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AUGUST 24TH Farmers Market At Lacentera

8:00 a.m. - Noon
Locally grown produce and homemade products from vendors in and around the greater Katy area. Rain or shine.

AUGUST 24TH Live Music WFDD Central Green LaCenterra Sheila Marshall - classic rock, contemporary/pop 7:30 p.m.

Concerts are FREE and open to the public, so come early, grab a spot on the lawn or on the patio at a nearby restaurant and enjoy a great night out! Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

AUGUST 30TH Coffee & Conversations Starbucks Katy Mills Mall 1-2 p.m.

Women Veterans meeting other Veterans in their community while sipping on their favorite free Starbucks Drink. Call 713-726-6325 for more information.

AUGUST 28 Katy Business Association Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Meeting will be held at Salt and Pepper Restaurant 811 Avenue D. R.S.V.P to town1245@aol.com or call Jean Machann at 832-656-3993.

AUGUST 31ST Shred Days McDonalds Spring Green 27140 Cinco Ranch Blvd 9 a.m. - Noon

Minimum \$10 donation. Benefits Impact a Hero. www.impactahero.org

SEPTEMBER 2ND Labor Day Government Offices, Banks, Post Offices and Libraries will be closed.

Hey Honey, What's the BUZZZZZ?

By Lynn Cardiff

Nothing like working on a hot day in Katy moving honey bees to a new home and having them not be happy campers. Over 65,000 bees have made their home in the eves of our house and don't want to be disturbed.

What looks like an impossible place to build a home is really a great place to set up housekeeping if you are as small as a honey bee. The beekeeper thought when he first saw the side of our house that perhaps there was under 100,000 bees living in the comforts of a shaded Southern exposure. Not so...as board after board was removed, the hive just kept getting larger and larger. When the heat begin to climb into the 103 degree range, the beekeeper took off his heavy suit and headed for the comforts of home. That left the bee hive exposed to bee robbers. When other bees in the Katy area detected that honey was available they moved in. The morning sun revealed that hundreds more had moved into the eves and landed on honey combs in buckets left on the ground for easy taking.

Today is a new day and David with Animal Patrol of Katy will once again run by to check on the progress of the bee removal. This time he said he plans to stay a safe distance away as he was stung yesterday by an angry bee or two who liked his face. Ouch! It is believed that the local honey bees have been infiltrated by the angry Africanized honey bees.



One of the honeycombs full of baby bees that was removed from the Cardiff house.

It is important that as many of these bees be saved as possible. Without these little workers who die when they sting, the world will not have the help of the bee to pollinate the worlds fruits and vegetables. The country of France is already having to hand pollinate their fruit trees.

We are lucky to have so many bees in our area, but something must be done to stop the Africanized bee from joining with our domestic honey bee. Beekeepers find it dangerous to work with the Africanized bees because they are mean little guys and will chase you down for over a mile.

I wish I had done something sooner when I first saw the little bees entering my eves. My love for them and respect for the work that they do, has caused so much hard work to move them to a safer and protected home. If you should see the honey bee working at your place, call for help right away and save yourself the big expense of repairing your home.

St. Peter's UMC Expanding Children's Worship Area

Driving down Kingsland Blvd., it's obvious that changes are taking place at St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Katy. New walls are peeking up from behind construction fencing and dump trucks and cement trucks line up periodically as footings are dug and foundations are poured.

A focus on children, youth and music motivated the congregation of St. Peter's to raise \$5.2 million to provide additional space for a children's worship center, an expanded student center and a new rehearsal space for the church's choirs and orchestra. Ground was broken for this building project on April 14.

In addition, the funds will allow for renovations to the sanctuary, nursery and welcome center. Construction is projected to be finished in early 2014.

Dr. Pat Sparks joined St. Peter's as the new senior pastor at the same time the construction

was beginning. "On my first Sunday after I was appointed as St. Peter's pastor, we had our groundbreaking service," he said. "Now as I look outside of our office windows, the construction is really ramping up. It is exciting to see the walls on the new children's worship building going up. I look forward to being a part of what God will be doing in the lives of the people who will worship, learn and play in these new facilities."

Mike Eastland, chairman of the Building Committee, said the building program will expand the vital children's ministry area at St. Peter's. "We will reach more children with our new children's worship facility, and the centrally located, enhanced nursery space will better serve families in both our contemporary and traditional services."

Katy City Council Updates

August 12, 2013

- City Council approved the request from Alief Baptist Church to block-off Second Street between Avenue A and East Avenue in order to hold their Labor Day Block Festival. The festival will be held on Sunday, September 1, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for the Katy Rotary Fund – 21st Annual Katy Triathlon at Firethorne was approved with 4 council members in favor and 1 not present. The Triathlon will be held on September 29th.
- A Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Jazz Association – Katy Jazz Festival to be held at Katy High School Campus was approved with 4 council members in favor and 1 not present. The Katy Jazz Festival is scheduled for April 24-25, 2014.
- An Application submitted by Avalon at Spring Green Community Association, Inc., and 2012 Spring Green LLC for the Creation of a New Lake or Pond in the Avalon At Spring Green Subdivision was approved with 4 council members in favor and 1 not present.
- City Council approved the use of Reserve Funds to Purchase One New 2013/2014 Crimson Engine (Fire Truck) including all the equipment, tools, gear and appliances needed to equip the apparatus with 4 council members in favor and 1 not present.
- A Drought Contingency Plan, Stage 1 (mild) – Voluntary Reduction in Water Use by the Public was passed with 4 council members in favor and 1 not present. Councilman Chuck Brawner reminded local businesses and constituents not water in the heat of the day and to either water early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid water evaporation.



The new children's worship facility with its centrally located, enhanced nursery space will better serve families in both our contemporary and traditional services.

The new rehearsal space will allow the various choirs, ensembles and orchestra to assemble comfortably as they prepare for worship on Sunday mornings and also will provide storage areas for the musicians' equipment.

"The Music Department is grateful to the people of St. Peter's who appreciate and support our music ministry," said David Galasso, director of music ministries. "The financial support that will make this expansion possible is an expression of appreciation that inspires us to work even harder as we offer our musical gifts to God," he said.

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Community Free Food Distribution

Eternal Food Ministry, an evangelistic food mission, will hold a community food distribution event for all that need emergency food supply on Saturday the 31st of August, 2013 at Journey Church, 541 Pin Oak Road in Katy from 8 to 10 a.m. Registration to receive food is between 8 and 8:30 am. Nobody will be turned back. For more information, visit www.eternalfoodministry.org.

Mayor Hughes to Speak at KBA Luncheon

The next meeting for the Katy Business Association will be held on August 28th at Salt and Pepper Restaurant located at 811 Avenue D in Katy. Networking will begin at 11:30 a.m. and Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$15. City of Katy Mayor Fabol Hughes will be the guest speaker. Please R.S.V.P to town1245@aol.com or call Jean Machann at 832-656-3993.

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CHRISTUS Hosts First Kid-Family Triathlon in Katy

CHRISTUS St. Catherine Sports Medicine will host the first the TRI The Heart of Katy Family Triathlon on September 7th at the Gerri Ayers Pool at Green Trails, Kingsland Blvd. at Crescent Green (East of Fry) located across from the CHRISTUS St. Catherine Hospital. This fundraising event is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Categories for the event will include: 5-6 year olds who will swim 25 yards, bike 1/2 mile and run 1/4 mile; 7 to 10 year olds will swim 100 yards, bike 3.1 miles and run .6 miles; 11-15 year olds will swim 200 yards, bike 6.2 miles and run 1.2 miles; and Parents/Super Sprint will swim 200 yards, bike 6.2 miles and run 1.2 miles. The theme of the event is "Start early. Be fit. Be heart healthy". Getting kids involved in fitness activities lays the groundwork for them to maintain a heart-healthy focus as adults. Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women, nationwide, and statistics show that number continues to grow. Each dollar raised stays in Katy to support the Comprehensive Heart Program dedicated to the prevention and treatment of heart disease. The cost is \$15 per child ages 5-15 and \$25 for adults. Register at www.christusstcatherine.org.



Welltec Americas recently hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of its 30,000-square foot build-to-suit headquarters facility at Merchants Way and Ravello Drive in Katy.

Welltec Americas Opens 30,000 SF in Katy

Source: Katy Area EDC

Welltec Americas, a Danish-owned company providing well technology and solutions for the oil and gas industry, recently hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of its 30,000-square foot build-to-suit headquarters facility at Merchants Way and Ravello Drive in Katy. Several dignitaries, including members of the Danish Economic Council, were in attendance, demonstrating support to Welltec Americas. Jørgen Hallundbæk, founder and CEO of Welltec, said the company will be better able to serve its growing client base throughout North and South America. "Our growth in the US, Canada, and Latin America has created the need for expansion to accommodate increases to our staff as well as implementing improvements to our maintenance facilities. I'm proud to open this new base, which will be our headquarters for the Americas going forward. Our new building now houses the workspace and amenities we require to ensure product service quality and a well-trained operations staff, allowing Welltec to continue delivering world-class services for our North and South American clients," said Hallundbæk. Welltec Americas (Katy) was previously located at Westgate near Fry Road and I-10. Welltec's Senior Vice President Carl Strubberg has noted the new Americas facility will be the training base for the company's field engineers and technicians for the Americas, as well as home to the company's Americas management

team. Commercial, operations, finance, and human resources personnel will also utilize the new facility. An internationally active company headquartered in Denmark, Welltec produced the patented Well Tractor System, and has 52 offices and service facilities around the world. Welltec's solutions are developed to provide the oil and gas industry with competitive well solutions and range from well completion solutions to subsequent well intervention and maintenance, which ensure optimal performance. All solutions are based on the company's groundbreaking tractor technology. The company develops and delivers solutions which enables its clients to optimize the value of their oil and gas reserves by minimizing reservoir uncertainties and maximizing flexibility. Earlier this year, Katy Area Economic Development Council President Lance LaCour joined Strubberg and other business leaders at the groundbreaking for the new site. LaCour said the presence of Welltec's headquarters in Katy will further strengthen the area's ties with the energy industry and build a direct business connection with Scandinavian countries like Denmark. "It's great to have top companies like Welltec and Developers like Eastgroup investing in Katy" LaCour said. "Katy's energy and dynamic market is hot and will continue to ignite our rapid commercial and growth."

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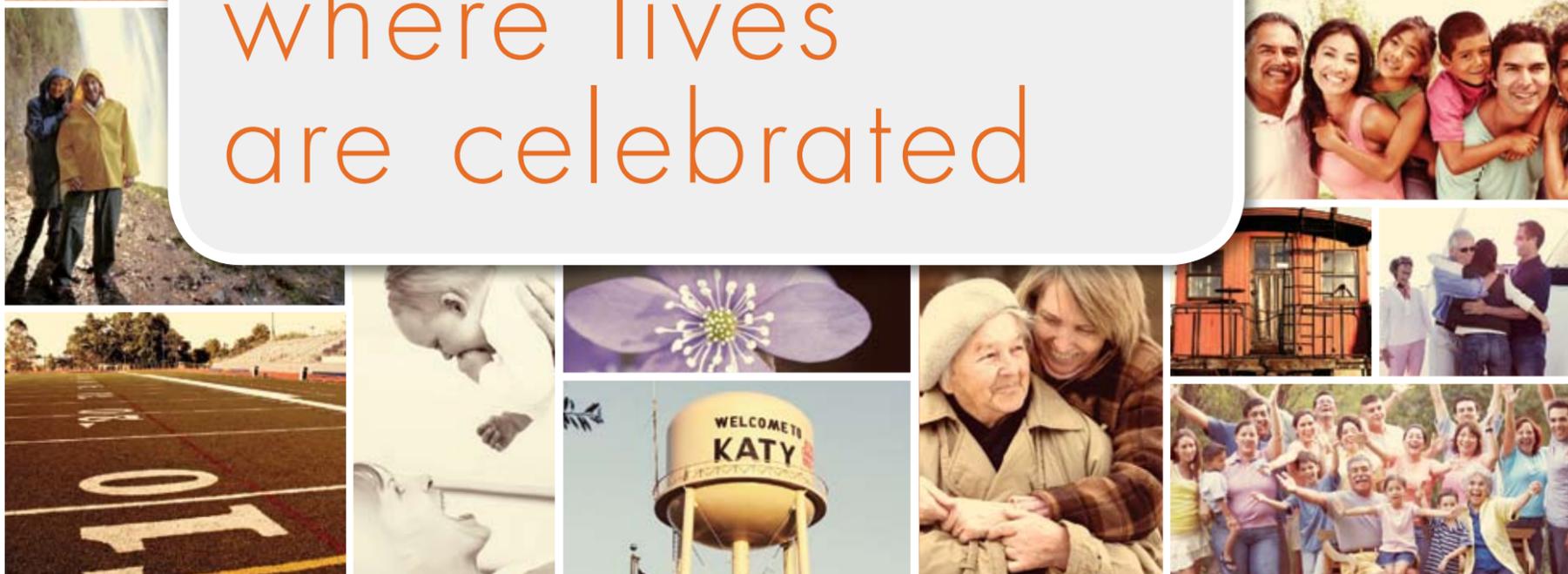
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Community Gardens of the Food Pantry at Katy Christian Ministries

At the recent Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, the Community Gardens project of the Food Pantry at Katy Christian Ministries won 2nd Place in the Civic Organizations Awards. The Food Pantry is under the direction of Bruce Kingwell. The vision of this great group is to provide the community with nutritional and health services for all ages. Five years ago this vision became real with the beginning of the Community Garden.

The previous food pantry director had planted a garden at her home and brought the items she grew to the food pantry. When Bruce Kingwell arrived as the Director of the Food Pantry and hearing her story envisioned the project of a large community garden on the property of Katy Christian Ministry. As this idea grew, many volunteers got involved especially from the church groups that make up the ministry. The volunteers began with a design that included the creation of 14 raised beds on the 1 acre property. The final project will include a total of 40 beds with a fruit orchard. These are built and maintained by volunteers and all food grown is donated to the food pantry onsite. The planting started small, but have grown to an annual harvest of 5,000 lbs of vegetables in 2012 serving the people served by KCM.



Pictured from left to right are orchard volunteer Vic Rosato, KCM Food Pantry director Bruce Kingwell, Harvest volunteers Shobha Shekhar McKay Shurtz, Jenn Shurtz, Gracie Shurtz, Christy Esmahan, Garden coordinator, Jim Busse, Councilman Steve Pierson, Harvest volunteer Sierra Shurtz, Omar Garcia with Kingsland Baptist, Harvest volunteer Emma Shurtz, Derrick Espey with KCM Food Pantry, harvest volunteer Lauren Shurtz and Jamie Wolman, City of Katy.

There are approximately 10 seasonal volunteers who help out in the gardens as well.

The food pantry of KCM is the source for fresh vegetables and fruits for the community serving 2200+ people in many months of the year. The community gardens are designed as raised beds in the shape of a cross significant to the mission of meeting the nutritional, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community they serve. Again, we congratulate the Community Gardens, their Director and the many community leaders and volunteers who make this program successful for our community. Just another reason why it is so easy for all to say, that we are KATY PROUD!

Fort Bend Master Gardeners

"Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening"

Take advantage of the usually mild Southeast Texas winter climate to extend your vegetable growing season. Master Gardeners will provide helpful and timely information on growing methods and proven crops for Fort Bend County. The public is invited to this free program on September 19, hosted by the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Road in Rosenberg. Social at 6:30 p.m.; program from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information call 281.633.7033 or visit www.fbmga.com. FBMGA is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Backyard Basics

Backyard Basics is a new program that promotes the advantages of homegrown and homemade foods for healthy living to all residents of Fort Bend County and nearby cities. The classes began August 10, 2013 and will run through September 21, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Road, Rosenberg. Registration for a single class is \$15, \$25 for couples. To sign up for all classes, preregistration is discounted at \$75 for all classes and \$125 for couples. Kids under 10, with parents, are free. To register, contact Brandy Rader at brandy.rader@ag.tamu.edu. The classes will include:

- 8/24 Water Conservation
- 9/7 Food Dehydration and Freezing
- 9/14 Growing Backyard Fruit
- 9/21 Selecting Meat/Beef and Grilling

Katy Elks to Host BBQ Cook-off

Saturday, August 24 is the date - plan now to compete in the annual BBQ cook-off at the Katy Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road. For only \$100 you can enter Brisket, Ribs and Chicken. Jackpot Beans entry is an additional \$15. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be given.

For entry information or to get forms, go to katyelks.org. Additional information is available through the lodge at 281-391-2783 from 5-8 Tuesday through Saturday or from Norma Coston at 512-992-9285.

A bonus opportunity is the Elks Ribs sale being held in conjunction with the cook-off. A rack of ribs is only \$25 and can be ordered by calling Van Poorman at 281-392-7513 or Greg Schroen at 713-8355. Ribs will be available for pick-up on Saturday, August 24 beginning at 10 a.m.



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Maud Marks 20th Anniversary From Ranch to Branch Western Celebration

Ye-haw! The Maud Marks Library is proud to be celebrating serving the community for 20 years. In honor of our 20th anniversary, we are throwing a regular Texas hoedown. Join us on August 24 at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as we return to our roots and return the library to its LH7 Ranch origins.

- Scheduled events include:**
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11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Train Rides
1 p.m. - Line Dancing
 Ongoing: Big Tex Moonwalk, Sno-cones and other treats, "calf" roping, facepainting and "panning for gold."
 For a full schedule of the day's events, please speak with a librarian or call us at 281-492-8592.

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 - 9. Cyberspace soliloquy
 - 13. Yawning
 - 14. Barley bristle
 - 15. It's controversial in fight against crime
 - 16. Japanese bed
 - 17. Decompose
 - 18. *Found in art class
 - 19. *Pedagogue
 - 21. *Energy outlet
 - 23. Magic's infection
 - 24. It often holds 24
 - 25. Tax pro
 - 28. First female Attorney General
 - 30. Breath freshener
 - 35. Two quarters
 - 37. Grannies
 - 39. Top of Lady Liberty
 - 40. Seed covering
 - 41. Virgo's brightest star
 - 43. "Laughing on the inside" in text message
 - 44. Officially allowed
 - 46. Way, way off
 - 47. Diabolical
 - 48. Doghouse
 - 50. Cupid's counterpart
 - 52. "The _____" by The Doors
 - 53. Swerve
 - 55. Bovine sound
 - 57. *Junior's ruler?
 - 60. *Required sub stance
 - 64. Editor's insertion mark
 - 65. Tarzan's mom, e.g.
 - 67. Papal court
 - 68. Like a video game bird
 - 69. *Sophomore's grade
 - 70. *Class action to find president
 - 71. 100 centavos
 - 72. Baseball Giant and hall-of-famer
 - 73. "The Sun Also _____"

- DOWN**
- 1. Dagger handle
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 - 6. Young salmon
 - 7. *Pencil type
 - 8. Bone hollow
 - 9. Highlands hillside
 - 10. It's often denoted in red
 - 11. Half of binary code
 - 12. Used for styling
 - 15. Trickery
 - 20. 0 and 2, e.g.
 - 22. "C'_____ la vie!"
 - 24. Pine, e.g.
 - 25. *Calcium sulfate's common name
 - 26. Humorous slang for "Paris"
 - 27. Set straight
 - 29. Famous valley
 - 31. This king was a merry old soul
 - 32. Treasure collection
 - 33. Perform in
 - 34. *Not to be left behind
 - 36. Custard dessert
 - 38. Capone's mark
 - 42. Enophile's sensory concern
 - 45. Funny business
 - 49. Actor DiCaprio
 - 51. Goal-oriented activity
 - 54. Inspiration for poets and musicians
 - 56. Eyes
 - 57. All there
 - 58. Units of work
 - 59. Infamous Roman Emperor
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KHS Opens New Freshman Center to Class of 2017

By Megan Applegate CoveringKaty.com

This month, Katy High School's Class of 2017 will settle in to the campus' new 9th Grade Center, a building that will house core freshman classes, fine arts and health classes, along with facilities for activities like choir, dance, drill, and cheer; a dedicated wrestling gym.

The building might be new construction, but KHS principal Dr. Steve Robertson worked closely with the architects, VLK Architects, to ensure the Katy community and school alumni would recognize the building as its own.

"We made a conscientious effort to capture the history of Katy High School and bring it forward in this building," Robertson said. "We want the community to

embrace this new addition through reclaimed materials and by featuring memorabilia from years past throughout the building."

The original building, constructed in 1956 as the original Katy Elementary School, was built with fossilized limestone, all but impossible to buy new these days because it has been quarried out. Masons removed it by hand and now this

distinct stone is a decorative feature all throughout the new building.

Maple from the old gym floors are also



The original building was constructed in 1956 as the original Katy Elementary School.

repurposed in the new center—featured in places like the multi-floor amphitheater complete with multiple screens and state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment. Part of this reclamation and reuse of old materials, along with several design features, including one that incorporates use of natural lighting to lower electricity usage, had led to a Texas CHPS

Designed School status for the new addition.

Everything about the new building is geared toward efficiency, from the natural lighting to the widened hallways and passageways that will reduce bottlenecks of student traffic during class changes.

"We're able to go from a seven-minute class change to six minutes this year," Robertson said. "Eventually, we're hoping to drop it down to five minutes. That's a lot of instruction time we'll gain just because of a design feature."



The new addition features reclaimed materials and memorabilia from years past throughout the building.

Classroom pods in the new building will encourage teacher collaboration and a close, safe learning environment for the incoming freshman.

"The classroom area features spots for group work and presentation. It also keeps the freshman together with teachers who work only with freshman," he said. "It will be a small, supportive space for them."

Robertson, who has given numerous tours of the new facility is proud to show it off. His ultimate goal, though, has been to help guide the project into something the community will be proud of, too.

"We wanted this building to be more than just a traditional school expansion from the ground up," he said. "I wanted it to be beautiful and functional. And I wanted it to honor Katy High School's history."

This year, Katy High School's entering freshman class will be around 800 students. Classes start August 26.

Katy ISD's Maintenance & Operations Dept. Celebrates Employees

Katy ISD's Maintenance & Operations Department celebrated the hard work and achievements of its nearly 600 team members this summer. At the annual awards ceremony, all were honored and nearly 70 individuals and camps received awards.

The top recognition awarded this year was the coveted Overall Outstanding Employee of the Year Award, which was given in the operations, grounds and maintenance categories. This award was given to Cedralia Rojas, Katy ISD head custodian at WoodCreek Jr. High, William Blevins, Katy ISD crew chief who works in



Outstanding Katy ISD Maintenance & Operations employees William Blevins, Cedralia Rojas, and Richard Valicek.

the east grounds area, and Richard Valicek, Katy ISD senior electrician.

Katy ISD's Maintenance & Operations team oversees the upkeep and operations of more than 10,000,000 square feet of

property throughout the District each and every day. They are Katy ISD's largest support services organization and cover everything from minor construction projects, to energy management, facility maintenance and grounds upkeep. For more information, visit www.katyisd.org/maintenance.

Spies Named Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year

Katy ISD's 2013 District-wide Secondary Teacher of the Year, Janie Spies was named the Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year at the annual awards ceremony. For the second year in a row, both of Katy ISD's District-wide Teachers of the Year were selected as Region IV Teacher of the Year Finalists.

Janie Spies is a graduate of Texas A&M University and holds a bachelor's degree in Health Education. Spies teaches 6th grade science at Katy Jr. High, and her instruction embodies technology and experiments of every type.

"Great teachers like Janie are the heart and soul of a district," states Katy ISD Superintendent Alton Frailey. "We are extremely proud to have her represent Katy ISD at the state level."

This year, Spies and 3rd grade Stanley Elementary teacher Kristi Sides, were notified that they were each one of five finalists (one elementary and one secondary) in the Region IV Teacher of the Year process.

"It's a joy to announce that both Janie and Kristi were so successful at the Region IV level," states Frailey. "They are both innovative educators with a genuine passion for their students and are highly deserving of this honor. We are blessed to have them both."

Through a completely anonymous judging process, whereby all personally identifiable references are removed from the application, Katy ISD's District-wide teachers stood out from the crowd. This year, out of 92 nominations from 46 districts, Sides was selected as one of five elementary finalists, and Spies was named the Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Spies will move on as the Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year to compete against the other Education Service Centers for a finalist spot at the state level, and ultimately an opportunity to be named Texas Teacher of the Year.

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Katy Triathlon Names Wayne Meyer 2013 Grand Marshal



Rotary Club of Katy has named Wayne Meyer the Grand Marshal of its 21st Annual Katy Triathlon at Firethorne set for Sunday, September 29 in and around Firethorne on FM 1463 in Katy/Fulshear. As Grand Marshal, Meyer, General Manager of Firethorne, will be the official starter of the race, which begins at 7 a.m. with a 500-meter swim. He also will ride in the pace car along the 16-mile bike route, greet athletes at the finish line after their three-mile run and award the winners' trophies.

"Wayne Meyer and Firethorne have been our tried and true partners, providing both the physical plant and their amazing staff," said Vicki Rao, Katy Triathlon co-chair with fellow Katy Rotarian Rudy Ammer since the move to Firethorne in 2009. "When we knocked on Firethorne's door, Wayne agreed Firethorne was the perfect fit to host this Katy tradition, having the lake and hike/bike trails we needed. Plus Wayne and Firethorne are all about helping local youth. That's what we're about, too."

Meyer, a native Texan and Katy resident for the past 32 years, earned his degree in Architectural Construction from Texas A&M University. He played baseball and basketball in high school in La Marque and minor league baseball before embarking on his lifelong career in real estate. His residential development work, which spans three decades, includes such premiere communities as Summerwood with McCord Development, numerous General Homes subdivisions, several Lexington Development communities and Cole's Crossing in Northwest Houston with Jefferson Development, before launching Firethorne with Jefferson Development in Katy/Fulshear in 2005.

"I like watching the creative talents of the people I work with and seeing visions become reality," said the veteran land developer. Meyer noted that this summer, Firethorne reached its halfway mark with more than 1,700 new homes sold project-to-date.

The Katy Triathlon benefits the Katy Rotary Fund, which supports essential health, recreation and educational services for children in Katy ISD. Since the Rotary Club of Katy took over the Katy Triathlon in 1998, the Club has raised \$270,000 for scholarships for graduating seniors from seven Katy ISD high schools. In July the Club presented 15 Katy ISD high school graduates scholarships for \$1,500 each. Event proceeds also benefit children's school immunizations, the "Take Me Fishing" program for underserved students, Katy Christian Ministries to support feeding the community's hungry families and Katy's Be An Angel "Barrier Free" playground.



Rotary Club of Katy has named Wayne Meyer the Grand Marshal of its 21st Annual Katy Triathlon at Firethorne.

The Katy Triathlon at Firethorne will be held one month earlier than prior years to capture earlier daylight hours and warmer lake temperatures. Organizers hope to draw 900 athletes -- individuals and relay team members -- from throughout the Houston metropolitan area and statewide. Early bird registration rates are in place through September 13 at <http://katytriathlon.com/crtregister.htm>. For further info, go to <http://www.katytriathlon.com>, email vickirao@gmail.com or call 281-391-3655.

Firethorne blends with the best nature has to offer: 150 acres devoted to parks and recreational amenities, greenbelts, hike and bike trails, parks and playgrounds, discovery-rich wildlife observation area and a natural bird habitat. The 1,400-acre community is strategically located near the crossroads of the I-10 West corridor, the Westpark Tollway and the Grand Parkway, 10 and 15 miles west, respectively, of the Texas Medical Center-West Campus and Houston's Energy Corridor. To tour, take I-10 West and exit Pin Oak to FM 1463, visit www.firethorne.info, or call 281-693-1011.

Bond Committee to Recommend Student Activity Facilities Referendum Package to Board of Trustees

After two nights of meetings, the Student Activity Facilities (SAF) Bond Committee, comprised of 43 community members, is recommending to the Katy ISD Board of Trustees a SAF bond package that includes an Agricultural Sciences Center, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Project Center, and a 14,000 seat stadium to be built next to Rhoads Stadium.

"As Katy ISD continues its growth, it is crucial that student activity capacity keeps pace," says Dr. Tommy Harrison, chairman of the Bond Committee. "After much discussion and review, I believe that the Committee developed a bond package that will address the impact growing student enrollment has on the identified student activity areas and significantly benefit the Katy ISD community overall. We all moved to Katy to find the best opportunities for our children to succeed. We believe we must continue to offer the best facilities for all of our student activities. We are also pleased we can achieve this with no increase in the tax rate."

The District has outgrown the current L.D. Robinson Pavilion and room for growth or expanded instructional opportunities is limited. Developing an Agricultural Sciences Center at the current Gerald

D. Young facility on Katy-Hockley Road will provide several positive benefits for students and the District including the development of a wider range of agricultural science learning opportunities.

The STEM Project Center will provide additional classroom and project space for students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses and activities. It will provide a much larger space for students to conduct large scale experiments such as robotics, and build large scale projects. The large volume space lends itself to a variety of engineering projects such as boats, catapults and chip manufacture. Physics teachers could also video a large scale demonstration at the STEM Center with students viewing in their classroom.

The District is in need of a second stadium to address scheduling issues that will become increasingly difficult as future high schools are opened. Six Katy ISD high schools currently participate in varsity football, soccer and marching contests at Rhodes Stadium. With the opening of Tompkins High School, Katy ISD will schedule seven varsity football teams into Rhodes Stadium beginning in August of 2014. Scheduling seven schools in Rhodes Stadium will create several challenges for the District, including

compliance with the U.I.L. 5-day rule. The Bond Committee's recommendation was presented to the Board of Trustees on Monday, Aug. 19 at the Board work study meeting. The school board decided to ask voters to approve a bond to fund a new football stadium for its seven high school programs. That election is now set for November 5.

The new 14,000-seat stadium would be located next to the district's other football stadium, Rhodes Stadium, and both could be used for large-scale events.

The stadium would cost an estimated \$68 million, but the bond package would also include an agricultural complex as well as a science and technology center, bringing the total cost of the project to \$99 million.

The big selling point is that officials say that tax rates for property owners should not go up.

More information about the student activity facilities projects can be found on the Katy ISD website.



Katy ISD Provides Screenings to Identify Disabilities

The Katy ISD Special Education Department provides screenings for students with suspected disabilities in an effort to identify every student with a disability who lives within the District's boundaries.

"The District is committed to providing excellence in education to all students, and the screenings are designed to help us identify children who may qualify for the District's special education programs," said Brian Malechuk Ed.D., Katy ISD executive director for special education.

Students with all categories of disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 can be provided with services to ensure their successful participation in school. These services may be provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act. Special Education services are also available to children who are visually and/or auditory impaired starting at birth.

Anyone aware of a child who may be challenged with a disability is invited and encouraged to contact the Katy ISD Special Education office at (281) 396-2625. The special education office will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure the student is provided with support and services needed to benefit from instruction.



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Faith West's 6-Man Gambit Paying Off

Eagles Have Chance at Championship Game

By Terry Carter

Faith West's 6-man football adventure continues this fall after posting a 5-4 record in 2012 with an impressive offensive debut.

The Eagles scored 265 points, an average of 29.4 per game, as players and coaches transitioned to the wide-open style of 6-man Texas football. True to form, close games included a 60-55 victory Orange Community Home School, a 34-32 win against Mount Carmel and dramatic season-ending defeats to Cleburne Christian 48-52 and Azle Christian 49-57.

Faith West head football coach Greg Koch described the 2012 season as a good year. The good news for the Eagles is offensive spark plug tailback Chris Haier (5-10, 180,

4.6) returns to the team with his eye on improvement.

Haier ran for 2,169 yards and 38 touchdowns as a junior in his first year in 6-man football. With a year under his belt, the senior may push for something closer to 2,500 yards or more. Haier will also be a dominant force at linebacker.

"He was a captain for us last year, and he will be again this year. In our homecoming game, he had 375 yards rushing on 30+ carries," Koch said. "Chris is a great running back. He's an explosive type guy who can run over a guy and then take off and go in the open field. He can play college ball."

Haier will be paired in the backfield

with 2-year starting quarterback Corbin Davis-Mansfield (5-10, 170). Kicker Roberto Alvarez and tight end David Green (6-0, 170) will also help the offensive effort.

Alvarez has enough leg to kick 50-yard field goals, and he punts well, his coach said. With two points awarded for PATs and four points for field goals, Alvarez's consistency has led to several victories.

Defensively Koch expects two wrestlers to make noise for the Eagles. Nationally-ranked Josh Craig (5-9, 175) advanced to the Prep National Wrestling Championships, which makes him quick, strong, aggressive and full of endurance. Koch placed him at nose guard after the Morton Ranch athlete transferred.

Linebacker/center Daniel Nevitt (5-8, 170) was a Taylor wrestler before transferring to Faith West. He is also expected to make noise this fall.

Tailback/receiver and defensive end Cort Laird (6-0, 150) is the fastest Eagle on the current roster with a 4.5 40-yard dash, the coach said. With Haier running foes wild at tailback, Laird will be an offensive weapon in other ways with his breakaway speed.



Senior Chris Haier will be a dominant force for Faith West Academy this year at linebacker. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

Chasing A Championship

Faith West and (Houston) Emery Jaguars are proposing a private, independent championship football tournament after the regular season this year to TAPPS officials. Koch said Emery coach Adrian Adams was leading the charge to give local independent schools a title to chase.

"We are trying to figure out if we need to go within the scheduled season, or if they will let us go a game or two after that. It's so important for our kids to be able to play for a championship," Koch said.

Faith West lost to several impressive teams including the TCAF state champion Azle Christian in a 49-57 season finale, which indicates the Eagles could be ready for a postseason run. Koch is hoping to hear a decision from TAPP's officials soon on this proposal.

"We'll find out (soon) if there will be an independent state championship. There are only about eight teams that could be there," he said.

On the Cover

The One to Watch

Morton Ranch's E.J. Achelus Comes Back Strong

By Ahmard Vital | Photo by Diana L. Porter

It seems as though the stakes have been raised at Morton Ranch.

Sure winning seven games (7-3, 4-3 in District 19-5A play) last season was a big deal, but even that was not enough to get the Mavericks into postseason play. This has left those returning to the program with a hunger to break on through and make it happen in 2013. Many know that for a team to have any level of success, it all starts up front, in the trenches.

That has been taken care of during this past off season. Now, with star running back E.J. Achelus, he plans to take care of the rest.

"Everybody is coming together and we are putting in work, together. I just think we are working better overall as players and coaches," Achelus said. "I really feel like the offensive line has put in lots of work

and is getting better every day. And that is good because we plan on doing better than we did last year."

And as stated, last year was no fluke. This Maverick team had several impressive wins. For Achelus, who only got to take snaps in five games, that urge to get back on the field grows stronger by the day. Before a hamstring injury sidelined him, he was on pace for at least a 2,000-yard season. In five games he rushed for 1,019 yards.

Now with a year of building back to where he once was (and even stronger), he has raised the bar. For he and his team.

"The plan is for us to win all 10 games and go deep into the playoffs. I feel like we have everything to do this," Achelus said. "I'm back at 100 percent and my goal is to go for 3,000 yards this season. With my offensive line, I know I can do this."

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19-5A: New Faces Emerge

But Status Quo Prevails

By Terry Carter

District 19-5A has established a pattern of football excellence led by Katy, Cinco Ranch and Memorial. The fourth playoff team continues to fluctuate however.

The Katy Tigers (16-0 5A Division II State Champions in 2012) have not dropped a district football game since 2008 when Cinco Ranch edged them 27-21 during a state championship season. Since then, the Tigers have established a current streak of 26 consecutive league victories.

The most competitive 19-5A battle in 2012 was a 35-21 victory against Cinco Ranch. The Cougars, who will be more aerial this fall, also posted the closest district loss to Katy in 2009, 21-20.

So what will the fall of 2013 deliver for Katy ISD fans?

Expect the current powers to continue setting the pace in District 19-5A, as well as Region III.

Can Katy win back-to-back state championships again? The simple answer is yes.

Katy will likely dominate all league games unless injuries cost them a key player. Talent, depth and teamwork favor the Tigers. They could extend Katy head coach Gary Joseph's district title streak to nine and the Katy league winning streak to 33 games.

Seven Lakes (5-6 DI bi-district finalist) and Morton Ranch

(7-3) will continue their annual battle for the final playoff spot on Nov. 7 with plenty at stake for the final playoff spot — unless one of them can score an upset over Cinco Ranch (8-4 DII area finalist) or Memorial (8-4 DII area finalist).

It's a tall order and would require good breaks, healthy players and momentum. However both Memorial and Cinco Ranch have been vulnerable to district drama in recent years.

Seven Lakes head coach Lydell Wilson has talent and speed on his side. However the Spartans — like Morton Ranch — tackle Katy, Cinco Ranch and Memorial in three consecutive weeks. The Spartans play Memorial at Tully Stadium on Nov. 1 after battling state-ranked Katy on Oct. 18 and Cinco Ranch on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Morton Ranch's playoff bid hinges on speed also, but Maverick head coach Dave Meadows enters August with a better chance at Memorial — and a more precarious route to victory. The Mavs will be as explosive on offense as in 2012 and perhaps a stride better on defense with a nationally-recruited running back and a new face at defensive end who is liked by college coaches.

As usual, Taylor opens the fall with three tough foes and will know how rugged 19-5A play is before the Mustangs meet Strake Jesuit for a Sept. 27 district opener.

Taylor needs to reverse a 21-20 opening loss to Strake Jesuit and escape the clutches of the Rams again to show improvement in this championship league. The Mustangs' challenge is playing nine games, including play-off-bound Katy, Cinco Ranch, Memorial and Morton Ranch, before battling Mayde Creek in the season finale.

Taylor's strength is an offensive state leader returning for his senior campaign at quarterback.

Mayde Creek faces Strake Jesuit at home on Nov. 1 before facing Taylor on Nov. 9. The Rams could beat Cy Springs or Cy Lakes although both games are away contests. Several new Ram faces could improve Mayde Creek's chances at chasing down a .500 season this fall.

Here are The Katy News' 2013 Preseason Football Selections with predicted district records:

- Katy Tigers (7-0)**
- Cinco Ranch Cougars (6-1)**
- Memorial Mustangs (5-2)**
- Morton Ranch Mavericks (4-3)**
- Seven Lakes Spartans (4-3)**
- Taylor Mustangs (2-5)**
- Mayde Creek Rams (1-6)**
- Strake Jesuit (0-7)**

Spartans Back To The Playoffs Again This Year

By Tom Behrens - CoveringKaty.com

The Seven Lakes Spartans made it to the District 19-5A playoffs last year for the first time in the school's short history, however losing in the first game to HISD powerhouse Lamar Redskins, 36-33. Their total record for the season was 5-6.

Head Coach Lyndell Wilson has a lot of talent to help make the playoffs happen again. "We played 11 sophomores last year in different positions on both offense and defense."

On the offense side of ball, Braeden West, Gavin Peterson, Sid Turnbull and Tyler Niswonger are returning.

West, a junior this year, earned sophomore of the Year accolades for his work as a running back, rushing for over 1,600 yards and scoring 20 plus touchdowns. "I expect him to equal or better his production from last year."

Senior, Gavin Peterson is the big man on the offensive line. Peterson, listed at 6'4", 270 lbs. has played several positions during his career for the Spartans. "He's the guy we play at tight end," says Wilson, "but he's played full back, center, guard, tackle and some time on the defensive line... a very versatile young man." Needless to say, he has several colleges watching him.

At wide receiver and tight end, Wilson has Sid Turnbull, 6'5", 185 lbs. "He started all 10 regular season games at tight end. He's a good blocker."

Tyler Niswonger, fullback will be returning this year. In the Spartans' running attack, the fullback doesn't receive many running opportunities. "He is like an extra lineman for us, doing a great job leading blocking or picking up that loose incoming defensive player."

On the defensive side, Wilson expects Jarrett Johnson, Bright Egwoegbu and Junior Henderson to give the opposing teams problems. Johnson, a 6'3", 230 lbs defensive end, is expected to be All State in 2013. He has already committed to the Aggies in College Station. Egwoegbu, a defensive back is one of the leaders on the defense. Henderson, another defensive back, who is a junior on this year's team, is expected to step up and be a big time player.

The Spartans are excited about their prospects for 2013. "We were happy to make the playoffs last year, but we were dissatisfied by being knocked out in the first round," says Wilson. "We want to make it back and make a little run." Seven Lakes first game is Friday, August 30, against Ft. Bend Kempner at Mercer Stadium.

Pope John XXIII Lions Returns Almost All Players From 2012 Playoff Team

By Tom Behrens - CoveringKaty.com

Pope John XXIII Lions kickoff their football season with Hitchcock High School, Aug. 30 at home. "My coaching staff and I feel that in order to grow a competitive program, we need to try and play some bigger schools. Our district is very tough. Playing Hitchcock and then Brenham will hopefully better prepare us for district play (TAPPS 4A)," said head coach Scot Mills.

This is the Lions fourth season as a TAPPS 4A school. Some of the other schools are Second Baptist, Ft. Bend Christian, Westbury Christian and Northland Christian.

Pope John XXIII finished 3-3 in 2012 and made the playoffs, then lost in the first round against Holy Cross from San Antonio. Houston Christian was district champion, going undefeated.

On the offense, Head Coach Scot Mills has 10 returning lettermen. He describes the Lions as more of run than a pass offense. "Quarterback, Greyson Secades returns. In 2012 he had 62 rushes for 385 yards with the longest at 85 yards and had five TDs. In passing he threw 25 completions for 58 attempts, 246 yards, including one touchdown."

All of the Lion running backs return from last year. Greg Moore, Ed Williams, and George Nicasio were described as big and fast. Greg Moore is the Lions all time leading rusher at the school and holds the single season rushing title. "I hope he breaks his own record this year," said Mills.



"In his sophomore year he rushed for over 1,000 yards. Last year he sat out a game with a leg injury and rushed for only 700 yards. I am hoping for another 1,000 yard rushing season this year. Hopefully with Moore, Williams and Nicasio we can pound some teams and roll up the yardage."

The Lions runs a pro-set to spread-set offense. Defensive alignment is a 4-2-5.

The Lions have all their offensive line returning with the exception of the center. "Right now we are working on moving last year's right tackle, Andrew Caal, 5'10", 250 lbs. over to center. All of our linemen are seniors with the exception of two who are juniors."

"A lot of my kids play both ways. Greg Moore is my defensive end. Hunter Mills, a junior, who is an offensive lineman, plays linebacker" says Mills. "They have to strap it on and don't leave the game too often, so I have pretty much everyone returning on defense. Cameron Wilson, who is probably our most dynamic player on offense, we can give a breather on defense playing out on the corner."

"Last year we set a goal to make the playoffs," said Mills. "We achieved that goal. This year we set a goal to just not make the playoffs but win in the playoffs. I think that is an achievable goal, something we can reach. Hopefully we will get there if we are blessed without any injuries."



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To Go Where No Texas Team Has Been

Katy Owns 7 State Titles, No. 8 Within Reach in 2013

By Terry Carter

To reach a higher summit, athletes and coach naturally overtake others on the route to greatness.

For the Katy Tiger football team, the goal this fall is to repeat as state champions. It's a simple, solid goal very few can achieve. But in Katy it's become a tradition at least every four years.

On Dec. 22, 2012, the unbeaten Tigers completed a perfect campaign to claim a 16-0 record and the 5A-Division II state title.

In his nine seasons as head coach, Joseph has compiled a 123-11 career record that includes three state titles in 2007 (16-0), 2008 (13-3) and 2012 (16-0) and a winning percentage of 91.79.

Dulles head coach Jim Creech has been around long enough to remember the beginning of the Katy football program under the leadership of Johnston and Joseph.

"Gary was there in the 1980s when it all started, and people placate him. He was

we lost that day, it left a pretty bitter taste."

Even back then as a veteran defensive coordinator, Joseph was often seen by Katy's players picking up trash off the field and doing laundry. Gotte said his work ethic and motivations are clear for all to see.

"You know he cares and holds himself to those same high standards," Gotte said.

Having played in 11 state finals since the first finale in the 1990s, Katy players no longer experience surprise or intimidation when facing an opponent or walking into a new stadium.

"The mindset and culture here is the biggest thing that separates Katy," Gotte said. "The moment is never too big for them. And that has been feeding off itself so long, the kids are almost jaded in a good way. Our kids just don't get intimidated. They are focused on what they control. That makes them a hard team to beat."

After opening the 2008 season with the worst loss to The Woodlands, 0-47, followed immediately by a 6-10 defeat at the hands of North Shore. How does Katy respond?

The Tigers defeat Flower Mound Marcus, the team Gotte coached in 2008, 17-14 in week three and proceeded to win another state crown with a 13-3 record.

"They kind of got their mojo back at our expense," he added with a smile.

Dulles coach Creech put the advantage this way: "There may be a 7-point advantage before the game even starts when you play Katy. Teams show up and say, 'We have to play them — oh gosh...' Having that confidence is a big part of their success."

Morton Ranch head coach Dave Meadows used team speed to score 24 points against Katy in 2012. Unfortunately for Meadows, the aggressive Tigers responded with 62.

"By and large, the only way to beat a Katy team is be just like them," Meadows said. "It's fun to play against those teams to measure yourself. They are the real thing. I'm glad we don't play many Katys."

If you have read this far for details on the 2013 Katy Tigers, it's safe to assume the Tigers will be well above average again.

SUMMARY: KATY TIGERS

Returning: 22 Lettermen
 Starters: 2 offensive/4 defensive
 2012 Record: 16-0 5A/Division II State Champions, 7-0 in district
 Players To Watch: RB Rodney Anderson, TE Logan Lister, TE Sloan Spiller, DE Cody Gessler, LB Jacob Blomstrom

With the introduction of Kyle Porter, another versatile running back and receiver like backfield partner Rodney Anderson, Katy will find even more room for its passing game this fall.

Can Katy repeat as it did in 2008? Only time will tell, but right now, the race has begun for the summit.



Katy junior running back Rodney Anderson showed his speed against The Woodlands in a 63-10 victory in 2012. Now he is the primary runner for the Tigers as they defend their 5A state championship. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

December marked the seventh state championship for Katy football — and the sixth since 1997 when head coach Mike Johnston and defensive coordinator Gary Joseph solved the championship game riddle.

Now Katy's head coach, Joseph has three state championships in 2007, 2008 and 2012. He also has rings from the early dynasty days, which began with a state final appearance in 1994 and reached peaks in 1997, 2000 and 2003 before coach Johnston retired.

Beyond being one of the best defensive minds in Texas, Joseph also has tradition, quality coaches, a vast red-and-white community, good facilities, depth and talented players on his side in the pursuit of state championship No. 8.

Much of what makes the Katy Tigers great can be controlled by the coaches. Some of that greatness cannot be predicted nor adjusted.

Joseph has earned the respect of coaches across Texas by continuing Johnston's winning ways. It helps that Joseph has been at Katy since the 1980s and contributed to some of the championship traditions now faced at Rhodes Stadium when Katy plays.

there when the first brick of that program was laid," Creech said. "There's probably not a better defensive mind in high school football than Gary's. He's done just a phenomenal job keeping that program going.

Ingredients contributing to Katy's uncanny winning streak include, as Creech said: "The ocean of red" that fills the seats at Rhodes Stadium weekly; tremendous confidence passed down from your senior class to the next; "unreal

depth" and daily competition at every position.

The annual drive to reach the title game began in 1994 when the Tigers moved past Region III's best teams, beat Converse Judson and lost to Plano 28-7 in Katy's first championship game since 1959.

As current offensive coordinator B.J. Gotte, a 1997 Katy graduate, said recently, "Since 1994, the expectation he has been to get to that state game. When

The current, all-time state championship list from all classes of Texas football looks like this:

- 8 — Celina (1974*, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007)
- 8 — Southlake Carroll (1988, 1992, 1993, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2012)
- 7 — Katy (1959, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2012)
- 7 — Abilene (1923, 1928, 1931, 1954, 1955, 1956, 2009)
- 7 — Brownwood (1960, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1978, 1981)
- 7 — Plano (1965, 1967, 1971, 1977, 1986, 1987, 1994)
- 6 — Converse Judson (1983, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1995, 2002)
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- 6 — Richland Springs (2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- 6 — Waco (1922, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1945*, 1948)
- 6 — Wichita Falls (1941, 1949, 1950, 1958, 1961, 1969)

Texas teams with five state championships include: Lake Travis, Breckenridge, Fort Hancock, La Marque, Mart, Sealy, Stephenville.



Tiger quarterback Kiley Huddleston (15) returns for his senior season. Coaches say passing may be more common this fall with the veteran signal caller. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)



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Mayde Creek Making Progress

Rams Bring Talent, But Is It Enough in 19-5A?

By Terry Carter

The Mayde Creek Rams stormed to a 3-0 start last fall. Then they encountered the District 19-5A stone wall and staggered home to a 3-7 season record, including a 57-61 season-ending defeat against previously winless Taylor.

"The learning curve is very short in this district," Rams' head football coach Lance Carter said over the summer to describe the intense struggles presented by a quality football district.

"We let Cinco score two times against us when we were winning. We have got to find a way to finish football games this fall," Carter said.

To help the cause in 2013, Carter has worked on a substantial running game with quarterback Jacob Griese call running the show from the pistol. Several Ram players could see time in the backfield, including Nick Hanson, Sterling Brumant, Deandre Anderson and Kevin Burnett. Burnett has varsity experience and quality hands to pull down passes coming out of the backfield as well.

Hanson and Mark Simon, both defensive leaders, will also see action offensively as a blocking, receiving tight end. Hanson's speed will see him line up as a wide receiver with team speedster Justin Hall, Chris Williams and Ekow Amua-Sekyl.



At running back, McCormick gained 3,361 rushing yards in the past three seasons. In his senior season alone, he ran for 1,768 yards and 22 touchdowns. McCormick is now bringing his speed to Utah on a full scholarship where Ram coach Carter believes he will make a big impact.

Defensively, linebacker/defensive end Hanson, aggressive defensive end Simon and junior defensive back Shonquille Atkins will lead an opportunistic group. All three are hard-hitting impact players, and Atkins came down with three interceptions and a touchdown return as a sophomore in 2012.

"Shonquille started almost all games for us last year. He hawks the ball. In 7 on 7 this summer, if he has one interception, he has 15," the Mayde Creek coach said.

Outside linebackers Andrew Smith and William Nunez will contribute to a stronger defensive unit than the Rams have fielded in recent years.

With approximately 270 players in the Mayde Creek football program and 70 on varsity this fall, the Rams are making strides toward continued improvement.

Carter, whose career heading coaching record is 28-42 with a 1-3 postseason record, has brought in assistant coaches with a total of 10 state championship rings from years of gridiron success.

He hopes those veteran coaches, including defensive coordinator Randy Dennis with four consecutive state championships at Sealy from 1994-97, will help locate the missing links in the Rams football program.

Last fall Mayde Creek held a 10-7 halftime lead over Memorial and nearly knocked off Morton Ranch, Strake Jesuit and Taylor in four consecutive weeks. With another strong start, the Rams believe they have a chance to earn several 19-5A victories this time.



Mayde Creek head coach Lance Carter has the personnel to challenge for more victories in 2013. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

SUMMARY: MAYDE CREEK RAMS

Returning: 23 Lettermen
Starters: 1 offensive/2 defensive
2012 Record: 3-7, 0-7 in district
Players To Watch: FB/LB Nick Hanson (6-1, 220), OL Lucas Day (6-7, 270)

"This year our quarterback Jacob Griese will be big at quarterback. Jacob can implement the quarter-back run game and keep reads," Carter said.

Combined with a larger offensive line led by college tackle prospect Lucas Day at 6-7, 270-pound, the Mayde Creek ground game appears solid despite the graduation of Ram all-time rushing leader Troy McCormick.

Kicker: Remember the Name: Kevin Adeboyejo

Athleticism Attracts Immediate Attention

By Terry Carter

If the name Kevin Adeboyejo doesn't ring a bell with District 19-5A football fans, it's because the basketball player has not stepped on the artificial turf yet.

The Morton Ranch senior has played power forward at Morton Ranch and done well. However it took him years of growth — and academic achievement — to convince his parents that trying out for football was an acceptable choice. Adeboyejo has been a football fan

for years and enjoys the Dallas Cowboys.

When his parents granted permission for Adeboyejo to try out this year, the 6-3, 210-pound senior surprised Morton Ranch head football coach Dave Meadows at spring workouts.

Meadows' immediate reaction may have been a bit hasty, but the coach knew varsity football for a first-year player was beyond the reach of many.



The Morton Ranch defense returns eight starters and picks up a new talent in defensive end Kevin Adeboyejo, who will wear #44. Expect the Mavs to use speed and strength to improve their defensive play in 2013. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

"I told him in the offseason I didn't know if he could make it through our workouts, our program," Meadows explained. "He's tall and long, and our fitness programs are not easy. I didn't think he could do it. But he showed me pretty quick he was an athlete and ready to go."

With pads on during spring drills and during the Morton Ranch spring game, Adeboyejo used a blinding first step to reach the backfield and disrupt plays from the defensive end position.

Meadows left the spring game knowing he had found his starting defensive end for the fall. Having worked with exceptional talents like DeSoto defensive end Vaughn Miller, now with the Denver Broncos, in the past, Meadows comments to college coaches and recruiters carried some weight.

"I coached Vaughn Miller (at DeSoto and now NFL Denver Broncos), and Adeboyejo's first three steps are just as quick. He is not as fast, but he is in relentless pursuit of the football. His motor runs high too, a lot like Vaughn's," Meadows said. "He has not played a down yet, but already has an offer. And a lot of college coaches want to talk to him."

One college, Iowa State, made an offer before Adeboyejo played a single game. Other schools Adeboyejo said are talking to him include Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas State and Southern Arkansas.

With cousins Michael Adeboyejo playing football at North Texas and Quincy Adeboyejo at Ole Miss, Kevin hopes he learns the game's techniques quickly and thrives while working in the weight room and improving his speed.

With a 3.5 grade point average, Kevin has shown his academic prowess. Now he is ready to test his mettle on the gridiron while the opportunity awaits.

"He will be a difference maker for us. Teams will run away from him," Meadows said. "He has about the same skill set as our kid (Danielle Hunter) at LSU, but not near the experience. It will be fun to watch him this fall as he learns the game."

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Good News Sparks Maverick Playoff Hopes



Achelus, Gurley Bring Speed Galore to Gridiron

By Terry Carter

Morton Ranch head football coach Dave Meadows understands championship football better than most.

After his first decade as a head coach in Oklahoma, Meadows had captured three state championships at Clinton and posted an impressive 123-31 record. Katy fans will immediately compare that number. However it's clear that Meadows knows talent when he sees it, and his career numbers have put him in an enviable spot on the all-time wins list.

His career record is now 286-120 — 14 wins away from his 300th career coaching victory. Is the number within reach this fall? Possibly, but only if the Mavericks reach uncharted excellence in 2013 with a state-championship determination.

Ask Meadows if that 300th win could happen before Christmas, and he'll say, "It depends on what happens between now and then."

It's not his focal point. But good things are happening right now to help the Maverick program.

Recently Meadows heard very good news regarding the District 19-5A's sixth-leading rusher, senior E.J. Achelus, who completed summer classes to be eligible for the fall. As Meadows suggested in early August, if Achelus stays eligible, he could easily be among the quickest, most dangerous running backs in Texas.

In only five games, Achelus (5-9, 180) with 4.28 speed gained 1,019 yards for a 14.77-yard average and nine touchdowns. He led all rushers in the area when he stopped playing last year.

"E.J. may be the best pure runner I've ever seen, and I've worked with (Kansas City Chiefs running back) Cyrus Gray (at DeSoto)," Meadows said "E.J. runs like O.J. Simpson."

While that production has raised recruiting eyebrows — some consider Achelus to be a top 10 rushing pick in the country — many know the big plays are only possible if the senior can balance academics and athletics.

Currently Achelus has 2,107 career rushing yards. 2012 senior Deion Williams — who led District 19-5A with 1,807 yards in the regular season — finished with 3,453 career yards and 28 touchdowns. If Achelus wants to eclipse that standard, it's within reach.

Offensively tailback/receiver Jordan Ramirez will be one

of several key receivers this fall. Meadows lists Ramirez as the "best open field runner we have." With quarterback Ryan Burciaga running a young, quick offense, a lack of turnovers will be crucial to the Mavs' success.

Despite his speed, Achelus is not the fastest M a v e r i c k taking the field this fall. Junior t a i l b a c k / l i n e b a c k e r Navvon Gurley with 4.26 speed in the 40-yard dash will also see time in the backfield. His primary job in 2012 was flattening opposing rushers in the secondary. With 38 tackles, 13 quarterback pressures and three sacks, Gurley impressed coaches enough to earn second-team, all-district honors.

Gurley will be mentoring very few on defense as the Mavericks return eight starters. One new face already making a difference is first-year, senior defensive end Kevin Adeboyejo at 6-3, 220 pounds with 4.6 speed. Coach Meadows expects his quickness to add pressure to an already-solid Morton Ranch defensive unit.



The Morton Ranch defense returns eight starters and picks up a new talent in defensive end Kevin Adeboyejo, who will wear #44. Expect the Mavs to use speed and strength to improve their defensive play in 2013. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

Linebackers Von Johnson, Brandon Taylor, Justin Thiobodeaux, cornerbacks Colton Hughes and Sebastian Arizala, and safety Avery Ross — another high-octane speedster — will team with defensive lineman Steven Kana to shut down many teams in 2013.

Last year the Mavericks were involved in numerous offensive slugfests against Katy (62-24), Cinco Ranch (38-35), Mayde Creek (41-35), Taylor (56-48) and Seven Lakes (31-30). This fall Morton Ranch is likely to post more than one shutout with authority.

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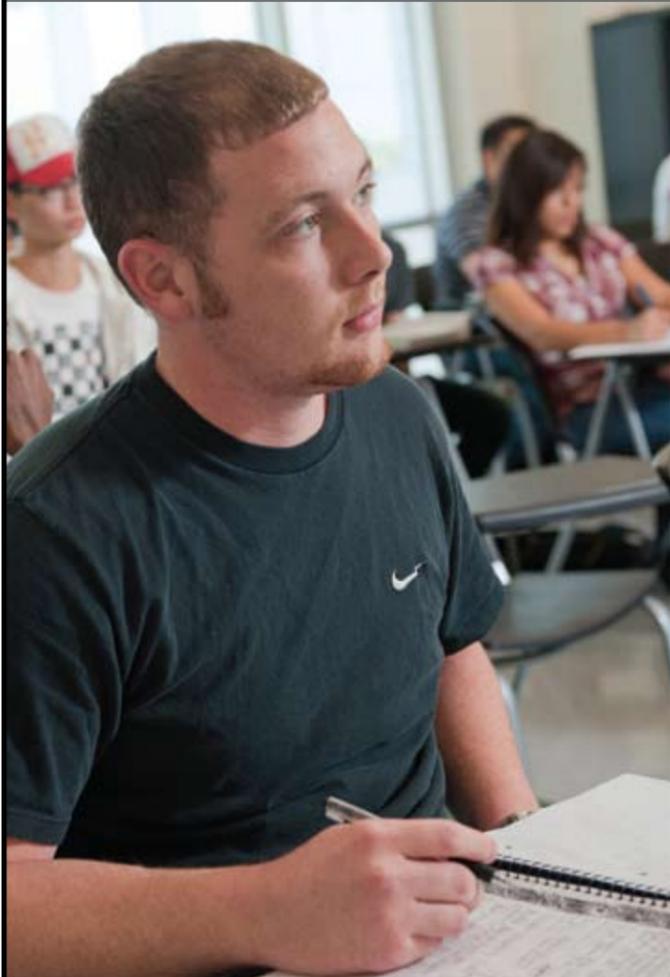
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Remembering the Good Old Days

Taylor Focuses on Winning Ways

By Terry Carter



When Taylor opened, the varsity Mustangs defeated Katy from 1982-1985 and again in 1987 as new Tiger coach Mike Johnston settled in before building a red-and-white dynasty.

Early successes propelled Taylor to the Region III quarterfinals in 1986, which is the best playoff run in Mustang football history — along with 2008 when head football coach Flint Risien made his first postseason run.

SUMMARY: TAYLOR MUSTANGS

Returning: 30 Lettermen
 Starters: 7 offensive/6 defensive
 2012 Record: 1-9, 1-6 in district
 Player To Watch: Senior QB Clay Hologorsen (209-339-10 passing for 2,078 yards, 20 TDs)

“We had a chance to beat Cinco Ranch, Morton Ranch. And we did beat Mayde Creek. We just lacked confidence to make big plays in those games. But in many of our games we were winning or tied at halftime.”

215 pounds will lead a defensive game changer and perhaps the defensive ingredient the Mustang defense has needed at key moments. His 4.6 speed and tackle totals are attracting college looks from Big 12 schools, according to Risien.

Risien studied each game carefully and concluded with a few key plays, Taylor could have posted a .500 record and perhaps been in playoff contention last fall. “I analyzed those losses, and if we made just three plays in those games, it would have had a profound effect,” he said. “It’s the inches we have to command on big plays.”

Quarterback Clay Hologorsen, who passed for 2,078 yards and 20 touchdowns, will be the offensive focal point for Taylor. He will need several receivers after Robby Wells and Grant Phillips, who led District 19-5A with 48 catches each, graduated.

Receivers stepping in include Kyle Schuberth, Ryan Mundt, Caleb Belton, David Myers and Garros Murchinson.

With the hot hand of quarterback Clay Hologorsen under center for his senior season, Taylor will be a threat to upend several playoff-bound teams. Hologorsen led 19-5A with 2,078 passing yards, 20 TD passes, 209 completions and 339 pass attempts.

If Hologorsen can minimize the interceptions and the Mustang defense delivers consistently, the 2013 Taylor football squad could reach the postseason again.

“Clay had an excellent spring, but we need the receivers to catch the ball and the line to keep him healthy,” Risien said. “We have to spread the ball out so it’s not all on Clay.”

With more dedication to the offseason weight and fitness program, as well as a bigger offensive line, Taylor coaches have taken quality steps. Running backs Dylan Paul and Dane Myers will be called on to provide a substantial rushing attack. Both senior did not play football last year in favor of baseball, but the pair are athletic and should boost the power run game.

Defensively senior inside linebacker Cullen Gillaspia at 6-3,



Taylor senior quarterback Clay Hologorsen will be passing and running again this fall after throwing for a district-high 2,078 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2012. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

The Mustangs will need sure-handed receivers this fall like junior Tray Irving (6) to pick apart secondaries. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

After a 2-year slump, the Taylor Mustang football team spent the spring focused on the gridiron basics and positives from a 1-9 season in 2012. “During the spring season, we knew we needed to take things back to ground level,” coach Risien said. “We tried different approaches to energize the kids.” In seven District 19-5A games, Taylor executed a competitive game plan in five contests. Only Katy and Memorial pulled away early.

Strake Jesuit squeezed out a 21-20 victory, which set a tone for district. Seven Lakes won by 10 points, and annual playoff qualifier Cinco Ranch needed a rally to win 21-17 over the hungry Mustangs.

Playing Moron Ranch on Nov. 2 after an 0-8 start, Taylor demonstrated the determined mindset Risien requires. The Mavericks won 56-48 in overtime, but Taylor pushed them to the edge with 13 unanswered fourth-quarter points.

However Morton Ranch delivered a record-breaking rushing effort to earn the victory.

Then came the biggest endurance test for Taylor in 2012. The Mustangs tackled a fired-up Mayde Creek squad, which had opened with three non-district wins followed by six straight losses, on Nov. 9. After nine consecutive defeats, some wondered if Taylor had enough in the tank to win.

Both squads entered Rhodes Stadium determined to end the 2012 season with a victory. What ensued was among the best Taylor-Mayde Creek games ever. Offensively 118 points lit up the scoreboard. Taylor scored the game’s final 14 points to win 61-57 against the feisty Rams.

Still the Mustang-Fight-Never-Dies attitude found a way to win. “There were only two games we were not in,” Risien said.



Cullen Gillaspia (33) will be a terror on defense for the Taylor Mustangs this fall. Teams will work away from this linebacker when possible. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)



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Falcons Ready To Try Out Their Wings

By Tom Behrens CoveringKaty.com

The Tompkins Falcons, the newest high school in Katy ISD, open their football season Aug. 29 against Aldine Davis High School. The game will be played at Tompkins, 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd., Katy.

Seventy-five boys have reported for preseason drills. "We don't cut any players, which means all these boys will have a chance to see some action," says head football coach and athletic director, Tony Tademy. "We would like to go with one sub-varsity (JV) team and two freshman teams this year. If we don't have the numbers to put that together, we will have one sub-varsity and one freshman team."

The 2013 schedule includes one scrimmage and 10 games for both freshman and JV teams.

The Falcons will play its first varsity football season in 2014. The student body is composed of students residing in various neighborhoods currently zoned to Seven Lakes and Katy high schools.

Starting a new school, building a football program, what's it like?

"It's establishing new traditions and excitement," said Tademy. Tademy in 2012



Katy's newest high school will play freshman and JV teams.

was an assistant coach at Duncanville High School, and before that an assistant coach for seven years at Texas Christian University.

"This year the biggest thing is to create a strong foundation. When you start a new school, you start from square one. I talk to the kids about getting better every day. Two weeks ago, just finding out where the weight room was, where the locker rooms were, meeting rooms, practice field was a big thing. We want to win, but we want to build it one step at a time."

What's New, Mighty Tiger?

RB Anderson Brings Life to Ground Game

By Terry Carter

With B.J. Gotte directing the Katy offense, records were challenged and fell in 2012 as the Tiger won 16 consecutive games thanks to a staggering ground game.

Not a bad performance for the first-year offensive coordinator. Fortunately for 1997 Katy graduate Gotte, he has years of experience running the offenses at top 5A programs, including La Marque and Flower Mound Marcus before returning to Katy in 2009.

Katy scored a record 829 points while rushing for 5,453 yards and throwing for another 1,652. The Tigers gained an unprecedented 7,105 total yards for average of 52 points and 444 yards per game.

Senior running back Adam Taylor's 2,753 rushing yards and 44 touchdowns set individual records in 2012. Helping the ground game were several other contributors named Rodney Anderson (864 yards, 24 TDs), Alex Fisher (452 yards, 7 TDs) and Ricky Bickham (718 yards, 12 TDs).

Now it's time to put the "featured back" spotlight on 6-0, 205-pound junior Rodney Anderson. Anderson said he has been looking forward to this starting role since he can remember.

Talk has started that Anderson could finish his high school career as Katy's all-time leading rusher. Starting as a freshman helped Anderson post 1,167 rushing yards and a dozen scores. His career numbers are: 2,031 yards for an 8.15-yard average and 38 touchdowns.

As a freshman, Anderson walked on the Katy campus and dressed out at 175 pounds. He was strong and quick at most levels of competition, but Katy battle teams like North Shore and The Woodlands that can be a cut above varsity level. However with solid blocking, Anderson started successfully as Adam Taylor healed a knee injury.

Now 30 pounds more muscular and entering his junior season, Anderson is quicker and more powerful. He has also developed a solid reputation as a receiver who catches nearly every ball and runs solid routes.



Junior running back, Rodney Anderson could finish his high school career as Katy's all-time leading rusher. Photo by Diana L. Porter

When Anderson verbally committed to Texas A&M on the weekend of Aug. 10 before his junior season started, it was apparent that many top schools have seen the Division I talent emerging from Katy backfields. It's also likely Anderson will continue to hear from Baylor, Texas and others until they are certain Anderson's decision is final.

Talk to Anderson, and he is calm and careful with his word choice. He wants the Tigers to reach the championship again, but how it happens is of little concern to him personally.

Talk to his offensive coordinator, B.J. Gotte, and you hear more.

"Rodney is deceptively fast. He is a slashing-type runner. I compare him to Eric Dickerson because he has that long stride," Gotte said.

Anderson describes his running style as "one cut and go."

Either way, Anderson will lead the ground game this fall as senior quarterback Kiley Huddleston, running back Kyle Porter and fullbacks Clint Findley or Kyle Williams form the nucleus to another offensive Big Red Machine in 2013.

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Klingler To The Rescue



Cougar Air Force, Defense To Lead Way in 2013

By Terry Carter

SUMMARY: CINCO RANCH COUGARS

Returning: 24 Lettermen
Starters: 2 offensive/5 defensive
2012 Record: 8-4 5A/Division I Area
Finalist, 5-2 in district
Players To Watch: QB Luke Klingler,
SS Trent Soechting, DE Tobi Ilesanmi

Defensively the Cinco Ranch Cougars will be a matchup challenge for opponents this fall.

With five starters returning on defense, Cinco Ranch features a leading returning tackler in strong safety Trent Soechting (6-2, 200, 4.6) with 117 tackles in 2012, as well as play makers DE Tobi Ilesanmi (6-4, 230) and DB Nick Mika (6-2, 190) with his 4.5 speed.

Mika pulled down three interceptions last year and expects to join Soechting and Ilesanmi on the District

19-5A All-District Team in 2013. The latter two earned Second Team honors in 2012.

“We are excited about the defensive side of the ball this fall,” Cinco Ranch head football coach Don Clayton said. “We have about 80-84 varsity players out, and we should be pretty strong.”

Offensively Luke Klingler will be the starting quarterback after overcoming a knee injury that occurred days before the 2012 Cougars season opener. He missed the whole 2012 season and is ready to take the reins

Klingler had his knee protected during summer 7on7 contests, but his passing arm and mobility appear good. If the Cougars can deliver the best effort this fall, they will be back in a more competitive postseason race in District 19-5A.

With a passing quarterback in the pocket, Clayton knows pass protection will be critical, and the aerial game is likely to take command on play calling.

“This year we will probably throw the ball more than we have in the last six years,” Clayton said. “Luke throws extremely well, and we have a very solid group of receivers. We’ll take what teams give us.”

Teams that are balanced are usually the most successful. That’s because it’s difficult to stop the run and pass cold,” he explained. “Luke has been getting a lot of attention. There is strong interest from Texas Tech. And he’s not letting his injury dictate what he can do. He’s ready to go.”

The offensive line will be greatly helped by junior move-in tackle/guard Isaiah Edwards, who stands 6-7 and weights 370. Edwards made an



The Cinco Ranch defense will be leading the way this fall as hard hitting is exchanged in all District 19-5A contests. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

impression during spring drills, and Clayton expects Edwards to make Klingler’s job at quarterback a bit smoother, even with two returning guards in Toby Smith and Tanner Pope.

Three running backs will split time in the Cinco Ranch backfield. Blake Hirsch (5-11, 195) is a hard-nosed rusher while running back Denzell Bates has outside speed and will see action on special teams. Junior Jonathan Lugo will also work in the backfield for starting time.

Klingler’s top receivers appear to be Sam Straughan, Geryn Young and junior Cory Cenicerros. All have 4.6-4.7 speed and solid hands for Klingler’s high-octane passes.

Trent Bowles will return as the Cinco Ranch punter after posting nearly a 40-yard average in 2012. Kicker Jared Barrera, who booted five field goals, will also keep the kicking game strong for the team.



Cougar running back Denzell Bates (5) average 7.4 yards per carry in 2012. He will likely see more carries and better results for Cinco Ranch this fall. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

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Katy ISD Football Schedules

Katy High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/29/2013	7:00 PM	Klein	A-Reliant Stadium
9/5/2013	7:00 PM	Alief Taylor	A-Crump Stadium
9/14/2013	6:00 PM	The Woodlands	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/20/2013	7:00 PM	Mayde Creek	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/26/2013	7:00 PM	Morton Ranch	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/11/2013	7:00 PM	Taylor	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/18/2013	7:00 PM	Seven Lakes	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/26/2013	6:00 PM	Strake Jesuit	A-Tully Stadium
11/2/2013	11:00 AM	Cinco Ranch	A-Rhodes Stadium
11/8/2013	7:00 PM	Memorial	H-Rhodes Stadium

Taylor High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/23/2013	7:30 PM	Langham Creek	A-Langham Creek HS
8/31/2013	6:00 PM	Cy Fair	A-Pidgeon Stadium
9/6/2013	7:00 PM	Klein	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/14/2013	7:00 PM	College Park	A-Woodforest Bank Stadium
9/27/2013	7:00 PM	Strake Jesuit	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/3/2013	7:00 PM	Seven Lakes	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/11/2013	7:00 PM	Katy	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/19/2013	11:00 AM	Cinco Ranch	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/26/2013	11:00 AM	Memorial	H-Rhodes Stadium
11/2/2013	7:30 PM	Morton Ranch	A-Rhodes Stadium
11/9/2013	11:00 AM	Mayde Creek	H-Rhodes Stadium

Seven Lakes High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/30/2013	7:00 PM	Fort Bend Kempner	A-Mercer Stadium
9/5/2013	7:00 PM	Clear Brook	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/12/2013	7:00 PM	Fort Bend Travis	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/28/2013	7:00 PM	Mayde Creek	A-Mayde Creek HS
10/3/2013	7:00 PM	Taylor	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/11/2013	7:00 PM	Strake Jesuit	A-Crusader Stadium
10/18/2013	7:00 PM	Katy	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/26/2013	6:00 PM	Cinco Ranch	H-Rhodes Stadium
11/1/2013	7:00 PM	Memorial	A-Tully Stadium
11/7/2013	7:00 PM	Morton Ranch	H-Rhodes Stadium

Cinco Ranch High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/23/2013	6:30 PM	Stratford Spartans	H-CRHS-Competition Field/Track
8/29/2013	7:00 PM	Cypress Ranch Mustangs	A-Berry Center Stadium
9/7/2013	7:00 PM	Cypress Ridge Rams	A-Rhodes Stadium
9/13/2013	7:00 PM	Noth Shore Mustangs	A-Rhodes Stadium
9/26/2013	7:00 PM	Memorial Mustangs	A-Tully Stadium
10/4/2013	7:00 PM	Morton Ranch Mavericks	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/12/2013	7:00 PM	Mayde Creek Rams	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/19/2013	11:00 AM	Taylor Mustangs	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/26/2013	6:00 PM	Seven Lakes Spartans	A-Rhodes Stadium
11/2/2013	11:00 AM	Katy Tigers	A-Rhodes Stadium
11/8/2013	7:00 PM	Strake Jesuit Crusaders	A-Crusader Stadium

Morton Ranch High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/30/2013	7:00 PM	Tomball HS	H-Rhodes Stadium
9/5/2013	7:00 PM	Ft. Bend Austin HS	A-Mercer Stadium
9/13/2013	7:00 PM	Alief Hasting HS	A-Crump Stadium
9/26/2013	7:00 PM	Katy HS	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/4/2013	7:00 PM	Cinco Ranch HS	A-Rhodes Stadium
10/10/2013	7:00 PM	Memorial HS	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/19/2013	6:00 PM	Strake Jesuit HS	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/25/2013	7:00 PM	Mayde Creek HS	A-Rhodes Stadium
11/2/2013	7:30 PM	James E Taylor HS	H-Rhodes Stadium
11/7/2013	7:00 PM	Seven Lakes HS	A-Rhodes Stadium

Mayde Creek High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/23/2013	TBA	Cy Ranch	A-Cy Ranch HS
8/30/2013	7:00 PM	Cy Springs	A-Pidgeon Stadium
9/6/2013	7:00 PM	Cy Lakes	A-Berry Center Stadium
9/12/2013	7:00 PM	Tomball	A-Tomball Field
9/20/2013	7:00 PM	Katy	A-Rhodes Stadium
9/28/2013	6:00 PM	Seven Lakes	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/12/2013	7:00 PM	Cinco Ranch	H-Rhodes Stadium
10/19/2013	6:00 PM	Memorial	A-Tully Stadium
10/25/2013	7:00 PM	Morton Ranch	H-Rhodes Stadium
11/1/2013	7:00 PM	Strake Jesuit	H-Rhodes Stadium
11/9/2013	11:00 AM	Taylor	A-Rhodes Stadium

Tompkins High School

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/29/2013	7:30 PM	Aldine Davis	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
9/12/2013	4:30 PM	Ridge Point High School	A-Ridge Point High School
9/19/2013	6:15 PM	James E. Taylor High School	A-James E Taylor HS
9/25/2013	4:30 PM	Morton Ranch High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
10/3/2013	4:30 PM	Cinco Ranch High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
10/10/2013	4:30 PM	Mayde Creek High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
10/17/2013	4:30 PM	Katy High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
10/24/2013	4:30 PM	Seven Lakes High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
10/31/2013	4:30 PM	Morton Ranch High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track
11/7/2013	6:15 PM	James E. Taylor High School	H-OTHS-Competition Field/Track

Pope John XXIII High School			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/30/2013	7:30 PM	Hitchcock ISD	Home
9/6/2013	7:30 PM	Brenham ISD	A-Away
9/13/2013	7:00 PM	John Paul II Plano	Home
9/20/2013	7:30 PM	Bay Area Christian	A-Away
10/4/2013	7:00 PM	Second Baptist	A-Away
10/11/2013	7:00 PM	Westbury Christian	Home
10/18/2013	7:00 PM	Lutheran South	Home
10/25/2013	7:00 PM	Fort Bend Christian	Home

Faith West Academy			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/24/2013	10:30 AM	Alpha Omega Academy	A-Alpha Omega Academy-Huntsville
8/31/2013	7:00 PM	Emery/Weiner	H-Kerr Field
9/6/2013	7:00 PM	Clear Lake Christian	H-Kerr Field
9/13/2013	7:00 PM	Sam Marcos Home School	A-Away
9/27/2013	7:00 PM	Baytown Christian	H-Kerr Field
10/4/2013	7:00 PM	Mount Carmel (Homecoming)	H-Kerr Field
10/11/2013	7:00 PM	High Island	A-High Island High School
10/19/2013	5:00 PM	Bastrop Tribe Consolidated	H-Kerr Field
10/25/2013	6:30 PM	Good Smaritan Fellowship	H-Kerr Field
11/1/2013	7:00 PM		H-Kerr Field
11/7/2013	TBA	Ironman Independent Tapps Tournament	A-Away
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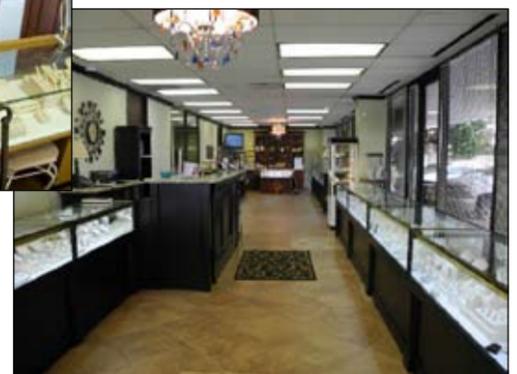
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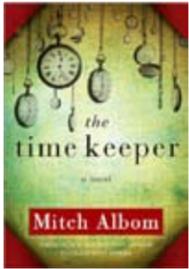
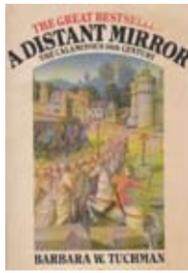
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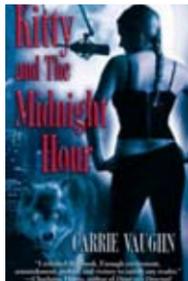
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Evening Book Club will meet Monday, September 9th, at 7 p.m. They will be discussing "A Distant Mirror: the Calamitous 14th Century" by Barbara W. Tuchman.



The Afternoon Book Club will meet on September 12th, at 1 p.m. They will be discussing "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom.

The Just Desserts Mystery Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 2 p.m. at Maud Marks Library. They will be discussing "Kitty and the Midnight Hour" by Carrie Vaughn. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dessert to eat while they discuss whether the villains get their just desserts. For more information call 281-492-8592.



Fulshear Book Clubs

The Fulshear Night Readers Guild will meet on Monday, August 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library. The book to be discussed is "The Eyre Affair" by Jasper Fforde.



Library Programs

Cinco Ranch Library

Learn How To Buy & Sell On Ebay

Has your child outgrown his clothes and you'd like to sell them? Do you need to replace a hubcap that flew off on the freeway? The online auction website eBay connects buyers and sellers from around the world in one convenient "virtual" marketplace. The Adult Services staff at Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy, will present "The Basics of Buying and Selling on eBay" on Thursday, September 5, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Computer Lab.

The Adult Services staff will provide a general introduction to eBay. Those attending will learn how to post items for sale and how to bid on items that are for sale. They will also learn how monetary transactions take place. Participants in the class should have a basic understanding of computers and should have a working email address.

The class is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Participants may register by calling the library at 281-395-1311, or by visiting the library.

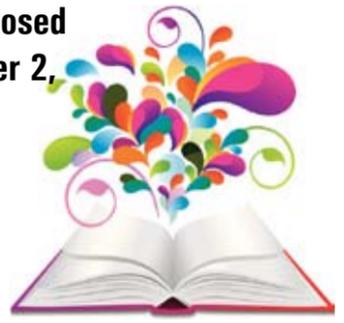
Learn How To Download ebooks

Did you get a new Kindle or Nook, but you're not sure how to use it? Fort Bend County Libraries will present an introductory program, "Shift Into OverDrive: An eReader Workshop," on Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Computer Lab, at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd.

Learn how to download eBooks to your mobile reading device from the library's online digital library collection, OverDrive, or from online bookstores. Those attending the class should bring their library-card number and PIN, and their Amazon and Adobe usernames and passwords if they have them.

The class is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Calendar," select "Cinco Ranch Branch Library," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-395-1311, or by visiting the library.

Libraries will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.



Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton

Get Tips On Preparing Finances For Retirement

Fort Bend County Libraries' Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will present "Preparing Financially for Retirement" on Monday, September 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 8100 FM 359 South in Fulshear.

David Farmer and Verlinca Prince, consultants from a financial services company, will talk about basic money management, options for saving money, and steps to take to prepare financially for retirement.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-4675.

Job-Search Tips For New College Grads

Fort Bend County Libraries' Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will present a webinar for recent college graduates and young professionals, "Mastering Job-Search Skills for Recent College Grads" on Monday, September 9, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 8100 FM 359 South in Fulshear.

Career expert and hiring manager Heather R. Huhman will provide tips on breaking into the job market when one has little professional experience and is competing in a pool flooded with other, more experienced candidates. Learn strategies that will help a candidate stand out in the job market, such as creating stellar resumés with attention-grabbing keywords, networking with college contacts and resources, and much more.

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Devotional reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-17



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Uniting For A Common Goal

Jacqueline Lammert, CPA and Senior Director – Houston Metro Living Water International reports:

"We at Living Water International are so excited to be partnering with Chick-fil-A as we attempt a feat not yet achieved: on-going funding for our neighbors in Northern Haiti so they no longer have to drink from filthy water sources. The funds raised by the 2013 CFA Summer Campaign will be used to provide clean water to some of the driest places in Haiti. Haitians communities will be engaged to learn the importance of hygiene and sanitation to their overall health. Nationals will be taught how to operate and maintain their new wells. Partnerships with local Haitian churches will be created. Because of the generosity of 55 Chick-fil-A stores in the Houston Metro area and the Houston Community, our neighbors in Haiti will have clean, sustainable water. We know there is water deep, underneath the ground in Northern Haiti. Your involvement in this Campaign will bring it to the surface! Thank you for helping the thirsty of Haiti. Chick-fil-A is awesome."

Building Wells

It only costs about \$5,000 to build a well in Haiti, providing a clean water source to a community. Rusty Wylie shares, "This is a unique opportunity to be able to serve those in need. It is our pleasure to help bring clean water to those in need in Haiti through our partnership with Living Water International. Our goal is for us to raise enough funds to build two wells in that area. We see this initiative as something we can do — and what we can do, we should do, and what we should do, we must do! We'd like to thank our team and our community for their generous support."

"We really want to do something bigger than ourselves. We see this as something real and tangible that both our team members and community will support."

Rusty Wylie Operator, Chick-fil-A Mason Road & Cinco Ranch

Fun Filled Benefit Days

Although the entire month of August is dedicated to partnering with the community to generate funding for providing clean water to those in need, two special benefit days stole the show. On Monday, August 19th at Chick-fil-A Mason Road and Tuesday, August 20th at Chick-fil-A Cinco Ranch, a money machine dubbed the Whirlwind of Hope swirled prize slips around each customer donating \$5 to Living Water International. Supporters stepped inside the machine to win Chick-fil-A coupons for free food, merchandise, special parties and more! Family, friends, and coworkers alike came to participate in the fun from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and had a blast while supporting a great cause.



(Pictured Right to Left) Chick-fil-A® Cinco Ranch & Chick-fil-A Mason Road Operator Rusty Wylie, Courtney Holmes, and Terri Cook don their Living Water International Shirts along with team members to promote providing Clean Water to Haiti.

Goals For The Future

With the financial help of the Chick-fil-A partnership and others, Living Water International will engage on one specific commune that will have communities identified for new water points, and these will form a "WASH Program Area" (WPA). The key elements of a WPA include:

- Focusing on a specific area for a number of years to allow for long-term relationships
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Houston's one-day cycling fundraiser is the ADA's fastest-growing Tour in the country, raising a staggering \$2 million during four years of pedaling. Registration has grown from over 900 cyclists in 2009 to 1800 in 2012. With new support from the Houston Dynamo, continued growth for the fifth annual Houston Tour de Cure is promising.

"I'm honored to be representing the Dynamo and assisting the American Diabetes Association with this year's Tour de Cure," Canetti said. "This is an important health issue in our society, and we are pleased to be playing a small role in creating awareness and raising funds to help the fight."

With more than 26 million children and adults in the United States suffering from diabetes, the disease is worthy of a fight. One-third of those affected are not aware they have the condition, and more than 79 million Americans are teetering on the pre-diabetic cliff. Every 21 seconds someone in this country receives the diabetes diagnosis. If current trends continue, one in three children born today will develop this chronic and life-threatening disease in their lifetime.

The ADA's Tour de Cure is a nationwide campaign that also takes that fight seriously. Active in 44 states, the Tours raise money to help fund diabetes research, education and advocacy. In 2011, more than 55,000 cyclists in 80 tour events raised more than \$18 million to support the mission of ADA: To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The Houston Tour de Cure is more than a bike ride. It is designed as a healthy, fun and engaging event for the entire family. Routes of 10, 27, 47, 63 and 100 miles offer options for novice, occasional and expert cyclists and are safe and fully supported with route marshals, SAG vehicles, mechanical support, and rest stops stocked with hydration and a variety of snacks. At the finish line, riders are welcomed with cheering volunteers, complimentary food and beverages, live music, a massage



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tent, and family-friendly activities.

All ride routes will start and finish in front of Katy Mills Mall at AutoNation Nissan Katy, 25550 Kingsland Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494. Registration is now open for individuals and teams. Interested riders may visit www.diabetes.org/tour, select Texas and then Houston event to sign-up. Registration is \$25 per person. Fundraising minimums follow: children 12 and under, \$50; children 13-17, \$100; adults, \$150.

Visit the Houston ADA Tour Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HoustonADATourdeCure for more information and updates.

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For more information about the event, visit www.Facebook.com/MDAndersonKaty. To learn more about the MD Anderson Regional Care Center in Katy visit www.MDAnderson.org/Katy.



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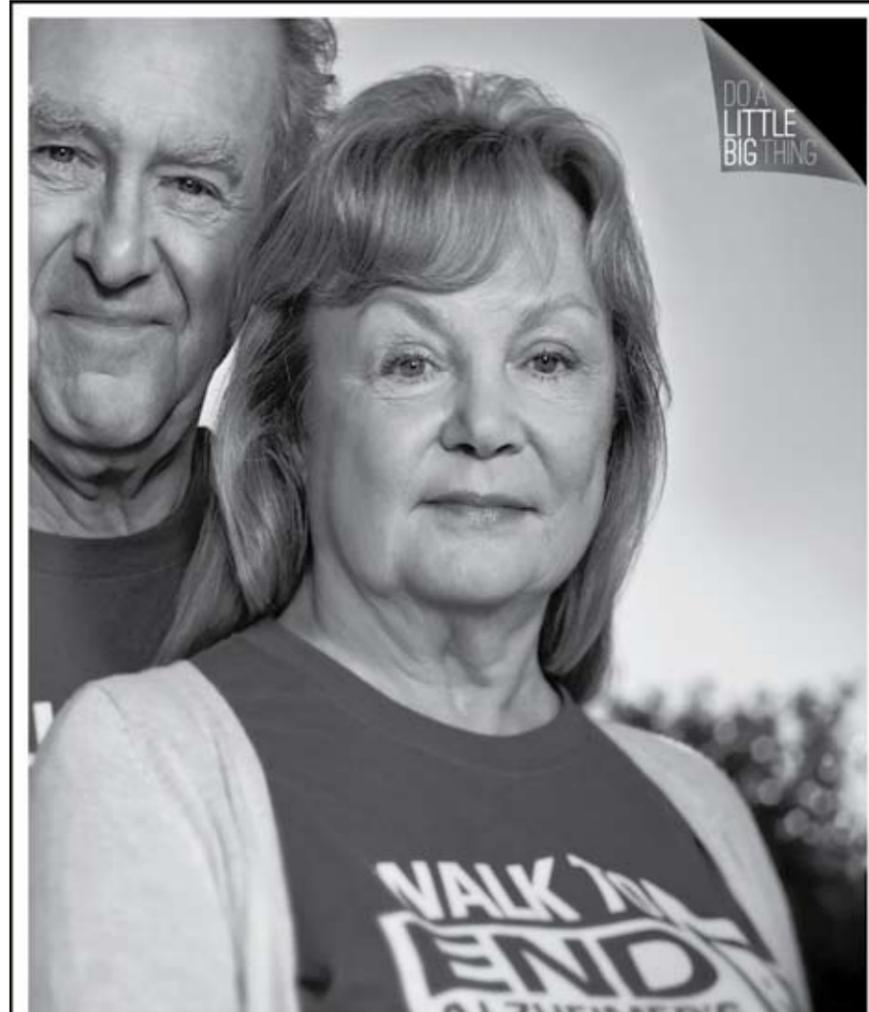
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Cinco Ranch PTSA Garage Sale

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Katy Sports

Cole Chandler - Winning Attitude On and Off the Field

By Ahmard Vital

Going into the 2013 season, Katy Taylor linebacker Cole Chandler will likely have a new outlook on things. For starters, this will be his first season playing on the varsity level, which is something that he has obviously looked forward to his entire high school career. And even though this will be new and uncharted waters for him as it pertains to athletics, off the field he has already taken on a new level of maturity and responsibility.

That is because a series of life-changing events took place last year that have drastically transformed his life for the better. Of course, like many transformations, it came from a painful experience.

In mid September 2012, it seemed like a routine day for Chandler: go to school and finish the day off with football practice. All of that took place, but it was what followed those events that would bring him to a place he had not ever imagined.

"It was just a normal day with a normal practice. I got home and my mom sat me down and told me the news," Chandler said of the day that his mother told him that his father had died. "I can't explain how I felt, but it destroyed me."

At that moment, Chandler was at a loss. His father, William Addison, as the Taylor athlete remembers, was in good health. The plan was for William to make his way to Katy and spend some time with his son. But that moment never happened.

For Chandler he wanted to just disconnect and pull away for some time to gather his thoughts. Just as his mind began to process all that he had been told, a phone call came to him...

"Coach (Flint) Risien was the first person to call me. It felt good to get that call," Chandler said. "You see, coach Risien lost his dad when he was 19 so he could relate to me because he was young too. I have a close bond with coach and I really look up to him."

Lucky for Chandler, that supportive action continued throughout the Taylor football team. His return to practice days later was an outpour of love, sympathy and constant prayer was all around him to let him know he was not alone.

This was all in good and Chandler clearly had several outlets to be able to share and express the hurt he had inside. But at that time he chose not to. He remained quiet and closed off, keeping that pain bottled up inside of him. While that consistent ache continued to eat at him, more adversity came his way.

"My grandfather died six months after my dad. It was like another blow to me while I was down," Chandler said. "I was still weak. But even after this, I had lots of support."

And even though the Taylor football team was all there for him and coach Risien was all-in on encouragement, Chandler was still somewhat disconnected. So he decided to get away and fellowship with those who shared his faith.

It was the Young Life Wilderness Camp in Colorado where Chandler truly found himself. With a number of exercises performed over a six-day period, he decided that it was time to break out of the Cole he had related to for

many years. As stated, he was a quiet, reserved student-athlete who rarely, if ever, expressed himself in a public setting. During this time, all of that would change.

"I was really quiet in the past. I just didn't tell people my story," Chandler said. "But this was an incredible experience for me. We had several challenges while hiking up the mountain. Every day, we were asked to tell our life story. It was the first time I shared the death of my father."

Right then, Chandler's coming out party began. He no longer had the shackles of pain bottled up. He was with like-minded people who cared and shared their most intimate life details. And Chandler bought in as well.

"During that trip, I definitely felt like I got closer to Christ. I finished climbing that mountain and I felt that I can do anything," Chandler said. "That experience showed me that I can overcome anything I face."

Now, with that power he is back where it all started, at fall practice with a group of guys who love and support him. Chandler said that he is completely sold, committed to doing whatever he can to help the team win.

So whether he is getting snaps at the linebacker position, playing special teams, being an emotional leader or a combination of all three, there is one thing that this Taylor athlete knows without doubt - he has endured a storm or two during his teenage experience that has taught him lessons that go far beyond the gridiron. But while he gets to strap up that helmet for at least one more season, he has extra strength to show with a winner's attitude every day.

Weekend Outdoor Outlook

By Tom Behrens CoveringKaty.com

FRESHWATER REPORTS

Lake Conroe...

Fishing guide Phillip James (903-724-8291) reports bass are along bulkheads, docks and other structures between 10 and 20 feet deep. Carolina-rigged watermelon/red plastic worms with one-half-ounce weight and two beads produced good results.

"Crappie are slow, and even that may be too optimistic," said James. "You might find a few around the FM 1097 bridge pylons and on top of deep brush in about 15 feet of water." Traditional crappie baits, minnows or jigs, are the best baits/lures.

The channel catfish bite was rated as good. Liver has been the best bait. Best catches are coming from off humps and points from 15 to 24 feet deep. Hybrids can be found on main lake humps and points.

SALTWATER REPORTS

East and West Matagorda Bays...

Trout action is rated as fair to good for drifters working live shrimp over mid-bay reefs in East Matagorda Bay. Waders have taken good catches of trout on live bait. West Matagorda Bay anglers are catching trout over sand and grass with soft plastics. Trout anglers fishing the jetties are catching their fish on topwaters

Capt. Chris Martin (888-677-4868) of Bay Flats Lodge advises that the cooling cycle that begins with the approach of fall means bay waters should also be undergoing

a greening period. "We should be looking for the presence of a lot of trout-green water toward the end of the month and into September. This means artificial bait enthusiasts should begin having the time of their lives."

Successful anglers need to remember to always keep the neighboring thick grass-to-mud transitional shorelines in mind for targeting trophy trout during the upcoming fall months.

"It's the time in the year when I generally begin to transition to the use of dark-colored lures, and will even start to experiment with suspending baits like the Corky, and its cousin the Fatboy. Darker suspending lures tend to imitate a silhouette more symbolic of that of a mullet vs. that of a shrimp. The darker the silhouette will mean better reflection of the bait against the upward sunlight. We also favor the TTF plum chartreuse lures."



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Katy ISD Players Gaining Attention of Top Colleges

By Ahmard Vital

For years now the West Houston and Katy area has been producing solid athletes. If nothing else, one could look at the success of the football teams in recent years whether it was Katy's state titles, the success of Cinco Ranch, notably in the late 2000s or the continual improvements of the newest football programs in Morton Ranch and Seven Lakes.

Many times with great teams, comes great players and the Katy ISD programs have for sure been supplying rosters of Division I and II rosters for a many years now. And based on the rosters within the district right now, there will be quite a few more who will play football on Saturdays after the 2013 season. Here is a quick look at some of the top players and their respective programs.

Coming off a 16-0 finish and a Class 5A Division II state title, Katy is back for another run and loaded with more than a few recruiting prospects as well. Starting with the guys who have made their commitments, the Tigers have a couple of players at the same position who have both made their college choices. Tight ends Logan Lister and Sloan Spiller saw what they needed in the off season and committed to Rutgers and Texas-El Paso respectively. Staying on the same side of the ball, running back Rodney Anderson (who is only a junior) committed to Texas A&M in early August 2013.

On the other side of the ball, Jake Blomstrom and defensive end Tim Wilkerson are a couple of players being looked at by several of the top Division I programs across the country.

Still seen as the new kids to the district, Seven Lakes, with second-year coach Lydell Wilson, have plenty of optimism. And rightfully so. The Spartans also have a number of top players on the roster as well. At defensive end, Jarrett Johnson,

who is a four-star recruit on the FOX Sports NEXT rankings, committed to Texas A&M this past off season. Safety Bright Ugwoegbu has several offers, including west coast programs Oregon State and Fresno State while versatile lineman Gavin Peterson is garnering lots of interest as well. Junior running back Braden West is one to watch as well as college coaches have been inquiring about his talents.

Despite a dismal finish last season, Taylor has players who will be playing Division I ball. Headlining is prolific quarterback Clay Holgerson, who will be taking his talents to Memphis in 2014. Linebacker Cullen Gillaspia has a few offers as well from some Ivy League programs and Air Force.

Morton Ranch running back E.J. Achelus was on a roll last season before going down and has several Division I college interested while holding offers a FCS-level program and a junior college in Florida.

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