student population. While Katy ISD is a majority-minority school district, its leadership, including the Board of Trustees, is predominately White.

Over the past few years there have been incidents of aggression toward students of color ranging from casual usage of racial slurs to threats and intimidation via the internet directed at Black and Brown students. I have personally had to intervene on more than one occasion where teachers failed to address blatant, racially insensitive behavior in the classroom.

KISD boasts an impressively diverse student body of approximately 80,000 students, yet when it comes to issues of race and ethnicity, the administration seems to be at a loss for how exactly to address it.

A few years ago, there was an incident at one of the junior high schools where someone anonymously sent threatening and racially charged text messages to all of the 8th grade African American girls and also a few other girls known to date African American boys. Several parents of the girls insisted that the matter be investigated to find the source of the text messages, but to date the matter is unresolved. While the school administration addressed the matter with students and parents, the district remained silent.

You cannot say that you are proud of the diversity in this district, then remain silent when various members are attacked by those who wish to do harm. There are times when silence really is golden, however this is not one of them.

Sometimes silence can be interpreted as uncaring or even consent. People of color living here in KISD are deserving and in need of an administration who is willing to defend us from hostility and welcome us to the community. Ignoring the problem has never led to solutions. Festivals and parades celebrating international students are lovely, however, what is needed is meaningful action and dialog when it comes to inclusion. With that in mind, here are some steps to consider for a plan of action:

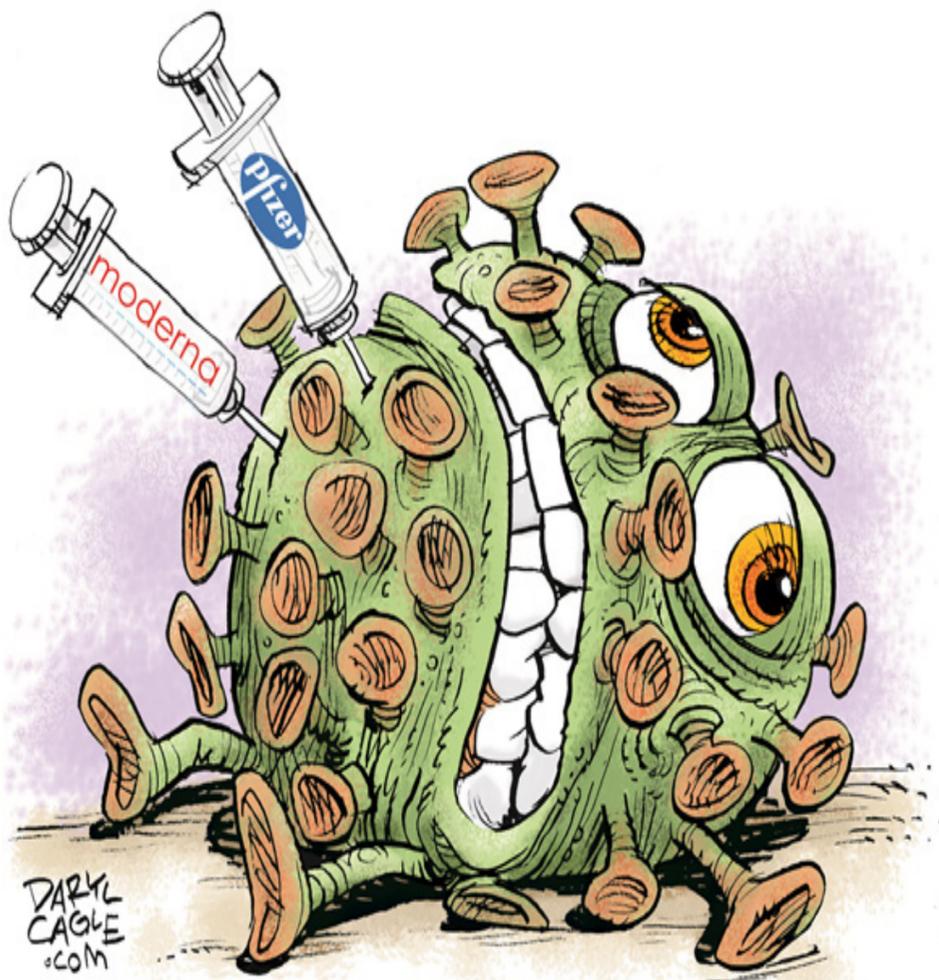
- A public statement from Katy ISD should be posted to its website and all social media channels condemning any and all racist behavior exhibited by students, educators and administrators. Further, a commitment to being at the forefront of improving the racial environment within the district and responding to incidents that threaten the safety and privacy of students.

- Katy ISD must actively recruit administrators, teachers, and staff of color across the district. Studies show that children learn better in an environment where they feel welcome and can see themselves reflected in their teachers. In the over 8 years we have lived here, my daughters have experienced one African American, one Asian and one Latina teacher collectively. This is a tragedy, particularly in a district this large.

- Finally, while the Katy Council of PTA's does have a designated committee for diversity and inclusion, Katy ISD does not. A school district as large and diverse as Katy ISD really needs a specified department for diversity and inclusion with leadership on a mission to provide solutions and safe spaces for all students. It is inevitable that when you have this many people of different ethnic backgrounds, conflicts and misunderstanding will arise. This department could provide diversity training programs for teachers, administrators, and students; Cultural awareness programs for administrators and teachers, as well as assistance for students new to the district, state or country to get settled in our school community.

This will not be easy and will come with its own share of struggle. However, I believe that KISD can meet this challenge and must do so to best serve ALL the students in the district.

**Lisa Owen**  
Katy ISD parent



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Confessions of a white Katy ISD parent

**Dear Editor,**

I know better than to be vulnerable and honest with strangers. I read the comment threads. I know how this usually goes. And yet, staying silent on issues related to race is no longer an option.

So here we are. I am a white parent of white children, zoned to resource-rich schools. I am hearing friends and leaders in our community call out racial inequity in Katy ISD. If you're a fellow white parent who feels motivated to adopt anti-racist perspectives and actions into your own life, maybe my words will help you feel less alone and more empowered to speak up too.

In order to have an honest conversation about racial equity in our district, economically secure, white families need to acknowledge our privileges and biases that influence our perspectives. One way to do that is to confess the ways in which we either knowingly or unknowingly uphold the systems that contribute to racial disparities amongst the schools in KISD.

I'll go first.

- I chose to live on the south side of Katy because I know those schools have more resources. Overall, Katy schools on the south side of I-10 have a reputation of being safer, having higher test scores and graduation rates. This is not a secret. And it's not new. 25 years ago, my parents made the same decision about where our white family would live, likely based on the same reasons.

- I can count on one hand the number of (Black, Indigenous or People of Color) teachers and

administrators I had in my eight-year career as a student attending schools on the south side of Katy. Based on observation and anecdotes it appears not much has changed.

- As a white mother of white children, I could choose to ignore issues related to race, equity and inclusion without experiencing significant negative consequences in my own life. This is white privilege. I do not have to care.

In reflecting on my thoughts, experiences and choices, I'm left with more questions than I have answers:

- Are the schools on the south side of Katy really safer? Or do white families perceive them as safer because they tend to be full of more affluent white families, white teachers and white administrators?

- How do we ensure implicit and explicit biases do not negatively affect how discipline is applied throughout the district?

- If graduation rates and test scores are in fact lower in regions of the district, how are we addressing the root causes for those disparities?

- In a city and state as diverse as ours, why don't the teachers, staff, administrators and Board better reflect the demographics of the district?

- How does the district ensure inclusive hiring practices? Do teachers and staff of color feel as supported and valued as their white colleagues?

- If white parents, and the mostly white (Board of Trustees) and administration continue to

remain silent on issues of race, equity and inclusion in our district will anything ever change?

The more I confront racism in my own heart and home, the more I realize this work will never be done. This is something our Black neighbors have probably always known. But we have to start somewhere. White parents can try to leverage our privilege in ways that elevate the voices of those with less power and more pain.

Our district must condemn white supremacy and racism. We need to evaluate, assess and implement changes to address the ways in which these issues affect all students, parents, teachers and staff in our community. There are existing models we can follow to guide us through the process of becoming an antiracist district. There are teachers, staff, students and parents of color ready to lead the way forward. White people, like me, just need to be willing to follow.

Support the work being done by leaders of color in our community.

**Vote.** Each Trustee is elected to serve a 3-year term. Vote for candidates who will prioritize concerns related to race, equity and inclusion.

**Petition.** Ask the Katy ISD Board of Trustees and administration to take action now.

**Use your voice.** Write the Board of Trustees. Make a public comment at a board meeting. Share your concerns with your neighbors.

**Anne Russey**  
Katy ISD parent

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**Volume 108: Issue 47:** City of Katy, KISD finalize election results

**Correction:** Janet Corte earned 1,906 votes in the city of Katy Ward A election.

**Clarification:** An undervote is a vote on a paper ballot that was illegible, but may also be a part of a physical or electronic ballot wherein a voter did not vote in all races on their ballot or cast a blank ballot.



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*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 December 23, 2020 at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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*/s/ John Campbell*  
Secretary, Board of Directors

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### FRIDAY, NOV. 27 FOOTBALL

- Paetow vs. Hightower, at Legacy Stadium, 11 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 4 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cy-Springs, at Rhodes Stadium, noon
- Cinco Ranch vs. Clear Creek, at Rhodes Stadium, 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOV. 30 GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Morton Ranch at Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 1 GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Brenham at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.
- George Ranch at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Manvel at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Memorial at Taylor, TBA
- Seven Lakes at Alief Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Klein, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

- The Woodlands at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Pasadena at Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
- Atascocita at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Memorial at Taylor, 8 p.m.
- Paetow at Cy-Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Katy at Spring Woods, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins at Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 3 FOOTBALL

- Mayde Creek at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 4 FOOTBALL

- Cinco Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Clear Brook, at Rhodes Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia West, 6:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Pasadena, 5:30 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

- Paetow at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Fort Bend Austin at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Bridgeland, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Cy-Ridge, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Spring Woods, 7 p.m.

# WANTED: FINISH

## Falcons clinch share of 19-6A title, but far from satisfied



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Tompkins senior running back Marquis Shoulders runs for a touchdown during the Falcons' win over Mayde Creek on Nov. 19 at Legacy Stadium.

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time since 2008, Katy ISD is on the brink of having a new outright district champion. With its 56-21 win over Mayde Creek on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Legacy Stadium, Tompkins improved to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in District 19-6A, securing at least a share of the district championship and snapping Katy High's 12-year stranglehold as the district's finest. "I do want them to enjoy that fact, but our core value is we want to finish," Tompkins coach Todd McVey said. Tompkins can take the title outright with a win over Seven Lakes on Friday at 4 p.m. at Legacy Stadium. Just clinching a share of it, however, is a considerable ac-

complishment for a program that was 0-9 three seasons ago. "It feels good, but we've got one more game before we know for sure," senior defensive back Colby Huerter said. "We've got work to do. Every team's goal is to go undefeated through district. That's what we're doing. We've got one more game and we're not going to celebrate or do anything until that happens." Coming off an emotional, program-defining win over Katy two weeks ago followed by an open week, Tompkins looked rusty and out of sorts as Mayde Creek (4-4, 1-4 19-6A) came out intent on an upset. The Rams built a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, compiling 183

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# Session gifted on, off field



By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

In only three years, Morton Ranch senior Aaron Session discovered the two things that would shape his future: football and microbiology. Not the most common pairing, particularly for someone who was barely a teenager. But Session is not your common student-athlete. Two years after putting on a football helmet for the first time as a seventh grader at Katy Junior High, Session took a biology class as a freshman at Morton Ranch High. In junior high, he established a passion for football. In high school, he developed the same fondness for natural science. "We took regular biology, learning about genetics and stuff, and that was a subject I realized that was fun and that maybe I'd look at for a career," Session said. "Math is not fun for me. History is too boring. I can do well at those subjects, but biology I actually liked." It was during his sophomore year that Session realized football could pay his way through college. Then a

A cooking aficionado who plans to study microbiology in college, Morton Ranch senior offensive lineman and Yale commit Aaron Session is a budding prospect.

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# New-look Falcons working to get up to speed

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

Following his team's impressive and surprising run to the regional quarterfinals last season, Tompkins boys basketball coach Bobby Sanders had every reason to be optimistic heading into this season. But the roster underwent heavy change during the offseason, as the number of returning players dwindled from five to three. "It was discouraging at first," said Sanders, whose Falcons were affected by the transfer of two players who had figured prominently into the program's future. "But then I realized we had replacements in some pretty good players." Junior sharpshooter B.B. Knight II is the headliner, the team's top scorer and only returner who saw significant playing time last season. The 6-foot-5 guard started the season off hot, scoring 33 points and drilling a program-record eight 3-pointers in the Falcons' season-opening 69-51 win over Aldine. Through the first three games, which Tompkins won two, Knight made 13 3-pointers. But he has a lot of new faces around him. The other two returners are junior

guard Nick Lancit and senior forward Jason Resewehr, little-used role players last year now assuming starter's minutes. And the other two starters are freshman guard Luke Coughran and junior forward Joel Oluokun. "It will take time to gel and create chemistry," Knight said. "We'll get better over the season. We have a lot of potential. Once district comes, I feel like we're going to be really good." The offense revolves around Knight, who is using his size and length more and showing a nice post-up game this season. One of the top shooters in the city of Houston for the class of 2022, he worked on ball-handling and conditioning over the summer. Knight's always been a lights-out shooter, but he's making more of an effort to attack the basket and make plays for himself or others. What helps is the versatility, shooting and diversity of talent that now surrounds him. Lancit is emerging as a heady floor leader, a quiet playmaker who finishes well around the rim and can hit 3s. Resewehr is



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Tompkins sophomore guard B.B. Knight II dribbles upcourt during a game against Aldine Davis on Nov. 17 at Tompkins High.

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**DISTRICT 19-6A**

	DISTRICT		OVERALL		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
x-Tompkins	5	0	7	0	245	68
x-Katy	4	1	7	1	366	88
x-Taylor	4	2	6	2	263	184
Seven Lakes	2	2	2	4	129	209
Cinco Ranch	1	4	1	6	93	239
Mayde Creek	1	4	4	4	234	234
Morton Ranch	1	5	2	6	159	273

x-clinched playoff berth

y-clinched district title

**DISTRICT 10-5A, D1**

	OVERALL		DISTRICT		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
xy-Manvel	5	1	3	0	266	176
x-Richmond Foster	6	1	4	1	265	131
x-Paetow	6	1	4	1	258	103
x-Hightower	3	3	2	2	256	225
Terry	5	4	2	3	225	226
Angleton	4	3	1	3	173	195
Kempner	3	4	1	3	139	179
Wisdom*	0	4	0	3	14	171
Milby	0	1	0	0	6	7

x-clinched playoff berth

y-clinched district title

\*-forfeits rest of season

**KATY ISD FOOTBALL TEAM AND**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS**

**AS OF NOV. 25**

**TEAM OFFENSE**

	GP	RUSHING			TOTAL	AVG.
		YDS	ATTEMPTS	TD		
Mayde Creek	8	1669	1680	3349	418.6	
Katy	8	2128	1084	3212	401.5	
Tompkins	7	1677	980	2657	379.6	
Taylor	8	1544	1325	2869	358.6	
Paetow	7	1514	949	2463	351.9	
Morton Ranch	8	1488	689	2177	272.1	
Seven Lakes	6	697	864	1561	260.2	
Cinco Ranch	7	208	1322	1530	218.6	

**TEAM DEFENSE**

	GP	RUSHING			TOTAL	AVG.
		YDS	ATTEMPTS	TD		
Katy	8	581	996	1577	197.1	
Paetow	7	879	568	1447	206.7	
Tompkins	7	737	918	1655	236.4	
Mayde Creek	8	1108	1123	2231	278.9	
Taylor	8	1487	1066	2553	319.1	
Morton Ranch	8	1528	1273	2801	350.1	
Cinco Ranch	7	1303	1406	2709	387.0	
Seven Lakes	6	1572	768	2340	390.0	

**TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL**

	GP	TAKEAWAYS		GIVEAWAYS		DIFF.
		INT	FUM	INT	FUM	
Taylor	8	18	8			+10
Tompkins	7	16	8			+8
Katy	8	14	7			+7
Paetow	7	13	7			+6
Seven Lakes	6	3	6			-3
Mayde Creek	8	16	20			-4
Cinco Ranch	7	9	14			-5
Morton Ranch	8	8	14			-6

**INDIVIDUAL RUSHING**

	CARRIES	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Loughridge, Mayde Creek	175	1337	7.6	19
Bankston, Paetow	129	1043	8.1	9
J. Davis, Katy	100	901	9.0	14
S. Davis, Katy	103	839	8.1	8
Shoulders, Tompkins	89	742	8.3	11
Whitaker III, Taylor	105	676	6.4	8
Christopher, Mrtn Ranch	108	488	4.5	3
Smith, Tompkins	67	464	6.9	6

**INDIVIDUAL PASSING**

	P-A-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD
Wilson, Mayde Creek	126-221-9	1680	57.0	7
Jensen III, Taylor	103-158-3	1285	65.2	12
Rutherford, CR	82-178-6	1118	46.1	9
Milroe, Tompkins	62-102-1	972	60.8	10
Koger, Katy	51-87-2	903	58.6	13
Dumas Jr., Paetow	65-121-2	879	53.7	9
Beltran, Seven Lakes	64-106-2	753	60.4	5
Wilson, Morton Ranch	26-47-3	468	55.3	4

**INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING**

	CATCHES	YARDS	AVG.	TD
Skinner, Mayde Creek	45	727	16.2	1
Irving III, Taylor	31	611	19.7	3
Abboud, Cinco Ranch	31	467	15.1	5
McMillan II, Tompkins	22	416	18.9	6
Salverino, Cinco Ranch	21	415	19.8	2
Medford, Seven Lakes	29	323	11.1	2
Anderson, Katy	19	317	16.7	3
Saulsberry, Katy	12	301	25.1	6

**FALCONS**

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total yards in the process. And Mayde Creek continued to hang tough, trailing just 28-21 at the half and out-gaining Tompkins 241-176 in total yards.

"Quarterback's great. Running back's phenomenal. Receivers phenomenal," Huertter said of Mayde Creek. "They're tops in all the offensive stats. We knew they were going to be trouble, and I'll admit we underestimated them in the first half. We woke up in the second half."

The Falcons outscored the Rams 28-0 and held Mayde Creek to 177 total yards after halftime.

Tompkins won the turnover battle with four

takeaways to one giveaway. Huertter had two interceptions, including the first pick-6 of his career on a 46-yard jaunt with 1:58 left in the first half. Senior defensive back Dru Polidore had an interception and sophomore defensive back Caleb Kolomafe had a fumble recovery.

Tompkins coaches made all kinds of defensive adjustments at the half. They all worked.

In the first half, Rams senior quarterback Jace Wilson, the district's top passer, completed 13 of 17 passes for 150 yards and a touchdown to two interceptions. Senior running back Julius Loughridge, the district's top rusher, had 78 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

The second half was an entirely different story. Wilson completed 11 of 19

passes for 83 yards in the final two quarters, with an interception, and Loughridge compiled 67 yards on 12 carries.

"You don't win the game in one quarter or two quarters," said Tompkins senior quarterback and Alabama commit Jalen Milroe, who completed seven of 12 passes for 107 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 93 yards and another touchdown on seven carries. "You win it in four, or more. That's what we preached at halftime. We just had to finish the game out. Find a way. "We definitely found a way."

Since the Katy win on Nov. 5, Tompkins' profile has grown immensely.

The Falcons are ranked nationally for the first time at No. 25 in MaxPreps' poll;

they are one of just two Houston teams, along with North Shore, to be ranked nationally. They are ranked No. 7 in Class 6A in the state and No. 2 in the Houston area.

"We just have a radar on our back," Milroe said. "We have to keep competing and working hard in practice. Now teams are going to want to beat us. We've earned it, and we know it comes with hard work."

And it comes from focus, which the Falcons have plenty of.

"It's good to keep making history, but now we're on to the next game," said senior running back Marquis Shoulders, who had 126 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries. "Our goal is the playoffs, and first we've got to handle Seven Lakes."

**OBITUARY**

Nancy Jean Hoyt Cardiff went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Nancy was born in Katy, Texas on February 11, 1931 to parents Eugene and Pearl Irene Hoyt. Nancy married her high school sweetheart, Tom Cromwell Cardiff, Sr. in 1949 at First Baptist Church Katy.

Nancy would sometimes ride her horse to school in Katy and was the only Katy student to be an FFA Sweetheart two times. She was an accomplished china painter, oil painter, and Sunday School teacher. She also led all five of her children to The Lord.

Nancy is survived by her children, Deborah Cardiff Dantin and her husband, John, Leslee Cardiff Sisk, and Jim Cardiff and his wife Cynthia Marie; grandchildren, Aimee Dantin Gilmore and her husband Brent, Tommy Cardiff, Ed Cardiff, Sarah Cardiff, Wallace "Wally" Sisk III, Zachary Sisk, Jake Cardiff, and Lili Cardiff; great grandsons,



**NANCY JEAN HOYT CARDIFF**  
1931-2020

Reese and Beau Gilmore; siblings, Joe Hoyt and Carolyn Hoyt McIlroy; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery in Katy.

Condolences may be expressed at www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net. Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home at 1508 East Avenue in Katy, Texas. They can be reached at 281-391-2424.

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Tompkins freshman guard Luke Coughran dribbles upcourt during a game against Aldine Davis on Nov. 17 at Tompkins High.

## HOOPS

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a matchup nightmare as a player with size who can spread the floor. Senior Jackson Schultenber is a shooting specialist off the bench.

But the difference-makers are Coughran and Oluokun. Coughran comes from Tays Junior High, where he averaged more than 20 points per game. A capable shooter himself, he opens things up for Knight.

"When you've got just one knock-down shooter like we've had with B.B., it makes things tough because defenses can key on him," Sanders said. "Now you've got somebody like Luke on both sides of the floor and he can shoot that thing."

Sanders said Coughran earned his varsity roster spot with his work in practice and scrimmages.

"Since day one, he's showed that he belongs," Sanders said. "He's earned his way here. Nothing was given to him."

Coughran is a strong ballhandler and doesn't hesitate to shoot. He has maturity beyond his basketball years. From the second through fifth grades, he played up a grade in competition.

It shows. Even as a freshman rotation player on the varsity level, he is fearless and does not lack confidence.

"From eighth grade to varsity, it's a big adjustment," he said. "I just have to play my game and find my fit with the team. I'm a shooter, so they look for me for shots. Me and B.B., we're finding ways to play together as two guys who can really shoot."

The 6-foot-6 Oluokun is a raw talent who played at private schools his first two years of high school. Last year, he played at St. John XXIII in Katy.

Oluokun gives Tompkins a legitimate interior presence.

"He changes everything, because he alters shots in the paint, gets easy rebounds and he's got a soft touch on his shot," Sanders said. "We've just got to get him to play at a (Class) 6A speed."

Sanders said it is a shift mentally and physically for players to acclimate to the 6A varsity level. But Oluokun has the athleticism and quickness to do so. He is a unique talent, as comfortable diving to the rim for splashy dunks as he is attacking the basket off the dribble.

"I feel I can be a much better player here," Oluokun said. "I can learn more about the game. I'm around

guys and coaches who can uplift me and push me to that next level."

Overall, Sanders said he is encouraged by his team's camaraderie, something he doesn't take for granted.

"These guys actually like each other," the veteran coach said. "They hang out together and they treat each other like they've known each other a long time, even with a lot of new guys who weren't at our school last year. The second thing is they're all coachable, which is not normal for everybody to be. But all of them are."

No longer is Sanders discouraged. Optimistically intrigued, perhaps, could be one way to put it. Hopeful would be another.

There is a lot to like, a lot of mixing and matching that can be done, especially with more players coming on board once football season is over. Junior Joshua McMillan II, a star wide receiver for the Falcons, is also highly regarded as a talented point guard.

"They're exactly where I expected them to be," Sanders said. "They've just got to get used to things. You've got a freshman who'd been in eighth grade and a junior who's been in private school for two years with a bunch of JV guys. The speed is just a lot faster at this level."

## SESSION

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6-foot-3, 210-pound offensive lineman, he put in more time and work in the weight room. Morton Ranch coaches noticed. College coaches noticed; especially Yale, who showed interest early that sophomore season.

In the two years since, Session has grown and matured. From 6-5, 285 pounds as a junior to now, as Session is 6-7, 297 pounds and a three-star prospect at left tackle.

Because of Session's vast athletic potential and impressive 4.0 grade-point average, Yale revved up its effort to gain Session's services in early November with Zoom meetings. It paid off when Session verbally committed to the Bulldogs on Nov. 19.

"The main thing about it is that Yale has two Plan A's," Session said. "I can go there and get my degree and make the NFL, or I can graduate and get straight to work. They have a bunch of internships and they support you the whole way."

"Obviously, if you graduate with a Yale degree ... I won't say it'll make life easier, but it'll set you up better. If you go to Yale, anything you aspire to be, you can basically be."

Session plans to study microbiology. He is fascinated with what the eye can't see.

"It's the fact we're working with stuff so small, and yet it affects us so much," Session said. "For example, our genes. We're learning more every day and it's real important, not just for us but all life on earth. The more we learn about it, the more we can change the world."

Morton Ranch head coach Ron Counter said Session is special, as smart as any football player he's been around. Academia has always been a priority of Session's, and he credits his mother Latoya, a junior high counselor for Lamar Consolidated ISD, and father Nate for instilling the importance of school.

Session started read-

ing books in kindergarten. He progressed "really fast" through elementary school.

"They made sure education was my No. 1 focus," Session said. "They didn't care for all the youth football leagues. I wasn't even allowed to play until junior high. I just knew I liked it because my brother Zach and I would play catch in the backyard."

When he's not on the field or studying, Session is in the kitchen. Earlier this year, he picked up cooking as a new hobby.

Like the other two subjects, he found success quickly in that as well. He enjoys making food for others. His favorite dish is pasta alfredo, a favorite of his younger siblings.

"They like it, so I keep going at it," Session said. "It's fun trying new things."

But it's his ability on the field that earned Session a full athletic scholarship to an Ivy League institution. Football is his path to bigger and better.

Session's skill is tantalizing, which is why he had scholarship offers from 22 other schools. He is huge for his position, even one that naturally boasts the biggest players on the field, but he's also quick and good with his feet.

Counter said Session's room for growth is high. Just 17 years old, he is still getting acquainted with his body and learning the game.

Session was not physical as a sophomore. He simply didn't have the size or weight; at the time, Session saw himself more as a basketball player. But after Yale started showing interest early, Session understood football was the way. He committed himself more to training and the weight room, and as a junior he started showing the aggressiveness and physically the position demands.

This season, he's been more consistent about it.

"He's got a lot of potential," Counter said. "With that height and that wingspan ... his wingspan is like that of a seven-footer. He's got long arms and big feet, and he's still growing. He's got a chance to be one heck of a player."

## TIGERS

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energy of Jones and Sherman that ignited the Tigers at crucial moments. Jones and Sherman combined for 32 attacks, scoring on a solid 38 percent of those chances.

"They executed a huge part of our game plan," coach Karen Paxton said. "They were very consistent and stayed really aggressive."

For the fourth time in the last five years, the Tigers have won at least one playoff game.

"Knowing any game I play right now could be my last career game, it makes me push harder," Jones said.

Sherman said she was able to take advantage of the Bulldogs' smaller block on the outside. She was pivotal in the Tigers' second-set win, leading Katy with four kills and scoring two of Katy's final three points.

"I'm honored to have the spot I do on the team and to be playing in the playoffs," said Sherman, who called her journey as a Tiger "surreal." "I want my last year to be the best it can be."

As Sherman was big in the second set, Jones was just as huge in the third, scoring Katy's first two points. She soaked in the moment as teammates reveled in her contributions.

"I love seeing everyone happy and getting a point and knowing everyone is celebrating you," Jones said. "It's so cool to see."

Their play eventually opened gaps for

Key, the Tigers' top attacker who had six of her team-high 12 kills in the third set.

With Sherman and Jones's success on the outside, it drew the defense away from Key and Waak (eight kills). The Tigers were able to attack the Bulldogs from all areas of the floor.

"Perris is our go-to, so it's good to know we can draw the block and take eyes off of her and open up the splits so she can score," Jones said. "We know our jobs on the court."

Sherman and Jones are in their second seasons of varsity play. Both are seeing more playing time this year, and both are finding substantial success.

Off the floor, they are uplifting, spirited individuals beloved by teammates and coaches. Paxton said they add a lot to the team's character.

On the floor, they have made considerable strides in being able to play multiple spots and being more comfortable in their roles. Jones said learning how to feed off the competition on the team has been important for her growth as a player.

"When you're young, you can lack confidence in some areas, and I think that's the big thing," Paxton said. "Their confidence has grown from season to season, and they've definitely evolved into impact players for us. It's fun to see."

Paxton said it's a pleasure to see two seniors find their way to help the team when the season is at stake. It's a reward of their time and commitment to the program.

"They've done a great job and worked hard all four years," Paxton said. "That's what it's all about."

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