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**Cinco Ranch High School Bravo Show Choir**  
7:30 p.m.  
**9th Grade Commons.**  
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## The Katy News Endorses Van, Doyle and Lacy for Katy ISD School Board

This May's races for three positions on the Katy I.S.D. School Board may well be the most important election cycle in this school district in decades which will determine whether our outstanding school district can continue to meet effectively the needs of our children, parents, taxpayers and staff for many years to come.

The Katy News which has been continually published since 1989 as the community's only locally owned print newspaper believes the results of the election in this particular campaign are so important to all of us that it is vital for us to make rare endorsements in these local political races.

The Katy News strongly endorses school board incumbents Ashley Vann and Courtney Doyle in their races for positions three and four respectively. Further, we endorse local businessman Bill Lacy to defeat incumbent Henry Dibrell in the race for position 5.

Quite frankly, we believe that two incumbents (Vann and Doyle) have earned re-election while the actions of the other incumbent (Dibrell) have raised many concerns from the majority of his board colleagues and from many in the community. But, let's focus on the positive.

► In their long service to the school children of this community which includes the past three years as members of the school board, Ashley

Vann and Courtney Doyle have proved time and time again their motivation and service is fully dedicated to the best interest of the school district. There are no hidden agendas.

Working for years at their children's schools and serving on various campus and district-level committees for years to learn first-hand about the challenges the district confronts, they earned the public's confidence by doing and not talking – working hard in serving their school communities before earning their seats on the school board.

Throughout their years of service including the last three on the school board, Mrs. Vann and Mrs. Doyle have proved their service is NOT about them; it's always been about service to others.

► In suggesting to our readers that it's time for a change in the other race; we have confidence that Bill Lacy has demonstrated a dedication to following a similar path of service and study before seeking a position on the school board.

Mr. Lacy, who thought about running last year, decided that he owed it to the stakeholders of Katy I.S.D. to spend this last year studying the complex issues of public education to better prepare himself to ask the people of this community to elect him to the school board.

That kind of discipline and commitment to service of others rather than self is what the people of this community deserve.

We have followed this campaign closely and could comment on our serious concerns we have about the nature of the campaigns of some other candidates and their supporters in the respective races. Some have chosen an unconstructive path to say the least. However, The Katy News will stay focused in this editorial on the positive.

TheKatyNewsrarelymakes these endorsements. Katy I.S.D. has a new superintendent who has quickly earned the confidence of so many in the Katy community. Katy I.S.D. deserves a school board that can help our new superintendent lead this district to an even greater future. The challenges are tremendous. A cohesive school board working together is so important going forward.

We are proud and confident that Ashley Vann, Courtney Doyle, and Bill Lacy are fully prepared to help our superintendent lead Katy I.S.D. to an even grander future.

And we are equally confident that Ashley, and Courtney, and Bill will always remember it is never about them; it is about Katy I.S.D. Nothing less is acceptable to our great community.

## Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Katy Style

On Monday, April 24th Mayor Fabol Hughes and the City Council issued a proclamation to help promote the Annual Keep Katy Beautiful Trash Bash & Electronic Recycling Event.

Keep America Beautiful has partnered with national sponsors to establish the Great American Cleanup, the largest such grassroots effort in the nation, organize and bring national attention to the community improvement activities undertaken by its participating organizations.

Keep Katy Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, is working with communities, counties and volunteer groups statewide to conduct litter prevention, recycling, beautification, community improvement and waste minimization activities.

On Saturday, April 29th Keep Katy Beautiful, in partnership with TXDOT, Keep Texas



Pictured from left to right are: Kathy Wiesner, Jess Washburn, Mayor Fabol Hughes, Debbie Berger and Sandy Schmidt.

Beautiful, and Republic Waste, with host this year's annual community Texas Trash-Off and will also be collection electronic items for recycling. The KKB Community-wide garage sale will be the same day, so clean out your closets and garages. To register, visit www.cityofkaty.com. The list of accepted items can be found online at www.cityofkaty.com. The event will be held at First Baptist Church Parking Lot –600 Pin Oak Road, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## On the Ballot:

**Mayor:**  
Hill Adams, Chuck Brawner

**Ward A:**  
J. Gary Jones Unopposed

**Ward B:**  
Jimmy Mendez, Kayse Kendall Johnson and Jessie G. Campbell.

### 2017 Katy ISD Board of Trustees Election

Candidates appear in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

**Position 3:**  
• Ashley Vann  
• Candace David Velasquez

**Position 4:**  
• Carlos Young  
• Courtney Doyle

**Position 5:**  
• Henry Dibrell  
• William "Bill" Lacy

For polling locations go to: [http://www.katyisd.org/dept/sb/Documents/Election\\_17/2017\\_Election\\_Polling\\_Locations.pdf](http://www.katyisd.org/dept/sb/Documents/Election_17/2017_Election_Polling_Locations.pdf).

### City of Katy Election Polling Locations

**Ward A**  
• Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C.

**Ward B**  
• Katy Municipal Court Building, 5432 Franz Road.



**ELECTION DAY:** Saturday, May 6, 2017 Vote in person @ Katy Library 5414 Franz Rd.

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- I am a constitutionalist, a patriot, and I was raised with traditional 'GOD fearing' family values right here in Katy, Texas.
- I did not run for this council seat as a career choice... I ran to get things done. I have been honored to serve!

## Young Volunteer Has Lasting Impact on Seniors at Parkway Place

As we took time to acknowledge volunteers during National Volunteer Month in April, Parkway Place has a special story to share about one of the youngest – and arguable the most popular – volunteers they've ever had. When 15-year-old John Henry Donnelly was just 4 years old, his mother Jessica brought him and his younger brother to Parkway Place to volunteer once a week. They would visit with residents, pass out stickers and residents would anxiously await their arrival. After more than a dozen years of volunteering at the senior living community, Donnelly still has a soft spot for seniors and older adults that he says has influenced his life up to this point and he believes he will carry with him as he ages.

allows me to have a similar kind of relationship right in my hometown. Now I can't imagine what my life would be like had I not met the wonderful residents at Parkway Place."

"I wanted John Henry to experience that key interaction with older adults the way I did growing up," said Donnelly's mother.



Young volunteer, John Henry Donnelly, shown here with Lynn Mathews has made a lasting impact on the seniors at Parkway Place in Houston.

"What keeps me coming back is the fun, friendship, and fellowship I have with the residents," said Donnelly. "When I was little, my mom took me and everyone there smiled at me and was happy to see me. Now, I go back and I am comfortable visiting because I enjoyed my experiences when I was younger. In a way, I feel like that place is a part of me. I also enjoy seeing my friend, Lynn Mathews, who I met when I started going for visits and got to know her husband at just two years old."

"This population has so much to offer, especially to young people. John Henry, largely due to our visits to Parkway Place, is comfortable, respectful and appreciative of the elderly. I love that, because it meshes so well with the attitude of service that my husband and I think is so important for our children to develop."

Donnelly says that his experiences volunteering at Parkway Place make him more comfortable interacting with older adults and allow him to appreciate an older generation and what they have to offer. When Donnelly visits, he often helps with birthday celebrations, calling Bingo, leading the chair volleyball activity and helping the staff prep for parties and events. His favorite thing, however, is anything that allows him to interact with the residents themselves by playing games with them or striking up a conversation.

Donnelly's visits to Parkway Place became less regular when he started school full time, but his appreciation for senior adults grew no less strong as he and his family maintained their relationship with the Parkway Place community.

"Getting to know the residents has been really great," said Donnelly. "I've stayed in touch with some of them over the years and they enjoy keeping up with everything I'm involved in. My grandparents always lived in another state, so I didn't get to spend enough time with them. Spending time with the residents at Parkway Place

"When children visit our residents, it has such a positive impact on the seniors' lives," said Sunny Chatagnier, executive director of Parkway Place. "Whether it's a choir, a girl scout troop or a regular visitor like John Henry, any interaction with children brings joy to residents. We hope sharing John Henry's story encourages more families to look for ways to share life with seniors and witness the big impact even the smallest visitor can have on the lives of others."

Donnelly is currently a freshman at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston. In his spare time, he is heavily involved in Boy Scouts, runs track and hopes to earn his Eagle Scout badge soon.

## Cinco Ranch Branch Library To Present International Film Festival

Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present a special International Film Festival during the week of May 22-26. Each day, a movie representing a different country will be shown in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

The festival will kick off on Monday, May 22, with a movie from Australia. This fact-based drama from 2002 tells the heart-wrenching story of three Aborigine girls who escape from an Australian internment camp. The movie is rated PG. Showtime is 6:00 p.m.

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We will be holding an "Open House" on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Times Square Entertainment. Join us and see what the largest service organization is all about and what the Katy Club is doing to serve our community.

We will start serving appetizers about 6:30 p.m. To get more information contact Lion Nancy Chesbro at [nchesbo@comcast.net](mailto:nchesbo@comcast.net) or Lion Janice Sawyer-Jackson at [sawyer-jackson@att.net](mailto:sawyer-jackson@att.net).

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- Teen/Young Adults (Age 13 - 25) 9 AM - 4 PM



#### Creative mind Development Summer Camp

- (Mon. - Fri.) 9 AM - 4 PM
- Session 1 June 5 - June 16
  - Session 2 July 3 - July 14



### International Theme Musical Theater Summer Camps

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| <b>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</b><br>(Mon. - Fri.) 9 AM - 4 PM<br>June 19 - June 30<br>Age: 6 - 12 | <b>The Fire Dragon</b><br>(Mon. - Fri.) 9 AM - 4 PM<br>July 10 - July 21<br>Age: 6 - 12 |
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- Mayor Don Elder, Katy Mayor 2007 - 2013



"For generations, Katy has been one of the very best places to live and raise a family. My wife, Paulette, and I have lived here in Katy and the Katy area over 50 years. We raised our family here. It is a wonderful thing to see so many young families living here now and raising their families. When I was Mayor, I worked to move Katy forward for our families while preserving where we came from. Chuck Brawner will do the same thing. Chuck Brawner is a good man who has the right idea for our Katy families, our senior citizens and all Katy residents - enhance our quality of life by protecting the Katy heritage we love. Paulette and I are proud to support Chuck Brawner for Katy Mayor."

- Mayor Johnny Nelson, Katy Mayor 1983 - 1988

★ Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day ★

### About Chuck Brawner

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30+ Year Katy-Area Resident</li> <li>• Former Katy Mayor Pro Tem, 2014 - February 2017</li> <li>• Former City Council Member, Ward A, 2013 - February 2017</li> <li>• Former President, Katy High School Band Booster Club, 2004 - 2006</li> <li>• 40-Year Career in Law Enforcement, including 21 years as a Police Chief of a major school district</li> <li>• Emergency Management Leader for State of Texas during Hurricane Ike</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed by Governors Bush, Perry and Abbott to Juvenile Justice Advisory Board</li> <li>• Most Conservative Voting Record in Mayoral Campaign</li> <li>• Former Small Business Owner</li> <li>• Christian Conservative</li> <li>• Husband, Father, Grandfather</li> </ul> |
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## World Theater's 2017 Diverse Fun-Filled & Creative Performing Arts Summer Camps

This summer, Katy's World Theater will launch a series of Performing Arts Summer Camps and classes for both parents and students to choose from:

### The Musical Theater Summer Camps:

The Musical Theater Summer Camps offer students a fun filled experience by performing on stage in popular Broadway Musicals. Training is by expert instructors, who have taught children of all ages.

- "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Age 8 - 12) June 12 - June 23 - performance on June 24 @ 2:00 p.m.
- "Beauty and the Beast" Teen / Young Adults Mon. - Fri. 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Age 13 - 25)
- Musical Theater Camp Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 a.m. (Age 13 - 25) June 26 - July 7 - performance on July 7 & 8

### Creative Mind Development Summer Camp:

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. June 5 - June 16 & July 3 - July 14. This camp includes a variety of creative performing arts skills. Workshops include: Acting, Voice, Speech & Communication; activities that stimulate Creativity. This camp will improve an individual's Creativity, Communication Skills and Self Esteem.

### International Themed Musical Theater Summer Camps :

- Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" June 19 - June. 30.
- The musical adaptation of French Composer Paul Dukas' tone poem. This musical involves a remarkable magician and his magic tricks, a lazy apprentice, talking dog, water and brooms that come to life!
- "The Fire Dragon" July 10 - July 21
- Created from a Chinese Tale; this musical includes a fierce Tiger, friendly Fire Dragon and others.

Both above musicals were selected for Sino-American Cultural Exchange programs performed in China and United States. The children who participate in the camps, not only receive theater arts training but also are introduced to international arts and culture.

### Get Ready Talent Contest Camp:

- Mon. - Fri. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (1 week half day camp)
- July 17 - July 21
- July 24 - July 28
- July 31 - Aug. 4

This camp focuses on Poise, Image, Gesture, Voice & Individual Talent Growth for preparation to enter into the Talent Contest scheduled in September: Katy's Got Talent. The Winner will win a round trip ticket to Asia.

World Theater principal instructors have had years of experience teaching locally and internationally. Burton Wolfe is the Director of Theater Arts & Speech Communications; Laura Bettis is Music Director; Winkie Jamail, Voice Coach and Choreographer; Victor Luviano is Manager of Sound, Lighting and Video; Mr. Lawrence Wong is the World Theater Director of Operations and Presentations.

# Katy Sports

By Tom Behrens

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## Softball And Baseball Playoffs Remain

By Tom Behrens

Football and volleyball playoffs were over a long time ago. Basketball and soccer playoffs are history for another year. We are down to the last two playoffs of the school year ... softball and baseball.

The Bi-District softball game playoffs were played 4/27 - 4/29. In 6A Region 3 action, Ridge Point had no problems with Cinco Ranch (15-0), Katy took care of Fort Bend Travis (3-0), Tompkins beat Fort Bend Kempner (2-0), and Fort Bend Clements ended Seven Lakes season (2-0). Katy and Tompkins advance to the Area round of play this weekend, May 6.

I had the opportunity to talk with Katy Head Coach, Kalum Haack last Thursday afternoon before the Lady Tigers game against Travis.

"Coach, do you think the Tigers are going to be adding another big trophy to the school's trophy case this year?" He replied, "It takes some really good softball playing, a little bit of luck to get there. If we get both of those things, then we have a pretty decent shot."

The Lady Tigers came into the playoffs ranked 49 in the U.S. and number 1 in Texas. They had a home record of 15-0, 7-2-0 away, and 6-1-0 on neutral fields. Katy has scored an eye-popping 298 runs and allowed only 50 - very impressive, I would say.

The Lady Tigers were the Texas State Champions in 2015 and lost in the regional finals in 2016. Junior, Kayla Garcia, senior, McKay Bloxham, senior, Kylie Redding all played on the 2015 championship team. Most of the sophomores on this year's team played last year. The Tigers are loaded with talent and experience.

### Going down the roster, checking pitching first ...

"Alyssa LeBlanc, our sophomore pitcher is by far better this year (than Tiger's best pitcher in 2015), has the most wins. Also another sophomore, Chloe Cobb has been another pitching standout.

Kylie Redding, senior, has been injured most of the season; she has been back for about the last two weeks. "I think she can give us an inning, maybe two really good innings, but I don't think she is strong enough right now, has enough stamina to go for a long period of time," said Coach Haack. "I think she could pitch the same role she did her sophomore year when we won state, and be real successful at it."

### Hitting ... a combination of some really good hitters...

"They're knocking the crap out of the ball," said Coach Haack "I bet this year we've hit more home runs than all my other teams combined."

"However, the pitching we have seen so far, lately, hasn't been as strong as we have seen in the past. Probably our best on-base percentage person is Tori Whillock, an outfielder. She's our leadoff hitter. When she's on, we're all on. We'll run when she gets on the base. She is just so fast.

"Alyssa LeBlanc is leading the team in home runs; I think she has 14. Chloe Cobb, our first baseman and pitcher has 12 homeruns. Kayla Garcia is our next big hitter. She doesn't have the homeruns, but has the RBIs."

"We're able to depend on each other a lot," reported Garcia in another interview. "So throughout the lineup, we're able to know that with whoever's next, they've got it, and they'll be able to get on base. We have confidence in everybody in the lineup."

### It's not all about good pitching and hitting

Coach Haack emphasized that what has made this team as good as it has been is that they really get along with each other really well.

"Not once this year have we had any drama, any selfishness, and it's been a lot of fun the ride we have been on so far. They play for each other really, really hard."

Team confidence is high, but Haack doesn't want the team to be over-confident. "The thing that I try to convey to them is that our district hasn't been as strong as it has been in the past. I want to make sure that we don't have a false sense of our ability from what we done in district. In the playoffs we are getting ready to see some really, really good pitching, really

## Sports Image of the Week



**Seven Lakes Spartans Alex Smith (12) shows his frustration after striking out in a seeding game against the Katy Tigers at Morton Ranch High School in Katy, TX. The Spartans fell to the Tigers 10-1. (Credit Image: © John Glaser) John Glaser's game images are for sale on <http://jmgcreativedesign.com>.**

good hitters. It's getting ready to change. Things aren't going to be as easy in the last two months."

The Tigers took care of Travis at Bi-District, 3-0, the fourth place seed in District 20-6A. The Travis Lady Tigers finished 9-7 in their district. The way the UIL structures the playoffs, at Bi-District, the first place team from one district (Katy) plays the fourth place team (Travis) from the other district in the first game.

### Did Coach Haack expect a breather with Travis?

"I don't want to say so," said a laughing Haack. "If we come out and we play like we have been playing, then we should be in pretty good shape. If we come out and let Travis or any other team stay in the ball game, be competitive with us, and give them a little life, it will be a battle."

Travis kept it close, 3-0. "If we play ball like we are supposed to, we should be in pretty good shape."

### Play off scheduling

Softball and baseball playoffs are structured different at the Bi-District level than the other major sports. There could be one game or the best two out of three to determine who moves on to the Area level.

"When the coaches have a meeting with the opposing coach, the first thing we talk about is do you want to play a two out of three series, or do you want to play one game only? If you disagree on anything... the playoff series, the playoff umpires, anything ... you flip a coin," explained Coach Haack.

"With Travis I pretty much lost the flip, but won the flip on the home site. The Travis playoff matchup will be only one game. My preference, always, is two out of three."

The Katy Lady Tigers next opponent at Area will be Cy Lakes May 6.

Cy Lakes made its playoff debut in 2013 and swept MacArthur. This will be their second time to make the area round.

### Another first for Tompkins... First series win in playoffs

The Lady Falcons won the first game of the two-out-three game series over Kempner, (6-3), at home on Thursday evening.

In the second game, before one out in the first inning, the Falcons were unloading their hitting fire power.

Kaitlynn Kinslow and Kendall McGary walked and Zoe Pruden singled for the Falcon's side of the inning going. Next was clean-up hitter, Mackenzie Brown, who promptly blasted the ball over the center field fence for a grand slam home run. In the second inning Brown added another run scoring single, making it 5-0.

### The rest of the scoring ....

The Falcons tacked on four more runs in the third, and pushed the lead to 12-1 in the fourth inning. Consecutive doubles by Zoe Pruden and Kendall McGary in the sixth inning with Pruden scoring the final run sealed the game for the Falcons, 13-3.

Tompkins racked up 13 hits...seven for extra bases, six walks, and a RBI single. Sydney Hodge earned the win striking out five with three runs allowed on three hits in six innings.

While Katy dominated 19-6A, Tompkins was the only team to take the champion Tigers to a full seven innings.

The Falcon's next opponent is Bellaire High School on May 6. The Cardinals of Bellaire defeated Cy Woods to advance to the Area round.

Tompkins boys' basketball standouts drawing attention...

University of Michigan looking at Bieniemy

University of Michigan basketball is checking out Jamal Bieniemy at Tompkins. The Wolverines are not the only major college looking at Bieniemy. Along with Michigan, Purdue also made a stop at Tompkins, reports Rivals

Bieniemy, Tompkins' junior guard, earned TABC all-region honors after leading the Falcons to a repeat playoff appearance in their third varsity season. An explosive scorer, Bieniemy was a first-team all-district selection for the second consecutive season with a year remaining. Tompkins finished 24-11 overall and 11-3 in district play.

Bieniemy is ranked number 119 in the 2018 class, according to the 247Sports Composite. He is the 28th best shooting guard and the number eight ranked player in the state of Texas. Bieniemy has offers to play for Creighton, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State

Josh Williams has committed to play basketball at University of South Dakota next season

With 1,242 points, Williams is the all-time leading scorer at Tompkins. Williams was ranked the No. 22 prospect in the city of Houston this past year by vype.com.

Williams was a three-year starter at Tompkins and a two-time all-district honoree. He holds school records for single-season points (543), career 3-pointers (195) and single-season 3's (93). Williams shot a single-season record 39 percent from beyond the arc and shot 81 percent from the free-throw line throughout his high school career.

# Devotional Page

*Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.'*  
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## Igloo Headlines EDC April GA Meeting

The Katy Area Economic Development Council held its monthly General Assembly meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at the Katy ISD Educational Support Complex. The meeting, which brought together roughly 100 members and guests, featured a presentation by Igloo.

Many people that reside in the Katy area often do not realize an iconic brand, Igloo, resides within their own backyard. The Katy Area EDC was extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to host a leader of Igloo, Senior Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer, Dr. Jeanette Winters, at the April Katy Area EDC GA meeting.

Igloo, which is one of the top employers in the area with over 1,250 employees, calls the western portion of the Katy area home with its headquarters situated on a total 1.8 million square-foot among three-buildings. According to Winters, the Katy location offers the “most scalable and advanced manufacturing and distribution facility in the industry.”

This year, Igloo is celebrating its 70th anniversary and according to Winters, business continues to thrive. From its humble beginnings when it produced its first water jug to today where the company offers a variety of products from water jugs to keep your football team hydrated on a hot summer day, or a durable cooler to take with you on a camping trip, Igloo has become an iconic American brand. In line with its mission, Igloo operates with one goal in mind, “to create products that enable the pursuit of happiness (however you define it).”

“We appreciate Dr. Winters presenting at our meeting this month,” said Katy Area EDC President/CEO Lance LaCour. “Our area is home a diverse set of world-class businesses and it is always great to hear from them.”

Several new members were recognized at this month’s meeting. Ortiz Staffing joined at the Strategic Partner level and Amazing Place, Berkadia, Entrust, Inc., Terry’s Landscaping and JP Morgan Chase were announced as new Associate members.

Membership renewals recognized at the meeting included Board of Governors members CenterPoint Energy, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, Info TM, NACE International, The Howard Hughes Corp. - Bridgeland and Woodcreek, LLC, and Strategic Partners Costello, Inc., Katy Ranch Crossing and Newland Communities. Associate renewals included Brewer Construction, Caldwell Companies, Capital Release Estate Commercial Brokerage, Cinco Charities - Ballard House, Cinco SW MUD 3, EHRA Engineering, Facility Interiors, Goya Foods, Greater Fort Bend EDC, Harris Fort Bend County MUD 3, House + Partners Architecture & Planning, Levin & Atwood, Mickie C & Company, Network Funding, LP, Powers Brown Architecture, Residence Inn Katy Mills, Rooms to Go, SCI Dignity Memorial, Si Energy, Times Square Entertainment, Van De Weile & Vogler, Inc. and Watercrest Katy.

Katy Mills Mall and Terry’s Landscaping served as sponsors for the meeting. Katy Mills Mall shared information on the recent upgrades to the AMC 20 Movie Theater which is housed in the mall. The new theaters now offer an enhanced movie experience with amenities such as reclining theater seats. Terry’s Landscaping, a commercial and residential landscaping company, outlined its growth in the Katy area and discussed its commitment to excellent service for Katy area residents and businesses.

For more information on how to become involved with the Katy Area EDC, please contact Frank Lombard at [FrankLombard@katyedc.org](mailto:FrankLombard@katyedc.org) or 281-396-2200.

## Katy ISD Celebrates District-wide Teachers and Rookie Teachers of the Year

Katy ISD Superintendent Lance Hindt recently surprised two teachers with the District-wide Campus Teacher of the Year Award. WoodCreek Elementary teacher Kristal Parrish and Taylor High School teacher Phuong Nguyen were chosen for the elementary and secondary awards respectively.

Randolph Elementary teacher Connie Summerford and McMeans Junior High teacher Sarah Brown were also recognized by the superintendent as District-wide Rookie Teachers of the Year.

Family members along with campus principals and District staff joined all of the Campus Teachers of the Year to make their annual recognition ceremony an amazing and unforgettable event.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With graduation season around the corner, it's time to talk with our teenagers about making smart choices, including how to deal with peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children's decisions about drinking – in fact studies show parents are still the number one influence on their teenagers' decisions about alcohol. It all starts with conversations and building relationships of trust.

To help start – or continue – these important conversations, Silver Eagle Distributors would like to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children. Programs like this one, paired with education and effective law enforcement, are essential to preventing underage drinking.

Below is a list of all the Family Talk About Drinking online resources you can find on your channel of choice:

- [www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com](http://www.FamilyTalkAboutDrinking.com)
- <https://www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk/>
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Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking and parents have one of the most important roles of all.

John L. Nau III  
Chairman, CEO Silver Eagle Distributors, LP

## American Legion Post 164 Elects Officers

Members of Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 of The American Legion in Katy elected officers on April 26.

Elected for a one-year term were: Harry Woodstrom, commander; Richard Baker, vice-commander; Jeff Pizarra, adjutant; Jim McGuire, finance officer; Ernie Cormier, judge advocate; Rick Brokaw, chaplain; Jody Castro, sergeant-at-arms; Paul Dudkowski, hubmaster; Jim Foland, service officer; and Greg Clock, public relations and historian.

Wallace Klekar, Philip Malsbary, and Henry Thomas were elected to the executive committee.

Formal installation will take place May 24 at the Katy Elks Lodge.

## Girl Scouts Awards \$29,000 in Scholarships to 24 Graduating Seniors

The Emerald Circle of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (GSSJC) recognized 24 graduating seniors at the organization's annual Gold Award Scholarship presentation held April 9. The Emerald Circle awarded a total of \$29,000 in scholarships to Girl Scouts who have earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Recipients were required to submit a scholarship application, including a resume, essay and description of their Gold Award project.

2017 Emerald Circle scholarship recipients are:

- **Halee Lewis** (zip: 77433), Cypress Ranch High School, Judy Kunkel Memorial Scholarship for \$3,000, presented in memory of Kunkel, a long-time Girl Scout volunteer and professional educator.

- **Megan Alam** (zip: 77381), Academy of Science and Technology at The Woodlands College Park High School, Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation Scholarship for \$2,500, honoring the Alkeks, Texas philanthropists involved in various community issues, especially in support of education.

- **Victoria Shelby** (zip: 77401), St. Agnes Academy, Robert H. and Joanne M. Williams Family Scholarship for \$2,000, funded since 2002 by a GSSJC family with three daughters, all of whom earned the Gold Award.

- **Lindsey Donaldson** (zip: 77064), Jersey Village High School, Ervan Chew Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, funded by the GSSJC Board of Directors to honor former board member Ervan Chew, a prominent community leader and volunteer who died in 1999 while serving on the board.

- Five recipients were designated as Goodykoontz Scholars. This special recognition is given to recipients whose Gold Award projects exemplify the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The designation honors lifetime Girl Scout Dorothy Goodykoontz, founder and past president of The Emerald Circle. Each of the Goodykoontz scholars received Emerald Circle Gold Award Scholarships for \$1,000:

- o **Shumaila Lakhani**, Clements High School (zip: 77479)
- o **Savannah Lee**, Clear Falls High School (zip: 77586)



**Recipients of the 2017 Gold Award Scholarships presented by The Emerald Circle (TEC) of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Row 1 (l-r): Suzanne Mastren, Ashka Dighe, Catherine Mastren, Katie Hyde, Victoria Shelby. Row 2 (l-r): Mia Moore, Sydney McCoy, Cara Day, Stephanie Dodgen. Row 3 (l-r): Caroline Dimpel, Kaitlyn Unterman, Tanaya Behramsha, Rachel Bjerkaas, Sydnee Vinnett. Row 4 (l-r): Abbie Seay, Megan Alam, Savannah Lee. Back row (l-r): Halee Lewis, Lindsey Donaldson, Aisha Sheikh, Camille Nutall, Shumaila Lakhani. Photo by: Iska Wire**

- o **Mia Moore**, The Woodlands College Park High School (zip: 77393)
- o **Camille Nutall**, Cypress Woods High School (zip: 77424)
- o **Kaitlyn Unterman**, The Woodlands College Park High School (zip: 77381)
- One Emerald Circle Gold Award Scholarship for \$1,500 was awarded to:
  - o **Katie Hyde**, Logos Preparatory Academy, Sugar Land (zip: 77479)
- Additional Gold Award Scholarships for \$1,000 were presented to:
  - o **Tanaya Behramsha**, Langham Creek High School (zip: 77095)
  - o **Lindsay Bing**, Memorial High School (zip: 77024)
  - o **Rachel Bjerkaas**, Cinco Ranch High School (zip: 77494)
  - o **Cara Day**, St. Agnes Academy (zip: 77056)

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## Library Celebrates Graphic Novel Day With Authors, Book-Signings, & Superheroes

Fort Bend County Libraries will celebrate the art and authors of the graphic-novel literary world on Sunday, May 7, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., at George Memorial Library in Richmond. The “Graphic Novel Day” family event will feature special guest appearances and book signings by popular graphic novelists Falynn Koch, Dave Roman, and Ru Xu.

Families are welcome to dress up as their favorite superheroes for the event. There will be opportunities for photographs with Batman and Wonder Woman, who will be visiting from Houston Hero Headquarters. In addition, each child will receive a free comic book as part of the National Free Comic Book Day celebration.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Memorial Library and Bedrock City Comics, the event is a great opportunity for fans of children’s graphic novels to interact with a variety of literary creators. Books will be available for sale and signing in the Bohachevsky Gallery, on the lower level of the library, throughout the afternoon. A portion of the sales will benefit the Friends of the Library organization.

The novelists will also make appearances in the Meeting Room of the library to talk about their individual experiences as graphic-novel creators. Hear about their love of the genre, how they began writing graphic novels, and how their characters came into being.

Scholastic for children from 8 to 12 years of age.

Those attending this event will also be treated to a display of artwork created by local youth who participate in the library’s bi-monthly Creative Connections program for grades 4 through 8. This exhibit will be available for viewing in the library’s Bohachevsky Gallery.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call George Memorial Library at 281-342-4455 or the library system’s Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

George Memorial Library is located at 1001 Golfview in Richmond.

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## Katy Hardware Grand Opening Celebration

Katy Hardware has officially moved into their new buildings at 559 Pin Oak. You will see the same friendly faces but it doesn’t stop there. The new building is 11,500 square feet of space which is more than double of their original space.

The new Katy Hardware is located next to what used to be Johnson Hardware. Mickey and Kay Powers have been the proprietors for the last 15 years. Originally the store had never been affiliated with any other hardware store chain, however with this move Katy Hardware will be an Ace store.

“Our roots are a traditional hardware store,” said Kay. “We still cut pipe and thread pipe. Store employees also cut glass and make screens for doors and windows. I don’t think there are too many people around who do that anymore,” Kay continued.

The Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, May 20th. “Come in and join us for food, fun and special deals,” stated Kay.

## Gadget Tech Help

Stop by the Katy Branch Library on Monday, May 8, between 10:30 a.m. and noon to get help with how to use your phone, tablet, or other gadget.

All programs are free and open to the public. The Katy Library is located at 5414 Franz Road. For more information, call (281)391-3509 or log on to [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

## Cinco Ranch Library Childrens Programs to Resume in September

Kinder Korner -- a time for kindergartners to enjoy stories, movies, crafts and other activities -- normally takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Kinder Korner will not take place in May. The program will resume in September.

The After-School Breaks -- crafts, movies, stories, and more for school-aged children entering grades 1 through 3 -- normally begin at 4:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The After-School Breaks will take place on May 3 ONLY. The program will begin its special summer schedule as School-Age Programs in June.

The Creative Connection, which begins at 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, is designed for youth in grades 4 through 8. This activity will NOT take place in May.

Fort Bend County Libraries’ Cinco Ranch Branch Library is located at 2620 Commercial Center Boulevard in Katy. For more information, please call the branch library at 281-395-1311 or the library system’s Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

## Ft. Bend Libraries To Close For Staff Development Day

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries, which includes the Cinco Ranch Branch Library and the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, will be closed on Friday, May 19, for Staff Development Day. Regular library hours will resume on Saturday, May 20.

Your online library is always open at [www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) for searching the catalog, renewing books or placing holds, streaming movies, downloading e-books or music, or using the research databases.

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