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KATY ISD TRUSTEES

## Perez elected, Redmon re-elected

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Victor Perez defeated incumbent Duke Keller and three other challengers to win the position 1 spot on the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees, while incumbent Lance Redmon defeated two challengers to retain the position 2 spot Saturday.



VICTOR PEREZ

Perez, who is retired, was making his first bid for elective office. Keller, an attorney, was seeking his second term on the board.



LANCE REDMON

In unofficial election returns, Perez received 5,718 votes, or 51%. Keller received 2,698 votes, or 24%. Eliz Markowitz, an educator, received 2,056 votes, or 18%. Cicely Taylor, also an educator, received 508 or 6%. Saki Krishamurthy, an educator and executive, received 161 votes, or 1%.

Markowitz was making her second bid for office after an unsuccessful campaign for the Texas House of Representatives. Krishamurthy and Taylor were making their first bids for office.

Redmon, who works in building material sales, won his second term by defeating Bonnie Anderson, an IT manager, and Patricia Haggard, a stay-at-home parent.

Redmon received 4,463 votes, or 41%. Anderson received 4,093 votes, or 38%. Haggard received 2,300 votes, or 21%.

A candidate needs only a plurality of votes to win election to the school board.

Anderson was making her second bid for the school board. Haggard was making her first bid.

Trustees are expected to certify the results at their next meeting, and Perez and Redmon will take their oaths of office then.

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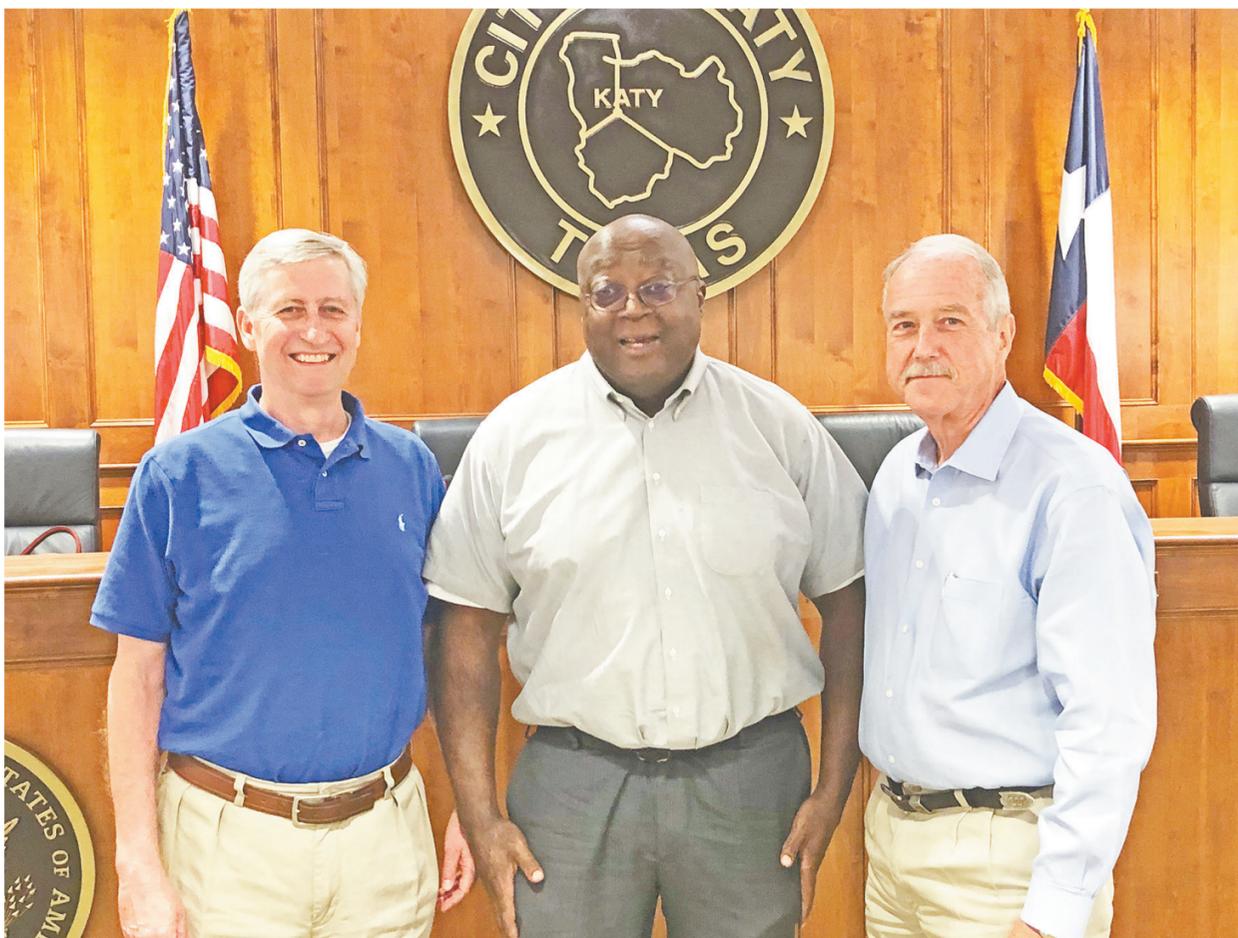
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Mayor-Elect Dusty Thiele, left, poses with City Attorney Art Pertile and Mayor Bill Hastings Monday at City Hall.

## Coming & Going

### Dusty Thiele takes mayoral oath of office Friday

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor-Elect Dusty Thiele tells a story about a golf ball to illustrate the importance of seeing things from different perspectives.

Thiele, who takes office Friday night at City Hall, said he got the story from one of his mayoral predecessors, Skip Conner. According to the story, a man has a golf ball in his hand. The ball has on one side the manufacturer's logo. The man holds

up the ball before some friends, making sure that the logo faces him.

Thiele said the man asked his friends, do they see anything? No, they answer. He turns the ball around so the others can see the logo. He asked again, do they see anything now? Yes, they answer.

Taking different viewpoints into account is important, Thiele said. As an insurance agent, Thiele said he's used to making decisions on his own

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## Mayor Bill Hastings to retire Friday

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor Bill Hastings joked Monday that he would chunk the mayor's gavel at, instead of handing it over to, Mayor-Elect Dusty Thiele Friday at City Hall.

Joking aside, the image of what comes next for Hastings is clear in his mind. Actually, since he announced last December that he would not seek a second, three-year term as mayor, the image seems to have always been there.

It is sunrise. Hastings and his wife Susan—who herself recently retired as Katy Christian Ministries Crisis Center director—are sitting together on a small boat. Also on the boat are their two miniature Australian shepherds, Kate (which they call Katy) and Allie. Bill and Susan are fishing, drinking coffee

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## Former Cimarron student returns from Ukraine to teach

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Emily Childress is returning to teach at the elementary school where she was once a student. But to get home to Katy, she first took a journey that included a two-year teaching stint in Ukraine.

Childress graduated from Cimarron Elementary School, West Memorial Junior High School, and Katy High School. She graduated from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. She said teaching was her calling, yet she had to deal with roadblocks of passing tests and job interviews. But she persevered, became a teacher, and improved her skills and teaching with experience.

"It's like a puzzle," Childress said. "When you're in that right spot, all the pieces fit, and that's where I am now."

Then, one day, Childress received a call from one of her proctors. How would she like to teach students in Ukraine?

Childress was interested. She



Emily Childress as a teacher in Ukraine.

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# "BEST OF KATY"

results publish June 23rd!

(Special keepsake section in print and results announced online at KatyTimes.com)





## SIGN DEDICATED

Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce officials and other dignitaries on April 26 dedicated Abe & Lizzy Daily Park, 4026 Nails Road, in Simonton. The park will host its first baseball game at 10 a.m. Saturday. Pictured from left to right are Amy Norvell, Len Tierney, Don McCoy, Dr. Harold Daily, Dennis Silva, Kristine Thomason, Rick Vargas, Rachel Durham, Dr. Vera Oyabure and John Whaley. Daily is donating land both for the park and a community center to be built by the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation thanks in part to a donation from the Helen Walton Foundation.

SUSAN ROVEGNO

## RIBBON CUTTING



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

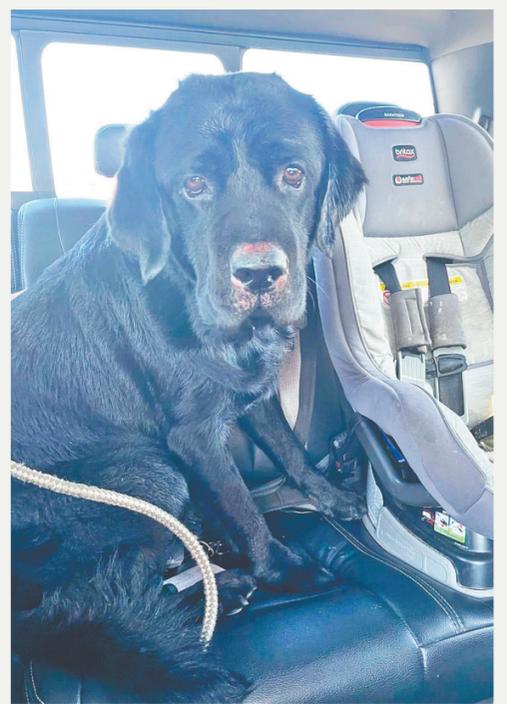
Houston Community College opened its new Katy campus Friday at 22910 Colonial Pkwy. Pictured from left are Monica Flores Richart, HCC District 1 trustee and vice chair; Dave Wilson, HCC District 6 trustee; Zachary Hodges, HCC Northwest Campus president; Cesar Maldonado, HCC chancellor; Glenn Hegar, Texas state comptroller, and Bill Callegari, former state representative.

## GROUNDBREAKING



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Wayne Voss, CEO of Houston Methodist West, 18500 Katy Fwy., speaks at a Friday groundbreaking for a new, \$65 million office building to be adjacent to the hospital as part of the complex.



NOPPE FAMILY

Max Noppe, a very good boy.

# Max, heroic dog, to be honored by 2 fire departments

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Two local fire departments want to make Max, the black Labrador whose barking helped rescuers find his missing mother last week, an official fire dog.

Sherry Noppe, 63, is the Katy-area woman who went missing May 3 and was found early Friday morning in George Bush Park.

In a letter to Max and his family, Community Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Mitchell and Harris County Emergency Services District 48 Fire-EMS Fire Chief George McAteer praised Max's efforts in helping secure his mom's rescue.

"After more than two days in the woods, without food or water, you stayed by her mom's side to ensure her safety and call out to nearby rescuers," Mitchell and McAteer wrote. "As a result of your heroic actions, you and Sherry are now resting comfortably at home enjoying a most memorable Mother's Day weekend."

Mitchell and McAteer said the departments wanted to join the rest of the Katy community and honoring Max's heroic actions during a ceremony in which him as an official fire dog.

"This title will make you an official member of both fire departments with all the associated rights, privileges, and honors," Mitchell and McAteer wrote. "While we are excited to present this honor, we understand that your family needs privacy during this time. Therefore, we will plan the ceremony at your convenience. Once we secure a date, we will announce and invite her Katy community to come celebrate our welcome you to our fire department family! Don't worry, we will make sure you get to ride on a shiny fire engine."



## 50TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Katy Police Officers Association held its 50th annual fish fry Thursday at the Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane. In addition to enjoying catfish filets, hush puppies, potatoes, green beans, tea, and cupcakes, guests could bid for selected items, such as the guns donated by Kevin Glasser of Payne Brothers Firearms in Katy.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

# Sip N Stroll event announces winners

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Chef Cori Xiong's dish from Mala Sichuan Bistro won the Chef competition at the spring Katy Sip N Stroll's annual Premier Culinary Awards.

Pearl & Vine Executive Chef Ryan Hallsted won first runner-up. His dish featured grilled ahi tuna over brussels sprouts with poblano apple and cucumber.

Judges tasted from 35 food displays. The panel of judges included:

- Héléla'Choucair who trained at Le Gué à Tresmes in Paris and has cooked all over the world.
- David Denis, French-born Houston-based Executive Chef and Restaurateur specializing in French, Italian, and American-fusion fine-dining cuisine with over 22 years' experience.
- Cuc Lam, executive chef and

private chef hosting pop-ups, private dinners and cooking classes.

- Edward Lopez, chef owner and founder of La Carreta Cantina & Grill.
- Ara Malekian, executive chef and pitmaster of Harlem Road BBQ.
- Sean Fitzsimmons, hard core foodie and co-administrator of the ever-popular Katy Fort Bend Foodie Group.

Judging directors were Lisa and Billy Andersen, who have managed Wine & Food Week's Waterford Crystal Chef of Chef's national competition for over a decade.

Culinary creations were provided by: BB's Tex-Orleans Café, Black Walnut Cafe, Bundt Cake-A-Holic, Burns BBQ, Chuckwagon BBQ, Dish Society, Federal American Grille, Gauchos Do Sul, Great Harvest Bread Compa-

ny, HTX Nitro, J. Bistro Style, Jimmy Changas, Maggiano's, Mala Sichuan, Merlion, MKT Pizza, Mo Pie U, Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Pearl & Vine, Raising Cane's, Roegels BBQ, The Rouxpour, Salata, Salt & Sugar, Southern Belle Remix, Snow Fox Sushi, The Chef's Table, Tobiuo and Willie Mike Events & Entertainment.

Sip N Stroll raises funds for The Ballard House, whose mission is providing free home away from home accommodations for patients undergoing treatment for serious medical conditions and life-threatening illnesses. Funds were raised from the Wine Pull, auction and Party Wagon Raffle.

The fall edition of Katy Sip N Stroll is coming up on November 5 at The ARK by Norris.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

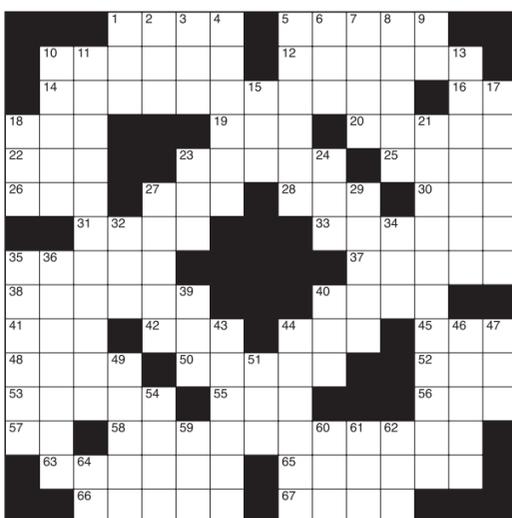
### CLUES ACROSS

- Amounts of time
- A ship's place at a wharf
- Point a finger at
- Large, burrowing rodent
- Raises the stakes
- Measure of illumination
- Cast out
- One who is staid
- A word used for emphasis
- Military missions
- Wet with rain
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Word element meaning ear
- \_\_ student,
- Blood relation
- Make into leather
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Containing salt
- A seat
- A type of fine pottery
- You're caught red-\_\_!
- "Heat" director Michael
- Expression of creative skill
- Title of respect
- Crony
- Payroll experts
- Actress Remini
- Famed consumer advocate
- Indigenous Thai person
- Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- Cooking tool

- Decorate a cake with frosting
- The seventh note of a major scale
- Transfer from private to state ownership
- A set of five
- Removes
- Foolish persons
- Lower parts of a wall

### CLUES DOWN

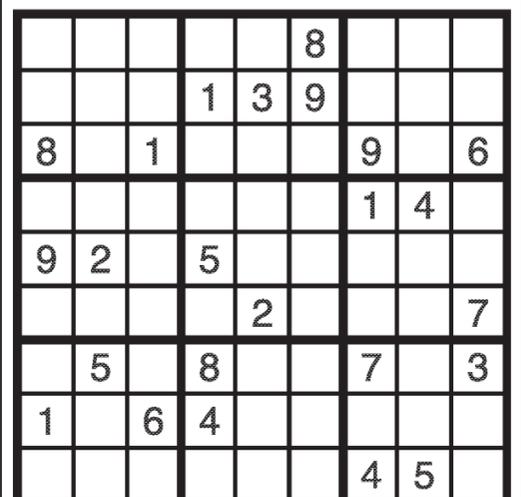
- Old EU money
- Some put it on steak
- Sign language
- Sowed on the ground
- Tags
- Everyone has one
- Arguments
- N. African capital
- Midgame (abbr.)
- Change as needed
- Functioning as a consonant
- An island in the north Atlantic
- Carpenter's tool
- Small football player
- Ghosts say it
- Explain through logic
- Having ten
- Criticize
- Arms of the sea
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- \_\_ Caesar, comedian
- Licensed health care pro (abbr.)



- Swiss cottage
- Cleft lip
- Loud, unpleasant noise
- Disfigure
- Kayakers traverse them
- Authored
- Small freshwater fishes
- Macabre poet
- Carthaginian statesman
- Principle underlying the universe
- Common Japanese surname
- The bill in a restaurant
- Small constellation
- Chap
- Equal
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

# SUDOKU



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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

# DPS celebrates new highway patrol troopers

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 101 new Texas Highway Patrol troopers from recruit class B-2021 during a May 6 graduation ceremony in Austin. The keynote speaker at the graduation was Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) member Dale Wainwright.

"Today marks a fresh beginning for each of you as you prepare to embark on a new and challenging field of service to the state of Texas," Wainwright said. "DPS prides itself on courtesy, service and protection. You will be asked to exhibit these attributes time and again, often when it may not be your first instinct. You must always remember what it is you have sworn to defend."

The ceremony was held at Great

Hills Baptist Church in Austin. This was the department's 168th recruit class, with trooper trainees ranging in age from 21 to 51 years old. This class included 21 females, which ties A-2021 for the most females in a single class.

"We are grateful to have so many recruits who have chosen this path," PSC Chairman Steven P. Mach said. "The DPS Training Academy ensures only the best will wear the Texas Tan, and we are fortunate to have so many people from across the U.S. wanting to protect our state."

This year's recruit class included 27 military veterans, 19 recruits with prior law enforcement experience and a husband and wife who graduated simultaneously. Of the 101 graduates, 12 come from other states and 41 speak more than one language.

"Class B-2021 exhibits the perse-

verance and determination we hope all of our recruits will have. They have trained extremely hard to get here today," DPS Director Steven McCraw said. "I'm so pleased to welcome such a diverse group to DPS, and I look forward to what each will do."

The recruits underwent a 29-week training academy to graduate, which tested them mentally and physically. Collectively they completed more than 241,000 pushups and rowed more than 2 million meters. During the academy, four trooper trainees welcomed children to their families and one trainee got engaged.

The newly commissioned troopers will report to their individual duty stations on May 29.

To view photos of the graduation ceremony, visit the DPS Facebook page.

## HASTINGS

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and watching the sunrise over Lake Livingston. They are building a house on the lake. Among their new neighbors are some former law enforcement colleagues with whom Hastings has remained friends with over the years.

"We're looking forward to it," Hastings said. "Life is good."

Hastings's retirement ends a 47-year public service career. He has served as a paramedic, volunteer firefighter, police officer, police chief, and mayor. He has joked that Susan retired out of self-defense. If she left him alone for a couple of days, he'd have found some sort of job, even a part-time one.

Monday's council meeting was the last full meeting at which Hastings presided as mayor. Susan attended the meeting, along with some of their children and grandchildren. Hastings received a proclamation from Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle lauding Hastings's public service career. Cagle made it a point to ask the family to join him for the photos of the presentation—a point Hastings made note of when it was his turn to speak. Hastings said he hoped the extra time would make him a better husband, father, and Paw-Paw.

In an interview reflecting on his time in office, Hastings said the biggest lesson he learned as mayor was that the wheels of city government didn't work as quickly as hoped.

"Everything within the city moves slow," Hastings said. "It takes a lot of meetings, a lot of committees, a lot of going up the chain to get things done. It's a slow process."

Hastings said the pandemic was probably the biggest challenge he ever faced. Among other consequences, City Hall had to be closed to the public and council meetings were held virtually. Hastings said city employees were separated into different buildings to keep the COVID rates low. Yet everything turned out so well for the city, he said.

"We took care of our employees," Hastings said. "We never messed with their insurance or their retirement. We had no furloughs. We separated them into different buildings to keep the COVID rates down. That was close to two years."

Hastings said despite the struggles, city leaders worked to keep a balanced budget at the end of the first year of the pandemic. A lot of cities failed to do this, he said.

Hastings has been a city resident for about 50 years. He said he never envisioned leaving Katy, but at the same time he didn't see his retirement within the city limits.

He plans to stay in touch and participate, particularly with Leyendecker Landing, a city water detention facility dedicated last month. Leyendecker Landing is named to honor David Leyendecker, the longtime city engineer who died in December 2020.

"Leyendecker Landing is a huge passion of mine," Hastings said, remembering that he first met Leyendecker within two years of moving to Katy.

"We have known each other for 45 years," Hastings said. "We were good friends. We drove around and looked at his cattle. We looked at property. He was a great man and one of those people you enjoyed being around. I think Leyendecker Landing will honor him."

Hastings also said he wanted to remain active with the mayor's advisory council. The purpose of the council is for the current mayor to receive insights and feedback on issues facing the city. Leyendecker Landing is one of those issues.

Hastings also plans to keep attending the Coffee with the Mayors event, which happens monthly at the Johnny Nelson Katy Heritage Museum, 6002 George Bush Dr. All the former mayors are invited for coffee and friendly conversation. Hastings said there has never been any controversy at those gatherings, despite initial concerns of some that the event would be a roundtable argument. Quite the contrary.

"It's just a good morning," Hastings said. "Everybody talks. It's just a nice, quiet morning."

## TEACHER

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taught in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, from 2013-2015.

"It was a very American school," Childress said. "It had different cultures. There were some Canadian students, some American students, and some Ukrainian students. You feel like you are in Little America when you're in the school. But when you walk out the door, you feel like you're in something very different. Everybody's walking, there are street vendors everywhere, and there are cars driving on sidewalks. The temperatures there are below freezing in the winter, and you have to walk everywhere. I learned how to wear snow boots."

Childress is following the news from Ukraine, where Russia has invaded that country.

"Some of the buildings I remember aren't there anymore," Childress said. "It breaks my heart because those people want the freedoms. They want to be recognized as their own independent country. They are a loving people, a giving people, and they work hard. It breaks my heart for my students. My school was a new building. Now, bombs are all around the school building."

Childress said she remains in touch with her friends from Ukraine.

"All my friends are safe," Childress said. "They love their country. It makes me proud that people are helping people, as other countries are coming in for relief and evacuation help."

When Childress returned to Texas, she joined the Houston Independent School District, then became a teacher at Royal Elementary School in Brookshire. In March, she and a colleague attended the Katy ISD job fair, and when the opportunity came to return home, she took it. She returns this fall to Cimarron as a fifth-grade language arts, reading, and social studies teacher.



Emily Childress as a Cimarron Elementary School student.

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—Emily Childress, Cimarron Elementary School teacher

involved my words of encouragement to student groups at Katy High School. We're proud to welcome her back to Katy ISD."

District officials appreciate former students returning to Katy.

"I think it shows the sense of pride our students take with them when they leave Katy ISD, and is a testament to the care, support and unparalleled learning experiences they received during their time in the district," Gregorski said.

In returning to Cimarron, Childress is coming full circle.

"It took a while to sink in," Childress said. "I thought, oh, my goodness, I'm going back to where I grew as a student. It's surreal."

Childress said Cimarron recently held a Saturday event where she could walk through the halls of her old school.

"It's changed," Childress said. "It's smaller, but it felt like home. It's still there. Even though I left the place years ago, those memories still flood back. I'm very grateful and thankful that I have the opportunity to teach where I went to school."

"The district wants to see you succeed, no matter your age," Childress said. "I still talk to teachers and coaches who were there when I was a student. I had teachers who wanted the same success for me."

While at the job fair, Childress ran into Superintendent Ken Gregorski, who she remembered from her Katy High days. Back then, she was a student athletic training, working with the football and soccer teams. Gregorski was an assistant principal.

Gregorski said he remembered visiting with Childress.

"It was great to reconnect with Emily, and many other former students, at the job fair this past March," Gregorski said. "It's touching to hear that some of her fondest memories at Katy ISD

## THIELE

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for his business. But in his civic service, he worked with others to make the right decisions for the community.

Thiele shared the story, and his perspectives as he prepares to assume the mayoralty, at a May 5 Katy Area Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott, 25402 Katy Mills Pkwy.

Thiele was unopposed in his bid for mayor. He succeeds incumbent Mayor Bill Hastings, who is retiring after one term in office. Thiele served both as a Ward A and Ward B city council member, in both cases finishing unexpired terms of his predecessors. He has also served on various city boards and commissions.

Thiele grew up in Pleasanton, near San Antonio. When he went to Baylor University,

he decided he did not want to live in Houston. He had relatives who lived in Galena Park, Channelview, and Denver Harbor, all east of Houston. He said he did not like the smell of those places, though he was told the smell was of money thanks to the Texas oil industry.

Ultimately, Thiele moved to Houston and joined the oil industry. He got into the insurance business, and in one day he and his wife were driving around Katy. This was long before Houston's growth reached the Katy area.

"I saw they had big lots with trees," Thiele said. He and his family liked what they saw, and moved to Katy in 1991. Their daughters are Katy High School graduates, Thiele said, and he joked that he gave Katy Tigers football coach Gary Joseph

some pointers at a recent awards banquet. The crowd laughed when Thiele said Joseph appeared to appreciate the suggestions.

As mayor, Thiele said drainage and public safety would be priorities.

"There's not much we're going to do to protect everyone (in case of another tropical storm) but we're working on it," Thiele said, adding that drainage had to be at the forefront of any development projects the city considers.

"When you get 3-4 inches of rain, people start looking at the ditches," Thiele said. "We have to mitigate that."

On public safety, Thiele said some people moved to Katy in part because of the first responders. But as area cities grow, competition for first responders becomes

intense. Thiele said the city is conducting a salary survey, after which city leaders would come up with recommendations on how best to move forward.

"The city is working on that," Thiele said. "I think one of the main things is, we can't always be training officers, we need to be retaining officers. You can't replace experience."

Managing development has long been an issue in Katy. Thiele was asked how Katy could maintain its small-town charm in light of the inevitable development.

"It's tough," Thiele said.

"Houston already has moved out here."

Thiele said Katy has a certain charm that people can see at various events that bring people downtown, such as the Party on the Plaza, staged across the street from City Hall.

"There's grass out there," Thiele said. "There's a stage we have. It's really nice. It brings people to our downtown area."

Another downtown attraction Thiele discussed was the Katy Rice Festival, held each October. The city took over festival sponsorship in 2018. When the city

took over the festival sponsorship in 2018, Thiele said that the event had lost some of its small-town charm. Today, Thiele said, the festival focus has returned to craft vendors, which has given the festival more of a small-town feel for which it had been known.

City parks are also being renovated or developed. Thiele said basketball courts at area parks have recently been refinished and new trails are being developed. The city is revising its parks plan as part of a larger comprehensive plan for the city's long-term management.

# VOTING IS NOW CLOSED.

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# Let's unleash the entrepreneur

I started my first business in the 5th grade when I convinced a neighbor to allow me to cut her grass with her electric lawn mower.

That project ended in immediate failure.

The mower was powered by a long extension cord—a cord I ran over and sliced in two shortly after I began mowing.

Such is the life of the entrepreneur, a life typically filled with lots more failure than success.

According to The Balance Small Business, an entrepreneur is someone who develops an enterprise around an innovation, manages the new enterprise and assumes the financial risk for its success or failure.

My definition of an entrepreneur is an independent business person who creates a service or solution that the world didn't know it needed—and who has the passion and drive to continuously perfect that service or solution.

Walt Disney was a failed animator whose never-give-up creative vision filled my childhood with wonderful stories.

Steve Jobs established an inventive approach to computer technology that now makes it incredibly easy for novices like me to shoot and edit funny videos of my dog (#ThurbersTail) and have a blast doing it.

My favorite entrepreneurs, though, are the millions of restless Americans who can't stand to report to a "boss" and simply want to create their own products or services and rise or fall financially based on their quality and salability.

People like my beloved carpet cleaner, who has refined his technology and technique to get spots out of rental property carpets and furniture nobody else can remove—all while doing zero harm to the environment.

People like the daughter of a fellow I know who, as a high school sophomore, started a business in her basement creating custom protective phone cases for smartphones—a business she turned into a successful career.

The entrepreneurial bug has captivated me for many years.

When I was 17, I decided I was a stonemason and was soon making a significant chunk of money by rebuilding stone and block walls all over hilly western Pennsylvania.

I got a great offer to join the corporate world after college, but at 27 I jumped at a chance to start an advertising business



**TOM PURCELL**  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

**I've long believed — and the data backs me up — that the entrepreneur is the lifeblood not only of our economy but of our quality of life (dishwasher, automatic transmission and on and on).**

with a long-time pro.

We risked it all to start an IT support business with a few others, but that entrepreneurial digital dream sent me to the poor house.

For many years now I've been self-employed providing communication services.

But I've also had solid success with a venture in real estate rentals and, since I got my puppy, Thurber, I've had several ideas for pet-related innovations.

Much to my surprise, nobody has invented a solution to end the annoying problem of pet hair. So I decided to find a solution. I expect to soon launch a clever innovation that will help me and a few million other dog and cat owners.

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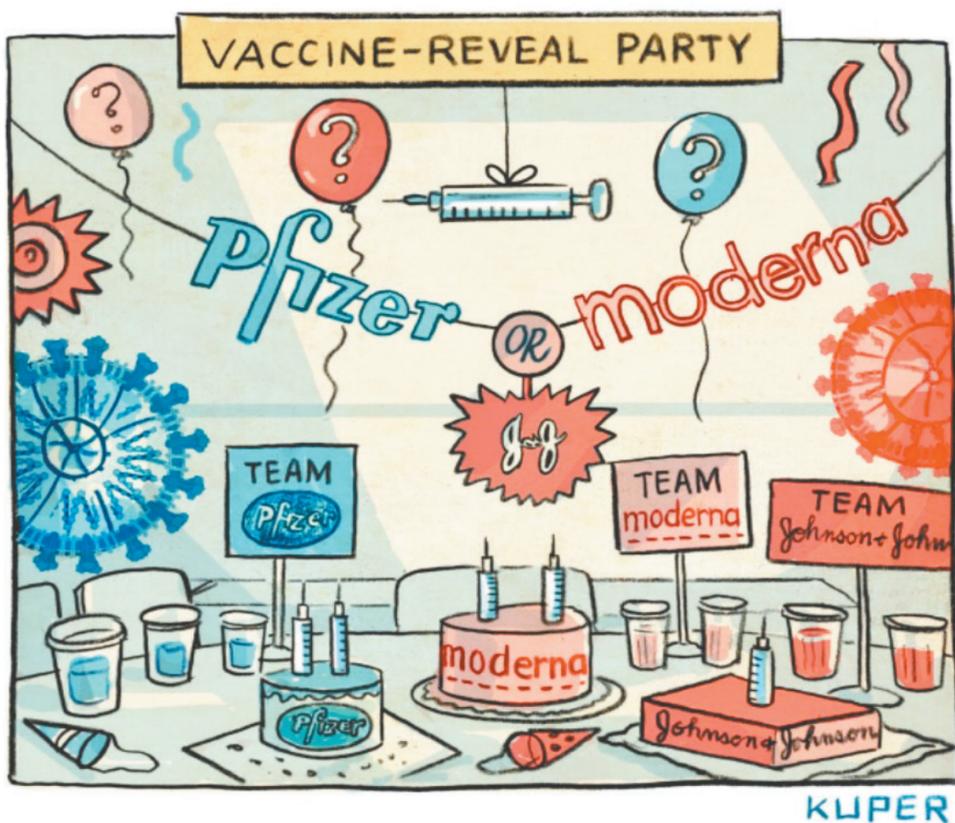
So why aren't we doing all we can to support our entrepreneurs? Why are patents still so hard and costly to get?

Why do we impose so many unnecessary rules that make business startups harder and costlier?

The United States ranked 6th among 190 economies in the ease of doing business in 2019, but we should be No. 1.

We must remove the regulatory roadblocks to unleash the creativity and innovation of entrepreneurs, because in the end we all benefit from their dreams.

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# Eat your just desserts

It all started with the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown in the spring of 2020, and it's one of the few lingering effects of the experience that hasn't tempted me to seek intense electroshock therapy.

You might be thinking that I gained a renewed sense of unity with my wife and three teenage daughters—with whom I managed to stay cooped up for several weeks without setting my hair aflame and performing cartwheels naked down the street. (I kept my pants on.) Or maybe you assume that I found a fresh appreciation for the simple things in life—like good books, the great outdoors, and an underground survival bunker stocked exclusively with toilet paper.

While family unity and hoarding household paper products certainly came into focus during quarantine, I developed a passion for something else that has had an equally profound impact on my mental wellness—namely, dessert.

Because I wanted to stay out of my family's way and avoid winding up in one of my daughters' TikTok videos, I spent a lot of time alone in the kitchen (and not just secretly devouring Girl Scout Cookies one plastic sleeve at a time). I decided it was high time for me to learn to prepare some homemade treats that might lift everyone's spirits and cholesterol levels.

Since then, I've become proficient with a couple of recipes that are high in carbs, sodium and other ingredients that make food worth eating. I even recently bought myself an apron—a black one so that I can pretend to be The



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Pioneer Woman AND Batman at the same time.

My personal favorite is an old-fashioned banana pudding recipe that my grandmother used to make—to the delight of the family and the detriment of our waistbands. I've learned that the secret to great banana pudding is homemade vanilla custard, rather than the inferior instant pudding mix from the box. It's important to remember, though, that a high-quality custard requires constantly stirring the mixture over low heat long enough to make you wish you had just used the dang instant pudding mix from the box in the first place.

Unfortunately, there has recently been a local shortage of a key banana pudding ingredient, Nabisco's iconic Nilla Wafers,

which I'm sure is somehow Vladimir Putin's fault. He clearly doesn't understand the relationship between artificially-flavored snack cookies and world peace.

When I can't find the Nilla Wafer mother lode at Walmart, I often turn to chocolate pie, which is especially popular with my wife and daughters. In fact, they often accuse me of spoiling them, but it's really that I just can't bear to think about a meal that doesn't end with an excuse for me to spray aerosol whipped topping directly into my mouth.

Of course, making chocolate pie from scratch requires a precise measurement of Hershey's unsweetened cocoa powder. When I was a boy child, I remember breaking into my grandmother's pantry and sampling a generous spoonful, the bitter result of which was like suddenly discovering that Santa Claus isn't real. (But since he is real and I learned to make pie, everything's OK now.)

Making homemade desserts has opened up a whole new world of unhealthy deliciousness to me and my family. And although my pie sometimes caves in or my pudding doesn't set, I always find the strength to power through the disappointment by eating the whole thing myself—for the sake of my mental wellness...and world peace.

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**CHARLES WAYNE LARSON**  
1932-2022

Charles Wayne Larson passed away on April 30, 2022 in Katy, Texas. Wayne was born on March 23, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois to Clifford Wilburn and Mathilde Catherine Trossen Larson. He grew up and went to school in Grand Saline, Texas. Wayne served our country in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed for 3 years in Japan.

On August 3, 1957, he married Dorothy Irene Drews. Their loving union gave them three children.

Wayne and Dot were married for 55 years and lived in Katy for 43 years. In 2007, they moved to Cat Spring, Texas. Wayne worked as a carpenter for many years, and held employment at Heine's Custom Draperies for at least 45 years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dot; granddaughter, Jennifer Holub; parents, Clifford and Mathilde Larson; and brothers, Billy Larson and Dan Larson.

He leaves behind his

loving son, Steve Larson and his wife Suzanne; his loving daughters, Teresa Holub and her husband Chris, and Cindy Judice and her husband Morris; his loving grandchildren, Jared Larson, Justin Holub and his wife Lynda, Garret Holub and his wife Elise, Amanda Judice and Melissa Martinez and her husband Joe; his great grandchildren, Samuel, Benjamin, Sarah, Rebekah, Mason, Eli, Faith, Austin and Mia; and his sister, Betty Hurley; as well as many

nieces and nephews.

Wayne was a loving husband, dad, Papaw and Big Papaw and he will be truly missed by all of his family and many friends.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, where

funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, with Deacon William C. Wagner officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

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# CINCO RANCH

*The mothership of Katy*

BY TIMOTHY GENE SOJKA  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

When Katy residents think of Cinco Ranch, they think of amazing amenities, prestigious homes, great schools and shopping. Still, many people do not consider the importance of Cinco Ranch in the transition of Katy from sleepy Houston suburb to the most sought-after community in the metroplex. Most realtors and long-time Katy residents know Cinco Ranch is the mothership, the community that allowed the rest of Katy to be successfully colonized (I am all in on the Sci-fi analogy)

## The history of Cinco Ranch

In 1937 Thomas Blakeley persuaded four friends to become partners in a ranch. The five of them formed Cinco Ranch. The ranch prospered, excelling in cattle, peanuts and rice production. In 1984, in the largest land transaction in Houston history a master planned developer purchased 5,000 acres from the partnership.

There were master-planned communities in Katy before Cinco Ranch. However, Cinco Ranch's success did not just garner local attention. This Katy community consistently landed in the top ten in sales nationally for almost 20 years. Noting Cinco Ranch's success, other magnificent and unique communities followed.

## Educational excellence, amenities and branding

The community's success contributed to the construction of Cinco Ranch High School and multiple sought-after elementary and junior high schools. Cinco Ranch's success west of Grand Parkway paved the way for Seven Lakes and Tompkins high schools.

The community boasts incredible walking trails, lakes, spectacular resort style pools, club houses, one of Katy's leading golf courses and even a beach. LaCenterra, the Villagio and much of Katy's premier shopping and dining are within Cinco's boundaries.

Few communities have done a better job branding, from the ubiquitous car stickers, to sidewalks to community markers. The community developers understood the importance of creating a sought-after brand. This branding excellence has unsurprisingly benefited the entire Katy area.

## Cinco Ranch home values

The community started construction in the late 1980s and continued to expand until 2019. Lucky families can find starter homes from the mid-200's and estate homes have sold for close to \$2 million. The community features everything from 3/2's to 7,000 square foot estates on lakefront lots.

## Is Cinco Ranch for you?

Cinco Ranch brands well and offers an upscale look and feel. However, home prices welcome everyone. The best and most challenging part of Cinco Ranch is the competitiveness. Schools, sports organizations and even the arts encourage inclusiveness. Still, there are few communities where students will find themselves against stiffer competition for spots on sports teams, the valedictorian spot in a class or the lead in the play.

So, when you drive past the Vegas-esque community entries, the stunning water features, or eat at an exclusive restaurant, thank the people who captained Katy's mothership—Cinco Ranch.

Remember, you're not just selecting a home, you're selecting your children's school, where you eat, and accessibility to parks. Select carefully, and reach out to a real estate professional if you have questions.

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# Brookshire, Pattison voters choose their council members

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Brookshire voters Saturday elected two challengers and re-elected one incumbent to their city council, according to unofficial results from the Waller County Election Office.

Amanda Neuendorf, a teacher, defeated incumbent Lee Nelson Jones for position 4 alderman. Neuendorf received 250 votes, or 60%. Jones received 168 votes, or 40%.

Jeremiah Hill, a consultant, defeated incumbent Eric Green and fellow challenger Ruth Rodriguez for position 5 alderman. Hill received 236 votes, or 56%. Green, a field operations manager who also serves as mayor pro tem, received 162 votes, or 37%. Rodriguez, a semi-retired administrative professional, received 21 votes, or 5%.

Incumbent Kim Branch defeated challenger Shirley Williams



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for position 3 alderman. Branch received 248 votes, or 59%. Williams received 169 votes, or 41%. Branch was first elected to the council in 2008. Her husband Darrell Branch is Brookshire's mayor.

The Brookshire City Council will ratify the returns at its next meeting and the winners will then take their oaths of office.

## Pattison voters re-elect Garcia, Cobio, Kircher and Flowers

Pattison voters Saturday

re-elected Joe Garcia as mayor and Frank Cobio as position 2 council member in contested races, according to unofficial results by the Waller County Elections Office.

Garcia received 86 votes, or 52%, against challenger Seth Stokes, who received 81 votes, or 49%. Garcia is a retired officer and Brookshire police chief. Stokes owns a printing business in Houston and holds the position 4 councilmember seat.

Cobio, a teacher who has

served on the council since 2011, received 79 votes, or 52%. McGowan, a realtor, received 74 votes, or 48%. This was her first bid for public office.

Position 1 Councilmember Wayne Kircher, who is retired, and Position 5 Councilmember Randall Flowers, an environmental engineer, were unopposed in their bids for re-election.

The Pattison City Council will ratify the returns at its next meeting and the winners will then take their oaths of office.



ASHLEY HOMESTORE

Katy resident Jacquelyn Sollars (center) is all smiles with her first grade class after receiving Ashley's Red Apple Award.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Katy ISD launching second Food for Families campaign

Katy ISD is launching the second "School's Out" Food for Families campaign. The campaign raises money to purchase grocery gift cards for Katy ISD students and their families in need over the summer.

To learn more about this program, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3N35QMU>.

### Katy native Ria Salway receives marine sciences scholarship at LSU

Ria Salway, an Ogden Honors College sophomore and Louisiana Service and Leadership, or LASAL, Scholar, is a 2022 recipient of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship awarded to undergraduates in marine sciences.

Salway is a sophomore from Katy, studying biological sciences with a concentration in marine biology in the LSU College of Science. The nationally competitive scholarship will provide Salway with up to \$9,000 in academic assistance and a 10-week, full-time paid internship at a NOAA facility during the summer.

"Environmental justice and

combating the climate crisis are important to me, and I wanted to participate in summer research opportunities that would provide me with an immersive experience," Salway said. "I love the work they are doing, and I'd be interested to see how I can make an impact there. They do anything from daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring to fisheries management, coastal restoration, and supporting marine commerce."

National scholarship competitions are highly competitive, and Salway wrote about her unique and diverse experiences as an Ogden Honors student to set herself apart in this competition.

As a freshman, she helped make a documentary about the CMA CGM Group nurdle spill that took place in New Orleans in August 2020, a project that aligns with one of NOAA's broader focuses on fostering healthy ecosystems in the ocean.

Salway is currently working on an interdisciplinary project with another student on Louisiana's infamous "Cancer Alley." The finished product will be a documentary to raise awareness of the issue via film festivals, a screening at LSU, and by providing it for use in classrooms around Louisiana.

Salway is also an undergraduate researcher in Morgan Kelly's lab, where she is studying the behavioral effects of rising water temperatures on sea snails.

"I am hopeful that participating in this program will help me cement my future career goal, which may lead me back to the

NOAA in the future, which will allow me to pursue my passions and continue the necessary and important work they are already doing," Salway said.

### Katy resident earns Red Apple Award for commitment to at-risk students

Katy resident Jacquelyn Sollars, a first-grade language arts teacher at Carmichael Elementary in northwest Houston, has been honored with an Ashley Red Apple Award recognizing a standout Houston-area educator each month during the school year.

Now in her fifth year in teaching, all at Carmichael Elementary, Sollars drives an hour-long commute to the Al-dine ISD Title 1 school where up to 40 percent of the students are from low-income families and considered at-risk for school achievement.

"Jacquelyn is a remarkable young woman and a teacher with a true heart of an educator," wrote Raquel Sosa in her nomination of her daughter. "She thought this being her first job it would be experience for her to move to another school closer to home. However, over the years every class at this school has impacted her heart."

Jacquelyn's colleagues at the school also commented on her ability to go above and beyond for her students. On one occasion, when a student insisted on reading while sitting under Jacquelyn's desk, instead of a confrontation Jacquelyn sat with the child and they read together under her teacher's desk.

"She loves her calling and honors the profession," her mother wrote.

Along with her Red Apple Award, Sollars received a \$250 Ashley gift card.

"She believes every child should receive a fair, high-quality education," Brittany Stone, Ashley partnerships and community specialist, said. "It's an honor to recognize teachers like Ms. Sollars."

To nominate a deserving teacher, school librarian, counselor or administrator for an Ashley Red Apple Award, visit the website [khou.com/RedAppleAward](http://khou.com/RedAppleAward).

### Harmony School of Excellence — Katy spaces still available

Due to demand from families in Elyson and north Katy, Harmony Public Schools said it will expand the number of grade levels offered at the opening of its newest elementary campus, Harmony School of Excellence - Katy, opening this fall.

Previously, Harmony announced that it would be offering enrollment for only students entering PreK-2 and Grade 6 for 2022-23, with Grades 3-5 added in subsequent years. However, due to high demand during the campus' first open enrollment period - happening now - Harmony is now announcing that it will be offering all elementary grade levels PreK - 6 beginning Fall of 2022!

For more information and to register, visit the website [harmonytx.org/apply](http://harmonytx.org/apply).

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



Meghan Kelly hits during Saturday's area round game between Seven Lakes and Jersey Village at Seven Lakes.

## Seven Lakes, Abke continue hot run with Jersey Village sweep

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming into this week, Holly Koopmann wanted to reiterate one thing to her Seven Lakes team. Koopmann and her coaching staff wanted the Spartans to embrace that from here on out, it's do or die, win or go home with everything on the line in the playoffs.

The Spartans hadn't fully embraced that going into last week's area round and it forced them to go to three games against Ridge Point.

But everything changed in that third game against Ridge Point for the Spartans. After two close games, the group embraced the do or die aspect of the playoffs and rolled to a comfortable 6-1 win over the Panthers.

Seven Lakes carried that same attitude into this week and it paid off, as the Spartans swept a district champion Jersey Village team 7-0 and 6-0 in two games to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

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## REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

### Hodge, Kovar lead Cinco past Heights, into regional quarterfinals

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch is peaking at the right time.

The Cougars had struggles early in the season and had to battle all the way until the end of the district schedule to make playoffs, but in the last few weeks, the Cougars have hit a new gear, winning five straight games and culminating in a 2-1 win over Houston Heights in a one-game area round series to advance to the regional quarterfinals of the playoffs.

"This journey, sometimes it has been a bit of a struggle," said senior catcher Shelby Hodge. "We always knew we had the ability to do big things together, but we just didn't early in the season. But as we started to keep getting further into the year and trust one another, we started to produce. The journey from then on has been amazing and it makes me so happy we had that struggle. We know what that feels like now and we never want to feel that again."

The win gave Cinco Ranch its first trip to the regional quarterfinals since the 2014 season, and it has come from a team that finished fourth in district play but has shown the ability to beat any team with strong pitching and timely hitting.

That strong pitching was on full display Friday, as Chela Kovar went seven innings and allowed just two hits and one run while striking out ten.

"Chela had such a huge impact for us tonight," said center fielder Krista Burg. "We needed her to be that good in order to win and I'm just really proud of everything she's done for us and so thankful that we have her on this team."

Heights took the lead in the second inning, as Kennedy Hill hit a solo homerun to get the team on the board. But that would be the only run that



Faith Piper throws a ball to first base during Friday's area round game between Cinco Ranch and Heights at Memorial High School.

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## SCHEDULES WEEK OF MAY 13

### SOFTBALL

#### REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

#### Thursday

Game 1: Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 7 p.m.

Game 1: Seven Lakes vs. George Ranch, 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Game 2: Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.

Game 2: Seven Lakes at George Ranch, 6 p.m.

Game 3: Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 8 p.m. (if needed)

#### Saturday

Game 3: Seven Lakes at George Ranch, 10 a.m. (if needed)

### BASEBALL

#### AREA

#### Thursday

Game 1: Tompkins vs. Lamar, 7 p.m.

Game 1: Katy at Jersey Village, 7 p.m.

Game 1: Taylor vs. Cy-Fair, 7:30 p.m. at Langham Creek

#### Friday

Game 2: Tompkins vs. Lamar, 7 p.m. at Delmar Stadium

Game 2: Taylor vs. Cy-Fair, 5 p.m. at Langham Creek

Game 2: Katy vs. Jersey Village, 7 p.m.

Game 3: Taylor vs. Cy-Fair, 7 p.m. at Langham Creek (if needed)

#### Saturday

Game 3: Katy vs. Jersey Village, 10 a.m. at Langham Creek (if needed)

Game 3: Tompkins vs. Lamar, 7 p.m. at Stratford (if needed)

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Friday & Saturday

State Meet & Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin

## Katy sweeps Cy-Fair, sets up date with Cinco

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

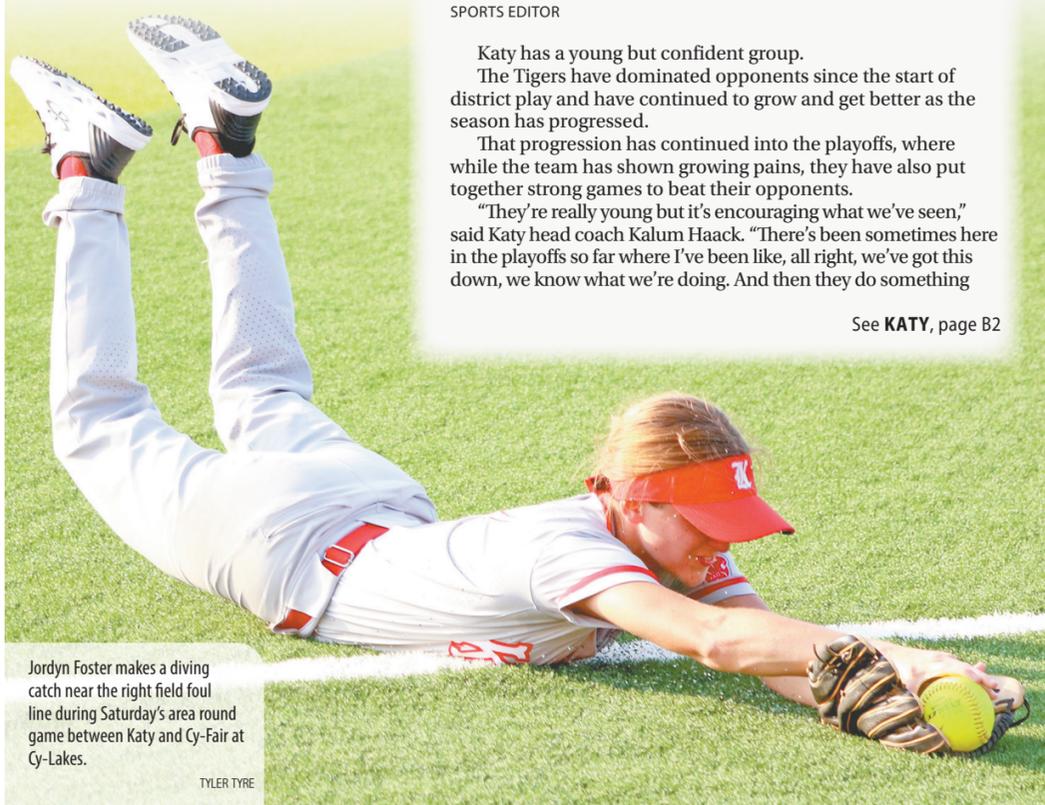
Katy has a young but confident group.

The Tigers have dominated opponents since the start of district play and have continued to grow and get better as the season has progressed.

That progression has continued into the playoffs, where while the team has shown growing pains, they have also put together strong games to beat their opponents.

"They're really young but it's encouraging what we've seen," said Katy head coach Kalum Haack. "There's been sometimes here in the playoffs so far where I've been like, all right, we've got this down, we know what we're doing. And then they do something

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Jordyn Foster makes a diving catch near the right field foul line during Saturday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at Cy-Lakes.

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# Katy ISD, Royal send athletes to state meet

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD will send a number of athletes to the Class 5A and Class 6A state track and field meet after big performances at the Region III meet.

The Seven Lakes girls won the region for the third straight season, finishing with 72 points while the next closest competitor, Shadow Creek, finished with 56 points. On the boys side, Seven Lakes finished third with 42 points while Humble won the event with 130 points.

Seven Lakes' Alyssa Tate finished third in the 100-meter dash to advance to state, running it in 11.62 seconds and Spartans senior Haley Tate won gold in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.15 seconds.

Katy's Sarah Pantophlet finished second in the 800-meter run, finishing with a time of two minutes, 16.68 seconds and Seven Lakes' Avary Catchings finished with a time of two minutes, 17.02 seconds. Cinco Ranch's Alison Mueller-Hickler took silver in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11 minutes, 18.30 seconds.

Mayde Creek's Simone Ballard continued her domination of the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, winning the region in both with times of 13.62 seconds and 40.98 while Katy's Kaycee McCoy came in third with a time of 13.69 seconds.

In the field events, Seven Lakes' Janey Campbell took gold in the shot put with a throw of 42-5.0 and took second in the discus, with a throw of 135-09. Seven Lakes also went one and two in the pole vault, with Lauren Schmitt winning it with a jump of 12 feet and Audrey Tupper also jumped 12 feet to finish second. Tompkins' Tolu Odetola took a third place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 38-6.75.

On the boys side of 6A, Tay'Shawn Wilson of Mayde Creek finished third in the 100-meter

dash with a time of 10.56 seconds. Seven Lakes' Ruben Rojas Betanzos won the 1600-meter run and finished third in the 3200-meter run with times of four minutes, 13.74 seconds and nine minutes, 13.64 seconds respectively.

Mayde Creek made it to state in the 400-meter relay, finishing third with a time of 40.93 seconds and Morton Ranch finished second in the 800-meter relay with a time of one minute, 28 seconds.

In field events, Matthew Rueff from Seven Lakes won the shot put with a throw of 63-11.0 and Taylor's Ian Flynt took second in the discus with a throw of 173-11. Tompkins' Matthew Kumar won the pole vault with a jump of 16 feet, 4.75 inches while Tompkins' Jayden Keys won the long jump with a jump of 25 feet, 1.5 inches.

In Class 5A on the girls side, Jordan's Aloni Ransom took the silver in the 200-meter dash, running a time of 2.78 seconds and Jordan's Tiyan Ogbiede finished third in the 400-meter dash after running 55.84 seconds and Ogbiede won the 800-meter run with a time of two minutes, 16.22 seconds while Addison Sutton took third in the event, running two minutes, 18.87 seconds, Sutton also advanced in the 1600 meters, finishing third with a time of five minutes, 13.43 seconds.

On the boys side of 5A, Paetow's Toheeb Oladipupo placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.72, Jordan's Sheldon Peters advanced in the shot put, placing second with a throw of 55-11.50 and Paetow's Charles Chukwu finished third in the discus with a throw of 171-07 as both advanced to the state meet.

In Class 4A, Royal's Diamond Barrett won the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.85 seconds and Siryah Frebez finished third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.02 to advance. Royal's 400-meter relay also advanced to state by winning the event with a time of 48.67 seconds.



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The Seven Lakes girls team won the Class 6A Region III meet with a number of athletes advancing to state.



Toheeb Oladipupo placed third in the 100-meter dash at the Class 5A Region III meet to advance to state.



Simone Ballard won both the 100 and 300 meter hurdles at the Class 6A Region III meet.



Ruben Rojas Betanzos won the 1600 meter and advanced to state in the 3200 at the Class 6A Region III meet.

## KATY

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that makes you go 'what the heck are we doing?' But that's to be expected. They're still growing but they are very talented, and the young ones watch and listen to the older players and the coaches. So they've been able to pick things up pretty quick."

That growth showed on Saturday in the area round, as Katy swept Cy-Fair 10-0 and 11-1, run ruling the Bobcats in both games to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

"This was a big boost for us," said Ashtyn Reichardt, a sophomore outfielder. "It gives us a lot of confidence to have this level of success against a good team, but at the same time we have to focus on the next step and focus on round three. We can't take anyone lightly. We know we have to play just as good and not ever play down to our competition."

Katy came out in strong fashion from the get go in game two of the series. Erynne Castillo opened the scoring with an RBI double in the bottom of the first before Reichardt doubled to drive in another and Montgomery Henderson then hit a triple to drive in another run. Cameryn Harrison followed that up with a double and Hailey Gore



TYLER TYRE

Kailey Wyckoff hits during Saturday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at Cy-Lakes.

did the same as both drove in runs before Lauren Soeken hit a sacrifice grounder to make things 6-0 and

cap off the inning.

That was all the help that Soeken would need on the mound, as she

threw four scoreless innings and allowed just three hits while striking out earn to earn the win.

"I just came into today with the goal of locating my pitches and getting first pitch strikes and it worked pretty well," Soeken said. "I just wanted to come out and execute for my team."

The Tigers' offense went into a lull until the fourth inning, when they added two more runs on Reichardt RBI single and a bases loaded hit by Paige Schulze. Cy-Fair scored one run in the top of the sixth, but Katy immediately shut down any thoughts of a comeback in the bottom of the inning. Two runners reached base and Harrison drove one run in on a double, Gore then hit a sacrifice grounder and Peyton Watson followed that with an RBI single to close out the run rule win for the Tigers.

"We've really emphasized being patient at the plate," Reichardt said. "It's something we struggled with early in the season, but we've been working on it so much that now everyone is able to make adjustments and find the pitches they like. When we do that, we have a very danger-

ous lineup."

Katy advances to play Cinco Ranch in the regional quarterfinals, and for one Katy coach, the match-up rings close to home, especially come playoff time.

Katy assistant coach Meghan Burrell was a junior at Cinco Ranch when the Cougars swept the Tigers in 2007 in district play en route to a district title for the Cougars.

But when the teams met again in the Region III Final, it was Katy that came out winners, two games to one, to advance to the state tournament.

After Saturday's game, the team huddled up and Burrell told the young Tigers team about that experience and implored them to not underestimate a surging Cinco Ranch team in the third round.

"We have to realize that even though we beat Cinco twice, they are playing really good ball right now," Haack said. "They have some really good hitters and really good pitchers and we cannot afford to take them lightly. You have to play them just like you would the No. 1 team in the state, because they are going to bring their absolute best."

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# Taylor's bats overcome George Ranch in three games

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor overcame a game one loss to George Ranch in its bi-district series to beat the Longhorns two games to one, behind very strong pitching and good offense from the Mustangs.

Taylor fell 15-3 in the first game of the series. George Ranch took a four run lead in the first inning and that Taylor had a tough time responding too.

The Mustangs got one run in the second on an error and another in the same fashion in the third inning, Taylor then trimmed the lead to one in the fourth by scoring on a wild pitch. George Ranch though responded with two runs in the fifth inning and nine in the sixth to close out the game.

Taylor though responded in huge fashion in game two, as the Mustangs put together a 12-0 run rule win.

Jared Schaeffer led the way in game two, as he pitched 4.2 innings of shutout ball and struck out six while walking two on five hits to earn the win.

Taylor took the lead in the first inning off a hit by pitch and never looked back. The Mustangs took control in the third inning. Camden Champness hit an RBI single, driving in two and Adam Fitzgerald followed that up with an RBI double. Hunter Ham then hit an RBI double to make it 6-0.

Taylor added another run in the fourth off an error and then closed things out in the fifth. Brett Dolejsi hit a double, driving in a run to start the scoring that inning before Joe Jefferson Jr. reached on an error and another run scored. Schaeffer then drove in two on a double before Tyler Irving drove in a run on a single to cap off the scoring.

Game three, like game two was won behind strong pitching and offense from the Mustangs as they took it 8-1 to advance to the area round. Matthew Irwin was huge for the Mustangs on the bump, as he went six innings on the mound and didn't allow an earned run on three hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Taylor took the lead in the second inning, as Nathaniel Lopez hit a double to drive in a run, but George Ranch came back to tie things in the top of the fourth.

That sparked a fire under Taylor. Jefferson led off the bottom of the fourth with a single and Champness took advantage of that with an RBI double as Taylor regained the lead. Peter Dworaczyk then hit an RBI single and Taylor scored another on a wild pitch to make it 4-1.

Champness drove in another in the fifth inning on a single before Dworaczyk hit an RBI single to drive in two more and Taylor capped things off with a run on an error.

Irwin pitched a clean sixth inning before Schaeffer came on in relief to close things out in the seventh.

Taylor advances to play Cy-Fair in the area round. Game one to be played 7:30 p.m. Thursday, game two to be played 5 p.m. Friday and game three to be played after game two if needed with all games at Langham Creek.



Tompkins swept Elkins, advances to area.

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# Tompkins sweeps past Elkins

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins swept past Elkins in the bi-district round of the playoffs behind two strong wins, as the Falcons continue a dominant season by advancing to the area round.

Game one was a show from Tompkins ace Trevor Esparza and the Falcons offense. Esparza pitched all seven innings in a complete game shutout, allowing five hits and striking out four while walking two. The Tompkins offense meanwhile put together 12 runs on nine hits, including multiple RBI games from three players.

The Falcons took the lead early when they got back-to-back bases loaded walks in the top of the first inning, and then went up 3-0 in the top of the second when Jack Little drove in a run on a triple.

Things stayed close until the sixth inning, when Tompkins broke the game open. Little got things started in the inning by driving in a run on a single and the Falcons got another run off an error directly after. Landon West followed that up with an RBI single and Ty Dagley and Adam Benavidez both drove in runs on singles to cap off the inning and make it 9-0 Falcons.

Tompkins finished the game off in the seventh, as Cash Russell hit a sacrifice grounder, Drew Markle walked with the bases loaded and Ty Dagley hit an RBI single before Esparza pitched a clean bottom

of the inning to end things.

In game two the Falcons used a collaborative approach on the mound to win things, as Solomon Rotberg and Michael De Battista combined to help Tompkins to a 5-2 win over Elkins.

Rotberg started the game and went six innings, allowing one earned run on five hits while striking out three and walking three, before De Battista came in to close things out in the seventh and allowed just one hit.

Elkins took the lead in the top of the first on a sacrifice fly and they held that until the fifth inning. But Tompkins came back. The Falcons got two runners on to start the fifth and Markle cashed in on an opportunity at the plate by

driving in both with a single, giving Tompkins the lead. Landon West followed that up with a double to drive in another. Judson Collier then hit an RBI single to make things 4-1 Tompkins.

Little finished the scoring for Tompkins in the sixth with an RBI double. Rotberg, who pitched a great game, walked the first two batters of the inning before De Battista came in and finished the game off as Tompkins came away with the win.

The Falcons advance to play Lamar in a three game series, with the first game being played 7 p.m. Thursday at Tompkins, the second being played at 7 p.m. at Delmar on Friday and the third being played at 7 p.m. Saturday at Stratford if needed.

# Koger, Moore lead Katy past Travis in bi-district

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy swept Fort Bend Travis in two games in its bi-district series behind dominant pitching performances, as the Tigers didn't allow a run over the course of the two games.

Lucas Moore pitched a one hitter shutout in the first game, striking out 11 and walking two to lead Katy to a 5-0 victory.

The Tigers took the lead in the second inning, as Brady Englett drove in a run on an RBI single and Dominic Melchor tripled to drive in another. Katy added on to that in the third, with Jhonnatan Ferrebus doubling to drive in a run and Reese Ruderman drawing a walk with the bases loaded to make it 4-0.

Katy then tacked on a fifth in the fifth inning to put things out of reach, as Ruderman reached on an error, allowing a run to score.

As good as Moore's performance was in game one, it was



Katy swept Fort Bend Travis in the bi-district round.

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surpassed by Caleb Koger in game two, as the junior threw a no-hitter in the Tigers 1-0 win to clinch the series.

Koger threw the complete game and struck out six while walking three to secure the win and lead the Tigers past Travis.

Katy had just two hits in the game, but that was all they

would need, as both came in the fourth inning. Parker Kidwell led the inning off with a single and after a strikeout, Sutton Hull came to the plate and drove Kidwell in on a single to give Koger all the cushion he would need.

Neither team scored the rest of the way and Koger struck out four over the final

three innings to secure the win.

Katy moves on to play Jersey Village in the area round. Game one will be played 7 p.m. Thursday at Jersey Village, game two will be played 6 p.m. Friday at Katy and game three will be played 10 a.m. Saturday at Langham Creek if needed.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This notice is in regard to the records destruction schedule set by state regulations consistent with the notification requirements set forth in federal (34 CRF 300.624) and state regulations regarding the destruction of confidential records. Katy ISD Special Education records for students with withdrawn or graduated on or before June 30, 2012 will be destroyed January 15, 2023. If you have any questions about this processor about student specific records, you may contact personnel at Katy ISD's Special Education Department at 281-396-2630.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to the City of Katy, Attention: City Secretary, will be received at Katy City Hall located at 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, June 9, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for **City of Katy Police Department Building Foundation Repair**. Proposals received after closing will be returned unopened.  
Scope of Work of the Contract includes Foundation Stabilization and Repair of the City of Katy Police Department Building, located at 5456 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77493.  
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held in person on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Local Time, at the Katy City Hall located at 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493.** Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NOT MANDATORY**.  
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Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search "City of Katy Police Department Building Foundation Repair." 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 Council's judgment will be most advantageous to the City 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.**  
City of Katy

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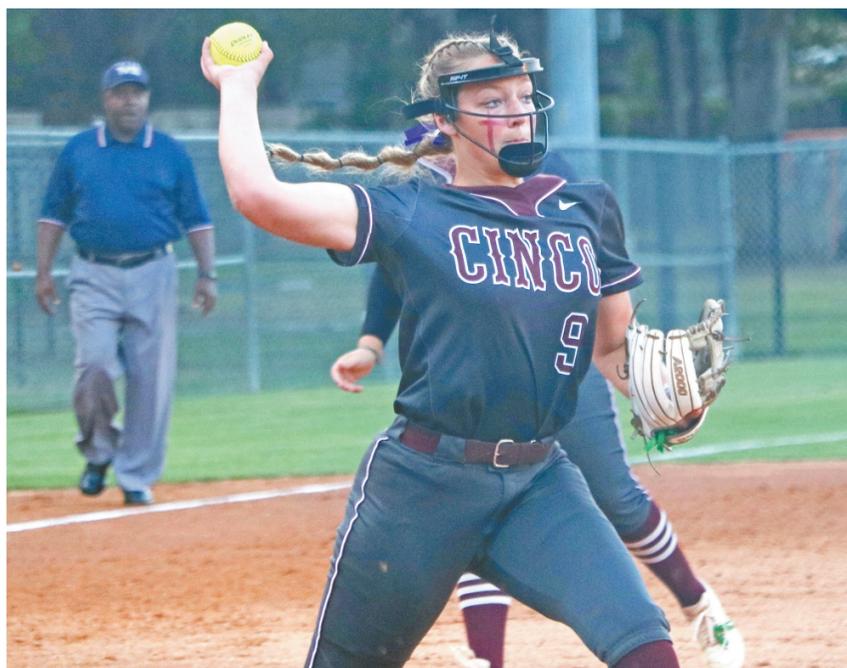
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**The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.**  
**Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large gatherings are not 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 504335698# when prompted.**  
Scope of work of the contract includes construction of paving 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, May 13th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 853743910# 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.  
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Applications are available at City Hall, 4029 5th Street Brookshire, Texas 77423. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the City Secretary, at (281) 375-5050 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Completed applications may be mailed (P.O. Box 160) Brookshire, Texas 77423, Attn: Claudia Harrison, City Secretary or delivered to City Hall.  
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Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be received, until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, May 26, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 1575 Sawdust Rd, Suite 400, The Woodlands, Texas 77380 for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Sunterra Section 48 for Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 35, Waller County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 257-291-152# when prompted.  
Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Sunterra Section 48  
Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11:15 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 812-894-578# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NON-MANDATORY**.  
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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search Sunterra Section 48 WS&D. 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.  
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TYLER TYRE

Chela Kovar throws a ball to first base during Friday's area round game between Cinco Ranch and Heights at Memorial High School.

## CINCO

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came for Heights, as Cinco's pitching and defense did not allow another run the rest of the way.

The Cougars' bats were cold early, as they did not get a hit in the first three innings, but the fourth inning was the turning point for Cinco Ranch.

Hodge got things started with a double to lead off the inning and then took an extra base on the throw to get to third. That ignited the team, and Mariah Hinojosa followed that up with a single to tie the game.

"I think we just needed to be patient at the plate and when we did that, we had success," said Cinco Ranch head coach Suzanne Reeve. "And Shelby did a great job of coming in and getting those clutch hits when we needed them. She was huge for us today."

Cinco came back again in the fifth inning, as they weren't done. Madison Rosario started the inning with a single, before Burg walked to put two runners on base. Heights got Cinco to two outs in the inning, but Hodge came to the plate and was clutch once again, hitting a single to

right field to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead.

"She was a really good pitcher but once we slowed it down we were able to find the answer," Hodge said. We like to press at times but once we started to slow things down and wait for our pitches instead of going after her good pitches. That helped us to be more successful. We just had to slow everything down and keep it simple."

Kovar then pitched a three up, three down inning to close things out, as she ended the game by retiring the final 13 batters she faced.

The Cougars advance to play Katy in the regional quarterfinal round, as Cinco attempts to keep this strong run going.

"We're just excited to be moving on and we're excited to play them," Reeve said. "The biggest thing for the girls is they need to believe that they can do it. That's 90% of it is the mental aspect. And it's like I told them the other day. We are prepared for these games. We have a saying, 'the hay is in the barn.' We've done everything to bring that hay in the barn, now it's just time to go."

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) by Agincourt Industries, Inc dba Maple Street Biscuit Company, to be located at 4906 FM 1463, Suite 700, Katy, TX, Fort Bend County, Texas. Officer of this company is CEO, Scott Moore.

**KATY ISD invites Private Non-Profit Schools**  
Private non-profit schools serving students who reside in Katy ISD attendance zones have the option to participate in federal grant programs. If the Non-profit school wishes to participate, a consultation meeting can be scheduled to provide an overview of current federal programs (Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title IV) and other services. Non-profit schools interested in participating in these federal grant programs for the 2022-2023 school year should contact Erin Hyko at 281-396-2243 to schedule a consultation meeting to discuss programs and eligibility requirements.

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO REVISE A SUBDIVISION PLAT FILED FOR RECORD WITH THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**APPLICATION:** Santos and Sonia Quinteros, owners, are requesting to be allowed to revise Tract 4 of Quinteros Subdivision. The revision will be to partition Tract 4 into two lots. These newly configured lots would consist of Tract 4-A (1.000 acre) and Tract 4-B (1.428 acres). Quinteros Subdivision is situated in the Samuel C. Hady Survey, A-31, Waller County, Texas recorded in Instrument No. 1507489, in the Official Public Records of Waller County, Texas.  
*This replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant's property.*  
**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on June 8, 2022 at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property of tenant: William Zela to satisfy landlord's lien.  
Sale to be held ONLINE AUCTION website: [Selfstorageauction.com](http://Selfstorageauction.com)  
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Bidding will open online at 10:00 am on April 28, 2022, and will end at 10:00 am on May 13, 2022. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale end. Property is general household goods, tools, and furniture.

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Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be received, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Friday, May 27, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 1575 Sawdust Road, Suite 400, The Woodlands, Texas 77380 for "Construction of Paving Facilities in Sunterra Section 30 for Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 37, Waller County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 723-992-749# when prompted.  
Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following:  
Paving Facilities in Sunterra Section 30

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be electronically received until 11:00 a.m. local time, May 19, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Paving Facilities in Aurora Bend Drive Street Dedication No. 1 for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569 & Harris-Waller Counties Municipal District No. 4, Harris and Waller 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.**  
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Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following:  
Paving Facilities.  
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on May 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 990-867-918# when prompted.  
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Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://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.

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# Stingley, rest of Texans' draft picks ready to make impact

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The Texans made a splash in the first round of the NFL draft. After taking Derek Stingley Jr. with the third overall selection of the draft, a selection which some praised and some said was a reach, the Texans traded back from their No. 13 pick to No. 15 where they selected Texas A&M offensive lineman and Atascocita graduate Kenyon Green to help shore up what was a subpar unit last season. Those two first round picks set the Texans up in future years for two of the most important positions on the field with players the teams feel can make a humongous difference. "It was a lifelong dream fulfilled right there when I heard my name called by the Texans," Stingley said. "I can't wait to get out there and get to work. I just can't wait to get there and show everyone how hard I work and how I won't give up." Stingley was a much talked about pick at No. 3. As some praised the pick for Stingley's natural talent and ability as a cover corner, while some did not like the pick for what they cited as Stingley's decline in production over the past two seasons. Stingley stepped in as a true freshman for LSU in 2019 and played in 15 games for the national champions, totaling six interceptions, 15 passes deflected and 38 tackles while becoming known as one of the best cover corners in the nation. But in his final two years of college, Stingley combined to play just ten games and didn't intercept another pass as he dealt with injuries and quarterbacks did not challenge him in the same manner. But the Texans saw enough out of Stingley that they felt he was worth the No. 3 pick, and with learning from Lovie Smith the Texans are confident he can become one of the premier corners in the

league. "Everyone around the Texans made me feel good from the first time - met them at the combine," Stingley said. "It was a good vibe, you could tell that things were going to be different than the past and everything is just trending up here." Green played at right guard, left guard, right tackle and left tackle during his time at A&M and earned first team All-American honors and All-Conference honors in 2021. He projects mostly as a left guard at the next level but his versatility is something that intrigued the Texans during the draft process along with his 6-foot four-inch, 323 pound frame. "That versatility helped me a lot," Green said. "Playing different positions, knowing how to come in and do my best in different spots, it lets me come in and be a team player. I just want to come in and be the best I can be and help the team in whatever form or fashion that is." Green, an Atascocita graduate, is excited to join his hometown team and the team he grew up watching. "It's just a blessing," Green said. "Staying in Houston, it's just awesome. I'm a hometown kid so we are going from there. I know where my roots are and I have to show out. It's time to work and get down there and grind." The Texans took Baylor safety Jalen Pitre in the second round and then traded up to draft John Metchie III, a wide receiver out of Alabama, to add to their receiving corps, as he has the ability to jump all the way up to the No. 2 receiver for Houston if he has a good offseason and preseason. "Coach Pep (Hamilton) and I actually go way back," Metchie said. "I've had a great relationship with him since I was in high school, so it's going to be really cool to see him again and be around him again. So we have

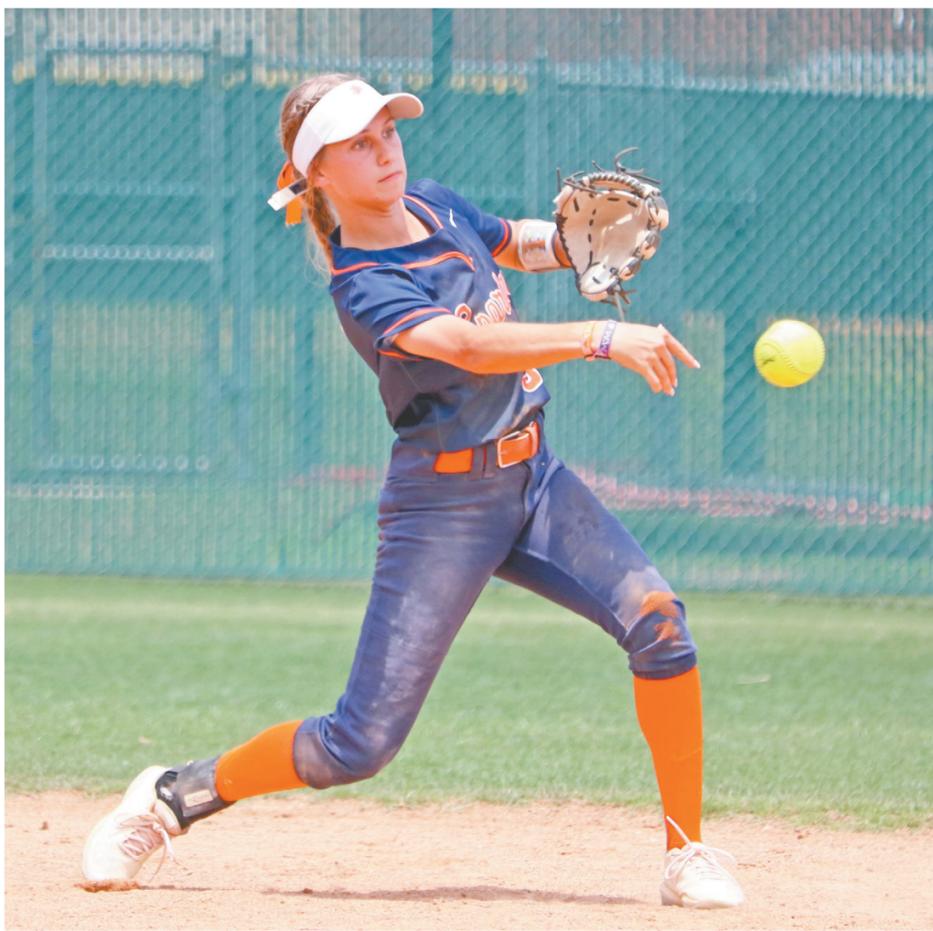


Houston Texans head coach Lovie Smith during an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the New York Jets on November 28, 2021 in Houston, Texas. The Jets won, 21-14

some history, and I just love Coach Lovie (Smith), we've had some great conversations and I'm excited to be a part of the team." The draft included three Houston area selections, as along with Green, Pitre graduated from Stafford and sixth round pick Austin Deculus graduated from Cy-Fair. "We have a saying over at Cy-Fair, 'Bobcat fight never dies,'" Deculus said. "That was the first thing (Cal McNair) told me. It was an amazing moment. It is crazy because of what a small world it is." At right is the full list of the Houston Texans draft selections from the 2022 NFL draft.

## HOUSTON TEXANS 2022 NFL DRAFT SELECTIONS

ROUND	OVERALL SELECTION	Name	Position	School
1ST	3	Derek Stingley Jr.	DB	LSU
1ST (PHIL)	15	Kenyon Green	OL	Texas A&M
2ND	37	Jalen Pitre	DB	Baylor
2ND	44	John Metchie III	WR	Alabama
3RD	75	Christian Harris	LB	Alabama
4TH	107	Dameon Pierce	RB	Florida
5TH	150	Thomas Booker	DL	Stanford
5TH	170	Teagan Quitoriano	TE	Oregon State
6TH	205	Austin Deculus	OL	LSU



Mackenzie Stutts throws to second base during Saturday's area round game between Seven Lakes and Jersey Village at Seven Lakes.

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"That's what we focused on all week," Koopmann said. "I think they finally figured out how much fun it is when you embrace that and you jump ahead and don't have to fight while things are close last Saturday. They really enjoyed that and I think they just realize now that they are capable of beating anyone. These girls are ready to keep going." The Spartans once again were led by their ace Amy Abke, who pitched all 14 innings of the series and did not allow a run on eight hits while striking out 24 over the course of the two games. Abke has come into her own over the course of her junior season, and having her on the mound just brings more confidence to her teammates. "She is so stonefaced out there and she handles everything well," Koopmann said. "That's what you want in a pitcher, you can never tell anything with her, you could look at her face and not know if we were winning or losing. She is one of the most mentally tough kids I've ever coached." In the closeout game on Saturday, the Spartans offense made a huge difference as well, as they took an early lead and giving Abke all the cushion she'd need and allowing her to relax on the mound. It only took until the second inning for Seven Lakes to get on the board, as Kamryn Wallman

drove in a run with a single to hand the Spartans the lead. Seven Lakes added on to that in the third, with Emma Wingate doubling to drive in a run and Meghan Kelly following that up with a single to drive in another and make it 3-0. "It's such a huge help when we get those early runs," Abke said. "It allows me to relax on the mound and hit my spots better, stay loose and change speeds whenever I want to." The Spartans continued to pile it on in the fifth inning. Wingate got things started with another RBI double before Abke helped her own cause by driving in a run on a single and Emily Johnson capped things off with a sacrifice grounder. "We just went up there and stayed patient at the plate and waited for our pitches," Wingate said. "Our bats are really heating up at the right time." With the win, the Spartans move on to the regional quarterfinals, an experience no one on this roster has had before. Seven Lakes moves on to take on George Ranch. "We just have to keep doing what has given us this success," Abke said. "Practice, working hard, continuing to focus on our small ball and studying what we need to do on the pitching side next round. Honestly, if we keep working together and want to move on, we can do it."



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