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TEXAS CHILI COOK-OFF SET FOR FEB. 11

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Local teams and community leaders will again compete in the annual Texas Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The cook-off is set for 4-7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce parking lot, 814 East Ave. Proceeds benefit the Katy ISD Future Farmers of America.

"It should be a lot of fun, and it is for a good cause," Ken Gregorski, Katy Independent School District superintendent, said.

Gregorski is one of three celebrity judges for the event. The others are Joshua "Cutter" Brewer, who was a contestant on season 5 of MasterChef, and Shannen Tune, who was a contestant on season 21 of Chopped.

"I am always willing to participate in events that support our Katy ISD kids," Gregorski said. "Prior to the pandemic, the culinary program at the Miller Career and Technology Center had multiple competitions for the students. My favorite was the chicken wing challenge. Hopefully, we can get back to doing those type of fun events soon."

Gregorski said although he grew up in the north—he earned his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University—he didn't recall any recipes for chili that were outstanding.

"But when you grow up in the cold north like I did, everyone appreciated a hot bowl of chili in the winter months," Gregorski said.

Gregorski said spices would make for a good chili.

"A good chili needs to be spicy, but not too spicy that a person cannot enjoy the taste," Gregorski said.

One issue for debate among chili devotees is the inclusion of

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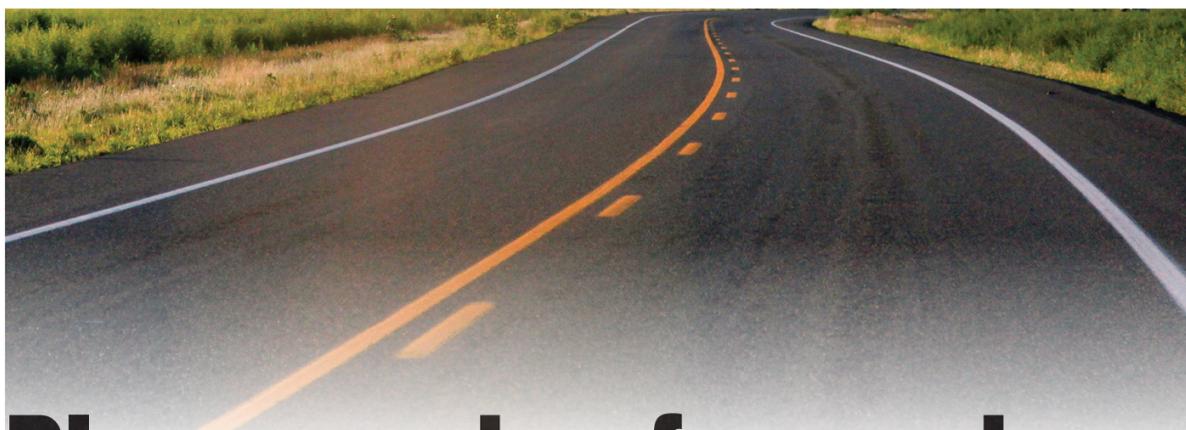
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Plans moving forward on FM 529 expansion project

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The public has a Friday deadline to request a public hearing—if set, it would be the third such hearing—to provide input on a plan to expand FM 529 from the Grand Parkway to FM 362.

The Texas Department of Transportation's plan to expand the road, presently a two-lane undivided roadway with four-foot shoulders, with one lane in each direction, has been in development since 2018.

Sue Theiss, director for advanced project development for the Texas Department of Transportation, gave a Jan. 6 briefing at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce describing the department's plans. Now the deadline for another potential hearing is here.

According to the department website, the department held a public hearing in April 2019 and a virtual public hearing in



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

See **EXPANSION**, page A3 A Texas Department of Transportation map showing the section of FM 529 that is to be expanded.

Former council member expresses concern over license plate readers

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

A former Katy City Council member cautioned against possible abuse of the new license plate reader technology that the city has purchased.

While Hill Adams agreed that the technology can be useful for police to catch criminals, he said future city leaders might alter the original intent behind purchasing the technology.

"I'm not a big fan of that kind of stuff," Adams said. "It encroaches and always grows into something more intrusive than the people who voted on it envisioned."

Adams was a council member from 2002-2008, representing Ward A. He said he attended the Jan. 24 meeting to say hello to Mayor Bill Hastings, who was returning to work after dealing with COVID-19. Adams said had he been on the council he would have voted no on the proposal.

"I didn't know hardly anything about it when it went to the council," Adams said. "Maybe I would have done due diligence before the meeting, and made sure there were checks and balances in the contract."

Police Chief Noe Diaz said the city does not store the data and Safe Fleet destroys the data after 30 days.

Diaz said efforts are underway to install plate readers



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Police use license plate readers to help identify lawbreakers, but a former Katy City Council member expressed concerns about abusing the data the technology provides.

throughout Harris County, along with Fulshear and the La Center business district. Austin and San Antonio use the readers as well, he said.

"It's not just a city thing," Diaz said. "It's a tool that's able to give us unbiased investigative information."

Diaz shared a case in which a woman was robbed in a parking lot about two weeks ago. But the robber's license plate was identified, he said, and this week the robber was found in the same parking lot, armed and presumably looking for his next victim. Police arrested

him. The council last month authorized the purchase of 10 additional license plate readers without debate. City Administrator Byron Hebert said the readers have been helpful to the city. Both Ward A Council Member Dan Smith and Ward B Council Member Rory Robertson spoke in favor of the additional readers at the meeting. "It stops crimes and makes our community safer," Robertson said.

In a memo to council urging

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—Hill Adams, former Katy City Council member

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Katy Police allege Daniel Caldwell Long used this unmarked police vehicle to impersonate a public servant.

Katy Police arrest man for impersonating a police officer

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Police have arrested and charged a Houston man with impersonating a public servant, in this case a police officer.

On Jan. 22, a Katy Police Department patrol officer saw what appeared to be an unmarked police vehicle on a traffic stop with a motorist pulled over in the 1700 block of Katyland Drive.

Upon further investigation, the officer recognized the vehicle had no official markings but was equipped with red and blue emergency lights. Daniel Caldwell Long, 35, had pulled over a female motorist, but was not wearing a police uniform.



DANIEL CALDWELL LONG

The officer saw a badge hanging from Long's neck. Long told the officer he worked for the Harris County Sheriff's Office and gave a fake badge number. The officer immediately knew she was dealing with a police impersonator and handcuffed Long.

Long was found to be in possession of a semi-automatic pistol along with a private investigator's badge. He was arrested without incident and charged with impersonating a public servant.

The unsuspecting motorist told officers the impersonator told her she was being pulled over for a minor traffic infraction. She told officers she was not harmed during the incident.

Harris County Precinct 4 donates \$25,000 to Houston Crime Stoppers

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle presented a \$25,000 check to the Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Program while helping launch a new Victim Service and Support Center in northern Harris County.

The Crime Stoppers donation will help address the rising violent crime in Harris County by supporting crime-identification and prevention services across the region through education.

"For 41 years, Crime Stoppers of Houston has stood arm-in-arm with its partners - law enforcement, elected officials, community members and the media - with only one goal in mind: the public safety of all," Crime Stoppers CEO Rania Mankarious said. "We are beyond thankful for this funding from the office of Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle that will directly support educating citizens regarding crime prevention across the community, including addressing the rising homicide rates and ramifications of discretionary bond reform. Crime Stoppers has remained focused on the victims and the safety of our community. We hope the community joins us in our fight for a safer city and county."

Cagle thanked the members of Crime Stoppers for their service and recognized their work over the past three years tracking violent crimes committed by those out of jail on bond. "Crime Stoppers has been a valued crime-fighting resource for decades," Cagle said. "I applaud their



Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle presents a \$25,000 check to Sydney Zuiker, Crime Stoppers' Safe Community Program director, and Andy Kahan, Crime Stoppers' director of Victim Services, in support of the Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Program.

work shedding light on shameful bail revision practices that put violent criminals back on the streets."

Cagle also announced the opening of a new Victim Service and Support Center at the Ponderosa Fire Department, 17061 Rolling Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77090. The center will serve as a convenient location for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking to meet with trauma nurses and staff of the district attorney's and sheriff's offices.

"This center enhances public

safety by making it easier for victims to pursue charges against their attacker or abuser," Cagle said. "I hope it serves as a model for improving victim services across the county."

Precinct 4 thanks the following organizations for helping make the victims' center a reality: Ponderosa Fire Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners, Northwest Assistance Ministries, and TOMAGWA Health Care Ministries.

Fort Bend Master Gardeners fruit tree sale Feb. 12

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend Master Gardeners are hosting their 22nd Annual Fruit Tree Sale.

The sale is from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the George Pavilion at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 Hwy. 36, Rosenberg.

The sale will feature an estimated 75 different varieties of fruit trees and berries for sale with approximately 1,000 different plants available. Fort Bend Master Gardeners will be available at the sale to answer questions about how to plant and care for trees and plants.

Due to last year's freeze, a limited number of citrus trees will be sold. Several varieties of avocados, apples, figs, peaches, pears, plums,

persimmons, pomegranates, blueberries and blackberries will be available. These plants have been acquired from a reputable grower and chosen based on their likelihood of success in Fort Bend County.

Additionally, Fort Bend Master Gardeners are growing tropical fruits, including Java Blue bananas, gingers, moringa (Moringa oleifera), papaya, turmeric and dragon fruit, that will

also be for sale.

Sales proceeds support the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc., a non-profit organization whose purpose is to disseminate research-backed horticulture advice to residents of Fort Bend County, in support of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

All citrus trees available at the Fort Bend Master Gardener Fruit Tree Sale are certified disease free.

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- Voting opens April 4th and closes May 1st
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- The white poplar
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- Select
- Volcanic craters
- Consumer price index
- Utilize
- "True Blood" actress Paquin
- Got up
- Sank in
- Retail
- Giants
- Most bald
- Changes color
- Unit of loudness
- Undresses
- Fathers
- Learned skill
- Remove qualification
- Covered with frost
- Speak up
- Nowhere to be found
- Part of surgery (abbr.)
- Type of wrap
- Church seating
- Mathematical figure
- College football conference
- Turkish officer title

CLUES DOWN

- Get back
- Pass or go by
- Having a sharp taste
- Midway between east and southeast
- Cairo Regional Airport
- Peace officer
- Brings to life
- Automotive vehicles
- One point south of due east
- Football position
- Goes by
- Most attractive
- Road divisions
- Not the sea
- Small, faint constellation
- Cabbage
- Least frequent
- Change slightly
- A country in NE Africa
- Metric units of measure
- More coherent
- Make uninteresting
- Nausea
- Institution of Oceanography
- Of little value

- Hindu model of the ideal man
- Biblical exclamation
- You throw it at a board
- Be about to happen
- Brutal
- Opened one's mouth widely
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Saturate
- The woman
- Someone who is highly skilled
- A way to launch an attack on
- Where golfers begin
- Atomic number 58

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

KATY HERITAGE SOCIETY DEDICATES BENCH



The Katy Heritage Society dedicated a bench honoring the late Sharon Rhoads Saturday at Katy Heritage Park, 6001 George Bush Dr. Rhoads, who along with her husband Jack are the namesakes of Rhoads Elementary, was a longtime Katy Independent School District teacher.

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2020.

The plans call for the 12.2-mile stretch of road to be widened with 10-foot-wide side paths on both sides. The urban section of the road, from State Highway 99 to Katy Hockley Cut-Off, is to be widened from two to six lanes, three in each direction.

The rural section of the road, from Katy Hockley Cut-Off to FM 362, is to be extended from two to four lanes, two in each direction.

Approximately 109 acres—25 for acreage, and 81 for roadway—are needed for right-of-way. Some of these acres affect the Eba Herbert Ranch and Beckendorff Farm, both of which are historic sites. Part of the road construction would affect wetlands and a floodplain.

The department said one commercial business, one nonresidential structure, and one overhead utility tower are potential displacements. The department said relocation assistance is available for displaced people and businesses.

The department anticipates the start of construction in early 2029.

Those wishing to request a public hearing on the department's plans are asked to contact the department at 713-802-5076, and reference project numbers: 1006-01-074; 1006-02-009; and 1006-01-079.

COOK-OFF

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beans. Being from the north originally, Gregorski said most people put beans in chili. At any rate, that's what he grew up with.

"But I also understand that in Texas, saying that beans go in chili are 'fightin' words," Gregorski said. "I just want a good bowl of spicy chili, beans or no beans is fine by me."

The cook-off has slots for 22 teams, and all but one of those slots have been filled. The event itself is complimentary though there will be opportunities to make donations to support the Katy ISD FFA.

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the purchase, Diaz said the readers enable the department to share information with neighboring cities and counties. Diaz told the council that the department last year solved hundreds of cases with the help of the readers.

The council first approved the purchase of 23 readers, at the police department's request, in January 2020. The readers have been placed in various spots around the city. Diaz said the new readers would be placed in areas where police have seen an increase in crime. He said the readers will enable police to reduce the crime happening in those areas of town.

The units cost \$2,500 each, and there is a \$2,500 initiation fee for these units.

Diaz said Tuesday that the new readers have not been received by the city yet.

"We don't want to hide them," Diaz said. "We want the community know where they are."



Katy Ward A City Council Member Janet Corte talks with Rick Ellis, Katy Area Chamber of Commerce vice president, at the chamber's 60th anniversary gala. The event was Jan. 27 at Embassy Suites.

SUSAN ROVEGNO

KATY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Marcus Dillon (left) of Dillion CPAs, chairman of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, introduces Roland Parker (center) of Impress Computers at the 60th anniversary celebration held Jan. 27 at Embassy Suites. Parker spoke of how the chamber was the driving force in helping him and his family relocate from Zimbabwe to Katy.

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Beating inflation is laughable

In these inflationary times it's not easy to laugh as you watch the value of your hard-earned savings being destroyed.

But I chuckled out loud when I read some of the tips offered by Bloomberg News to beat inflation, which is at its highest point in more than 40 years.

Since Americans have enjoyed low inflation and stable consumer prices for a long time, Bloomberg explains, Americans are "a little rusty on basic inflationary-era tactics."

Bloomberg turned to the long-tortured people of Argentina for guidance, as they have become experts at navigating hyperinflation rates as high as 50 percent in a typical year.

The tips the Argentines offer are the polar opposite of everything my Depression-era parents taught my sisters and me about managing our money — nutty tips that suddenly make sense in a nutty world.

Here's the first one: spend your paycheck immediately.

Why put money in the bank where its purchasing power will decline in value every day, when you can buy a new refrigerator, sofa or some other big-ticket item that will cost more a month from now?

In these goofy times, the sooner you buy it, the less you will pay for it.

Another tip: borrow lots of money.

If you can borrow a million today at a 3 percent annual rate and the inflation rate continues at 7 percent, you will enjoy a 4 percent gain.

That is, as today's dollars inflate, it will be easier for you to repay the loan in the future.

Even this English major can see that makes sense — sort of.

Another tip: buy cars.

That was certainly my strategy in my spendthrift 20s, when I lived paycheck to paycheck, in part because I always had to have a nice ride that I couldn't afford.

I can't believe any news outlet would encourage Americans to put their money into automobiles, traditionally a horrible, rapidly depreciating investment.

But in a world turned on its head — there is a shortage of cars due to a shortage of computer chips used in their manufacture — even new and old cars are soaring in value.

My father has lost a fortune in cars over his lifetime, as they



TOM PURCELL

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depreciated 30 percent or more the day he drove them off the car lot.

Finally, he got lucky. He leased a 2020 Kia. A year from now when his lease is up he will make the payoff of \$13,500 and keep the car because it will be worth significantly more than that.

Bloomberg offers some traditionally sensible tips, such as buying inflation-linked bonds, which increase in value as inflation increases.

Bloomberg also suggests buying a home, which also makes sense, as a house is a great hedge against inflation. Though good luck finding one at a reasonable price, as housing values have soared.

COVID-19 has caused considerable market disruptions that have contributed to rising prices and our inflation woes.

The federal government's stimulus spending, massive borrowing and especially its continuous money printing are major drivers of inflation.

I wish we had confidence that our political leaders had a sound strategy to solve this problem — a problem largely of their own making — but we don't.

I'm surely not alone in my worry that financial matters may get plenty worse before they get better.

Until then I'll demonstrate my investor acumen by squandering my hard-earned savings on a shiny new car I can't afford.

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The dog days of our lives

Recently, Texas passed the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act, which enforces humane guidelines for restraining pet canines outdoors. Unfortunately for me, the act fails to impose similar guidelines for the treatment of grouchy husbands and embarrassing dads.

This news about dogs has had me thinking a lot about these magical creatures whom we love so much that we're willing to stand outside in nostril-chafing weather and praise — even applaud — them for soiling our landscaping. When was the last time someone scratched behind your ears and offered you a treat as you exited the restroom?

Actually, I'll bet our two doglets would praise me for my bathroom habits if they could. (Maybe that's why they insist on joining me in there — to return the favor.)

I truly think that God must have had at least two purposes in blessing humans with dogs. First, He wanted to give us a form of unwavering companionship, the kind that doesn't mind (and even prefers) when we don't smell so good.

Second, He wanted to demonstrate his imaginative power in creating an animal that routinely displays so much of the potential for good in people (unwavering loyalty, unconditional love, unending forgiveness, unbridled joy, etc.) — never mind the incessant yapping and carpet scooting.

I have some wonderful memories of the dogs in my life.

The first dog that I could call my own was an apricot-colored

JASE GRAVES

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toy poodle named Fluff, gifted to me by my parents when I was a kindergartener in the 1970's (No, I wasn't into using people names for my dogs, though I did consider "Art Garfunkel.")

Fluff's claim to fame was that he was paper-trained, meaning that instead of going outside to do his business, he used a variety of local periodicals arrayed on my bedroom floor. This probably explains why I was always caught up on current events, but I'm still afraid to get out of bed in the dark.

My family soon adopted a second dog — a beautiful springer spaniel/golden retriever mix named Happy, whom I met when she was still a puppy with her littermates. Ironically, my first meeting with Happy included having her mother mistaken my left buttock for a Texas Roadhouse dinner roll.

Because the bite broke the skin, there had to be an investigation, which, thankfully, revealed that there was no risk of the mother dog catching rabies since I was current on all of my vaccinations.

When I was in middle school, our canine menagerie grew again with the addition of Sparky, a hyperactive Boston terrier who quickly earned the nickname "Spaz." Due to a desperate need for more discipline, Spaz and I attended formal obedience training

one summer, but regardless of how much we practiced and how many Oscar Mayer wieners were offered, Spaz could never teach me to sit and stay properly.

After my marriage and the purchase of our first home, my wife and I decided to make a trial run at having children by adopting two pet pugs, Wilkie and Benny, both of whom lived a full 16 years. Of course, we have since discovered that having human babies and having dogs are extremely different experiences — except for the long-term expense, the slobbering, the chewing, the cleaning up of someone else's "accidents" Wait a minute. How are they different, again?

Seriously, though, dogs have been an important part of my life so far, and I hope they always will be. Our current doglets are Bailey — a terrier mix who looks like the offspring of an Ewok and that fuzzi you find behind the refrigerator, and Biscuit — a Maltese mix who looks like the offspring of the same Ewok and Sam Elliot's mustache.

Bailey and Biscuit bring our family a lot of happiness, and now that our three teenage daughters are more independent, it's a comfort to my wife and me that the pups are always excited to see us and spend quality time with us — especially when we go to the bathroom.

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State of Texas and Tokyo governments sign a statement of cooperation

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The Waller County Economic Development Partnership is one of 18 Texas community partners that are part of a statement of mutual cooperation intended to boost business between Japanese and Texas companies.

The Governor's Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) Office last week signed a Statement of Mutual Cooperation (SMC) with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's (TMG) Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs. The agreement outlines a program framework to assist Tokyo's small and medium-sized enterprises as they seek to expand their business to Texas. Adriana Cruz, EDT executive director, signed the statement on behalf of the State of Texas. Director General Sakamoto, of the TMG Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs, signed on behalf of Tokyo.

As part of the statement, the EDT organized 18 local economic development partners from across the state to assist in executing the program goals. These partners provide information accessing and sharing, access to "soft landing" programs, referrals to services, and the facilitation of introductions to local contacts, companies, start-ups, investors, and universities to foster integration in the local ecosystems.

"The State of Texas is proud to sign the Statement of Mutual Cooperation, further strengthening our already dynamic partnership with Tokyo and opening even more doors to economic expansion here in the Lone Star State," Governor Greg Abbott said. "Tokyo and Texas may be half a world apart, but we are closing that gap by facilitating more investment and economic development between our two regions. I look forward to our continued work together as we create a more robust partnership and a more prosperous economic future."

Said Cruz: "The Economic Development & Tourism office is proud to be working in close collaboration with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to encourage the continued expansion of Tokyo-based small and medium enterprises into the Lone Star State. We look forward to

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—Gov. Greg Abbott

bringing new FDI and trade opportunities to our diverse communities across Texas."

Director General Sakamoto said many companies in Tokyo are motivated to expand their business overseas.

"By concluding a new partnership with the State of Texas, we hope that the collaboration between small and medium enterprises in Tokyo and local companies in Texas will become even more active than before, and this will promote innovations and create jobs in both markets," Sakamoto said.

In addition to the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, the Texas community partners include:

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- Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation
- City of Dallas
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TRIBUTES

JIM PREWETT, 87, of Brookshire, passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2022, in Katy, Texas.

Jim was born October 17, 1934, in Bremond, Texas to parents James H. and Jewel Aileen (Oldham) Prewett. He grew up in Bremond before moving to Houston where he graduated from Milby High School. He then received his bachelor's degree from Baylor University before attending University of Oxford where he earned his PhD.

On April 26, 1956, Jim married Shirley Ann Love at the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Texas. They made their home in Houston from 1956 until 1968 before moving to Brookshire. Jim was employed as an English teacher for Houston ISD. He was an active member of the Pattison United Methodist Church where he served on the Church Council, and was a member of the Brookshire Masonic Lodge #1066, AF&AM. Jim enjoyed reading, and loved his cognole and plants.

He is survived by his wife of over 65 years: Shirley Prewett of Brookshire; daughter: Alissa Ann Seward of Katy; grandchildren: Ninah, Robert, Widwright, Noah, Bailey and Kylie; son-in-law: Terrell Pickett, also of Katy; broth-



JIM PREWETT
1934-2022

er: Jerry Lee Prewett of Richmond; sister: Judy Carolyn Dusek of Sugarland; and many other dear friends and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents: James and Jewel Prewett, his daughter: Dayna Leigh Pickett; and his brother: Jack Prewett.

Family was present to receive friends from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Monday, January 31, 2022, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel

in Brookshire. Funeral Service was held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the Pattison United Methodist Church with Reverend Patricia Wehnglowksi officiating. Interment followed in the Pattison Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ervin Paben, Andrew Crofton, Lee Kosina, Justin Freeman, Charlie Wilson, Mikel Hawkins and Gillian Zuehlke. Honorary Pallbearers were Duwain Dumas, Clarence Fallin and Brett Hamilton.

Friends who wish may make memorial gifts to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Schmidt Funeral Home, 819 Waller Ave., PO Box 248, Brookshire, TX 77423 - www.schmidt-funerals.com - (281) 934-2424.



BRENDA MOORE POPE
1949-2022

Brenda Moore Pope, 73, of Katy, TX passed away at her residence on Monday, January 31, 2022. She served as administrative secretary at James E. Taylor High School, Katy, TX from its opening in 1979 until her retirement at the end of 2010. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Ronnie Lee Pope, daughter Kristi Pavlasek and son-in-law John Pavlasek of Plano, TX and grandson, Jacob Pavlasek of Plano, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents Louie Woodrow Moore of Hermansville, MS and Ernestine "Crickie" Echols Rosenbohm of Benton, MS. Graveside services will be conducted in Dover Cemetery, Benton, MS on Sunday, February 6th at 2:00 p.m. under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home. No visitation is scheduled.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Harmony Public Schools awarded grant from FCC

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has awarded Harmony Public Schools a \$539,000 grant to connect low-income students with access to computers and the internet.

The grant is a part of the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Act. It will immediately supply 1,000 Harmony households with WiFi hotspots to engage in online learning, if needed, or participate in Harmony's free 24-hour online tutoring service, TutorMe. The grant also will allow Harmony to purchase and distribute 1,000 Chromebooks to students who lack computer access at home.

In the initial weeks of the pandemic, Harmony distributed roughly 4,000 computers and internet access devices to families. The school system also supplied science teachers and even some students with at-home 3D printers to help produce more than 8,000 face shields for local emergency workers at a time when such equipment was in short supply.

Harmony Public Schools is currently accepting applications for both the 2022-23 school years for students and team members. For more information, visit the website harmonytx.org.

Katy ISD launches spring Community Education courses

Spring enrollment has begun for a variety of Katy Independent School District Community Education classes which aim to provide participants the opportunity to build expertise, learn a different skill or enjoy a new activity.

The courses provide the public with learning opportunities that include self-improvement, enrichment, recreation, professional skills courses and a chance to make new friends.

Spring semester classes take place at various Katy ISD high schools during evening hours. Interested individuals can view course availability through the Katy ISD Community Education Spring 2022 Online Course Catalog.

Registration is available online. Everyone is invited to register for classes, even if a prospective student lives outside the Katy ISD district. Certificates of completion are issued for most classes.

For more information, call the Community Education Department at 281-396-6365.

Katy Virtual School Registration Open

Registration is open for the Katy Virtual School, a paid, supplemental online course program.

The program is intended for soon-to-be 9th through 11th interested in earning graduation credits and expanding learning opportunities.

Registration began Feb. 1.

Over 4,000 high school students enroll in this each year.

For more information, students can visit with their campus counselor, email kvs@katyvirtualschool@katyisd.org or visit the Katy ISD Virtual School website.

Katy ISD students selected as Texas All-State Musicians

Sixty-nine Katy Independent School District high school musicians are heading to San Antonio to represent the district at the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Convention. These 69 students, the most ever selected from Katy ISD, began the process with over 70,000 students from across the state vying to perform in one of 18 TMEA All-State ensembles.

"All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive," Damon Archer, fine arts executive director, said. "Student musicians have worked extremely hard on their skills and it's great to see that the interest in music continues to increase amongst our student population."

This competitive process begins throughout the state with auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group advances from their region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.

Only the top 2.6% of musicians who initially audition win the respected title of being named an All-State musician.

Beginning Feb. 12, 1,875 All-State student musicians will participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally recognized conductors during the convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this event to a close.

For the concert schedule, visit the website at tmea.org/convention. Here is a list of the students.

Cinco Ranch High School

- Christine Wu, Violin 2, orchestra
- Daniel Jo, Violin 2, orchestra
- Rachel Yun, Cello, orchestra
- Elijah Dycus, String Bass, orchestra
- Ben Bassett, Bass 1, choir
- Kiana Samiei, Soprano 1, choir
- Joshua LaPrade, Bass 2, choir
- Nikolas Theriault, Bass 1, choir
- Jianna Isabel Magsino, Soprano 1, choir
- Leor Arbel, Tenor Trombone, band
- Mauricio Garza, Flute, band
- Noah Machart, Cornet/Trumpet, band
- Evan Zhang, Bass Clarinet, band

Jordan High School

- Jeweet Fang, Cello, orchestra
- Brian Rhee, Viola, orchestra
- Sophie Zeng, Violin 1, orchestra
- Alakananda Nuthalapati, Alto 2, choir
- Diane Shim, Soprano 1, choir

Katy High School

- Abigail Bahng, Alto 2, choir
- Saniya Menzies, Soprano 2, choir
- Taylor Nguyen, Soprano 1, choir
- Adyson Owens, Alto 1, choir
- Madeline Artman, French Horn, band

Mayde Creek High School

- Matthew Gomez, Cornet/Trumpet, band

Morton Ranch High School

- Joseph Escobar, String Bass, orchestra

Tompkins High School

- Bella Chan, Cello, orchestra
- Yujin Chung, Viola, orchestra
- Masayo (Jojo) Fujiwara, Cello, orchestra
- Elleen Kim, Violin 2, orchestra
- Henry Liu, Violin 1, orchestra
- Andrew Xia, Violin 2, orchestra
- Jenny Xun, Cello, orchestra
- Andrew Yang, Cello, orchestra
- Kenneth Yao, Viola, orchestra
- Michael Chung, Cello, orchestra
- Lucas Gao, Bass 2, choir
- Samika Sequeira, Alto 1, choir
- Josefina Arnett, Soprano 2, choir
- Ethan Olive, Bass 1, choir
- Rowan Wilson, Oboe, band
- Aiden Keiser, Tuba, band
- Ross Giluso, Cornet/Trumpet, band
- Leah Wu, Bassoon, band
- Breanna Rowan, Cornet/Trumpet, band
- Diego Gonzalez, French Horn, band

Seven Lakes High School

- Collin Campbell, String Bass, orchestra
- Leeah Chang, Cello, orchestra
- Sarah Clarridge, Violin 2, orchestra
- Owen Dong, Violin 1, orchestra
- April Feng, Violin 1, orchestra
- Emily Ji, Cello, orchestra
- Kaisong Lin, Violin 2, orchestra
- Timothy Lin, Violin 1, orchestra
- Danielle Okuseinde, Viola, orchestra
- Chanhee (Joy) Park, Violin 1, orchestra
- Bill Sun, Cello, orchestra
- Elizabeth Wu, Violin 1, orchestra
- Gabriel Martinez-Cross, Bass 1, choir
- Tanner Scott, Tenor 1, choir
- Jaden Wang, Tenor 2, choir
- Patrick Griffin, Percussion, band
- Nicholas Wade, Euphonium, band

Taylor High School

- Patrick Spillman, Violin 1, orchestra
- Ryan Park, Cello, orchestra
- Nayoung Lee, Viola, orchestra
- Michael Brockmann, String Bass, orchestra
- Jenny Liu, Alto 2, choir
- Ella Jackson, Bassoon, band
- Suzuko Kiriya, Bb Clarinet, band

Goddard School opens fourth Katy campus

The Goddard School, a childcare provider, has opened its fourth Katy-area location.

The new school, 23133 Morton Ranch Road, is enrolling children ages six weeks to six years old.

The new location is one of more than 580 franchised locations open in 38 states. The newly constructed, 9,700-square-foot building has nine classrooms, an indoor gym and two outdoor playgrounds and a water splash pad.

For more information, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3GeF3cU>.

UHV, Blinn College strike new partnership agreement

Representatives from the University of Houston-Victoria and Blinn College signed an agreement that will enable students to earn both an associate and bachelor's degree at each institution through an academic pathway program.

Through this new agreement, called the Clear, Affordable Pathway to Success Program or C.A.P.S., students will have the opportunity to enroll in both institutions and start on an associate degree from Blinn College and a bachelor's degree from UHV at the same time. By being co-enrolled in both institutions, students can get a head start on their bachelor's degree.

Students following the pathway program will be able to complete an associate and bachelor's degree for under \$25,000 and be eligible for scholarships at both institutions.

The two institutions will offer 21 degree pathways. These include programs such as accounting, biology, construction management, computer science, cybersecurity, education, mathematics, nursing and more. These specific pathways will help to encourage students to complete an associate degree and continue their educational journey to a bachelor's degree.

Students can enroll in one of the degree pathways starting in high school through dual-credit enrollment at Blinn College, or as a first-year student at Blinn College. Some students may be able to take more than one UHV course during their first year in the program.

Students who are interested in the Clear, Affordable Pathway to Success Program will need to apply to both Blinn College and UHV.

For more information, contact UHV at transferrecruitment@uhv.edu or 281-396-3808, or go to uhv.edu/transfer or blinn.edu.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



MLK associate reflects on civil rights, education

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Coalition of Americans for Actions and Principles on Jan. 27 opened its new office in the Energy Corridor. It began in 1988 as the Association of African-American Pastors, but recently changed its name to reflect the group's broader base of support and its current mission.

CAAP's founder, Rev. Bill Owens, has a longer history, including working in the civil rights movement alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Owens was a student in the 1960s. He said the Nashville area, home to four Black colleges, was a place that King frequented during the civil rights movement.

While King is today considered an iconic figure in American history, Owens said King didn't act like that.

"He was just like one of you," Owens said. "He was very down to earth. No airs."

Owens also met leaders associated with King, including Ralph Abernathy, Jesse Jackson, and Andrew Young. Abernathy took over for King following King's assassination in 1968. Jackson later ran for president twice. Young served as an ambassador and later as Atlanta mayor.

"I met them casually," Owens said. "At that time the black community, the students, were very close-knit. We were fighting the enemy."

When Owens said "the enemy" he meant the segregationist attitudes of that era.

"I had a white friend I did business with," Owens said. "He sold televisions. We were best of friends. But when another white person came around, he acted as if he didn't know me. He was looking at his peers—what would they think of him talking to black man? It was terrible."

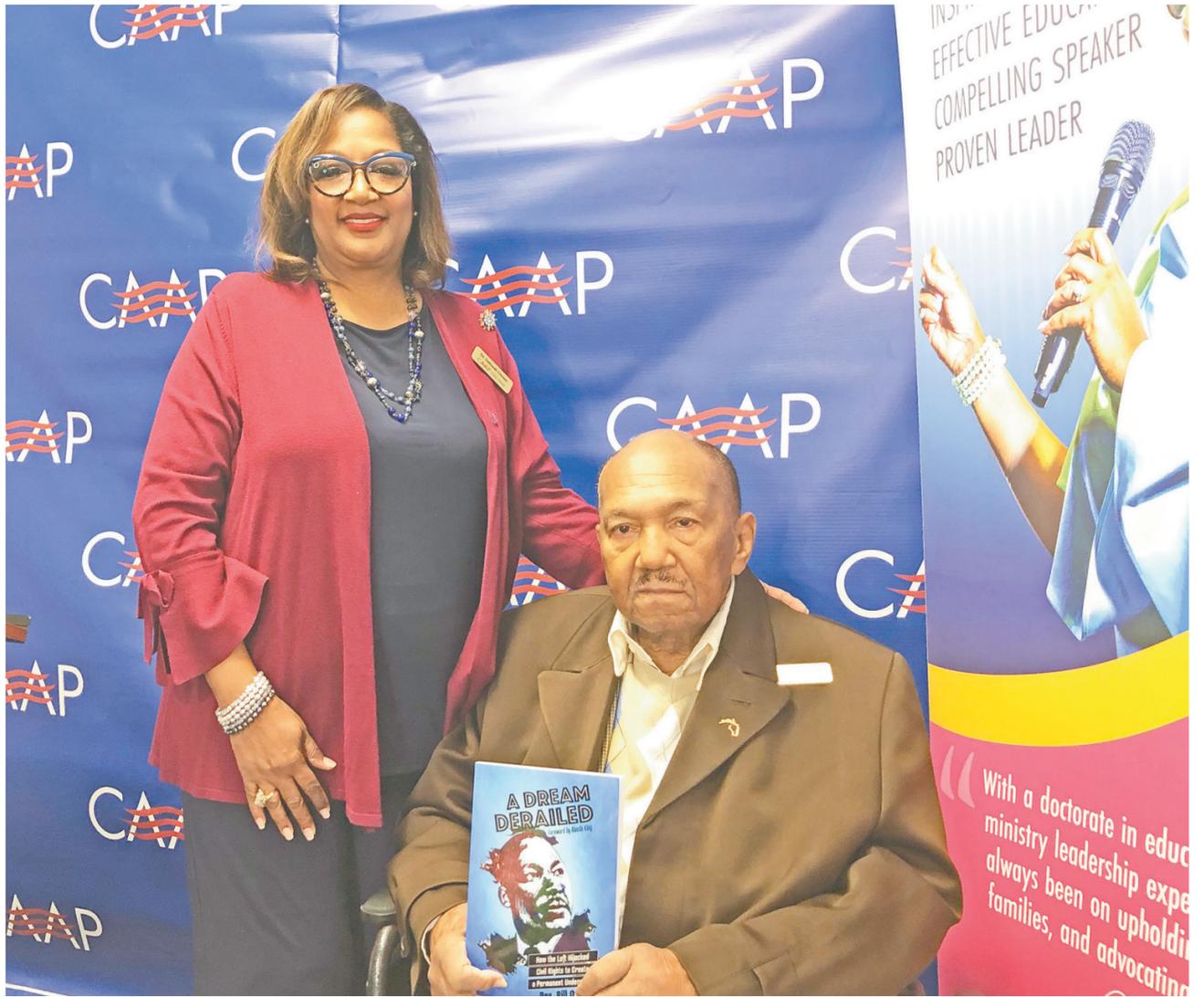
King was assassinated April 4, 1968, on a hotel balcony in Memphis. Owens said King was aware he was a target.

"He was very much aware of it," Owens said. He described King's attitude as, "You know that you know something, but you believe in something so much, it's OK."

Owens was not at the scene, but was at his lawyer's office, only a short distance away.

"I walked out of his office," Owens said. "A man came down the hall and asked me, 'Have you heard the news? They shot Dr. King.' We had to try to find out what happened. We didn't know what happened, and then it was all on the news. Some folks got together and decided to have a riot."

James Earl Ray was arrested and convicted of the murder. He died in 1998. Percy Foreman of Houston was Ray's attorney. Owens said a lot of Black people were



Dr. Deborah Owens and her husband, Rev. Bill Owens, pose with a copy of their 2019 book, "A Dream Derailed."

mad and wanted to fight, but he never went that course.

"I was not going to get violent," Owens said. "I'm not a violent person. We were in grief, yes but to retaliate, no. They knew if you went to arms, you were not going to win. The white people had all the firepower in everything. People of sound mind knew better because you knew you weren't going to win."

Memphis was the scene of the tragedy, but it is also Owens's hometown, where segregation was a way of life.

"The only white man who stood on our porch was the insurance or bill collector," Owens said. He told a story of how, coming home one day from college, the insurance man was in the house. The insurance man addressed Owens's mother informally and never removed his hat. Owens confronted the man, telling him to address her

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—Rev. Bill Owens

formally and to remove his hat.

So, did the insurance man do things?

"You better believe he did," Owens said, laughing.

As Americans reflect on Black History Month in February, Owens said it was important for people to understand the history, how they got where they are, and the freedoms they have today.

"Take advantage of those freedoms," Owens said. "Get in school, stay in school. One wrong person could run your life. I had a good, strong home training. I had a father, and a powerful grandmother and mother. So many Black children that don't have a father or father figure today. A boy needs to be fathered. That's my term."

Owens himself has a 10-year-

old son, David.

"I father him all day every day," Owens said. "It's a privilege to be a father, and a big responsibility."

Owens and his wife, Deborah, in 2019 authored a book, "A Dream Derailed." They have seen the coalition they lead grow and remain involved. CAAP leaders have attended White House conferences with Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump. Owens also had a memorable television interview with Don Lemon of CNN, which can be viewed on the web.

Owens remains the founder of the coalition, but his wife Deborah runs things now.

She was shy when they met, Owens said. But she's not shy now.

"She's been around me enough," Owens said, smiling. "With my age and experience, you fear nobody because you come from a place where you know what you're talking about."

Fort Bend County Library hosting African-American genealogy webinar

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend County Libraries Genealogy and Local History Department will present a special online program, "Family-History Research: Beginning African-American Genealogy," at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 22. The program will be a live-streamed teleconference via Webex and will not be in

person.

Daniel Sample, manager of the Genealogy and Local History department, will discuss many of the resources that are available to family history researchers, with special focus on tools to help individuals who are researching African-American family histories.

The seminar offers tips on extending family history research

into the years before the American Civil War took place.

Participants will learn about the "Freedman's Bureau Records" database, which contains records from 1865-1871, along with the closely associated Freedman's Savings and Trust Company's registers of signatures of depositors. This resource can contain information such as the

names of depositors, names of employers and plantations, names of family members, and place of birth.

Sample will also talk about items that are available on microfilm, print resources, and other online resources, such as Heritage Quest and the Ancestry.com database.

The class is free and open to the

public. Reservations are required; a link to the teleconference will be sent to all registrants.

To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Classes & Events," select "Virtual Programs," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library system's communications office at 281-633-4734.

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Katy centenarians celebrate at luncheon

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

When you reach 100 years old, you have lots of stories to tell. But among the most poignant comes from a woman who had to tell U.S. Army Air Corps pilots to shut up.

Audrey Michalk, 100, was part of a centenarian celebratory lunch Monday at Carriage Inn, 1400 Katy Flewellen Road. She joined the Army Air Corps during World War II after deciding that nursing wasn't for her.

"They put me in the Signal Corps," Michalk said. "I used to talk to the American pilots and tell them to shut up because they were blabbing all over the place."

In an era before everyone had radar to track planes, German pilots picked up radio signals of the American and British airplanes returning from their bombing raids. Michalk pointed her hands down towards the table at an angle to describe what would happen.

"The Germans just came down and shot them down because they talked too much," Michalk said.

If Tuesday's luncheon were to give awards for furthest distance traveled to Katy, chances are Michalk would receive it. She was born in the United Kingdom and grew up in Sunderland, which she said was a four-hour drive from London.

While she was stationed in London, she crossed paths with the future queen.



Rose Lee Hankey was among the centenarians enjoying the luncheon.

"She was Princess Elizabeth then," Michalk said. "She drove a truck on the base where I was. She was a very nice person, too. She's just a regular person. No nonsense about her. She did the work she was supposed to do. We had a lot of fun. Why not? She's a very nice person."

Michalk said she was friends with a U.S. naval attaché. He asked her to travel to the U.S. after the war and look after his little boy, who wasn't old enough to school. When the boy got older, she said, she was set to return to her homeland. But she met Simon Michalk, and he invited her to come see him in Bishop, Texas. Bishop is near Corpus Christi and about 193 miles south of Katy.

"He asked me to marry him, and that was end of the story," Michalk said. They had one son, Stuart, who accompanied her to



LORENE SLAUGHTER
Lorene Jones poses with her son Selwin Jones and her daughter-in-law Doris Jones

Monday's luncheon. He is retired from the oil and gas industry.

The family suffered tragedy in June 1974. Simon Michalk was shot to death after attending a church meeting in Corpus Christi. But Audrey continues to be strong and carry on, in part because of the no-nonsense attitude she displayed during the war years.

Herbert Nunn's journey to Katy began in southwestern Missouri.

Nunn grew up in Granby, about 40 miles from the Arkansas state line. He had begun studying accounting at the University of Missouri when World War II broke out. He served in the Army Air Corps and was stationed on Guam before the war ended.

"I finished my degree thanks to the GI Bill of Rights," Nunn said. "It was a great program."

Nunn pursued his career, mostly in Kansas. He came to Texas

after being enticed by his daughter Cindy and her husband, Bill Haskett. A grandchild can be pretty persuasive.

The Hasketts were longtime educators in the Katy Independent School District. Last year, the Katy Independent School District named a junior high school in their honor. Katy Tiger football fans know Bill as the voice of the Tigers at Legacy Stadium.

The journey for 102-year-old Lorene Jones didn't take her that far. She's a native Texan and grew up in Granbury, near Fort Worth. Growing up in ranch country, she embraced ranch life.

"Daddy would take us to the fields and pick the cotton," Jones said. "You get a sack, hang it on your shoulder, and then you bend over and pick the cotton."

She no longer lives on the ranch, but she's got her spirit.

About 10 years ago, she said, she was on family property when she and others saw a snake. Jones got her gun and shot the snake.

Rosa Lee Hankey grew up near Durant, Okla. She had married in July 1941, only five months before the Pearl Harbor attack. Her husband went into the service, serving in an Army hospital unit.

"They took everybody," she said.

She plays the piano today and has been known to participate in "Name That Tune" games with friend. She said she was blessed, even with hip and knee replacements.

"If you honor your parents you'll be blessed with a long life, Hankey said. "I have good blood pressure and good cholesterol. But I've had lots of surgeries."

Hazel Watson was also among the centenarians honored at Monday's affair.



Audrey Michalk poses with her son Stuart Michalk.



Hazel Watson was among the centenarians enjoying the luncheon.



Herbert Nunn poses with his daughter Cindy Haskett and son-in-law Bill Haskett.

ROYAL ISD BRIEFS

Royal ISD Named UIL Sweepstakes Winner

The Royal High School UIL Academics Team competed at the Waller Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 22, earning many trophies, medals, and ribbons. The biggest was bringing home the Team Sweepstakes for the meet.

Team recognitions include:

- Waller Invitational Sweepstakes Team Winner: Alondra Melendez, Maria Flores, Angeles Garcia, Adamarys Zaragoza, Yazmin Alvarado, Stephanie De La Rosa, Ricardo Lopez, Vladimir Moreno, Jose Alanis, Melani Alanis, Litzie Gonzalez, Paola Gonzalez, Rafael Sanchez, Angel Velasquez, Gabriel Velasquez, Zoe Buller, Alexis Ibarra, Samantha Lopez, Roberto Montalvo, Sergio Alanis, Camila Quinones, Lissy Gonzalez, Julissa Rico, Jesus Rico and Alexcia Garcia
- 1st Place Team - Number

Sense: Jose Alanis, Melani Alanis, Litzie Gonzalez, Rafael Sanchez, Angel Velasquez and Gabriel Velasquez

• 1st Place Team - Current Issues: Yazmin Alvarado Stephanie De La Rosa, Ricardo Lopez, Vladimir Moreno and Sergio Alanis

• 1st Place Team - Calculator Applications: Zoe Buller, Alexis Ibarra, Samantha Lopez and Roberto Montalvo

• 1st Place Team - Social Studies: Ian Arteaga, Max Arteaga, Stephanie De La Rosa, Angeles Garcia, Lissy Gonzalez and Litzie Gonzalez

• 1st Place Team - Mathematics: Zoe Buller, Paola Gonzalez, Samantha Lopez, Alondra Melendez, Angel Velasquez and Gabriel Velasquez

• 2nd Place Team - Spelling: Ian Arteaga, Stephanie De La Rosa, Angeles Garcia, Nayeli Gomez, Julissa Rico and Jesus Rico

• 2nd Place Team - Literary

Criticism: Melani Alanis, Alexcia Garcia and Julissa Rico

• 2nd Place Team - Journalism: Jose Alanis, Melani Alanis, Sergio Alanis, Yazmin Alvarado, Alexcia Garcia, Nayeli Gomez, Alexis Ibarra, Ricardo Lopez, Samantha Lopez, Alondra Melendez and Angel Velasquez

Individual recognitions include:

- Ready Writing: 1st place Alondra Melendez
- Prose: 6th place Maria Flores
- Current Issues: 2nd place Yazmin Alvarado, 3rd place Ricardo Lopez, 4th place Stephanie De La Rosa, 6th place Vladimir Moreno, 7th place Sergio Alanis
- Number Sense: 1st place Angel Velasquez, 2nd place Melani Alanis, 4th place Jose Alanis, 5th place Rafael Sanchez, 6th place Gabriel Velasquez
- Calculator Applications: 1st place Samantha Lopez, 2nd place Zoe Buller, 3rd place Alexis Ibarra, 4th place Roberto Montalvo

• Computer Applications: 3rd place Camila Quinones, 8th place Jose Alanis

• Copy Editing: 1st place Alondra Melendez, 2nd place Alexis Ibarra, 3rd place Angel Velasquez, 4th place Samantha Lopez

• Science: 7th place Angel Velasquez

• Accounting: 2nd place Alexis Ibarra, 8th place Samantha Lopez

• Spelling: 3rd place Ian Arteaga, 4th place Jesus Rico, 5th place Stephanie De La Rosa, 7th place Julissa Rico, 8th place Nayeli Gomez

• News Writing: 1st place Alexcia Garcia, 7th place Melani Alanis

• Feature Writing: 2nd place Melani Alanis, 8th place Nayeli Gomez

• Editorial Writing: 2nd place Alexcia Garcia, 4th place Melani Alanis, 5th place Yazmin Alvarado

• Social Studies: 1st place Litzie Gonzalez, 3rd place Stephanie De La Rosa, 4th place Max Arteaga,

8th place Angeles Garcia

• Headline Writing: 5th place Yazmin Alvarado

• Mathematics: 1st place Samantha Lopez, 2nd place Zoe Buller, 3rd place Angel Velasquez, 4th place Alondra Melendez, 5th place Gabriel Velasquez, 6th place Paola Gonzalez

• Literary Criticism: 3rd place Melani Alanis, 4th place Alexcia Garcia

Royal ISD School Board appreciation

January is School Board Recognition month, and students at each campus presented trustees with handmade gifts at the Jan. 24 board meeting. To express their gratitude, the Royal High School audiovisual students created a video that showed how much students and staff appreciate all that our trustees do for students.

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Katy's Dayvaughn Froe shoots a fadeaway over two Mayde Creek defenders during last week's game at the Mayde Creek gym.

TYLER TYRE

Cinco creates space in playoff hunt with win over Katy

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

No matter what situation was put in front of Josh Lennon and his teammates on Saturday, they didn't flinch.

Heading into the second half of district play, Cinco Ranch are in the thick of the District 19-6A playoff race and currently sit in the fourth and final playoff spot in the district.

That just made Saturday's game against Katy all the bigger for the Cougars.

"This was such an important game," said junior guard Josh Lennon. "We knew that these are the guys we've been battling in district and we're only

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Perdue steps up as Katy holds on for win over Mayde Creek



BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Dayvaughn Froe knew how important last week's game was to Katy's playoff hopes.

One game back in the playoff hunt and still having to play each of the top four teams in district, Froe knew that the team would need multiple wins against those top four teams.

The Tigers had their first opportunity to do so when they opened the second half of district play against Mayde Creek, the No. 3 team in the district coming into the week. Katy started the second half of district 19-6A play as perfectly as they could have drawn it up, topping the Rams

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TYLER TYRE

Mayde Creek's Larison Lamette shoots over Katy's Dayvaughn Froe during last week's game at the Mayde Creek gym.

Tompkins rolls past Morton Ranch, sits at second in district

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins has learned a lot about themselves in the past few weeks.

After losing games to Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch earlier in their district schedule, the Falcons have taken things to another gear in their past three games.

The Falcons have scored 50 or more in each of their last three while outscoring their opponents 180 to 132.

"Those two games taught our players that they have to follow the gameplan," said Tompkins head coach Tammy Ray. "We just didn't execute our gameplan to the level that we needed to execute it against either one of those two teams. They were both really good basketball teams and when it gets to that point, you can't slack off with the gameplan. Thankfully they've learned from it."

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Tompkins Macy Spencer drives to the basket during Friday's game against Morton Ranch at the Tompkins gym.

TYLER TYRE

WEEK OF FEB. 4

SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Jordan at Brenham, 6:30 p.m.

Katy vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.

- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at A&M Consolidated, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday

- Jordan vs. Brenham, 6:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. A&M Consolidated, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

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

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday

- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Jordan at College Station, 7 p.m.
- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:30 p.m.

Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 7:30 p.m.

- Morton Ranch vs. Tompkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Paetow at Brenham, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7:30 p.m.
- Jordan vs. College Station, 7:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7:30 p.m.

Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 7:30 p.m.

- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Paetow vs. Brenham, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Wednesday & Thursday

- Jordan and Paetow at District Meet, Merrell Center

Friday & Saturday

- District 19-6A meet

SWIMMING

Thursday-Saturday

- Class 6A regional meet at Cy Fair Natatorium
- Class 5A regional meet at Don Cook Natatorium

SOFTBALL

Friday

- Cinco Ranch at Channelview, 6 p.m.
- Katy at Cy Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Cy-Lakes, 6 p.m.
- Paetow at Cy-Woods 6 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Ridge Point, 6 p.m.

- Taylor vs. Dulles, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins at Waller, 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Mayde Creek vs. Clear Falls and Fort Bend Travis, 8:30 a.m.
- Seven Lakes at The Woodlands, 9 a.m.
- Seven Lakes at Bellaire, 10:45 a.m.

BASEBALL

Saturday

- Cinco Ranch at Fort Bend Clements, noon
- Taylor vs. Jordan, noon

- Katy vs. LaPorte, noon
- Paetow vs. Klein Cain, noon
- Seven Lakes vs. Lamar, 11 a.m.



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TYLER TYRE

Mayde Creek's Christian Jones shoots a layup defend during last week's game at the Mayde Creek gym.

TIGERS

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67-62 at the Mayde Creek gym in a game that wasn't decided until the last minute of play.

"We knew it was going to be hard to get a win against Mayde Creek, especially coming in here on the road," Froe said. "They have really talented players, but big players on our team made big plays all night. Everyone stepped up and it's what won us the game."

Katy came out firing on all cylinders and took a big lead out of the gate, going up 26-14 after the first quarter. But they had to withstand several runs from Mayde Creek from there.

The Rams came roaring back in the second quarter, trimming the Katy lead to five going into the half.

"Everything looks good when the ball goes in, but a big reason for that and we talked about it at halftime, is we just made the easy plays in the first half," said Katy head coach Danny Russell. "We didn't try to overcomplicate it. We made the right reads, we moved without the ball and we played well. We didn't move as well in the second half and that stifled the offense. A lot of that has to do with Mayde Creek's defense too. Coach (Anthony) Fobb did a good job keeping us off balance with that. It's always big when you can start fast and when big players step up. It's a 32-minute-game and I think over 32 minutes, we played well."

The Rams continued to cut into the Tigers' lead in the second half and flipped the script, as Katy trailed 44-43 after the third quarter. Mayde Creek built the lead to as many as five points in the fourth quarter, but each time Katy was punched down, they had a response.

"We felt like when we played them at our place, the middle third is what got away from us," Russell said. "Our kids battled through that a bit today, but we stuck with the gameplan. We got some rebounds down the stretch and I really think that was the difference in the game."

Katy trailed 57-52 and had their best scorer in Froe foul out, but they continued to chip away and Aydan Perdue was the player to step up with Froe out. Perdue took over the primary ballhandling duties and made a big layup and free throws down the stretch to seal the game in Katy's favor.

"He knew he could be the guy," Froe said. "He knew when I came out he would have to be the guy, and he did it. That's ultimately why we won at the end there. He was clutch, he really won us the game."

When Froe fouled out, Perdue didn't even know, but once he realized the situation, Perdue locked in.

"I didn't realize the gravity of the situation at first to be honest," Perdue said. "But as I was dribbling the ball up, Coach Russell said 'you have to ball out, you have to go to work.' I knew what I had to do and I just tried to make plays but it wasn't just me. Everybody was doing great things."

Katy knows they will have to keep up their strong play. They hope to make a late season surge and secure a playoff berth.

"It was huge to get this win," Perdue said. "Dayvaughn and I knew how important this was and knew we needed to ball out. But the younger guys are starting to figure it out to. They're figure out the gravity of these games and they realize this isn't just a pickup game, we have to go and we have play as hard as we can."

District 19-6A

Katy 67, Mayde Creek 62

Points: (K) Ayden Perdue 22, Dayvaughn Froe 20, Travis Evans 10, Cason Cole 8, Joel Elfert 7; (MC) Angel Sonnier 18, Christian Jones 18, Larison Lamette 11, Landon Bean 4, Jamal Chretien 4, Julian Owezine 3, Mac Reed III 2, Caleb Davis 2

Halftime: Katy 39-34; 3-pointers: (K) Perdue 2, Evans 2, Elfert, Cole; (MC) Sunnier, Jones, Owezine, Chretien, Lamette; Records: Katy 13-15, 3-4; Mayde Creek 19-9, 4-3



Texans should build around Mills for the 2022 season

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Davis Mills was put in a less than ideal situation this season. And that's being generous.

The Texans rookie was thrown into the fire in the Texans' second game of the season. All he did was continually improve all season.

While things started rough for Mills, that should be expected for any rookie quarterback. Mills struggled his first three games but broke out against New England, throwing for 312 yards and three touchdowns while averaging over 10 yards a completion against a defense that has a reputation for feasting on rookie quarterbacks.

After Tyrod Taylor returned from injury, Mills went back to the bench, but lackluster play from the veteran led to Mills getting another opportunity and he continued to excel, winning back-to-back games against the Jaguars and Chargers and becoming noticeably more comfortable in the Texans offense.

With the amount of promise Mills showed throughout the season, the Texans should commit to him being the starter next season and build around him.

Mills showed he can be at the very least a good NFL quarterback given time to develop. Combine that with how the Texans need

help at nearly every position and this year's quarterback draft class does not have much talent and it should make for an easy decision for Texans general manager Nick Caserio to build around the teams second year quarterback.

Not only do the Texans need help at other positions, but in a year in which rookie quarterbacks struggled, Mills was the exception. Despite only playing in 13 games, Mills was third passing yards, second in completion percentage,

second in qb rating and second in touchdown passes among rookies, only trailing Mac Jones and Trevor Lawrence in yards and Jones in the other categories. You can make the case that with what the talent surrounding Jones and the lack of talent surrounding Mills, that Mills was the most impressive rookie quarterback of the entire class.

He easily outperformed each of the drafts first two picks, as he had more touchdowns than Lawrence despite playing in four fewer games and had a higher completion percentage and lower interception rate than both Lawrence and Zach Wilson.

He also broke the Texans' rookie passing yards record that was formerly held by David Carr.

Caserio found a diamond in the rough by picking Mills in the third round. He looks to be a quarterback with a high floor and an even higher ceiling. He has the ability to throw the ball downfield, make intermediate throws, picked up on the Texans' offense very quickly and will only develop the ability to read defenses before the snap and manipulate them better with time. It's not easy to find a quarterback like that, no matter the position you pick in the draft. Houston should commit to developing Mills as a starter and make the rest of the team better around him.

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Houston Texans quarterback Davis Mills (10) slides down after gaining a first down during an NFL game between the Texans and the Titans on Jan. 9, 2022 in Houston, Texas. The Titans won, 28-25.

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Jordan sweeps team gold at District 21-5A meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan won both the boys and girls team titles at last week's District 21-5A swimming and diving meet.

The Jordan girls scored 174.5 points to take home gold — their closest competitor was Magnolia, which had 99 points. The Jordan boys had 134 points with the next closest again being Magnolia, who came away with 118 points.

It was an impressive meet for Jordan's Kaeli White, who won the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle, while also helping Jordan win the 200 freestyle relay and finish second in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Jordan head coach Scott Slay was named both the boys and girls coach of the meet for helping lead the Warriors to two gold medals.

Following are the full list of regional qualifiers from the District 21-5A swimming and diving meet:

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

BOYS

200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. Magnolia (Nick Moylan, Dylan Gregg, Nathan Scott, Josh Brooks) - 1:37.80
2. Kingwood Park (Chris Rosser, Carter Bennett, Joe Stephenson, McCormick Johnson) - 1:40.30
3. Lake Creek (TJ Kohli, Thomas-Joe Gray, Jacob Whitaker, Sam Smith) - 1:41.10
4. Katy Jordan (Leonardo Nguyen, Aaron Brooks, Manuel Diaz, Edelmiro Lucio) - 1:42.14
5. Porter (Hans Dano, Lex Larsen, Micah Juneau, Stephen Schmidt) - 1:44.09
6. Katy Paetow (Alex Sombero, Clayton Shuster, Alec Franco, Josh Hernandez) - 1:49.03

200 FREESTYLE

1. Nick Moylan, Magnolia - 1:44.49
2. Thomas-Joe Gray, Lake Creek - 1:47.65
3. Nathan Scott, Magnolia - 1:47.97
4. Henry Kim, Katy Jordan - 1:48.11
5. Jonathan Palmattam, Katy Jordan - 1:49.76
6. Manuel Diaz, Katy Jordan - 1:51.58

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

1. Joe Stephenson, Kingwood Park - 1:59.00
2. Alex Carver, Magnolia - 1:59.31
3. Carter Bennett, Kingwood Park - 2:01.44
4. Kai Walker, Katy Jordan - 2:02.10
5. Gabe Fabrizio, Kingwood Park - 2:04.23
6. Justin Flores, Magnolia West - 2:08.14

50 FREESTYLE

1. Chris Rosser, Kingwood Park - 21.64
2. Josh Brooks, Magnolia - 21.65
3. Jacob Ratkovich, Magnolia West - 22.02
4. Edelmiro Lucio, Katy Jordan - 22.25
5. Sebastian Leal, Katy Jordan - 22.27
6. McCormick Johnson, Kingwood Park - 22.45

1-METER DIVING

1. Jake Bigler, Magnolia - 369.95
2. Kaleb Velazquez, Katy Paetow - 367.30
3. Kaiden Duvall, Katy Jordan - 321.00
4. Johnny Pieites, Katy Paetow - 310.80
5. Ryan Eckerty, Kingwood Park - 288.70
6. Carmelo Turner, Katy Paetow - 284.10

100 BUTTERFLY

1. Jacob Whitaker, Lake Creek - 50.76
2. Nathan Scott, Magnolia - 52.29
3. Thomas-Joe Gray, Lake Creek - 53.70
4. Leonardo Nguyen, Katy Jordan - 55.18
5. Henry Kim, Katy Jordan - 55.34
5. Edelmiro Lucio, Katy Jordan - 55.34

100 FREESTYLE

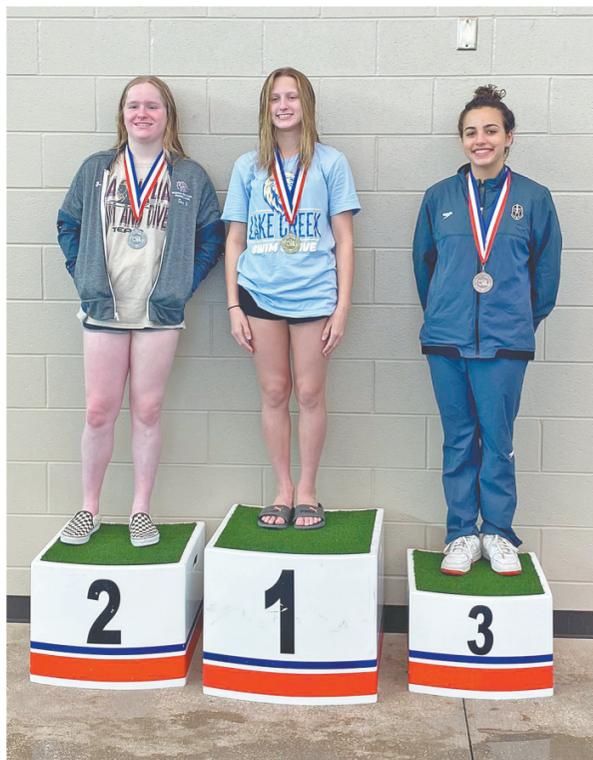
1. Jacob Ratkovich, Magnolia West - 47.25
2. Joe Brooks, Magnolia - 47.60
3. Sebastian Leal, Katy Jordan - 47.87
4. Jonathan Palmattam, Katy Jordan - 49.25
5. Manuel Diaz, Katy Jordan - 49.56
6. Cole Strong, Katy Jordan - 51.34

500 FREESTYLE

1. Nick Moylan, Magnolia - 4:43.94
2. Joe Stephenson, Kingwood Park - 4:55.96
3. Kai Walker, Katy Jordan - 4:57.15
4. Dylan See, Montgomery - 5:03.25
5. Stanford Darger, Katy Jordan - 5:14.71
6. Holden George, Lake Creek - 5:15.57

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

1. Katy Jordan (Sebastian Leal, Edelmiro Lucio, Manuel Diaz, Jonathan Palmattam) - 1:28.30



Jordan's Camila Leviaguire poses with her third place 1-meter dive medal.



Paetow's Kaleb Velazquez and Jordan's Kaiden Davaul pose with their second and third place diving medals.

2. Lake Creek (Thomas-Joe Gray, Jack Kelly, Jacob Whitaker, Sam Smith) - 1:29.22
3. Magnolia West (Jonathan Ratkovich, Justin Flores, Tyler Covert, Jacob Ratkovich) - 1:32.30
4. Kingwood Park (Gabe Fabrizio, Ian Maxwell, Logan Gonzales, Logen Black) - 1:33.85
5. Magnolia (Dylan Gregg, Gabriel Lewis, Levi Hollenbeck, Alex Carver) - 1:34.39
6. Porter (Hans Dano, Stephen Schmidt, Kelton Gunter, Lex Larsen) - 1:35.45

100 BACKSTROKE

1. Jacob Whitaker, Lake Creek - 51.69
2. Chris Rosser, Kingwood Park - 53.45
3. Alex Sombero, Katy Paetow - 57.36
4. Haggin Lockhart, Katy Jordan - 58.87
5. Saleem Najjar, Katy Jordan - 59.25
6. TJ Kohli, Lake Creek - 59.63

100 BREASTROKE

1. Carter Bennett, Kingwood Park - 1:00.61
2. Alex Carver, Magnolia - 1:03.15
3. Justin Flores, Magnolia West - 1:03.67
4. McCormick Johnson, Kingwood Park - 1:04.11
5. Leonardo Nguyen, Katy Jordan - 1:04.47
6. Levi Hollenbeck, Magnolia - 1:05.40

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

1. Magnolia (Nick Moylan, Alex Carver, Nathan Scott, Josh Brooks) - 3:14.47
2. Katy Jordan (Henry Kim, Kai Walker, Jonathan Palmattam, Sebastian Leal) - 3:17.19
3. Kingwood Park (Joe Stephenson, Carter Bennett, McCormick Johnson, Chris Rosser) - 3:20.68
4. Magnolia West (Tyler Covert, Jonathan Ratkovich, Justin Flores, Jacob Ratkovich) - 3:27.69
5. Porter (Lex Larsen, Hans Dano, Stephen Schmidt, Micah Juneau) - 3:31.65
6. Lake Creek (Dean Holtkamp, Munoz Hoffman, Jack Kelly, Holden George) - 3:34.65

GIRLS

200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. Magnolia (Sarah Culberson, Claire Culberson, Summer Reinecke, Emma Huma) - 1:50.31



The Jordan boys and girls swimming and diving teams celebrate after sweeping first place at the District 21-5A meet on Saturday.

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2. Katy Jordan (Kayla Tran, Vanessa Moonsammy, Emma Aumaugher, Victoria Hewitt) - 1:51.50
3. Kingwood Park (Renee Alcalá, Hannah Dove, Morgen Dozier, Arrie Shockley) - 1:53.52
4. Lake Creek (Maya Orrick, Ella Britt, Lauren Matula, Rilynn Guynes) - 1:55.49
5. Magnolia West (Darby East, Kimberly Sanchez, Savannah Stanford, Emma Mattingly) - 1:59.56
6. Katy Paetow (Madison Wood, Arielle Carrejo, Stacey Munoz, Bianca Cabaddu) - 2:02.46

200 FREESTYLE

1. Kaeli White, Katy Jordan - 1:52.70
2. Kaitlyn Weightman, Montgomery - 1:53.25
3. Lauren Matula, Lake Creek - 1:55.25
4. Violet Hardy, Katy Jordan - 1:56.39
5. Carlie Solomon, Kingwood Park - 1:56.46
6. Emma Huma, Magnolia - 1:56.91

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

1. Sarah Culberson, Magnolia - 2:07.65
2. Emma Aumaugher, Katy Jordan - 2:09.96
3. Ella Britt, Lake Creek - 2:11.98
4. Renee Alcalá, Kingwood Park - 2:15.97
5. Haley Kim, Katy Jordan - 2:16.65
6. Gracie Solis, Katy Jordan - 2:17.36

50 FREESTYLE

1. Kaelynn Miller, Montgomery - 24.89
2. Victoria Hewitt, Katy Jordan - 25.44
3. Kate McDowell, Montgomery - 25.84
4. Arrie Shockley, Kingwood Park - 25.85
5. Isabella Mesa, Katy Jordan - 26.04
6. Grace Cantu, Kingwood Park - 26.25

1-METER DIVING

1. Julie Moons, Lake Creek - 387.05
2. Sam Jones, Magnolia - 300.15
3. Anna Camila Leviaguire, Katy Jordan - 255.25
4. Isabella Hagen, Katy Jordan - 215.40
5. Srilaasya Ganti, Katy Jordan - 148.50
6. Chaarmi Puram, Katy Jordan - 134.40

100 BUTTERFLY

1. Emma Aumaugher, Katy Jordan - 56.85
2. Hannah Dove, Kingwood Park - 57.72

3. Gracie Solis, Katy Jordan - 1:01.34
4. Morgen Dozier, Kingwood Park - 1:01.38
5. Victoria Hewitt, Katy Jordan - 1:01.83
6. Stacey Munoz, Katy Paetow - 1:02.83

100 FREESTYLE

1. Kaitlyn Weightman, Montgomery - 53.30
2. Lauren Matula, Lake Creek - 53.38
3. Kaelynn Miller, Montgomery - 53.88
4. Carlie Solomon, Kingwood Park - 54.40
5. Violet Hardy, Katy Jordan - 54.67
6. Vanessa Moonsammy, Katy Jordan - 55.73

500 FREESTYLE

1. Kaeli White, Katy Jordan - 5:04.23
2. Claire Culberson, Magnolia - 5:05.77
3. Emma Huma, Magnolia - 5:09.23
4. Reese Balkcom, Montgomery - 5:18.86
5. Valeria Dumitrascu, Katy Jordan - 5:28.33
6. Sofia Pareja, Katy Jordan - 5:29.41

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

1. Katy Jordan (Victoria Hewitt, Violet Hardy, Kaeli White, Emma Aumaugher) - 1:40.17
2. Montgomery (Kaelynn Miller, Reese Balkcom, Kate McDowell, Kaitlyn Weightman) - 1:40.28
3. Kingwood Park (Grace Cantu, Cecelia Sullivan, Arrie Shockley, Carlie Solomon) - 1:43.26
4. Magnolia (Megan Rubio, Brooke Reinecke, Isabelle Draeger, Summer Reinecke) - 1:45.19
5. Magnolia West (Emma Mattingly, Darby East, Savannah Stanford, Kimberly Sanchez) - 1:46.51
6. Katy Paetow (Bianca Cabaddu, Stacey Munoz, Sara Hudzina, Daynara Mazuera) - 1:50.47

100 BACKSTROKE

1. Sarah Culberson, Magnolia - 58.49
2. Renee Alcalá, Kingwood Park - 59.88
3. Kate McDowell, Montgomery - 1:00.06
4. Kayla Tran, Katy Jordan - 1:00.10
5. Ainsley Hutchinson, Katy Jordan - 1:02.33
6. Megan Rubio, Magnolia - 1:02.60

100 BREASTSTROKE

1. Ella Britt, Lake Creek - 1:07.36
2. Claire Culberson, Magnolia - 1:08.23
3. Haley Kim, Katy Jordan - 1:09.18
4. Vanessa Moonsammy, Katy Jordan - 1:10.96
5. Kimberly Sanchez, Magnolia West - 1:11.82
6. Summer Reinecke, Magnolia - 1:12.46

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

1. Montgomery (Kaelynn Miller, Reese Balkcom, Kate McDowell, Kaitlyn Weightman) - 3:37.80
2. Katy Jordan (Kaeli White, Vanessa Moonsammy, Violet Hardy, Kayla Tran) - 3:40.21
3. Magnolia (Emma Huma, Megan Rubio, Claire Culberson, Sarah Culberson) - 3:41.67
4. Kingwood Park (Grace Cantu, Morgen Dozier, Renee Alcalá, Carlie Solomon) - 3:41.99
5. Lake Creek (Rylee Guynes, Maya Orrick, Lauren Matula, Ella Britt) - 3:47.57
6. Magnolia West (Jancee Thompson, Jessie Ratkovich, Drew Chesire, Emily Oldham) - 4:10.30

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one win above them. We knew coming in this was the biggest game of the season that we've had so far."

Cinco came into Saturday needing a win to stay alone in the final playoff spot in district. A loss to Katy would leave the two tied for the fourth spot, with no team owning the tiebreaker between them.

The Cougars were up to the challenge, overcoming a five-point halftime deficit to beat the Tigers 58-55 in a game that was wire with exciting play.

"It was huge to get this win," said Hunter Betke, a senior. "I know as a senior I want to make sure I made playoffs for the last time and get one more long run into the end of my final year. So it was awesome to get this, just

a super important win for us. To get that tiebreaker over Katy was the biggest things. Even if we don't play as well as we want, just knowing we have that in case we tie is huge."

Cinco held a 16-14 lead on Katy after the first quarter, but Katy came back with a strong second quarter, and built a 28-23 lead. The Cougars though fought back in the third and got back to the gameplan while also making adjustments, and the Cougars took a 45-42 lead heading into the fourth.

"We made a few adjustments," said Cinco Ranch head coach Neil King. "I didn't think we rebounded the ball extremely well in the first half. I thought that we gave them some second and third opportunities. So defensively we really focused on just limiting them to

one shot. Offensively we started to move the ball a bit more with the pass and not the dribble and we were able to do that. We made a few adjustments, but I give all the credit to the players, they executed the gameplan perfectly."

Cinco continued to cling on to a slim lead in the final minutes of the game and shifted to their offensive approach to holding on to the ball as much possible and limiting Katy's possessions. The Cougars continued to run the clock out or get good shots out of possessions until Katy was forced to foul to stay in the game. The Cougars could only use that offensive approach because of the amount of players on the team that can handle the ball.

"We're very fortunate where we have multiple guys who can han-

dle the ball," King said. "It's not just one guys, and that's a nice luxury to have. I could go on and on about all the guys who can handle the ball and that's something we work one everyday in practice. Katy played extremely hard and is a great team. I'm just happy with our kids and their resiliency."

Katy got within three with a minute and 30 second left in the game, but Cinco held on from there and didn't allow the Tigers to score the rest of the way.

While the win gave the room space for the fourth spot in district, the Cougars know they will need to stay focused down the stretch as they hope to move up further in the standings and clinch a higher playoff spot.

"We just have to keep working hard in practice and keep getting

better," Betke said. "We were tired with how much we worked this week, but we'll get our day of rest in and come back ready to work on Monday. We have that fire in our minds knowing that we have a pretty good shot at playoffs now."

District 19-6A

Cinco Ranch 58, Katy 55

Points: (CR) Josh Lennon 17, Omer Saied 13, Drew Joyce 12, Jones Bynum Prince 7, Derek Kollmansberger 6, Hunter Betke 4; (K) Aydan Perdue 20, Dayvaughn Froe 13, Cason Cole 10, Travis Evans 8, Cooper Williams 3

Halftime: Katy 28-23; 3-pointers: (CR) Joyce 2, Lennon; (K) Perdue 2, Cole 2, Evans 2, Froe, Williams; Records: Cinco Ranch 14-15, 4-3; Katy 13-16, 3-5

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The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.
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Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, Drainage, and Paving Facilities.
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on February 10th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 967721468# when prompted.
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Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:
Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. 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.
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 Owner's judgment will be most advantageous to the Owner 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.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171, will be received at the Elyson Café, 23623 Elyson Falls Dr, Katy, TX 77493, from 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental for Construction of "Elyson Basin K Trail Landscape", Harris County, Texas.
Scope of Work for the Contract includes, but is not limited to, the construction of sprinkler irrigation, grading grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened.
A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 17th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, at the Elyson Café, 23623 Elyson Falls Dr, Katy, TX 77493. Bid will not be opened unless the bidder or a representative was present at the pre-bid conference.
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 may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search the Project name. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download bid documents for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.
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INVITATION TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTRACTORS

OWNER: FORT BEND COUNTY MUD 37
PROJECT NAME: FORT BEND COUNTY MUD 37 WWTP REHAB

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 AT 10:00 AM
BID OPENING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 2:00 PM

Project: Construction of the rehabilitation of the 0.175 mgd Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 37 Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project site is located at 25039 Emporia Chase Court, Katy, Fort Bend County, Texas 77494.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents: Drawings, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from www.civcastusa.com, search **Fort Bend County MUD 37 WWTP Rehab**.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at **10:00 AM CST on Thursday January 27, 2022 at the project site. Attendance at the pre-bid is encouraged, but not mandatory.**

Bid Opening: Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to "Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 37" for construction of rehabilitation of the Fort Bend County MUD 37 WWTP will be received at the office of WaterEngineers, Inc., 17230 Huffmeister Road, Cypress, Texas 77429. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2:00 PM CST.**

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 5% of the total Bid amount from an FDIC insured bank or surety company licensed to issue bid bonds in the State of Texas must accompany each bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for the full amount of the contract. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the **City of Katy** will be received at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, attention Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary; for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the **FY 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** Bids will, immediately thereafter, be publicly opened and read aloud in the City of Katy Council Chambers. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1,470 L.F. of existing 6-inch thru 8-inch sanitary sewer lines by pipe bursting, manhole rehabilitation, services reconnections as well as all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project. This project also includes one (1) Add Alternate. Add Alternate No. 1 involves cleaning and television inspection of approximately 2,840 L.F. of existing 21" thru 24" sanitary sewer.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the **City of Katy**.
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.**

Equal Opportunity in Employment – all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

A Complete set of the bidding documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com. There is no cost to view or download the plans. Sets of hard copies of Bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents. Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

INVITATION TO WATER PLANT CONTRACTORS

OWNER: Waller County MUD 34
PROJECT NAME: Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase I)

PRE-BID: Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM

BID OPENING: Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Project: Construction of the Phase I design of the proposed Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant. The project site is located near the intersection of Hebert Road and FM 362 Road in Waller, Texas 77484.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents: Drawings, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from www.civcastusa.com, search **Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase I)**.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at **10:00 AM on Thursday February 3, 2022** at the WaterEngineers, Inc. office, 17230 Huffmeister Road, Suite A, Cypress, Texas 77429. **Attendance at the pre-bid is encouraged, but not mandatory.**

Bid Opening: Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to "Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 34" will be received at the office of WaterEngineers, Inc. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM.**

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 5% of the total Bid amount from an FDIC insured bank or surety company licensed to issue bid bonds in the State of Texas must accompany each bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for the full amount of the contract. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the **City of Katy** will be received at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, attention Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary; for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the **FY 2022 Street Maintenance Project, until 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** Bids will, immediately thereafter, be publicly opened and read aloud in the City of Katy Council Chambers. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project involves pavement repairs at various locations within the City of Katy. The repairs will involve removal of existing pavement and replacement with reinforced concrete pavement, joint sealant, minor storm sewer repairs, and all labor, materials and equipment required to perform the work. This project also involves the restriping of Pin Oak Road from US 90 to Katy Flewellen Road.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the **City of Katy**.
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ANY INTERESTED PARTY OF FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 49.111 of the Texas Water Code FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 37 (the "District") will hold an election on May 7, 2022 without providing a voting station that meets the requirements for accessibility under 42 U.S.C. Section 15481(a)(3) on Election Day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance. The District will provide a voting station that meets the accessibility requirements for voting by a person with a disability if a request for such voting station is received from any voter in the District on or before March 23, 2022. Requests for an accessible voting station and any questions should be directed to the District c/o Johnson Petrov LLP, 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 3150, Houston, Texas 77019, Attention: Alan P. Petrov.

PARA TODA PARTE INTERESADA DEL DISTRITO MUNICIPAL DE PRESTACIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND NRO. 37: Se notifica por el presente, en conformidad con el Código de Agua de Texas, Sección 49.111, que DISTRITO MUNICIPAL DE PRESTACIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND NRO. 37 (el "Distrito") llevará a cabo una elección el día 7 de mayo de 2022, sin proporcionar una estación de votación que cumpla con los requisitos de fácil acceso bajo 42 U.S.C. Sección 15481(a)(3) el día de elección ni durante el período de votación anticipada en persona. El Distrito proporcionará una estación de votación que cumpla con los requisitos de fácil acceso para que una persona con una discapacidad pueda votar, si se recibe una solicitud de tal estación de votación por parte de cualquier votante en el Distrito para el 23 de marzo de 2022, inclusive. Los pedidos de una estación de votación de fácil acceso y preguntas deben ser dirigidos al Distrito, a la atención de Johnson Petrov LLP, 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 3150, Houston, Texas 77019, Attention: Alan P. Petrov.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the **City of Katy** will be received at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, attention Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary; for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the **FY 2022 Lift Station Wet Well Rehabilitation Project, until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.** Bids will, immediately thereafter, be publicly opened and read aloud in the City of Katy Council Chambers. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

This project involves the rehabilitation of the lift station wet well, internal walls of influent structure, and manholes with an approved spray-on corrosion resistant wall liner at the City of Katy Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 25839 Interstate 10 Frontage Rd., Katy, TX 77494. The purpose of the project is to restore the structural integrity of the lift station wet well structure and manholes to extend its useful life. Mechanical and electrical improvements to the pumps, controls, valves, and piping are not part of this project.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the **City of Katy**.
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.**

Equal Opportunity in Employment – all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

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The project involves the installation of approximately 1,775 L.F. of 8-inch water lines including valves, fire hydrants, services connections as well as all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the City of Katy.
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Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.**

Equal Opportunity in Employment – all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

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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 2:00p.m. local time, Friday, February 18th, 2022 and then publicly opened and read aloud for **CITY OF KATY - DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS** along Fortuna Drive. Proposals received after closing will be returned unopened. Bid opening will be in person at Katy City Hall at 901 Avenue C, Katy, TX 77493 @ 2:15p.m. local time, Friday, February 18th, 2022.

This project will be federally funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and administered by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Bidders shall comply with regulations governing the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program. Applicable requirements include, but are not limited to compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Fair Labor Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, and contracting with small, minority, and disadvantage firms, as detailed in the project manual.

The project involves the removal of existing asphalt pavement and driveways, and installation of concrete roadways and driveways with 5' wide sidewalks, various size storm ranging from 24" to 48" and 10' x 5' RCB sewer ranging from 24" to 48" and 10' x 5' reinforced concrete box (RCB), approximately 1,120 LF of 8", 745 LF of 12" water line and 295 LF of 12" sanitary sewer, traffic control, and storm water pollution prevention.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held to review the scope of work on Thursday, February 10th, 2022 @ 2:00 pm using the online Zoom application. Web Application: Zoom <https://zoom.us/> Call in: 346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 813 8169 8463, Passcode: 413575

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 ten 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 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, Woman 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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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Pulte, Homes of Texas, on behalf of Fort Bend Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2, Attention Chett Wignall, Project Manager, will be received **electronically** until 11:00am, Monday February 21st, 2022 and then publicly opened and read for the construction of: **"Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Katy Court Section 1B"** for Fort Bend Waller Counties MUD No. 2, Harris County, Texas.

The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large gatherings are not recommended. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 328356158# when prompted.

Scope of work of the contract includes construction of water, sanitary, and drainage facilities. The project is located within the future Katy Court Development in Harris County, TX. It is within the boundaries of Fort Bend - Waller Counties M.U.D. No. 2 and is in the City of Katy. It is approximately 900 feet south of the Clay Rd and Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd intersection. The project is located in Harris County, Key Map No. 444-G, 444-H, 444-L, and 444-M.

Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted. An **OPTIONAL** pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, February 11th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 977922885# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **OPTIONAL**.

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:

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Jones and Carter, Inc., 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449.

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.

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Morton Ranch to host women in sports conference

STAFF REPORT

Morton Ranch High School will host the first Girls and Women in Sports Conference on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Katy ISD women of all ages are invited to hear from seven speakers who are making strides in the world of sports.

Julia Morales, a sports reporter for AT&T Sportsnet Southwest, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Also speaking will be Katy ISD athletic director Debbie Decker, Chivonne Kiser, Elicia Black, Jasmine Grace, Crystal Day and Brandi Bryant.

The conference will be held at the Morton Ranch Performing Arts Center at noon with check in at 11 a.m. Registration is \$20 and includes admission to the conference, a t-shirt and lunch.



Katy's Aydan Perdue (above, left) shoots a layup during Saturday's game against Cinco Ranch at the Katy gym. Katy's Dayvaughn Froe (above, right) scans the court during Saturday's game

FROE & PERDUE HELP LEAD YOUNG KATY TEAM

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Dayvaughn Froe has been a leader for Katy since the moment he stepped foot in the locker room.

Katy head coach Danny Russell had prepared Froe for when he would be the senior leader of the group.

"For my entire four years here, Coach Russell has been on me about being a leader. Even as a sophomore, he would tell me 'those guys look up to you even if they're older than you.' That's really helped me to realize how I can motivate people and I've become more vocal and helped support my teammates. That was a big thing for me. Even when I'm off the court I have to just keep cheering for me teammates and helping them. That's part of being a leader."

That leadership has been key for a Katy team that lacked experience coming into this year.

The Tigers returned only two varsity players from last season, in Froe and Aydan Perdue, and the duo has helped to bring a young team together and helped them compete.

"It's honestly amazing," Perdue said. "In summer league when we played, we had no chemistry. No one had got that chemistry down yet and

since it was only Dayvaughn returning, they looked to us. Now, everyone out on the court is making big plays. Everyone has learned how to play the game at the varsity level and honestly, it's just awesome, it's beautiful."

The team finally gelling has been a boon for the Tigers, who are in the thick of the playoff race in District 19-6A. But it hasn't just come from the improvement of the teams younger players, but from Froe and Perdue as well.

In Katy's game against Mayde Creek last week, Froe fouled out for the first time in his career, leaving Perdue to be the team's primary ball-handler and shot creator.

Perdue responded, making shots and free throws down the stretch to give Katy a huge win in a close game over the Rams, and keeping the Tigers in the playoff hunt.

"He has that ability and we've seen him do it," Russell said. "We've seen it in open gyms, we've seen it in practices and he has that gear. As soon as Dayvaughn went out, you didn't see any panic from the coaching staff, we knew what was about to happen. We have a lot of confidence in him and Aydan has a lot of confidence in himself. He's a great player and for him to make those plays wasn't a big surprise for us."

The game against Mayde Creek proved to the Tigers that their secondary players could step up and deliver, even when the best players were out or having a subpar game.

"I was really proud of guys like Joel (Elfert) for stepping up; he had two huge buckets and hit free throws at the end. Travis Evans played with confidence and handled the ball as well. That makes a difference for us when those guys step up and make those kind of plays. Our bench was really important as well, they played a lot of minutes. At the end of the day, everyone did their job and played their role. We felt like we had been knocking on the door with some of these, now we've finally gotten over the hump and got us one."

This is the seniors' last go in high school as a senior, and it's an important season to Perdue as well. They both know that they will need to step up and the rest of the team will need to step up the rest of the way through district if the team is to make the playoffs.

"This means everything to me," Froe said. "It's really important. This is what I love to do and hopefully we can stay in this playoff race and get there and then hopefully win some games."

COURTESY KATY ISD

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Katy Cavaliers to host clay shoot

STAFF REPORT

The Katy Cavaliers boys lacrosse club will be hosting their annual sporting clay shoot on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The Cavaliers are the lacrosse team for Katy, Cinco Ranch, Taylor, Tompkins, Morton Ranch, Mayde Creek, Paetow and Raines.

The event will be held at Westside Sporting Grounds at 10120 Pattison Rd, Katy. It is for both experienced and novice shooters of all ages. The price to register is \$150 or \$600 for a 4-person team. Registration includes 12 and 20 gauge ammunition, breakfast and lunch.

To register or to find more information, go to katycavslax.com.



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From left, Maria Rojas-Decesre, Bridget Foley and Sophia Barkley pose with their medals.

X-Cel Silver Stars Gymnastics team places first at Texas Prime Meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The X-Cel Silver Gymnastics team from Stars Gymnastics Sports Center took first place in their division at the Texas Prime Gymnastics meet in Dallas. Among X-Cel Silver's gymnasts, Bridget Foley placed first on beam and floor and the all-around and third on vault for senior. Maria Rojas-Decesre placed first on beam, first on bars and first on floors among X-Cel Silver juniors and won the all-around for the juniors as well. Sophia Barkley came in first on vault, second on beam and third for the all-around in the X-Cel Silver Senior class.

The Stars Gymnastics team placed first overall at the event with a total score of 113.45.

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Young Tompkins team finds groove late in district play

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tammy Ray's team has had to do a lot of growing this season.

With eight newcomers and just two seniors on the team the group has had to make huge strides over the course of the year, and it took the team time to hit its stride.

"We have a young time, there's eight new ones and they've had to learn a lot that we threw at them," Ray said. "They've really had to learn how to follow the gameplan and take coaching but they're coming along."

Those early season struggles didn't show up on the scoreboard in the preseason, as Tompkins did extremely well before district play, but the team had its growing pains and had to learn how to win at the varsity level.

"I don't know if they believed at the beginning of the year that we were going to be as good as we are," Ray said. "But they chipped away at that early season schedule. The North Shore win was a big one for us and then when we played them again in a tournament, we repeated it. As we just continued to play basketball, they just continued to get more confident and you could see them think 'we can do this.' I think it was more of a learning thing and then understanding the work that goes into it."

The Falcons have found their groove in large part to the leadership of the few returning varsity players, including Brooklynn Nash, who sat and learned behind current Tarleton State player Crystal Smith last year.

"I really looked up to Crystal and I just tried to learn everything I could behind her," Nash said. "I've tried to take pages from her book. I'm being more vocal and I'm trying to make sure that everyone knows what they need to. I really want to teach my teammates what I know on my way out."

Tompkins has benefited from her leadership and others and the team has hit its next gear in the



Tompkins head coach Tammy Ray talks to her team during a timeout during Friday's game against Morton Ranch at the Tompkins gym.

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— Tammy Ray, Tompkins head coach

second half of District 19-6A play.

"The younger ones have really started to adapt to the energy of the older girls," Nash said. "The returners tried to set the energy and they've really fed off that and came

up with us and hit a new level instead of us having to be the ones who bring that energy for them. It's really all just come together."

Another reason for the team success has been the play of junior

guard Macy Spencer, who has scored 20 or more in each of the teams past three games. Her scoring has unlocked many elements of the offense.

"The team has really helped me

a lot," Spencer said. "It's not just me at all. The whole team pushes me to do my best and I push all of them as well. It's really them that has gotten me to this point."

Tompkins knows there will be everything to play for in the district down the stretch and hopes their level of play can help them reach a district championship and a deep playoff run.

"Our energy is the biggest thing for us," Nash said. "When we've had good energy and come out right, we win. We have to stay as a team and be all together in everything we do. If we do that the rest will take care of itself."

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Tompkins has continued to get better since those losses and that continued on Friday, when the Falcons ran past Morton Ranch 63-35 to improve to 29-3 on the year and 7-2 in District 19-6A play.

It was a slow start for Tompkins, but the Falcons picked things up quickly and made adjustments after leading 19-14 after the first quarter.

"Coach Ray told us that we had good energy to start and Morton just played well," said junior guard Macy Spencer. "They came out angry but we came out ready to fight. We wanted this one, we want the next one, so we're just working hard and doing what we can."

Tompkins turned around their slow start quickly, and built a 31-21 lead heading into halftime that ballooned into a 20 point lead after the third quarter.

"Those two losses earlier in district motivated us," Spencer said. "We knew we had to do better. We've worked harder in practice, we've kept the energy up. Coach (Todd) McVey brought some of his football guys in and they help us with the energy and everything. It's been really good."

Spencer helped lead the way by scoring 30 points, her third straight game of scoring more than 20 points.

"She's allowing me to coach the heck out of her," Ray said. "She's very receptive to coaching and teaching. She lets us coach her and that's a testament to her. It's hard to take that type of criticism. But she does and it's made her better. We try to just let the offense come to her and it's paid off."

The Falcons have two more games remaining in their district schedule and the district is still wide open for any team to win.

"We really want that one," said senior guard Brooklynn Nash. "We have to focus on boxing out



Tompkins Brooklynn Nash shoots a layup during Friday's game against Morton Ranch at the Tompkins gym.

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better, locking down their shooters, making sure that we talk on defense and tell each other exactly what we're doing, and we have to lockdown No. 30 (Justice Carlton). We do those things we can come out with a win.

District 19-6A

Tompkins 63, Morton Ranch 35

Points: (T) Macy Spencer 30, Fiyin Adeleye 8, Gabby Panter 7, Brooklyn Nash 7,

Kayla Boven 5, Ava Wade 2, Emma Potts 2, Rihanna DeLeon 2;(MR) Hollie Sylve 8, Jessica Mendoza 5, Mykayla Bemont 5, Brianna Charlton 4, Madisyn Henderson 3, Kristen Williamson 3, Alexis Scott 2, Heaven Davis 2, Madisyn Thompson-Woodford 1

Halftime: Tompkins 31-21; 3-pointers: (T) Spencer 2, Adeleye, Boven; (MR) Henderson, Bement; Records: Tompkins 29-3, 7-2; Morton Ranch 10-14, 1-6

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