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The Elyson master planned community in the northeastern portion of the Katy area continues to expand with additional homes coming to the area north of FM 529 later this year. Behind this sign, land is being prepared for homesites to be built.

Elyson continues to grow in NW Harris County

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Elyson master planned community near the intersection of FM 529 and The Grand Parkway continues to grow in 2021 according to Newland Communities Representative Heather Gustafson. Gustafson said in a statement released on behalf of the company that expansion on the north side of FM 529 has begun.

"This growth will include a new model home village with 12 fully furnished model homes, a new welcome center, and a greenspace where visitors can relax and discuss their home buying plans. This will open in March," Gustafson said.

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CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

Observers welcome quiet opening to TX Legislature

By CHRIS COBLER
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

At the Texas State Capitol, a variety of legislative agendas took center stage at the start of the 87th session, which will run 140 days. Gov. Greg Abbott's goals include ensuring Texans have access to high-quality healthcare, improving public safety, getting Texans back to work and promoting economic recovery.

Many other state organizations announced their agendas, too:

- The Texas Farm Bureau outlined 11 priorities, starting with protecting property owners' rights under eminent domain. Other priorities include protecting landowners and agricultural producers' rights to surface water and groundwater; adding measures to control feral hogs; and supporting efforts

to install broadband and cellular infrastructure in rural communities.

- Raise Your Hand Texas wants public dollars to remain in public schools. Some policy recommendations include protecting investments made in 2019's House Bill 3, including funding for full-day pre-kindergarten; ensuring federal stimulus dollars are used to increase public education; continuing to invest in students to reach the national average in per-student funding; and opposing taxpayer subsidies to private schools and vendors, such as tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, vouchers for students in special education and virtual vouchers.
- The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers will be working with lawmakers to avoid proposals

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MIS2ION COMPLETE! KATY DOMINATES CEDAR HILL TO WIN NINTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

ARLINGTON — Through the COVID-19 issues that affected everything from how they held team meetings to how much they tackled during practices, through two significant season-ending injuries, and through game postponements and cancellations, the Katy Tigers pushed and pushed.

"Perseverance," coach Gary Joseph said. "MIS2ION MINDSET," players termed it. Only a state title would justify the four-month emotional and physical roller-coaster.

So the No. 9 state-ranked Tigers went out and justified their 2020 season in the Class 6A Division II state final on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium, manhandling No. 8 Cedar Hill in a start-to-finish laughter courtesy of a 51-14 win, capturing the program's ninth state title and giving Joseph his fifth as head coach.

"It's very special," Joseph said. "It's one of those years you'll always remember because of what we went through

Lazic, Anderson, sophomores shine in state final win, SEE PAGE B1

to get to this point. I'm extremely proud. It is a very special time."

Boasting a record 15 state championship game appearances, Katy's nine titles rank second to only Aledo, a 5A, Division II program that has 10 titles.

"It's a credit to these kids and what they went through, fighting the coronavirus and the pandemic, and being there not knowing each and every day when they'll get to play or who they'll get to play," Joseph said. "It's a great lesson in perseverance and resilience."

To beat an athletic and physically gifted Cedar Hill (12-2) team, which won Region II, Region III champ Katy (14-1) had to keep dual-threat senior quarterback and Tennessee signee Kaidon Salter in the pocket. The Tigers' secondary had to play the best it has all season against a group of dynamic, fast Longhorns receivers. Katy, offensively,



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Top: Katy High players hold up their helmets in triumph following their 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. It is the Tigers' ninth state title. Above: Katy High junior defensive back Hamilton McMartin (24) reaches the end zone on a 55-yard fumble return during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win.

had to run the ball and control the tempo to keep possession away from Cedar Hill.

Check. Check. Check. Salter only ran for 46 yards, almost half of his season average, and two late third quarter touchdowns after Katy had a 34-0 lead. The season-long 60-percent passer completed just 12 of 24 throws for 112 yards and two interceptions.

"There were some plays where he got to the

outside, but ... we just knew he'd get frustrated after a while," senior defensive end Cal Varner III said. "After stuff started to go downhill, it fell back on him and he wasn't leading his team anymore. He kind of let them go."

Katy ran the ball 47 times for 313 yards and three touchdowns and dominated time of possession, 29:06 to 18:54.

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WALLER COUNTY

Commissioners discuss WCSO budget, floodplains at meeting

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Newly-sworn-in Waller County Sheriff Troy Guidry requested an additional two deputies allotted for court security when the new Waller County Justice Center comes online fully once COVID-19 allows the courts to open for full, in-person operations. Commissioners also discussed revisions to flood damage prevention policies for the county.

Guidry said he and his team had worked with former Interim Sheriff Joe Hester who took over the department after the passing of the late Sheriff Glenn Smith late last summer. After the restructuring, Guidry said he needed to add four court security positions to ensure that the new Waller County Justice Center is fully staffed and secured for the courts that will be housed in the new facility as well as ensuring that four staff were available for the county courthouse.

"The fact is we're going to need four full-time deputies - armed people - at that new building and it's mainly for the judges' security," Guidry said. "We sat down with (the judges) and they'd like at least two people in their courtroom(s), armed during their court sessions."

Guidry said the cost to hire a deputy is about \$50,000 a year plus benefits which county staff



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WALLER COUNTY/SWAGIT

Sheriff Troy Guidry addresses the Waller County Commissioners Court to request adjustments to his departmental budget to pay for additional officers. Guidry provided cost-saving ideas in other areas outside of personnel in order to help pay for new staff which would help secure the county's new justice center.

estimate at about \$12,000 a year. So, with the two existing staff and two new staff being requested, that would come out to a total of about \$288,000. However, Guidry said, the department would work to identify ways to curb expenses in other areas by eliminating expenses. One way to do that, he said, would be to utilize inmate labor to keep the grounds in order by having them perform tasks such as mowing,

weed eating and picking up trash that accumulates at the new facility.

"Now what we don't want to do - we already have a low number on the patrol side," Guidry said. "We don't want to take away from the citizens who haven't violated somebody's rights to come out here and stop patrolling to come to work the courthouse."

Guidry said shifting staff off

patrol is what has happened in the past, but with the new facility, he wants to avoid doing that and to properly staff the facility with the appropriate sorts of deputies and bailiffs. He added that it takes about three months after a deputy is hired to fully orient them into the county through supplemental training that is county-specific.

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PORT OF HOUSTON COURTESY PIXABAY

Despite the economic hardships of 2020, Port of Houston officials report that shipping volumes through the local port exceeded expectations and reached near-record levels of activity.

Port Houston annual volume nears record

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Port Houston's annual container activity rose in December which pushed the volume of cargo close to matching the level set in 2019 which was a record year, according to a statement released by the port.

"We are proud to keep the supply chain moving and help move goods to consumers. People need the items that arrive through our docks, like medical supplies and food, as well as e-commerce goods for their home," said Port Houston Executive Director Roger Guenther.

December 2020 was the second-busiest month ever for loaded imports with more than 126,000 twenty-foot equivalent units - or TEUs - of loaded imports moved through the port, a 26% increase from December 2019. Total TEUs for 2020 reached 2,989,347 TEUs as compared to 2019's 2,990,175 TEUs.

Guenther said he is optimistic that the rebound in container volumes at Port Houston will continue and projections for 2021 indicate additional growth.

As a result of the anticipated growth, Port Houston is continuing to expand and investing in infrastructure and its labor force, the statement said.

Total cargo was down 4% for the year overall in 2020 due to decreased demand for oil industry-related hardware such as steel piping. However, grain and bulk cargoes were up in 2020 as compared to 2019, but overall steel and automotive good transport was down.

Port Houston is the sixth largest container port in the U.S. and handles more than two-thirds of all containers in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Given the challenging 2020 we all had, we are grateful to our entire team for continuing to provide world-class service to our customers so Houstonians and others in the region get the essentials they need."

TRIBUTES

Martha Lynne Crowe was a wonderful wife and loving mother and a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

On the morning of January 8, 2021, Martha Lynne Crowe went home to be with the Lord. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on July 22, 1935 to William and Eula Rugg who taught her about Jesus and her love for the Lord grew throughout her childhood and she served Him faithfully throughout her life. After graduating from Pine Bluff High School in 1953, she attended Stevens College in Missouri. She transferred to the University of Houston her junior year where she met John T. Crowe, Jr in a Radio/Television meeting. They married on June 16, 1956 at First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a faithful servant to Jesus. Martha loved being with her family and taking care of them.

Martha has been reunited with her parents, William



MARTHA LYNNE CROWE
1935-2021

and Eula Rugg and her son, Scott Crowe and his wife, Marla. She leaves behind her husband of almost 65 years, John T. Crowe, her sons Craig Crowe and wife, Diedre; John C. Crowe and wife, Diane; Randy Crowe and wife, Elizabeth; her grandchildren, Aaron Crowe and wife, Genesis; Travis Crowe and wife, Addie; Justin Crowe; Emily Murphy and husband, Kyle; and Michael Crowe and wife, Jordan; Brian Hill and wife

Caitlin and her great grandchildren Westin, Kase, Carter, Nolan and Everett.

Martha loved to teach God's word and she did at South Side Baptist Church in Baton Rouge; Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston; Kingsland Baptist Church, Katy; and finally River Bend Baptist Church, Fulshear. She taught children's Sunday School, adult women's Bible Study, and served in Women's Ministry.

Martha's life will be celebrated on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 2 p.m. at River Bend Baptist Church, 27600 FM 1093, Fulshear, Texas. Due to Covid restrictions there will be limited space available and the service will be live streamed on www.RiverBend-BC.org and Facebook Live River Bend Baptist Church - Fulshear, Texas. The family is grateful to everyone for their warm thoughts and prayers. She will be greatly missed, but we know she is rejoicing in heaven.



VIRGINIA "GIRLFRIEND"
ROCHA BARRON
1948-2021

Virginia "Girlfriend" Rocha Barron, 72, of Katy, TX passed away peacefully Sunday, January 10, 2021, at home surrounded by loved ones.

Virginia was the founder and owner of Virginia Cleaning Services for over 25 years in the Katy Area. She was a devoted mother, aunt, sister and daughter. Virginia cared for her mother for 10 years. Virginia had a bright and energetic personality and was known for her ability to sense when people needed her help. She touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life. Virginia deeply enjoyed attending athletic events and capturing the moments on camera of her children and grandchildren. She was everyone's #1 fan.

Virginia is survived by her children; daughters Angelina (Chris), Maria (Lionel), Isis (Bo), Venus (Dwayne); sons Proffrio (Darce), Joe, Cookie (Estela), 19 1/2 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Johnny Rocha (Sylvia), and sisters, Lucinda Garcia and Christina H. Rocha.

Virginia was preceded in death by her loving parents, Baldemar and Constantina Rocha, brother, Baldemar Rocha, Jr. and sister, Mary Dominguez.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to two special caregivers that were there for her through the last of her journey, Jennifer Wheelhouse and Katina Leeking.

Visitation services to honor Virginia were held Sunday, the 17th of January at 4 p.m. and Rosary at 7 p.m. at Katy Funeral Home - Kingsland. A celebration of life mass was held at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy on Monday, the 18th of January at 11 a.m.

An escorted procession and service will follow at Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

The Honorable Oliver S. Kitzman, 86, of Pattison, Texas, passed away peacefully into the arms of his Savior Jesus Christ, surrounded by family, on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Judge Kitzman was born in rural Waller County off Adams Flat Road near Pattison on August 21, 1934.

Judge Kitzman worked in a general law practice from 1965 to 1967 when he was appointed District Attorney by Governor John Connally. He served in that position for the 155th Judicial District, covering Waller, Fayette, and Austin Counties, from 1967 to 1979. In 1979, Governor Bill Clements appointed him District Judge of the 155th, a post he served honorably until retirement in 1990. He then enjoyed what he referred to as the best years of his career as a Senior District Judge, regularly presiding over various district courts throughout the State of Texas. In 2002, he came out of retirement to once again serve his home county was elected Waller County Criminal District Attorney. He served in that position until he resigned to faithfully care for his wife,



OLIVER S. KITZMAN
1934-2021

Norma Jean, who had become terminally ill.

During his career, Judge Kitzman was revered amongst his peers and honored to serve them as Vice President the National District Attorneys Association, President of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association, Chairman of the State Bar of Texas (Criminal Law Section), President of the Texas Aggie Bar Association, and several other distinguished positions.

He also enjoyed selfless service to his community and church as a leader in the Pattison United Methodist Church, Waller County Historical Society and Commission,

Brookshire Lions Club, Brookshire Lodge 1066, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association, San Jacinto Lung Association, American Lung Association, Houston-Galveston Area Council, Texas Longhorn Breeders Association, and the Farm Bureau.

Oliver is preceded in death by parents, Henry Louis and Martha Ehlert Kitzman, Sr., brothers: Ellis, Henry, and Norman Kitzman, sisters: Gleister Bidy, LaVerne Dow Landig, and Lydia House, wife of 44 years: Norma Jean, and son: Donnelly.

He is survived by his son, (Oliver) Stanley Kitzman, Jr., daughter Erin Sanders and husband Jimmy, brother Bill Kitzman and wife Mary Grace, sisters-in-law Carolyn Kitzman and Beverly Kitzman. Granddaughters: Savannah and Delanie Kitzman, Sarah and Allison Sanders.

Funeral services were held January 17, 2021 at the Pattison Volunteer Fire Department. Interment was at the Pattison Methodist Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Gideons International, the Lions Club, Brookshire Lodge 1056.

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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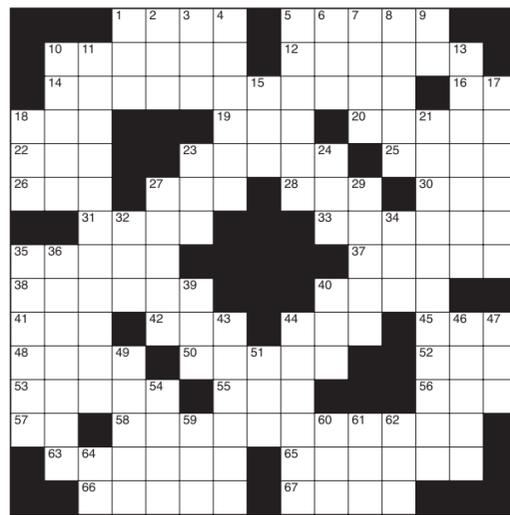
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 2014 Winter Olympics host
- Soft fabric
- Covered in flowers
- Works at a college or university
- Keeps us cool
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Similar
- Birthplace of Muhammad
- They ___
- Preamble to a book
- Southern China people
- Hair product
- The woman
- Partner to cheese
- One point north of due east
- Round Dutch cheese
- Be in awe of
- Christmas song
- Emits coherent radiation
- Something that is comparable to another
- Monetary unit
- The cutting part of a drill
- Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- Touch lightly
- Toyota SUV
- ___ and Andy, TV show
- Made less dangerous
- Assets under management (abbr.)
- Nostrils
- Moved quickly
- Thai isthmus
- TV personality Roker
- Honors anew
- Rags
- One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
- Marketplaces
- Dark brown or black



CLUES DOWN

- Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
- Not new
- Brew
- Stain with mud
- Chief or leader
- Luke Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan
- Type of sauce
- Sharpens
- Priestess loved by Zeus
- Jean Henri ___, French entomologist
- Regulates supply of fuel
- Disturbing and horrifying
- Equal (prefix)
- Hosts film festival
- Tattered piece of clothing
- Rich desserts
- Unique motor (abbr.)
- Disfigure
- Chemical substance
- Slang for famous person
- Department of Labor
- The A-team rode around in one
- Beach cabin
- Living things
- Gun (slang)
- Disconsolate
- Stroke gently
- Actress Richards
- "Cletus Hogg" actor
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Brazilian mountain range
- Upset
- One with supernatural insight
- Insecticide
- Taxi
- "Much ___ about nothing"
- Cannister
- Popular clothing retailer

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Coral Jan "Skipper" Scroggins of Katy, Texas passed away on January 12, 2021, at the age of 94. Coincidentally, January 12 was her father's birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents Robbie Louise and Percy Harold Yolland, son Van Edward Scroggins in 1976, daughter-in-law Dorothy Jordens Scroggins Mahler in 1983 and husband Van E. Scroggins in 1999.

She is survived by her daughter Robbie Lynn Scroggins Yarbrough of Katy; grandchildren Kyle Yarbrough and wife Amanda of Leander; Rebecca Yarbrough Abbate and husband Christian of Katy; Jana Yarbrough Ludeke and husband Joshua of Bellville; Stacie Scroggins Schnabel and husband Darren of Argyle; and Jorden Mahler and wife Stephanie of New Braunfels. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Collier Yarbrough; Jacob and Joshua Abbate; Adleigh and Rylee Ludeke; Hailey, Jenna and Reed Schnabel; and Ella and Easton Mahler.

Skipper was born on November 11, 1926 in Houston, Texas. Her father worked for Humble Pipeline Co., and in 1928, her family moved to Ingleside, Texas when he was transferred. At the age of 16, Skipper graduated from Ingleside High School. It was interesting to hear stories about her antics and adventures growing up as an only child on a Humble Pipeline Tank Farm and during the early years of WWII.

After high school graduation, Skipper attended the University of Texas in Austin. During this time, her father was transferred back to Houston. Skipper graduated with a degree in



CORAL JAN "SKIPPER" SCROGGINS
1926-2021

Business Administration in 1947, and she moved to live with her parents in Webster and drove to her job at Humble Pipeline in downtown Houston where she worked for exactly one year to the day before she quit to get married. Her parents encouraged her to stop working earlier as she was stressed with wedding activities, but she wanted to reach her 1-year work anniversary so she would receive her paid vacation.

Skipper's and Van's families became friends in Webster before the two of them ever met—she was away at college and he was in the Army Air Corp as a pilot in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Once they were introduced when he returned from overseas, they began dating and became engaged. On March 6, 1948, they married in Saint Paul's Methodist Church in Houston, and six weeks later, they moved to Katy after purchasing the local feed store from the late Ruby and L.D. Robinson. Soon the name was changed to Katy Feed & Supply, and Skipper helped run the store until the business closed in 1981. She was also Van's support system when in the fall of 1948 he began soliciting

aerial application work for the Katy area rice farmers, which grew and developed into Katy Dusting Company. In addition, Skipper and Van owned and ran Sigma Chemical Company until 1981, and they had the local Mobil Distributorship from 1968 until 1983. They also became very involved in cattle ranching.

Skipper was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Katy, especially in her young adult years. She served on numerous committees and taught Sunday School and VBS. In addition, she was a very involved mother while her children were in school. She was a room mother for 16 consecutive years, and she also substitute taught in a variety of positions and grades. Van Edward's and Robbie's friends knew the door was always open to them at the Scroggins' home, and it was the location of many parties and get-togethers both small and large for kids and adults.

Skipper was also a member of various local organizations and clubs. She remained a member of the Twentieth Century Club from 1948 until her death and held several offices, was a charter member and was active with the Katy Hospital Volunteers for many years, and served as a director and president of the Katy Social Services Board.

Skipper and Van had their first child Van Edward in 1950, and he married Dorothy Jordens in 1971. Their first grandchild Stacie Michelle was born in 1974. Van Edward died tragically in an airplane accident in April 1976, and "Dot" passed away in 1983 from cancer. Robbie Lynn was born in 1953, and she and her husband had three

children—Kyle, Becca and Jana. Skipper considered herself blessed to be "MeMaw" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended every event and activity they were involved in as often as she could, despite the fact in later years it was more difficult for her. She is remembered lovingly for her strength, determination, and most importantly, her sense of humor, wit and faith. Many funny stories and memories have been retold and relived over the years, and "MeMaw" is the main character in them! She will be missed by many, but she leaves a legacy of love and wonderful memories that will live on through her family and friends.

The family received guests from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, 77494, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021 with Rev. Mark Kimbrough officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston.

Pallbearers were Kyle Yarbrough, Jorden Mahler, Christian Abbate, Joshua Ludeke, Darren Schnabel, Bill Mahler, Dean Williams and Scooter McMeans. Honorary pallbearer is Melvin Jordan.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Texas A&M University Van Edward Scroggins Memorial Scholarship, c/o Schmidt Funeral Home, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas 77494.

Condolences may be expressed at www.Schmidt-FuneralHome.net.

Sharon Joy Rhoads was born on June 4, 1941 in Temple, Texas to A.C. and Mary Berger Chaffin. She graduated from Temple High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Southern Methodist University. On June 1, 1963, she married Jack Rhoads in Temple, Texas.

After a short stint in Dallas, Jack and Sharon moved to Katy in 1972 where they began a lifelong commitment to the children and community of Katy. Sharon began teaching art at Katy Elementary and moved to Hutsell Elementary when it opened in 1978. However, her talents did not stop at the elementary school level. She was a board member of Keep Katy Beautiful for nearly 20 years and was always willing to offer her creative flair to decorations around town for the holidays or beautification projects. Her design for the Harvest Plaza logo can still be seen in downtown Katy. In 2004, the Katy Independent School District honored Jack and Sharon with the naming of Jack and Sharon Rhoads Elementary School. The Katy Chamber of Commerce named Sharon the 2008 Volunteer of the Year in honor of her dedication to not only the city itself, but many organizations such as the Katy FFA. Sharon left a lasting legacy in all of the students and families she taught, and all of the citizens of Katy who knew and loved her.

Sharon Joy Rhoads passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 in Katy.

She is survived by her children, Jeff Rhoads and his wife Trisha of Abilene, Texas, and Jennifer R. Walker and her husband Fred of League City, Texas; grandchildren, Jon Rhoads, Jaycee Rhoads, Kennedy Walker, and Brittny Walker; and great-granddaughter, Myles Hohman; brother, Joe Chaffin and his wife Donna of Academy, Tex-



SHARON JOY RHOADS
1941-2021

as; sister, Peggy Lipsey and her husband Bob of Round Rock, Texas; brother-in-law, Orval Rhoads and his wife Diane of Pattison; as well as numerous other relatives and a host of dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Jack Rhoads, in 2000.

The family received friends from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021 at Katy First Methodist Church in Katy where funeral services were held at 3 p.m. with Dr. Richard L. White officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those wishing to make memorial gifts do so to a scholarship fund established for a 2021 graduating senior who was an alumnus of Jack and Sharon Rhoads Elementary. Checks may be made payable to Jennifer Walker, c/o Schmidt Funeral Home, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, TX 77494.

Pallbearers were Fred Walker, Jon Rhoads, Doug Hanson, Billy Johnson, Tell Hohman, Todd Thompson, Austin Hanson, and AC Chaffin. Honorary pallbearers were Albert "Doonie" Thompson, Jr., Joe Chaffin, Frank Miller, Orval Rhoads, Mike Schroeder, Don Elder, Jr., Roosevelt Alexander, and Freddy Flores.

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New Year's retribution

Unlike most years, I decided to start 2021 with a few resolutions that I hope will make me a better husband, father and member of the dude denomination. I also realize that I'm likely to break these resolutions within the next few minutes. But at least I can say I'm flexible and open to change.

First, with the COVID-19 pandemic still raging, I resolve to refrain from yelling, "Whoomp! (There It Is)" and doing my best "U Can't Touch This" shuffle in Walmart when I happen upon a fully-stocked shelf of Lysol disinfectant spray. (I'm afraid I can't promise the same when I reach the Velveeta aisle.)

I also resolve to stop wasting valuable mask-filtered oxygen to ask, "How much?" when my eldest and most expensive daughter wants to use my credit card for life necessities like iPhone accessories, designer mom jeans and specialty coffee beverages. I've found it's just easier to nod my head and continue to push back my retirement date.

Speaking of pointless speaking, I resolve to cut down on the verbal sarcasm and critical comments at home when I step in a fresh pet accident, notice what one of my three teen daughters is planning to wear in public or watch more than ten minutes of CNN. It's just not productive to impose all of that vocal negativity on my family, so I plan to redirect my frustrations into learning something new, like advanced miming or interpretive charades.

For the sake of better mental health, I resolve to stop worrying so much when my middle daughter is on a date with her current boyfriend. I'll just reflect back to when I was a sixteen-year-old boy and . . . oh, dear Lord!

One of my most important resolutions is to finish reading the Bible all the way through. (Hey, that wasn't supposed to be funny.) This is actually

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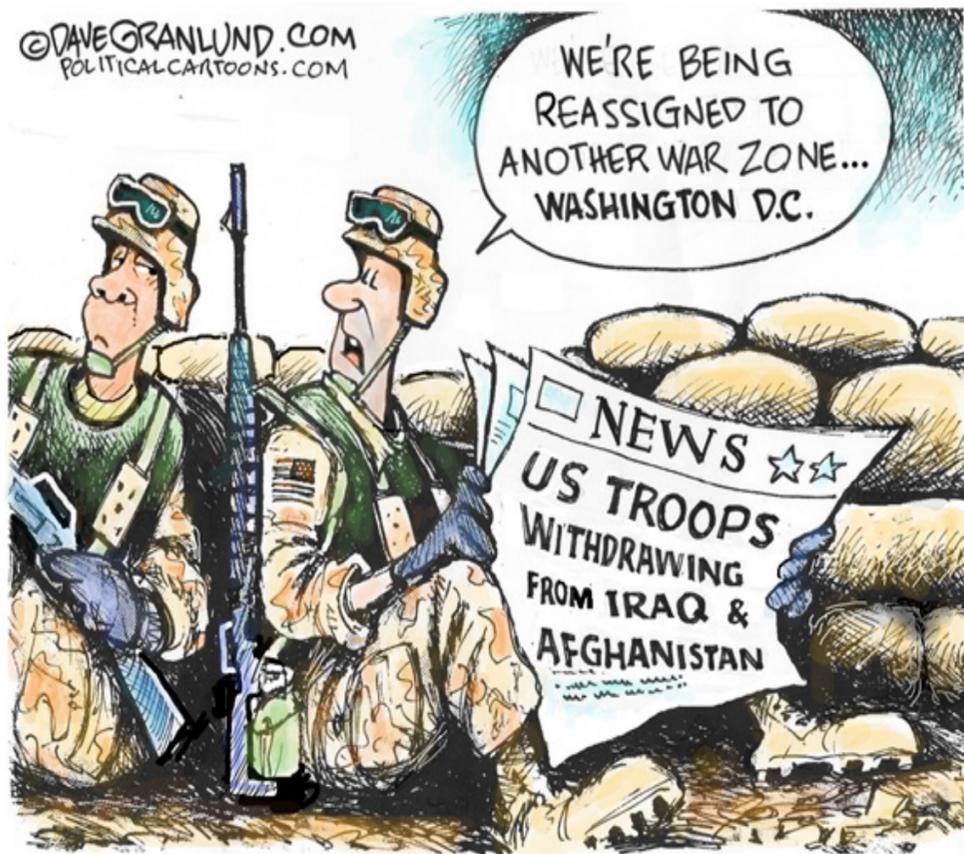
a project I started in 2020 by reading one chapter each evening before bed, except for a few nights when I had a large Mexican dinner or took a king-sized dose of NyQuil. I've discovered quite a lot through this process, but I had hoped by now to have figured out whether or not Adam and Eve had bellybuttons, and how Jesus and his twelve disciples ever came to an agreement about where to go eat.

Like many Americans, I've resolved to make a few dietary changes in 2021 - namely to avoid binge-snacking before supper. In the past, I've been known to come home from work and plow through an entire sleeve of Girl Scout cookies as an appetizer for half a can of Pringles - ok, the whole can. This year, I plan to pace myself by snacking throughout the entire day. I call it "The Hobbit Diet." Second breakfast, anyone?

Finally, I resolve to be more positive about wearing those uncomfortable, unattractive and inconvenient face coverings. I realize we likely have several more months of public mask wearing, so I've decided to pretend to be a Mandalorian and consider my mask a sacred symbol of honor among my people - even if inhaling my own Taco Bell breath is enough to make Baby Yoda gag.

Well, there you have it! Even though 2021 has started out acting like 2020's annoying little brother, I'm confident that with enough willpower, prayer and NyQuil, I can keep a significant number of these resolutions - at least until my next trip to Walmart.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to the letter to the editor in the Dec. 3, 2020 edition of the Katy Times. The writer referenced Dr. King's dream of living in a world where people are judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin. They failed to mention that Dr. King was beaten, jailed and ultimately murdered by white people who disagreed with and felt threatened by his calls for equality for all people before his dream could be realized. Using Dr. King's words to try and shut down dialogue related to racial inequity is disrespectful and a mischaracterization of everything he advocated for.

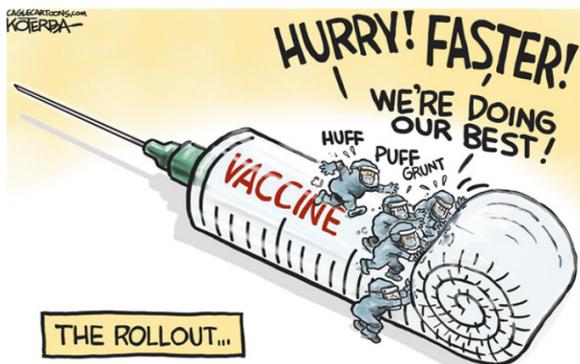
The writer says that acknowledging white privilege is racist. I imagine this is because it may

sound like people are saying being white is somehow better than being another race. To clarify-white privilege does not mean that white people are better than non-white people, or that they don't have to work hard, suffer or struggle. It means that white people do not have to work harder or suffer or struggle more because of the color of our skin. It's not that my white skin makes me privileged. It's that my white skin is the reason I do not suffer from any of the consequences of 400 plus years of institutional, systemic and legal oppression and discrimination that affect my non-white, especially my Black, peers.

Maybe acknowledging white privilege still doesn't sit well with you. That's okay. I can accept and respect your position. Debating

language and terms and accusing each other of being unpatriotic when we get uncomfortable in conversations about race will not bring us closer together. It doesn't help us solve the very real problems our school district and our community face when it comes to inclusion and equity which was the whole point of the opinion pieces published on Nov. 26 that preceded the letter to the editor on Dec. 3. It would have been nice to hear from the writer how they suggest we come together as the beautifully diverse community that we are to ensure equity and inclusion across Katy ISD. Common ground exists if we're willing to seek it and it's going to take all of us.

Anne Russey
Katy area resident



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Presidential Oath of Office

Note: While not part of the Constitution, the office of the Presidency is enshrined in our nation's founding document and this oath has been sworn by every president from George Washington through to this week's inauguration. Washington added the words, "so help me God" to the end of the oath, which has been duplicated by every president except Theodore Roosevelt since.

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

ELYSON

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Also coming to the development this year is Timber Grove Park, a new amenity in the community which will be located between Elyson Boulevard and Porter Road in the northern portion of the community. The park will be adjacent to Elyson's new model home village which will also open this year and showcase a dozen fully furnished model homes for potential residents to tour. The park itself will have multiple water features and walking trails for residents to utilize, according to the development's website.

In August 2020, Peter McElwain Elementary, a Katy ISD campus, opened in the southern portion of Elyson. The elementary is named for Peter McElwain, who served as an architect for Katy ISD for many years. The campus features hallways with alcoves for study groups as well as group learning spaces outside of traditional classrooms.

"I can't tell you how proud and honored I feel that the school is named that this particular school is named after me," McElwain said during interviews on the first day of school.

The development's first preschool, Kiddie Academy, opened in 2019.

Builders in Elyson include Taylor Morrison, Westin Homes, Lennar Homes, Pulte Homes, Chesmar Homes, Beazer Homes, Perry Homes, Highland Homes, Taylor Homes, Taylor Morrison and Village Builders. Homes range in price from the \$240,000 range to \$700,000 or more. Homesites range from 40-65 feet wide, Gustafson said.

"Housing affordability is a growing concern nationally and even in Houston, which is still one of the nation's most affordable housing markets



COURTESY NEWLAND COMMUNITIES

James Clark became the 1,000th resident of the Elyson master planned community in September 2020. He said he was drawn to the community by the bike trails and other convenient amenities.

but has seen prices increase as the costs of building materials and labor rise," Gustafson said. "By introducing traditional detached homes on smaller homesites, along with innovative products, Elyson is working to help keep the American dream of homeownership alive for a majority of homebuyers."

In late 2020, Elyson added duplex homes by Beazer Homes with two model homes available to tour. These homes are priced from the mid-\$200,000 range and are designed to appeal to first-time homebuyers and those looking for low maintenance homes.

By the end of November 2020, more than 450 new homes had been sold at Elyson, a 30% increase over sales in 2019. An update on sales in December was not provided in

time for publication.

The Shops at Elyson has opened as part of the community along FM 529 at the intersection with Peek Road. So far, the shopping center hosts Elyson Family Dental, the Elyson Animal Hospital, Marcos Pizza and Cunningham cleaners with more on the way.

In September, Elyson welcomed its 1,000th resident, James Clark, who had been a renter all of his life, but wanted to buy a home as he approached retirement. As an avid cyclist, Clark found Elyson attractive, according to a Newland Communities press release.

"I like the idea of riding my bike on a trail and not having to mingle with traffic," James says. "Elyson is a very pretty community, with ponds and parks to enjoy as I ride."

WCSO

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Commissioners tabled the item for now while Guidry works with county accounting staff to see where budget savings can be recognized to pay for the new positions. Guidry has previously said he would be looking for volunteer deputies to help supplement existing staff which is one avenue that may help in finding funding for this supplemental staffing. He added during the meeting that reducing overtime would assist with the issue and that a possible agreement with Austin County could bring in unexpected revenue and selling unneeded, outdated equipment as well as improved programs for vehicle maintenance which will save the county money among other money-saving avenues.

Court is tentatively expected to reopen in June or July of this year and Guidry said he would like to have the officers fully trained prior to that happening.

"I really didn't want to come to (commissioners court) and ask for this (staff increase), but I don't think that we can - outside of pulling from patrol - at this stage, there's really no other option to do it," Guidry said.

The issue was ultimately tabled while funding adjustments are investigated.

Hester, now an administrative lieutenant with WCSO, followed Guidry on the agenda to set up an agreement with Texana, a non-profit out of the Rosenberg area, to provide mental health services for the jail. The organization has been providing mental health services as required by state law, but costs have become untenable, Hester said.

The new agreement will be more expensive than the flat fee the non-profit had been providing to WCSO.

Hester said WCSO had looked at what other counties were paying through telehealth options, but saw that sort of service costing more than the agreement with Texana.

A mental health agreement for about \$35,000 for non-inmate-related health care evaluations with

OTHER BUSINESS

Other actions taken by the Waller County Commissioners Court included:

- Approved payroll and accounts payable issuances.
- Approved a request by the county engineer for the final plat of the Kingsand Heights subdivision, section four, a roughly 27-acre piece of land which will include 97 lots, 6 blocks and 9 reserves in Waller County Precinct 4. The new subdivision is located on the south side of I-10 on the east side of Igloo Road.
- Approved a request from the county engineer to approve a utility permit for the San Bernard Electric Coop to place a power pole in the right-of-way of Joseph Road on the north end of the county.
- Approved a request by the 506th District Court judge for fixed asset transfers to the County Court at Law.
- Authorized County Judge Trey Duhon to sign one resale deed for private tax resale of properties currently held in trust by Waller County in accordance with the Texas Tax Code.
- Approved additional copy machines for the new Sheriff's Office and Jail. Lt. Joe Hester of WCSO said that the size of the new building required additional machines. The new machines will cost about \$870 per month with the first 15,000 black and white pages included, though color copies increased that rate. County staff felt the increase in cost could be justified by other savings programs at WCSO.
- Approved an amendment to the contract with Incode Public Safety in the amount of about \$7,500, which provides software for the county's public safety programs.

Texana was approved along with the agreement to provide inmate mental health services. The contracts were agreed; however, each has a clause that allows for a 30-day option to cancel if better options become available.

County Auditor Alan Younts said it was possible that a small line item can be approved and then the county could look at possible grants to fund the services as well.

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

Data Control Codes		General	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 442,751,381	\$ 160,212,115	\$ 1,156,635	\$ 22,784,839	\$ 626,904,970
5800	State Program Revenues	370,816,001	1,747,447		11,539,061	384,102,509
5900	Federal Program Revenues	10,295,943		348,755	38,911,620	49,556,318
5020	Total Revenues	823,863,325	161,959,562	1,505,390	73,235,520	1,060,563,797
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	500,502,926			26,728,669	527,231,595
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	8,617,139			700,745	9,317,884
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	9,988,031			3,681,761	13,669,792
0021	Instructional Leadership	6,491,536			563,944	7,055,480
0023	School Leadership	44,308,301			567,242	44,875,543
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	36,323,469			3,823,107	40,146,576
0032	Social Work	64,230				64,230
0033	Health Services	8,590,476			190,166	8,780,642
0034	Student Transportation	18,584,699			101,987	18,686,686
0035	Food Services				29,759,832	29,759,832
0036	Extracurricular Activities	16,010,545			5,636,634	21,647,179
0041	General Administration	12,846,638			348,024	13,194,662
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	79,609,885			87,905	79,697,790
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	10,046,278			97,141	10,143,419
0053	Data Processing Services	14,763,537				14,763,537
0061	Community Services	218,953			459,043	677,996
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt		76,867,982			76,867,982
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt		78,974,820			78,974,820
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		161,389,116	1,184,934		162,574,050
0081	Capital Outlay: Facilities Acquisition and Construction	3,470,850		152,023,133	4,092,742	159,586,725
Intergovernmental Charges:						
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agents SSA	548,742				548,742
0095	Payments to JJAEP	9,800				9,800
0097	Payments to Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone	4,043,089				4,043,089
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	4,489,151				4,489,151
6030	Total Expenditures	779,528,275	317,231,918	153,208,067	76,838,942	1,326,807,202
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	44,335,050	(155,272,356)	(151,702,677)	(3,603,422)	(266,243,405)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)						
7901	Refunding Bonds Issued		304,659,942			304,659,942
7911	Capital-Related Debt Issued			141,240,000		141,240,000
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	93,580				93,580
7915	Transfers In	1,214,879	1,960,689		4,514,176	7,689,744
7916	Premium on Issuance of Bonds		36,387,953	19,944,934		56,332,887
8911	Transfers Out	(8,318,230)		(1,156,635)	(1,214,879)	(10,689,744)
8940	Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent		(185,668,087)			(185,668,087)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(7,009,771)	157,340,497	160,028,299	3,299,297	313,658,322
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	37,325,279	2,068,141	8,325,622	(304,125)	47,414,917
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) Prior Period Adjustment - Implement GASB 84	258,117,840	58,509,980	111,335,799	20,278,206	448,241,825
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 295,443,119	\$ 60,578,121	\$ 119,661,421	\$ 22,549,898	\$ 498,232,559

MAY 2021 ELECTION INFO

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

City and county-level leaders were just sworn in after a long election cycle in 2020, but in a democracy, elections are ever-present. Several positions are now up for grabs in the May elections facing the Katy area. Below are the positions open at the city and county levels in the Katy area. Candidates must file to be on the ballot no later than Feb. 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. per the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

CITIES:

- City of Katy:** Council Member Ward A, Council Member Ward B
- City of Brookshire:** Mayor, Alder Person 1, Alder Person 2
- City of Fulshear:** Council Member District 1, Council Member District 4, Council Member District 5, At-Large Councilmember
- City of Pattison:** Council Member Position 3, Council Member Position 4, Council Member Position 5

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

- Katy ISD:** Trustee Position 6, Trustee Position 7
- Royal ISD:** *No Royal ISD trustees will have terms expire in 2021, so RISD will not have trustee positions on the ballot.

COUNTIES:

- *Fort Bend and Harris counties elected their new commissioners for the Katy area in November 2020. Waller County Commissioner for Precinct 4 Justin Beckendorf has two years remaining in office. As a result, no commissioners elections will be on the ballot for the Katy area.

LEGISLATURE

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to raise taxes, impose or raise fees or shift regulatory costs to industry or mineral interest holders. The alliance plans to participate in the Coalition for Critical Infrastructure to support solutions to landowners' eminent domain concerns.

"(This session) will be different, but what has not changed is the importance of making sure the voices of farm and ranch families are heard at the Capitol," Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said.

Raise Your Hand Texas officials said lawmakers can keep promises to education despite tight budgeting.

"Even during this difficult budget cycle, the state has options to continue investing in and fully funding public education," Raise Your Hand Texas wrote in a statement.



STATE CAPITOL SOURCE GOOGLE

Legislators and special interest groups have announced their agendas for the 87th Texas Legislative Session. Highlights include improving internet access for rural communities and improving education – all with a budget made tight by falling revenues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jason Modglin, energy alliance president, encouraged lawmakers in search of revenue to consider whether all energy sources are paying what oil and gas producers do.

"Renewable energy projects in the state do not pay a severance tax to the state like we must do," Modglin wrote in Shalemag.com. "Those arguing Texas and

the U.S. should fully transition to renewable energy sources have offered no plan for how they will fund schools, roads and water infrastructure in the same way oil and gas severance taxes do. For example, electric vehicles are currently not required to pay for the use of roads like gasoline and diesel vehicles must."

CONNECTING RURAL TEXAS

Regular readers of "Capitol Highlights" know of readers' high interest in improving access to high-speed internet for rural Texans. Connected Nation Texas asked lawmakers to offer thoughts on the need.

"Many of the counties I represent do not have a hospital or even a doctor, and broadband can help bridge the healthcare gap these rural residents face," said Sen. Charles Perry, R- Lubbock.

Connected Nation Texas doesn't lobby for legislation, but state program director Jennifer Harris said she anticipated many lawmakers would offer solutions this session.

Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, announced their intent to file legislation to expand access. They said their bill would "affirm the state's commitment to closing the digital divide for Texans."

"The coronavirus pandemic has underscored the need for reliable access to the internet and exposed the breadth of ways in which connectivity impacts daily life," Ashby said in a statement. "It's my hope that passage of this bill will ensure our state is serious about working to make 21st century investments in favor of economic development, education, healthcare, public safety and the many other industries which benefit from connectivity."

The upcoming legislation includes:

- Creation of a broadband development office within the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- A broadband development program funded by the newly established broadband development account.
- Establishment of a broadband development map to be updated regularly and published by the office.
- The development within a year of a statewide broadband plan.

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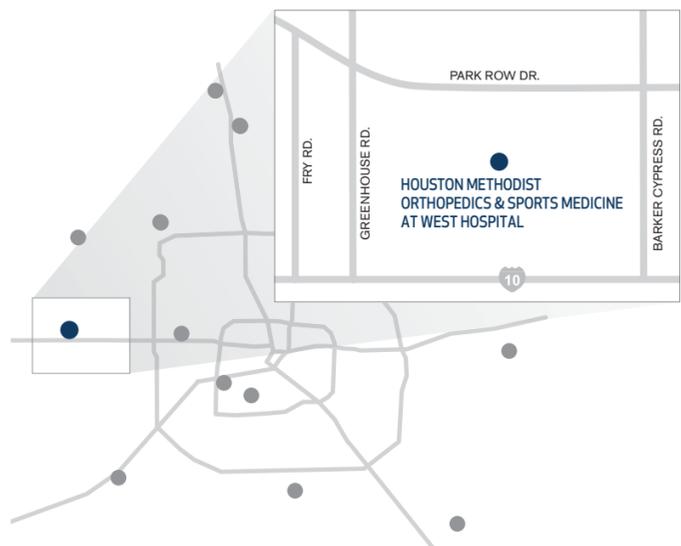


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NOTEBOOK

Lazic, Anderson, sophomores shine for Katy champs

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

ARLINGTON — Katy was proficient in all three phases of the game during its 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Jan. 16 at AT&T Stadium. Whether it was offense, defense or special teams, the Tigers were on top of their game.

Offensively, Katy totaled 390 yards and averaged seven yards per play. Defensively, the Tigers held the Longhorns to nine first downs and just 2-of-10 conversions on third down. And on special teams, senior kicker Nemanja Lazic tied a University Interscholastic League state record.

Katy romps Cedar Hill to win 9th state championship,

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Lazic's 48-yard field goal with 3:31 left in the second quarter tied the longest field goal make in a state final, regardless of classification. Lazic shares the record with another Tiger, Kris Perez. Perez hit a 48-yarder in Katy's 2015 state final win over Lake Travis.

"It feels amazing setting a record like that," Lazic said. "I didn't even know it tied a state record until someone from the stands told me going back into the

locker room. But all credit goes to the eight guys blocking for me, my long snapper Aiden Wendt and my holder Hamilton McMartin. They make the job a whole lot easier and they deserve the same amount of credit as me."

Lazic made all three of his field goals in the state final, from 48, 21 and 38 yards.

"Kicking in a stadium like that is something special," Lazic said. "I just think about how it's the same length of the field and the same goal posts, so my routine shouldn't change. That's what makes me relax playing in a stadium like that."

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RAMIRO REYNA | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Katy High senior kicker Nemanja Lazic lines up to attempt a 48-yard field goal in the first half of the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Lazic made the field goal, tying a UIL state record for longest field goal made.

NOTHING'S AS FINE AS NINE



RAMIRO REYNA | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 2020 Class 6A-Division II state championship was the ninth title for the Katy Tigers, and the fifth for head coach Gary Joseph. It also may mean the most, considering all the Tigers had to go through while dealing with a pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. "The things they had to go through, the normal teams didn't have to go through," Joseph said after his team's demonstrative 51-14 win over Cedar Hill at AT&T Stadium. "Here we are playing on January 16, the first time. The pandemic was something that touched each and every one of us and we're still having people get sick at our school. Hopefully they'll get the vaccine out more and more. It's a rough thing and a rough go, but the kids persevered, and they never wavered. When we told them to go get tested, they went to go get tested. They never questioned it. It showed their resolve. They gave up their social life, their holidays. They wanted it for each other as much as they wanted it for themselves.

The big part of our team is kids who are unselfish and willing to sacrifice for the better of the team. I very much wanted our kids to be successful because of all the hard work they put in."

REPORTED BY DENNIS SILVA II | SPORTS EDITOR



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2020-2021 KATY AREA VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS & SCHEDULE

To submit scores, news or schedules, email dennis.silva@katytimes.com. Schedules are tentative due to COVID-19 protocols.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Katy 49, Mayde Creek 37
Seven Lakes 59, Morton Ranch 44
Tompkins 58, Taylor 25
Magnolia 41, Paetow 28

BOYS BASKETBALL
Seven Lakes 61, Morton Ranch 53
Katy 72, Mayde Creek 63
Tompkins 61, Taylor 44
Paetow 65, Magnolia 54

SATURDAY, JAN. 16

CLASS 6A-DIVISION II FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Katy 51, Cedar Hill 14

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Cinco Ranch 46, Katy 25
Tompkins 73, Morton Ranch 30
Taylor 48, Mayde Creek 31
Paetow at Waller, n/a

BOYS BASKETBALL
Katy 76, Cinco Ranch 52
Mayde Creek 67, Taylor 54
Tompkins 73, Morton Ranch 51
Paetow 65, Waller 49

BOYS SOCCER
Seven Lakes 10, Katy 1
Cinco Ranch 2, Tompkins 0
Taylor 3, Morton Ranch 1

GIRLS SOCCER
Seven Lakes 6, Katy 0
Tompkins 2, Cinco Ranch 0
Taylor 1, Morton Ranch 0
A&M Consolidated 4, Paetow 0

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Taylor at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
Morton Ranch at Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.

Seven Lakes at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
College Station at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tompkins at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
Cinco Ranch at Taylor, 7 p.m.
Mayde Creek at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
Paetow at College Station, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Tompkins at Katy, 7:30 p.m.
Seven Lakes at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.
Cinco Ranch at Mayde Creek, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Taylor at Seven Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
Katy at Tompkins, 7:30 p.m.
Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Bend Bush at Paetow, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Cinco Ranch at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
Katy at Taylor, 7 p.m.
Mayde Creek at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
Paetow at Bryan Rudder, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Seven Lakes at Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
Taylor at Katy, 7 p.m.
Morton Ranch at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
Bryan Rudder at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Paetow at Waller, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Waller at Paetow, 7 p.m.

Dr. Bing beloved by Katy ISD athletics

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Dr. Mark Bing loved his faith and family. He had a passion for trains, biking and Diet Coke. He adored Katy ISD athletics, most of all Katy High School.

But above all, he lived to help. "He was all in about serving people," said Charlie Stevens, formerly the Katy ISD assistant athletic director over sports medicine who is now a consultant with the district. "He was a go-to. He was always doing whatever, whenever, to serve the community of Katy."

"Selfless" is the first word people use when describing Dr. Bing, who died Jan. 9 from the effects of Fragile X Tremor and Ataxia Syndrome (FXTAS). Dr. Bing (1951-2021) was most notably the Katy High football team physician, taking over the role from his father, Dr. Lyndon Bing, in the early 1980s. He is in the Texas High School Football Hall



DR. MARK BING

of Fame and the Katy ISD Hall of Honor.

The stories of Dr. Bing's unselfishness and passion for his community and Katy ISD are tales of legend.

When he found out high school wrestling student-athletes and coaches were using home remedies to treat skin infections to avoid high medical costs, Dr. Bing offered to treat them for free. Every Wednesday at 5 p.m., he showed up at Taylor High and treated any kid from any school in the district that had a skin issue.

If a student-athlete didn't have enough money to buy gloves or

shoes, Dr. Bing purchased the necessary equipment and donated it to the football program on behalf of that kid.

Dr. Bing offered physicals for student-athletes at discounted rates. He sponsored state championship rings, received decades later, for Katy High's 1959 football team. He served the district's wrestling program as a physician and official. His support in the Greater Houston Cycling foundation aided the Alkek Velodrome's youth cycling program for decades.

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Tigers top Cougars as playoff race heats up

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Like every other high school boys basketball team in the country, Katy High has dealt with its share of adversity because of COVID-19. Tuesday's game against Cinco Ranch was the first time the Tigers had every coach and player healthy since before the Christmas break.

Katy showed what it is capable of at full strength, toppling Cinco Ranch, 76-52, at Cinco Ranch High to improve its standing within an intense District 19-6A playoff race.

Seven Lakes is undefeated in district play at 7-0. Katy (4-4 19-6A) is one of five teams competing for other three playoff spots, joining Taylor (5-3), Mayde Creek (4-4), Tompkins (4-4) and Cinco Ranch (3-4).

The Tigers led the Cougars from start to finish on Tuesday, leading by eight points after the first quarter, 23 at halftime, and 32 after the third quarter.

"It was a really big win for us," said junior guard Dayvaughn Froe, who paced Katy with 17 points, seven assists, five rebounds and five steals. "Now we see what we can do. We see our potential. If we keep playing hard like that, we can beat anybody."

The Tigers lost to the Cougars, 62-56, in their first district meeting on Dec. 22. In that game, Katy held a double-digit lead twice, led by nine in the third quarter, and led by seven in the



Katy High junior guard Dayvaughn Froe, left, and senior guard Ryon Johnson led an inspired defensive effort in the Tigers' 76-52 win over Cinco Ranch on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Cinco Ranch High.

fourth. But the Tigers couldn't stop the Cougars, who scored on four consecutive possessions in the final quarter to rally for the win.

Expectedly, defense was at the forefront of the Tigers' cause in the second meeting. Katy limited Cinco Ranch to 20 total points through the first three quarters and forced 14 turnovers.

No Cougar scored in double-figures. Sophomore guard Derek Kollmansberger led Cinco Ranch with nine points, six coming in the fourth quarter.

"We made a determined team effort to defend, and not

just in spots and not just by certain individuals," coach Danny Russell said. "It was five guys defending for the entirety of the game, and that creates transition opportunities we hadn't been getting and it builds a lot of pride. The defensive end is where your heart shows, and I think we're starting to show our heart."

Senior guard Ryan Johnson, who had three steals and a block, said the mindset was to come into the game with intensity and set the tone.

"We had to pressure the ball more and we had to box out and get on the glass," Johnson said.

Offensively, Katy scored at least 15 points in every quarter. The Tigers were buoyed by sharp shooting from 3-point range, draining seven of 12 3s in the first half and eight of 18 overall.

Froe and senior Connor Champion each made three triples.

"Sometimes the ball goes in, sometimes it doesn't, sometimes it's shot selection," said Russell, who added his team has shot well from 3 all season long. "But at the end of the day, you can defend regardless of the situation. When we buy into that, it makes the game a lot easier in other areas, and shooting is one of them."

Five Tigers scored in double-figures. Froe and Champion each had 17, senior Christian Lopez had 16 off the bench, Johnson added 14 and senior Trent Evans finished with 12. Champion and Lopez produced their efforts off the bench.

Russell even credited the players who didn't play for keeping the team engaged and inspired throughout the game. It's been a rough few weeks for Katy with coaches and players in and out of action, but the Tigers are grateful everyone is healthy as the race for the postseason heats up.

"Anything can get thrown at you this season," Froe said. "It's different than anything else we've dealt with before. We've struggled, but once we all come together like we did, we can deal with anything and push through."

Bankston, Panthers honored as all-district selections

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow's football season did not end how it desired, with its area round playoff game canceled because of COVID-19 cases within the Panthers program, but its success this season was rewarded when the District 10-5A, Division I selections were released earlier this month.

Competing in one of the toughest

districts in the state in Class 5A, Division I, the Panthers went 5-1 in district play and finished third behind champion Manvel (4-0) and Richmond Foster (4-1). Hightower (2-2) finished fourth.

Paetow senior running back Damon Bankston earned Offensive Most Valuable Player. Bankston rushed for 747 yards and eight touchdowns in six district games.

Terry senior quarterback Kellen Stewart was named the district's MVP and Foster senior defensive tackle Tyler Onyedim was named Defensive MVP. Special Teams Player of the Year was Manvel senior returner Davyon Henderson. Newcomer of the Year was Hightower junior receiver Kaleb Johnson. Coaching Staff of the Year went to Manvel.

Three Panthers were named to the all-district first-team offense, six were named to the first-team defense and two were named to the first-team special teams.

On offense, senior fullback Randle Kelley, senior lineman Demetrius Elko and junior lineman James Bailey were first-team selections. On defense, senior tackle Andrew Rutherford, senior end Agumba Otunoye, sophomore inside linebacker Alex Kilgore, sophomore outside linebacker Daymion Sanford, junior safety Kentrell Webb and junior cornerback Michael Jordan were named to the first team.

Junior kicker Anthony Fuentes and sophomore returner D.J. Johnson were recognized on the first-team special teams.

On the all-district second

team offense, Paetow junior receiver Kole Wilson, senior tight end David Murray and senior offensive lineman Johan Campos were honored. On the second-team defense, junior defensive end J.J. Johnson, junior linebackers Sultan Bakare and Tyler Silves, senior defensive back Carl Simon and junior defensive back K.J. Truehill were recognized.

Paetow had two selections on the second-team special teams in senior deep snapper Ian Lyon and junior returner Kentrell Webb.

Three Panthers were selected as honorable mention picks. They were junior quarterback C.J. Dumas Jr., and senior offensive linemen Sammy Almdares and Nicolas Mercado.

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"He was a great friend," Katy High head football coach/athletic coordinator Gary Joseph said. "The biggest thing we miss about him is his presence every day. Anybody that's that unselfish ... He would do anything for anybody. We knew we could call Dr. Bing."

Justin Landers, formerly the longtime Katy High athletic trainer and now Katy ISD's assistant athletic director over sports medicine following Stevens' retirement last summer, is an alumnus of the Katy High Class of 1995. He was a student trainer under Dr. Bing in the early 1990s.

"Even as a student, as I worked through the program, he was there to teach me," Landers said. "He allowed me to stand side by side and cut stitches with him. He told me stories about the history of Katy High School. All of that stuck with me. His fondness and excitement for Katy football and the city of Katy was just so abundant."

"The guy gave me advice on how to become a better person to how to deal with medical situations to how to help coaches. 'Justin, you always do the right thing and you treat the person how you would treat your kids and you would want to be treated. Coaches can be frustrated about the situation, but in the end, you've won the heart of that kid and you did what was right.' It's something I still use today."

Landers' favorite memory of Dr. Bing comes from the 1992 season, when the Tigers played Jersey Village for the city football title. Landers and Dr. Bing talked excitedly the whole game, discussing plays and which way runs were going and who would make the big defensive play.

Landers took pride in being Dr. Bing's "eyes and ears" at practices during the week so he could relay to him the game-plan.



Dr. Mark Bing is pictured treating former Katy High tight end Parker Eichenberger during a high school football game. Dr. Bing served as the team doctor for Katy High for many decades. He died earlier this month.

After the 10-9 win over Jersey Village, the two embraced.

"We were like little kids, jumping up and down, hugging each other," Landers said. "It was pretty emotional, something I remember fondly. Even as an adult, in 2012 winning the state title, I can remember doing the same thing, jumping up and down with him, hugging him. Pretty special."

Stevens recalled working a junior varsity wrestling tournament at Katy High on a Saturday about six years ago. Skin checks were a requirement for ringworm, et cetera, and one of the officials wanted to flag an athlete. Landers,

then the Katy High athletic trainer, phoned Dr. Bing to intercede.

After each expressed concern about what was taking Dr. Bing so long to arrive—he lived just two miles from the school—Stevens and Landers learned Dr. Bing, who once flew home from a family vacation to attend to a playoff game in 2001, had been downtown at church when he received their call, left hurriedly, and even received a speeding ticket along the way.

"I learned that sometimes when you were going to ask him for a favor, you asked what he was doing before asking," Stevens said. "He would drop everything he

was doing to come help you."

Dr. Bing cared so deeply about Katy ISD athletics that anyone who wanted to be a partner in his practice had to agree to cover high school athletic events, unpaid and on their own personal time. Dr. William DeSimone, Dr. Rick Adams, Dr. Andy Shen, and Dr. Paul Bing, Mark's brother, have carried on the accessible and giving culture established by Dr. Bing with the district in light of his passing.

Dr. Bing, who helped the development of the Katy Medical Complex into what is now Memorial Hermann Katy Rehabilitation Hospital, played an important

role in Katy ISD expanding its sports medicine initiatives. Now the hospital is able to get referrals on behalf of Katy ISD for surgeries and other needs for student-athletes, and the district is able to utilize the hospital's resources and personnel expertise.

When a doctor was needed as oversight for an AED (Automated External Defibrillators) program for the school district, Dr. Bing volunteered. When a doctor was needed to sign off on an EMT program the district was doing, he volunteered for that as well.

Not long before he got sick, Dr. Bing's desire was to work for the Katy ISD athletic department, cover athletic events and be the Katy High team doctor without having a practice. That's what he wanted. He had gotten it set up to where he was going to just cover nursing homes for his practice, but that's when his health started to turn.

"It was like, 'Shoot,'" Stevens said. "It was but for a fleeting moment that he'd gotten to where he wanted."

Dr. Bing married his loving wife, Kelly Beck Bing, in 1987. He is survived by her and his five children: Elizabeth Cools and husband Joshua Cools, Ethan Bing and wife Claudia Wei, Natalie Morgan and husband Cody Morgan, Mariel Godeaux and husband John Godeaux, and Elliot Bing; along with five grandchildren and two more grandbabies on the way.

Dr. Bing was the eldest son of Dr. Lyndon Bing and Dorothy Bing and brother of Sarah Turner, Rebecca Quantz, Martha Culbreth, and Dr. Paul Bing.

It is Lyndon and Dorothy whom Landers credits for Dr. Bing's affinity for serving others.

"His dad had a life-of-service attitude. His mom took care of the family and had a life of service to the church," Landers said. "I think that's why he ended up serving people, because he didn't know anything else."

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Pattison plans to apply for the upcoming 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm(s) (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Pattison. Please submit three (3) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: P.O. Box 223, Pattison, TX 77466, Attn: Lorene Hartfiel. Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 1, 2021 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Pattison is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given of the intention to introduce in the Regular Session of the 87th Legislature of Texas a bill creating and establishing a special district consisting of approximately 45,924 acres and located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas, and wholly within Harris and Waller Counties, Texas, to be known as Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 5, under the provisions of Article 16, Section 59 of the Constitution of Texas and pursuant to the inherent power of the Legislature to create special governmental agencies and districts, with powers including those given to municipal utility districts operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code, and including road powers under Article III, Section 52 of the Constitution of Texas. The bill will provide for the district's administration, powers, name, duties, operation, and financing. The property proposed to be included within the district is generally located northwest of the intersection of Mathis Road and Betka Road. A full copy of the legal description of the property can be obtained by calling Nancy Carter at (281) 500-6050.

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO ADVERSE POSSESSION

Notice is hereby given that JAMES JONES III, pursuant to Chapter 16, Sec. 16.0265 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, has filed a claim of adverse possession to certain real property located in Waller County, Texas, as more particularly described in an Affidavit of Adverse Possession recorded as Instrument 2100233 in the real property records of Waller County, Texas.

Any person disputing the claim of JAMES JONES III must file a controverting affidavit or file suit to recover their co-tenant heir's interest in the real property in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 16, Sec. 16.0265 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Dated this the 8th day of January 2021.



Ordinance 137 Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pattison will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Subdivision and Design Standards Ordinance No. 137. The Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting will be held by videoconference pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551, and in accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location.

Members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during the videoconference meeting by contacting the City Secretary via email at CitySecretary@pattison.texas.gov or call 281-934-3715 to receive information about logging into the videoconference.

The proposed ordinance is available via the City of Pattison Website: <https://pattison.texas.gov/public-notices-news/>. Contact the City Secretary at 281-934-3715 or via email at CitySecretary@pattison.texas.gov with any questions.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings At Their Meetings To Be Held Via Teleconference.

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021
The City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., by teleconference* at 1-877-391-0239, Access Code: 878 0722 1625

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
4:30 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2021
The City Council of the City of Katy will hold a special meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., by teleconference* at 1-877-391-0239, Access Code: 894 8105 5307

The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas Amending The Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 621; Amending Ordinance No. 2915 "West Ten Business Park" Planned Development District; Amending Certain Requirements And Restrictions For Development Within The "West Ten Business Park" Planned Development District; Providing A Penalty Of \$2,000 For Each Day Of Violation Of Any Provision Of This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And Providing For Severability.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings At Their Meetings To Be Held Via Teleconference.

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021
The City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., by teleconference* at 1-877-391-0239, Access Code: 878 0722 1625

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The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas Amending The Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 621; Creating The "Katy Court" Planned Development District, A Residential And Commercial Development On Approximately 110.861 Acres Of Vacant Land Located At The South Of Clay Road And West Of Katy Hockley Cut-Off Road. Allowing For Future Subdivisions Of Tracts Of Land Within The "Katy Court" Planned Development District; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Amending The Comprehensive Plan To Conform To The Land Uses Provided For In The Ordinance; Providing A Penalty In An Amount Of Up To \$2,000 For Each Day Of Violation Of Any Provision Of This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; And Providing For Severability. Applicant is Parkside Capital And Agent Is META Planning + Design LLC.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 2960 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE CITY OF KATY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 12.05 "PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC STREETS" BY AMENDING SECTION 12.05.041 "NO PARKING ZONES" TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF PEDERSON ROAD FROM THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HIGHWAY 90 TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF INTERSTATE 10; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200 FOR A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to the City of Katy will be received at Katy City Hall at 901 Avenue C, Katy, TX 77493 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Friday, January 29th, 2021 and then publicly opened and read aloud for THE MODIFICATIONS FOR DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS FROM RICELAND TERRACE SUBDIVISION. Proposals received after closing will be returned unopened. Bid opening will do online using the Zoom application: Web Application: Zoom <https://zoom.us/> Call in: 877-853-5257 Meeting ID: 842 9039 8501 A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held online on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Below is the website and call in information: Web Application: Zoom <https://zoom.us/> Call in: 888-475-4499 Meeting ID: 853 3915 0686 Each PROPOSAL shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, the "bid security", in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds and Guaranty on the forms provided within five days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. Bid sureties will be returned to all but the three lowest acceptable bidders the day of opening of PROPOSALS, and the remaining bid sureties will be returned after execution of the Contract. The successful bidder must furnish PERFORMANCE, PAYMENT, and MAINTENANCE BONDS on the forms furnished with the PROPOSAL, in the amount of one hundred percent of the total Contract price, from a surety company acceptable to the Owner. Plans, specifications and bid documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at the CivCastUSA Website (www.CivCastUSA.com). Reproduction charges will apply according to CivCastUSA rates. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all PROPOSALS and to waive irregularities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the PROPOSAL, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the PROPOSAL. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (DavisBacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas General Land Office - Community Development & Revitalization and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The City of Katy is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids. All contractors/subcontractors who's System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 20 CVD 12669

GUADALUPE GUTIERREZ,)
Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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)
JUAN MANUEL GUTIERREZ,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Juan Manuel Gutierrez

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The relief being sought is an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 16th day of February, 2021, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 7th day of January, 2021.

M. DeVondria McClure
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Law Offices of M. DeVondria McClure, P.C.
PO Box 220127
Charlotte, NC 28222
T: (704) 372-2031 / F: (704) 372-2051

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 130, Attention Mr. Daniel Smith, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of AEI Engineering, a Baxter & Woodman Company, 11450 Compaq Center Dr., Suite 660, Houston, Texas 77070, until 9:00 a.m. Local Time, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021, and then publicly opened and read for "LIFT STATION NO. 1 IMPROVEMENTS for FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 130, Fort Bend County, Texas

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: The removal and replacement of two wastewater pumps and guide rails, as well as the demolition and replacement of the accompanying electrical controls and equipment to operate the lift station.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Local Time, at the office of AEI Engineering, a Baxter & Woodman Company.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

www.CivcastUSA.com: search AEI. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.]

AEI Engineering, a Baxter & Woodman Company
11450 Compaq Center Dr., Suite 660
Houston, Texas 77070

Bidding documents may be examined at the above locations or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) for each set of documents at AEI Engineering, a Baxter & Woodman Company. Checks should be made payable to AEI Engineering, a Baxter & Woodman Company. No cash will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

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

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 130

Invitation for Bids

Waller County will receive bids for Paving Facilities for Laneview Road widening and asphaltic concrete pavement mill and overlay in Hempstead, Texas under the General Land Office (GLO) Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Street Improvements Contract No. 20-065-062-C180, until 10:00 am on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Jones & Carter, Inc., 2322 W Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449. Bids must be addressed to: Yancy Scott, c/o Matt Breazeale. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Jones & Carter, Inc., 2322 W Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449. Bid opening will also be available virtually through Teams Meeting. Please join by using the link <https://tinyurl.com/y6qswuuc> or call in at +1 832-856-3756, Phone Conference ID:788 795 088#.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

Repair and reconstruct the driving surface, sub-grade, and road base by milling, applying asphalt, and striping of several streets with incidental repairs to roadside ditches located area-wide and shall complete associated appurtenances.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com.

There will be a virtual pre-bid conference by Teams Meeting at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 28, 2021. Please join by using the link <https://tinyurl.com/yy8kwj6e> or call in at +1 832-856-3756, Phone Conference ID:285 409 270#. Attendance is not mandatory.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Waller County or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The project to be constructed will be financed with assistance from the General Land Office (GLO) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to the Waller County Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

All contractors and subcontractors must be cleared (not suspended or debarred) prior to any formal action authorizing the award of a contract to the contractor. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Section 3 Businesses, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids.

The Waller County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by Waller County for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

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THE GRIND FOR NINE

In their record 15th state championship game appearance, the Katy Tigers won their ninth state title. A recap of how the Tigers, who finished with a 14-1 overall record, got there.

REG. SEASON	OPPONENT	SCORE
Non-District	at Clear Springs	28-13 (W)
Non-District	at Cypress Woods	66-21 (W)
District	Seven Lakes	59-3 (W)
District	Cinco Ranch	41-0 (W)
Non-District	at Dickinson	49-7 (W)
District	Tompkins	24-19 (L)
District	Taylor	41-13 (W)
District	Morton Ranch	63-7 (W)
District	Mayde Creek	48-12 (W)

PLAYOFFS	OPPONENT	SCORE
Bi-District	Elkins	Bye (COVID-19)
Area	Lamar	60-7
Regional semis	Shadow Creek	49-24
Regional final	Clear Falls	51-14
State semis	Buda Hays	63-7
State final	Cedar Hill	51-14

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"It's not earth science what they're doing offensively," Cedar Hill coach Carlos Lynn said. "It's a grind mentality, and they do it well. It's hard to simulate. I don't know if our kids have ever seen (an offense) under center. It's tough. They executed well. They brought their 'A' game. They played at a high level and they were the benefits of that."

Katy's defense scored as many points as Cedar Hill's offense. Junior defensive back Hamilton McMartin had a 55-yard fumble recovery for a score. Varner added a dramatic pick-6 in the fourth quarter.

Senior defensive back Dalton Johnson and McMartin each had 3 1/2 tackles to lead Katy. Johnson also forced a fumble. Senior linebacker Shepherd Bowling had a gorgeous diving interception of Salter in the first half. Katy scored 21 points off turnovers.

"They're so disciplined," Lynn said of Katy's defense. "They're not going to beat themselves. They play a style of football where everybody knows how to fit and where they're going to be. We did a poor job of trying to take advantage of some of those things. They tackle well, they were opportunistic. Those things can be a disaster for an offense."

The Tigers outgained the Longhorns in total yards, 390-246.

Sophomore running back Seth Davis was named Offensive Player of the Game after rushing for 123 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. Varner was named Defensive Player of the Game, with two tackles for a loss, a sack and the interception he returned 15 yards for a touchdown with



RAMIRO REYNA | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Katy High senior defensive end Cal Varner III (91) eyes Cedar Hill quarterback Kaidon Salter (7) as he returns an interception 15 yards for a touchdown during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over the Longhorns on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

10:17 left in the fourth quarter that drew the attention of a future NFL Hall of Famer.

"Hell of a play @CalVarnerIII," Texans star J.J. Watt tweeted. "Texas high school football built different."

It was Varner's first career interception.

"I saw the running back going out for a swing pass," he said. "I played it to the tackle and just came off at the right time. He threw it right at me. I knew if I dropped it, I'd have everybody making fun of me, so I had to take that back."

"I think it took all their momentum away, all their hope. Once I got that pick, their quarterback just sat there on the ground and I saw they were defeated."

This year's Tigers were identical to the 2008 title team. That season was the last time Katy lost a district game and did not win the district title until this season, when streaks of 75 consecutive district wins and 11 consecutive district championships were snapped. But, like that 2008 team, this Katy team rallied to win a state championship, using a selfless, team-oriented mentality to keep going. It was truly a team, in every sense of the word. The Tigers were the headliners, not individuals.

Katy outscored its five playoff opponents 274-66, eliminating two state-ranked teams (Shadow Creek and Cedar Hill) along the way.

"It was tough," Varner said. "We had players go down, like (junior defensive end) Malick (Sylla) and (senior tight end) Fernando (Garza). We had coaches get corona, players get corona. We had practices pushed back, games pushed back. But we persevered."

"Everybody was on board, everybody kept pushing. That's what made this team special."

BOX SCORE (FINAL)

KATY (14-1) VS. CEDAR HILL (12-2)
(JAN 16, 2021 AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS)

Score by Qtrs	1	2	3	4	Score
Katy.....	7	17	13	14	51
Cedar Hill.....	0	0	14	0	14

Scoring Summary:

1st 01:18 KATY - Taylor Saulsberry 37 yd pass from Caleb Koger (Nemanja Lazic kick), 9-71 4:51, KATY 7 - CEDRHILL 0
2nd 11:18 KATY - Jalen Davis 3 yd run (Nemanja Lazic kick), 3-41 1:07, KATY 14 - CEDRHILL 0
03:31 KATY - Nemanja Lazic 48 yd field goal, 9-28 3:55, KATY 17 - CEDRHILL 0
00:36 KATY - Isaiah Smith 55 yd run (Nemanja Lazic kick), 3-62 1:15, KATY 24 - CEDRHILL 0
3rd 07:30 KATY - Nemanja Lazic 21 yd field goal, 9-45 4:29, KATY 27 - CEDRHILL 0
06:16 KATY - Hamilton McMartin 55 yd fumble recovery (Nemanja Lazic kick), KATY 34 - CEDRHILL 0
04:28 CEDRHILL - Kaidon Salter 4 yd run (William Rhodes kick), 7-75 1:48, KATY 34 - CEDRHILL 7
02:18 KATY - Nemanja Lazic 38 yd field goal, 5-28 2:10, KATY 37 - CEDRHILL 7
00:07 CEDRHILL - Kaidon Salter 10 yd run (William Rhodes kick), 6-68 2:05, KATY 37 - CEDRHILL 14
4th 10:31 KATY - Seth Davis 25 yd run (Nemanja Lazic kick), 4-52 1:35, KATY 44 - CEDRHILL 14
10:17 KATY - Cal Varner 15 yd interception return (Nemanja Lazic kick), KATY 51 - CEDRHILL 14

KATY CEDAR HILL

FIRST DOWNS.....	17	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	47-298	21-134
PASSING YDS (NET).....	92	112
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	9-5-0	24-12-2
TOTAL PLAYS-YARDS.....	56-390	45-246
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	1-55	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	2-3	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	1-0	6-47
Interception Returns-Yards.....	2-15	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	1-23.0	6-40.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	4-25	6-56
Possession Time.....	29:06	18:54
3rd-Down Conversions.....	7 of 12	2 of 10
4th-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-7	1-13

RUSHING: Katy-Seth Davis 14-123; Jalen Davis 23-109; Isaiah Smith 1-55; Dalton Johnson 1-8; Caleb Parsons 1-5; Ivy Bell 1-5; Aiden McKinney 1-4; Jayden Rodriguez 3-3; TEAM 1-minus 1; Caleb Koger 1-minus 13; Cedar Hill-Kylon Ashton 2-69; Kaidon Salter 10-46; Anthony Thomas IV 3-24; Jaidon Calahan 2-5; Kris Allen 1-1; Jaylen Jenkins 1-minus 2; Cedric Hardin 1-minus 2; Jonathan Robertson 1-minus 7.

PASSING: Katy-Caleb Koger 9-50-92. Cedar Hill-Kaidon Salter 12-24-112; Jonathan Robertson 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: Katy-Taylor Saulsberry 3-59; Nic Anderson 1-30; Isaiah Smith 1-3. Cedar Hill-Javien Clemmer 6-47; Anthony Thomas IV 3-49; Kylon Ashton 1-14; Brian Rainey 1-4; Julian Austin 1-minus 2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Katy-Cal Varner 1-15; Shepherd Bowling 1-0. Cedar Hill-None.

FUMBLES: Katy-None. Cedar Hill-Kaidon Salter 1-0; Jaidon Calahan 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Katy-Cal Varner 1-0. Cedar Hill-Jaheim Lowe 0-1; Joey Johnson 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Katy-Dalton Johnson 3-1; Hamilton McMartin 3-1; Gal Varner 3-0; Ty Kana 2-1; Jaden Maronen 2-1; Carson Marshall 2-1; Hunter Washington 2-0; Bobby Taylor 2-0; Antonio Silva 1-1; Cohen Dearman 1-0; Nic Anderson 1-0; Jayden Rodriguez 1-0; Truman Timmons 1-0; Dontay Sowell 1-0; Brady Englett 1-0; Judson Ceyanes 1-0; Malik Sylla 1-0; Cayde Robertson 0-2; Elijah Stewart 0-1; Shepherd Bowling 0-1; JR Ceyanes 0-1; Kodi Arceneaux 0-1; Derrick Williams 0-1; Ryan Matus 0-1. Cedar Hill-Stefan Ingram 5-5; Amarian Williams 6-1; Brett Lynch 4-5; Jaheim Lowe 4-2; Jaylynn Wilson 4-1; Kendall Stevens 3-1; Charles Esters III 2-3; Joey Johnson 1-5; Tyrann Byrd 2-0; Corey Traylor 2-0; Harvey Dyson 1-1; Quincy Davis 1-0; Tarren Black 1-0; Ian Bradley 1-0.

Stadium: AT&T Stadium
Attendance: 8838
Kickoff time: 1:07 pm End of Game: 4:00 pm Total elapsed time: 2:53
Officials: Referee: Lance Mathis; Umpire: Toby Rackley; Linesman: Ron Daniels;
Line judge: Brad Frisby; Back judge: Buddy Furqueron; Field judge: Scotty Allen;
Side judge: Jackie Culverho; Center judge: Alvin Wright;
Temperature: 72 **Wind:** INDOORS
Weather: N/A

2020 UIL Conference 6A DII State Championship
Offensive MVP- Seth Davis (Katy)
Defensive MVP- Carl Varner (Katy)



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Katy High junior receiver Nic Anderson (4) celebrates after the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

TIGERS

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ONE FOR NIC

After watching his older brothers, Rodney and Ryder, win state championships as Tigers, junior receiver Nic Anderson "felt like I had to win one."

"I had to bring one home to the family, complete the set," Anderson said.

Rodney, the oldest of the trio, won a state title in 2012 as a sophomore running back. Ryder was a junior defensive end on the 2015 title team.

Nic can now add himself to the family's legacy of champions after the Tigers' win over Cedar Hill last weekend. Anderson had a catch for 30 yards in the state final, and for the season finished with 30 catches for 480 yards and five touchdowns.

"It's unreal," Anderson said. "My family knows how hard my team and I have worked, and I know they're so proud to see it finally pay off."

He added, laughing, "I still have a year left to get one more ring than my brothers, so that's my goal."

Anderson said his older brothers told him to play his best, have fun and remember the moment of playing for a state title. He improved this season getting better at concentrating on the ball and focusing on runs after the catch. He worked tirelessly on route running to make sure he was consistent every time.

"They're each their own person," coach Gary Joseph said of the Andersons. "Nic is the quietest of them all. Rodney wasn't a rah-rah guy. Ryder liked to hear himself talk. There's certainly a difference in them. Nic is one of those kids that's matured later. Rodney was pretty mature enough to play as a freshman here. Nic is just now starting to mature. His strength has gotten so much better, his speed has gotten better. They mature differently."

Anderson said he will never forget this season.

"I think of all we had to sacrifice as a team to get what we strived for," he said. "I mean, we literally gave up holidays to reach our goal."



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Katy High sophomore running back Seth Davis (23) runs for yards during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Davis was named Offensive Player of the Game.

MORE IN STORE

The Tigers have a bright future. Sophomore running back Seth Davis was Offensive Player of the Game for the state final. Quarterback Caleb Koger was a sophomore as well.

Davis rushed for 123 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries in the championship game. His older half-brother, starting senior running back Jalen Davis, rushed for 109 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries.

"I think I've learned a lot from him, and he's learned a lot from me," Jalen Davis said. "I love him more than anything, and I'm blessed to share the backfield with him for this team. I'm extremely proud people are taking notice of my little brother. We've always worked hard and have always been competitive at a young age. It's paying off."

Koger persevered through an early quarterback competition and a rough outing in the Tigers' only loss of the season to Tompkins on Nov. 5, when he completed just half of his 14 passes for 81 yards and two interceptions.

But since that loss, Koger has played brilliantly, throwing for 14 touchdowns and no interceptions over the final eight games of the season. In the state final, Koger, who masterfully executed play-fakes to thwart the Cedar Hill defense, completed five of nine passes for 92 yards and a touchdown.

"I told you after the loss that that game was probably a bit too big for him at the time, but he grew up and his teammates allowed him to grow up," Joseph said. "They never wavered in their support of him and they knew he was going to be the guy to get us to this point. He's got a great future in front of him as long as he keeps working and improving. The best is yet to come."

A VISIT FROM ANDY

Dallas Cowboys quarterback and former Katy High star Andy Dalton visited the team the morning of the state championship game to offer a pregame speech.

"He told us about how he came from the 'B' team to freshman team and didn't start until his senior year," senior defensive back Dalton Johnson said. "It lets everybody know that it's all worth it to go through this. He lost state, but he had a great time at Katy. Fortunately, we were able to win. I love this team and this class. It's worth it."

Dalton was a third-team all-state selection his senior year in 2005, when he threw for 2,877 yards and 42 touchdowns in leading Katy to the state finals.

Johnson said the players were inspired by Dalton's talk. It was proof that what they had to go through this year, all the protocols and restrictions because of COVID-19, were worth it.

"Most of us are used to socializing, but we knew what it took to get here, and we wanted it bad enough," Johnson said. "We stayed within the team or family, even over breaks. Coaches got corona, players got corona. Overcoming that, we knew what we had to do. The bond we created because of that led us to this state championship even more, I would believe."

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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.

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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 P.W.R. 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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Katy High senior receiver Taylor Saulsberry (18) brings in a touchdown catch during the first half of the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.



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Katy High sophomore quarterback Caleb Koger (10) looks downfield during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.



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Katy High senior linebacker Jaden Maronen (46) sacks Cedar Hill quarterback Kaidon Salter (7) during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over the Longhorns on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.



Katy High junior defensive back Hamilton McMartin (24) dives to bring down Cedar Hill receiver Javien Clemmer (13) during the Tigers' 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over the Longhorns on Saturday.

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Katy High players celebrate with the state championship trophy after their 51-14 Class 6A-Division II state championship win over Cedar Hill on Saturday, Jan. 16, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.



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