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## SLHS Grad Drowns, Autopsy Ordered

Dustin Kruthaupt, 19, graduated from Seven Lakes High School June 8, 2013 and was set to attend the University of Alabama this fall and major in Economics before he apparently drowned in a pool Saturday June 15. Friends say he had his future planned out. After graduating from Alabama they say he hoped to join the United States Marines as an officer.

Kruthaupt was buried Friday June 21, 2013 in Memphis, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Seven Lakes High School, time and date to be determined.

Dozens of friends gathered on the grounds of Seven Lakes High School on Sunday night to remember Kruthaupt. They wanted to have the gathering on the football field but were not allowed access. Kruthaupt played for the Seven Lakes High School's football team.

Friends told stories of their memories of the young lifeguard who inexplicably drowned while swimming as other lifeguards watched.

In a written statement Fort

Witnesses reported Kruthaupt was swimming laps and at one point attempted to swim the length of the pool underwater. Other lifeguards saw him surface and when

*"His wit and humor, coupled with his kind heart and friendly nature, made him a favorite with students and teachers."*

Bend County Sheriff's office spokesman Bob Haenel said "lifeguards and other people at the pool were already conducting CPR on the victim" when deputies arrived at the Rosewood Recreation Center pool on Cinco Terrace Drive at 4:05 p.m. The Fulshear Fire Department arrived and took over CPR attempts. Kruthaupt was rushed to Memorial Herman Hospital in Katy where he was pronounced dead nearly an hour later

he began floating and they immediately dragged him out of the pool and began conducting CPR. There are reports that Kruthaupt was attempting to show he could swim the entire length of the pool underwater when he drowned.

No foul play was evident to responding deputies. An autopsy was ordered to officially determine the cause of death.

KPRC TV reported that the

operator of the pool, Houston Recreation Management, disputes reports that Kruthaupt drowned.

"We don't believe it was the result of a drowning. We believe there may have been some other health issue involved." HRM told Channel 2 News.

Kruthaupt's family moved to Katy in 2008. He was a three year football letterman at Seven Lakes High School where he wore jersey number 72 and played offensive tackle, offensive guard and center. Kruthaupt was also involved in theater as a member of the select Comedy Sportz team.

His popularity was evident when classmates nominated him as a contender for Mr. SevenLakes. Mr. SevenLakes is an annual event that features Senior Men contestants from various school groups and



Dustin Kruthaupt

organizations. Earlier this year fifteen senior men performed their talent—singing, acting, comedy, dancing to win over a panel of judges.

His parents are Nick and Diane (Pennington) Kruthaupt. He also has two older brothers Chris and Brad.

"His wit and humor, coupled with his kind heart and friendly nature, made him a favorite with students and teachers," the family said in Dustin's obituary.

## 9-1-1 Emergency Network Registration

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## KKB Awards Katy Proud Business to Avenue Salon

The Keep Katy Beautiful Board presented the Katy Proud Business Award for June to Avenue Salon located at 1103 Avenue D. The owner of the Salon is Michelle Trabona.

On January 31, 2012 the Avenue Salon opened for business. Although the salon has been open for only a year and a half, the home it occupies has been part of Katy's décor and history since the early nineteen hundreds. "We have been told many interesting and important stories about the home and the Peck family adventures shared there," said Mrs. Trabona.

There are five hair stylists at Avenue Salon most of whom have many ties to the history of Katy. Several of the stylists have been in the business in Katy proper for the last 20 years. The salon is open Monday through Saturday. All of the stylists work by appointment and



Pictured behind the podium are: Patti Hanson, Dixie McDonald, Sandy Schmidt, Brittny Walker. Pictured with the sign are: Sharon Rhoads, Holli Mahalite, Mila Mahalite and Marshall Mahalite. Pictured in the back are Council members Jimmy Mendez and Steve Pierson and City Secretary, Missy Bunch.

are thankful for their wonderful clientele. The owners of the Salon do their own landscaping and it has been a work in progress, therefore, Keeping Katy Beautiful is always happening at Avenue Salon. "Please stop by and say 'hello' sometime," says Mrs. Trabona. "We sincerely thank you for this award."



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**MRHS Lewis Signs with Paine College**



Morton Ranch High School's Jasper Lewis signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. Pictured with Lewis is her mother, Lita Lewis.

## Mayde Creek HS Students Selected as HYPE Finalists

The Tony Award winning Alley Theatre announced that Mayde Creek senior theatre students Katie Morrison and Gerardo Velasquez were selected as two of the top six finalists for the Houston Young Playwrights Exchange (HYPE).

HYPE finalist playwrights spend six weeks developing their scripts in an intensive workshop with Alley Education staff and guest artists. The workshop culminates with a weekend of staged readings on the Alley's Neuhaus Stage. Selected playwrights will receive a \$500 stipend for participating in the workshop.

Katie Morrison's play Pamoja Na Wema takes its title from a Swahili phrase meaning "with kindness" and examines how one random act of kindness makes a difference in the life of the protagonist.

Gerardo Velasquez's play Soup and Gift Baskets finds its protagonist dealing with a diagnosis of cancer and how it may affect the most important relationship in his life.

## Katy ISD Participates in Disaster Relief Efforts

Katy ISD recently participated in an effort to bring support to the cities that have been affected by recent disasters. Many staff, students, parents and community members joined the district effort to raise funds for the communities of Moore, Oklahoma; West, Texas; and Granbury, Texas. The Katy ISD community raised more than \$27,700 for the communities, including gift cards.

The district partnered with the Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union to set up separate accounts available at any location in Katy.

Katy ISD Total Amount Raised: \$27,718.22. Katy ISD thanks everyone who contributed to this effort, and the Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union for their help in making a difference to these suffering communities.

The results from the disaster relief efforts by location are:

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and Credit Card are accepted. Area Boy Scout Troops will be presenting the United States and Texas flags during the concert as well. Selections slated to be performed include *Texas Our Texas*, *Star-Spangled Banner*, *Liberty Fanfare*, *Chester*, *Americans We*, *American Overture*, *Civil War Fantasy*, *Emblem of Unity*, *Salute to the Armed Forces*,

*America the Beautiful*, and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. A Community Choir will be performing several pieces with the Band as well. A Guest Conductor (one of LSSB's patrons) will conduct the Band in Stars and Stripes Forever. The Lone Star Big Band will also perform a few selections at the beginning of the second half of the concert.

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## @ The Movies

By Sam Eifling  
After Earth

“After Earth” has gotten some of the worst blowback of any movie this year, most of it justifiably. People like to scoff at anything that M. Night Shyamalan, the alleged director, puts his name on; I could write that “After Earth” is Shyamalan’s worst movie since his last one, but of course Adam Sandler has also been working lately. The father-son team of Will and Jaden Smith carries a whiff of cutesie nepotism, and the elder Smith’s dalliances with Scientology have spurred some critics (notably New York magazine’s blog Vulture) to dissect “After Earth” as an allegory for L. Ron Hubbard’s quackpot spiritual Ponzi scheme. The bad vibes sent “After Earth” to the worst opening weekend of Will Smith’s film career — not even the Fresh Prince can rescue a Scientology-influenced M. Night Shyamalan project, and ultimately, for that, perhaps we can be thankful.

But if one demographic stands to miss out as we shuttle “After Earth” into the Razzies dustbin of big-budget flops, it’s the 9-to-12-year-old boys for whom this movie was rightly made. Those lads don’t care about the baggage, and they don’t particularly notice completely asinine story wrinkles that would make the average 17-year-old splutter with laughter from the rear rows. No, to them it might just be cool that a kid and his dad crash a space ship onto earth

in the future and the kid has to brave all sorts of jungle menaces to save them both. We can complicate matters further, but when you can assume the action is the only moving premise (and not some 100-minute Trojan Horse advert for a Hollywood church of mail-order rubbish) then you can enjoy the film on its outnumbered merits.

The Smiths play a general and his headstrong son, living in a future where humans have so spoiled the planet that we have to up and move to another. Earth must’ve gotten really rough, because on the new world, Nova Prime, an alien species sends rampaging monsters to kill us in piles. The monsters, blind, find us by the scent of our fear (kids, you might want to look up the word “pheromone” before plonking down your ticket money). The elder Smith revolutionized the war by suppressing his fear so completely that he became undetectable in battle, thus inventing the ninjalike technique of “ghosting.” The son feels he has big shoes to fill, and there’s tension; the normally duty-bound father, trying not to be such a distant jerk, decides to let the kid tag along on what should be a milk run to some other planet. But then the ship runs into trouble, finds itself near Earth, tries to crash-land and breaks apart in the atmosphere. None of the



other crew survives. With the father’s legs broken, the son has to go alone to a chunk of the ship some 60 miles away and send up a distress signal, else they’re toast.

Danger is everywhere — the atmosphere is a mess, the whole place freezes each night, huge birds and cats and apes and leeches lurk, and of course a blind human-killing monster escaped from the ship in the crash. The boy has swords and gadgets and his father in his ear directing his movements. He’s Robinson Crusoe with all the accouterments of an Xbox game character. There’s a lot here for a child to consider: how to relate to a parent in times of trouble, how to handle fear, how to make wise decisions, what to do when a pack of wild baboons chases you through a forest. In the right frame of tween mind, there are worse ways to blow a hot Saturday afternoon.

That said, the plot, the story points, the acting, the direction, the score — they all shout B-movie. That doesn’t mean “After Earth” totally fails; it just waddles as a wide target when it stars an A-list actor. Like our heroes as they were making the fateful decision to enter this poisoned planet’s atmosphere: You’ve been warned.

Rated PG-13 SciFi

## Tequila Valley: Charm and Character Built This Margarita Region

By Kevin Douglas West

It was just last night I was having fajitas and margaritas in my local Mexican spot, Las Mananitas in Katy, Texas. We all have a Mexican place like this. We get the same waiter every time, he knows our order, remembers we don’t like salt in our margaritas, and orders us a special Tres Leches cake at our kids birthday parties. Now I’m in a car driving toward San Martin de las Canas, a tiny village one hour west of Guadalajara and just a few minutes from my ultimate destination, Tequila.

We arrive and are greeted by a Dr. Jaime Villalobos, a magnanimous personality wearing jeans and a cowboy hat. He speaks good English and immediately makes us feel welcome in the high desert area surrounded by mountains.

We’re 4,000 feet in the air at Casa de Carmen, a blue agave estate home to Jaime and his wife Carmen, a fifth generation Sauza who smiles beautifully and offers us little bottles of Corona to quench our thirst. It’s hot and dry and the sun is blazing as we walk to the fields and meet Jaime’s jimador and caretaker of the estate.

The jimador, a skilled agriculture craftsman, quickly goes to work showing us how he slices the sharp leaves of the agave off in seconds trimming it down to the 50-pound jima, the heart of the agave. It looks like a giant pineapple but the taste isn’t sweet. It has a wood-flavored chewy texture with a clean taste. This is the fruit that will become tequila in just a few days.

Underneath he shows caterpillar worms burrowed inside the ball and offers them for a barbecue. We react in disdain, but hours and a few sips of tequila later, I would eat one. It was crispy and salty but one was enough.

We stroll through the fields admiring the tall plants. It takes about 7 years for a blue agave to mature enough to be harvested. At this level of age, the plant leaves can reach up to 8 feet tall and the jima can weigh as much as 70 pounds.

We return to the estate and settle in for a tasting of Carmen Sauza’s Tequila Realeza Mexicana Anejo which just recently



arrived in the U.S. market. Jaime serves a small amount in a champagne-style tequila sipping glass. It’s elegant, smooth, and rich in flavor. While we sip and attempt to make conversation each botching the other’s language, the jimador now grills skirt steak which will soon be served with verde sauce and homemade tortillas.

Unfortunately we can’t stay the night as we have to return to Tequila to rest for a big day. We exchange goodbyes as if we’ve been friends our entire lives and head down the winding road 10 minutes to Tequila. We arrive at the beautiful Hotel Abolengos. This 21-room historical hotel is graced with dark wood, stone, stucco, iron, and period Spanish furniture. We’re exhausted so we retire early in the cool comfort of the only air conditioning we’ve felt since leaving the airport... [Read more online.](#)

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Kevin Douglas West, VP Sales & Marketing at Entrust Energy is a photographer, filmmaker who lives in the Katy area. Photos from this trip are currently on exhibit at Babaloo International Cafe & Bar in the Viallagio Town Center through the end of June.

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## KHS Students Awarded Scholarships

The Katy High School “Friends of Katy” PTO recently chose 10 scholarship recipients. These 2013 Katy High School Seniors were awarded \$1,000 each towards their college education expenses.



Dr. Steve Robertson (KHS Principal), Kaylee Jo Brugge-man, Priyasha Patel, Madeline Dimayuga, Cassandra Fulgham, Julianna Clark, Zachary Gilliam, Katelyn Tate, Elaine Mesker (“Friends of Katy” PTO- 2nd VP Scholar-ships), Madeline Droog, J. Glynn Guynes (KHS Lead Coun-selor).

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## WoodCreek JH Honored with Superintendent's ABCD Club Award

WoodCreek Jr. High was honored recently for going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty and was named to the Superintendent’s ABCD Club. This honor recognizes campuses, departments and individual staff members that excel by enriching experiences for our students and improving their campus and community. WoodCreek Jr. High joins Bear Creek Elementary, Cardiff Jr. High and McMeans Jr. High as a recipient of this prestigious award.

WoodCreek Jr. High was nominated by a campus parent who relocated to Texas and whose children are both diagnosed with PPD-NOS, an autism spectrum disorder. A concern that the children would not be able to adapt well to such drastic changes was quickly pushed aside when they met with welcoming and understanding responses from WoodCreek staff.

“From the moment we received our first communication from the campus, the staff at WoodCreek Jr. High has gone above and beyond,” said Barbara Vass, WCJH parent. “I want to commend the staff at WCJH for



their excellence at communicating with me on everything that the staff is doing, and working on, for both of my boys to make their time at WCJH successful both academically and socially.” Vass goes on to acknowledge several staff members in particular that have all gone above and beyond the expectations of teachers or administrators, and have mentored her children with patience and understanding.

Congratulations to Wendy Goshorn, Todd Hunter, Tracy Lutes, Gretchen Stockberger, Lindsay McMeans, Kelly Stroud, PASS staff, and the entire staff at WoodCreek Jr. High.

## KBA June Meeting

The Katy Business Association Meeting will be holding its regular monthly meeting at Midway BBQ on June 26. You may bring a guests. The meal will be \$15.00 per person.

The guest speaker will be Connie Curlee with Woodmen of the World. She will do a presentation of the proper way to retire the flag and display the flag. Priscilla Reynolds with Star-Tex Title will provide information on the 5th Annual Cinco Charities upcoming event on July 13.

## Memorial City Medical Center CEO Honored for Leadership Excellence

Keith Alexander, CEO of Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, has been named among Becker's Hospital Review's 2013 list of 100 Leaders of Great Hospitals in America.

Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center was named a Top 100 hospital nationwide earlier in 2013 by both Healthgrades and Truven Health.

## 4th of July Party on the Plaza



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## MRHS Nurse Receives Diane Hendry Award

The Katy ISD Health Services Department is proud to announce Kathleen Wilkening, RN, BSN, as the winner of this year's Diane Hendry Award for Excellence in School Nursing. Established in the spring of 2007 in honor of nurse Hendry who opened King Elementary, this award is given annually to the nurse who best exemplifies the highest standards of nursing practice, clinical expertise, health and wellness promotion, volunteerism and community service. Wilkening has been a registered nurse for 42 years, and is currently the campus nurse at the Morton Ranch High School 9th grade center.



Pictured are Seven Lakes High School Nurse Jennifer Coleman, RN, BSN, 2011-2012 Hendry Award winner; Carol Moore, RN, BSN, Instructional Officer for Health Services; Kathleen Wilkening, RN, BSN, 2012-2013 Hendry Award Winner; and Ellen McHale RN, BSN, Instructional Specialist for Health Services.

## The Memorial Hermann Stroke Support Group:

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**July 16**  
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**August 20**  
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Meetings occur on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6 -7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital - First Floor Conference Room 23900 Katy Freeway. The Stroke Support Group is a program of Memorial Hermann Katy and Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital-Katy. Register by calling 713.222.CARE (2273).

## FB County Office of Emergency Management Hosts Preparedness Workshop

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management recently hosted the 6th Annual Emergency Preparedness workshop at the Rosenberg Civic and Convention Center in Rosenberg. More than 250 individuals attended the workshop, including over 30 businesses and organizations that set up booths and donated door prizes. The focus of the event was on getting attendees ready for emergencies, especially the 2013 hurricane season which commenced on June 1st.

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities with the mission of providing a safe and secure environment to the residents and businesses of Fort Bend County. The OEM provides leadership, coordination, and support to reduce the loss of life and property through a comprehensive, all-hazards emergency management program. Striving to meet this mission, OEM develops and maintains partnerships with other county, municipal, and emergency management/first responder organizations and coordinates with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, various federal agencies, private sector businesses, and private non-profit agencies.

## Wolfe Elementary Community Celebrates Music Teacher

The Wolfe Elementary community recently celebrated the retirement of long-time music teacher Debbie Vaello. Ms. Vaello celebrated 36 years of service with the district, as well as many honors and awards throughout her career.

The retirement celebration included a medley of songs from the Katy ISD Elementary Music Ensemble, performances by the Wolfe Choir and 5th Grade Wolfe Star Dancers, and reflections on Ms. Vaello's career by current and former students. The event also included presentations of her many accomplishments and accolades by the staff at Wolfe Elementary.

Ms. Vaello's accomplishments include Wolfe Teacher of the Year in 1994-95, writing lyrics for Wolfe Elementary birthday celebrations, directing numerous musicals, and

being involved in preparation for visits and interviews when Wolfe Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School in 1998.

"When I began teaching in Katy ISD in 1977, there were only four elementary schools. Although the district has grown tremendously, I feel it has maintained the caring atmosphere of a small-town school district," says Vaello. "Katy ISD has always supported the fine arts, and I'm fortunate to have taught music in one of the best districts for music education in the nation."

Many of Ms. Vaello's former students have continued to pursue music after elementary school, and achieved numerous accomplishments. These include being selected as members of the Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) All-State Choir, becoming music teachers, and performing in bands in the Houston area.

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## HCC and UT Tyler to produce engineers in West Houston

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## University of Houston System and HCC unite to enhance educational services to Katy area

The University of Houston System (UHS) and Houston Community College Northwest (HCC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to expand higher education opportunities in the Katy/West Houston area. Through a partnership that includes using existing facilities at UHS at Cinco Ranch and HCC-Katy, the MOU will result in an increase of academic programs offered by UHS and HCC-Northwest in West Houston.

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Katy Sports

Gotta Run

By Dana Roark,  
Correspondent

A new “season” has just begun in the Houston area as runners begin to gear themselves towards next year’s Houston Marathon in January.

Last weekend some 35 runners participated in the kickoff training session for the Gotta Run Distance Program in the humid early morning hours from La Centera and heading west on Cinco Ranch Blvd. and back for about an average time of one hour.

It’s the start of the second year for Gotta Run, whose owner Alain Ducante says the strategy of the six-month training program is based on a successful, proven plan designed by brothers Keith and Kevin Hanson. The name of the program is the Hansons-Brooks Distance project.

“They’ve taken a team running and training approach. Its taken the running world by storm,” Ducante explained before the start of the training run. “Usually in a marathon you hit a wall at about mile 21. Our runners haven’t had any issues so the program has proven itself in that respect. The longest runs for us is 16 miles. It’s kind of crazy because usually everyone else runs a 21- or a 22-miler. The average runner will have about 1,100 miles after six months. That’s about three pairs of shoes.”

Another positive of the program is that it caters to runners who are considered to be less gifted runners who may not have the time or ability to put in high mileage week in and week out for training.

“This is an “outside the box” training regiment. Loosely based on the Brooks/Hanson Distance Project, no one run is more important than the next,” Ducante said. “Back to back conditioning days, as well as consecutive long run days will train your bodies to perform past fatigue. The longest training run is 16 miles. Our goal race will be the Houston Marathon. Group



Sarah Sallee, marketing manager at Luke's Locker making her way back to the store at LaCentera took first place in the Saturday morning Gotta Run marathon training run.

Photo Credit Mark Goodman

sessions will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.”

Ducante says 90 runners participated in the program in the first year and this season he expects to top off the number of participants at 120 in order to be able to provide more personalized coaching.

“We actually run sixteen miles on a Saturday, six to eight miles on Friday, and four miles on Thursday. And we follow up with eight to 10 miles on Sunday,” Ducante said. “So in four to five days they will run a cumulative of 35-40 miles.”

Taking first place in the session on Saturday was Sarah Sallee, a Katy resident. Sallee is an experienced marathon participant and was in this year’s notable Boston Marathon in April.

For more information on the Gotta Run program, go to [www.gottarunkaty.com](http://www.gottarunkaty.com).

Cougars Qualify for State 7on7

By Terry Carter,  
Correspondent

The Cinco Ranch 7on7 passing league team claimed victory on Saturday at the Viking 7on7 Tournament held at Dulles thanks to a high-octane offense.

The Cougars averaged 40.2 points in five, 40-minute games to post a perfect record and claim Cinco Ranch's invitation to the Texas Division I 7on7 State Tournament in Leander on July 12-13. Led by quarterback Luke Klingler and many receivers, including Geryn Young and tight end Corey Rau, the Cougars dominated the competition.

Dulles head football coach, Jim Creech said the scores indicated a strong offensive showing.

In its three pool games, Cinco Ranch defeated Fort Bend Austin 44-19, then La Porte 41-26 and Fort Bend Ridge Point 47-7.

Cinco Ranch head football coach Don Clayton, who was busy on Saturday as the head coach of Team Texas at the Bayou Bowl, said all the reports he heard were positive.

“We won the tournament. Our kids did a nice job. We just need to keep it up the rest of the way,” he added. “I heard Geryn Young and

another receiver had good days.”

In the semifinals, Cinco Ranch beat Fort Bend Bush 43-26 to automatically earn a state berth as a tournament finalist.

In the tournament final, Cinco Ranch faced its toughest challenge in the finals against Stratford. However the Cougars still posted a 32-20 victory over the Spartans.

Stratford was a late substitution for the Taylor Mustangs, who pulled out on Tuesday due to the death of Taylor defensive coordinator Mark Miller's spouse, Dana. The funeral was set for Saturday.

Taylor head football coach Flint Risien said last week that donations and gift cards for the family can be brought to Kim Collins at the Taylor High School athletic office in the fieldhouse.

The Katy News offers its condolences to the Miller family in this difficult time.

On Saturday, Cinco Ranch will host its annual 7on7 tournament as the season regular 7on7 season draws



Cinco Ranch kicked its offense into high gear on Saturday to win the Viking 7on7 Tournament and earn a spot in the upcoming 2013 State 7on7 Tournament. The Cougars averaged 40.2 points in five games at Dulles. (Photo by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

to a close. The final regular-season tournament is slated for June 30.

On July 12-13, the 64 Division I qualifying teams will meet in Leander at the Southwest Williamson County Regional Park for the 2013 State 7on7 Tournament. The Division I event teams include Class 4A and 5A qualifying teams.

The Division II state tournament will be held on July 11-12 at the same location for Class A, 2A and 3A Texas schools.

Local All-Stars Hosting Tourneys

By Terry Carter,  
Correspondent

The Katy National All-Stars hosted the season finale District 16, 9-10 year-old All-Star Tournament at the Katy National baseball fields on Morton Road.

The 12-team event included local squads from Katy National, Katy American and Bear Creek Little Leagues.

Starting on June 10, the Katy National sluggers posted a 13-9 win against West Oaks. Round two on June 11 included a matchup with the Spring Branch All-Stars, who batted their way to a 12-3 victory.

Katy National then played Bayland Park on June 12, and the locals were eliminated from the tournament after a hard-fought, 4-2 loss to Bayland Park.

Katy American All-Stars opened with an 11-7 loss to Missouri City. Katy American was

then eliminated by Bear Creek 13-10 in the consolation bracket. Bear Creek subsequently lost to Westbury, but no score was available.

The tournament final included a showdown between unbeaten Bellaire and the consolation finalist, the winner of First Colony and West University National.

In the Texas East District 16 Intermediate All-Star Tournament held at Bear Creek, Katy American dropped a 30-2 decision to tournament finalist Post Oak.

Then on June 14, the Katy American All-Stars tangled with First Colony in slugfest that resulted in a 22-18 First Colony victory.

Bear Creek opened with a first-round, 12-5 win against First Colony on June 12. Post Oak then handed Bear Creek a 20-0 defeat.



Katy National All-Star Martin Walker (10) demonstrated some gold glove defense against the Spring Branch 9-10 year old all-stars on June 11. (Photos by Terry Carter/UDPhotos.com)

Bear Creek rallied past West Oaks to reach the intermediate tourney finals on Monday.

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(Majors): June 22-July 2  
at Bayland Park, First  
Colony, West University

Junior All-Stars: June 27-  
July 5 at Katy Park

Senior All-Stars: June 27-  
July 1 at Bear Creek

Mavericks Prepare To Unleash Defensive Firepower

Coch Meadows Latest Find: Morton Ranch First-Year, Senior Dynamo Kevin Adeboyejo

By Terry Carter,  
Correspondent

Dig into Morton Ranch head football coach Dave Meadows’ coaching success, and it becomes obvious he gets results.

With a 286-120 career record, Meadows is 14 victories away from his 300th win. He could be on the verge of reaching that mark if the Mavericks make a postseason run this fall.

Meadows won three state championships at Clinton, Oklahoma in his first 10 seasons while posting a 123-31 mark.

At Morton Ranch, he led the Mavericks to a 7-3 record in 2012, but missed the playoffs after dropping a District 19-5A finale against Seven Lakes. It’s a defeat he hopes his players will

remember as they enter the fall season.

“We should remember that game. I hope it helps when we get to the fall,” he said.

As a head coach entering his fifth year at Morton Ranch, Meadows wins games regularly and has started churning out Division I football talent. College coaches subsequently take notice when Meadows suggests a player — even an unknown, first-year athlete — is worth watching.

Coaches and recruiters also listen because the Mavericks’ coach has mentored talent like DE Vaughn Miller who suits up for the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs RB Cyrus Gray.

He knows talent like that of recent graduating RB Deion Williams, who ran for an all-time, 5A, single-game record 547 yards in 2012. Williams

also led the district in rushing with 1,807 yards in 10 games.

Case in point: Incoming senior Kevin Adeboyejo, a 6-3, 220-pound athlete who has not played football yet. Meadows said last week the expected defensive end with 4.6 speed and a 33.5” vertical leap will be an impact player this fall because of his pure athleticism.

“When I first met him during our off-season program, I told him I didn’t know if he could make it. He’s tall and long, and our programs are not easy,” the head coach said. “he has not been in an athletic program before. But he showed me pretty quick he was an athlete and ready to go.

“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.”

As a first-year varsity player, Adeboyejo will likely make mistakes as he learns the position of defensive end. Meadows said his speed could put Adeboyejo in the backfield where sacks, quarterback pressures and fumbles can turn a game Morton Ranch’s way. That’s enough of a plus side as the details are mastered for the veteran coach.

With eight defensive starters returning — led by OLB Navonn Gurley and S Avery Ross — to join Adeboyejo, this unit is expected to be a force against most 19-5A foes.



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St. Peter's United Methodist Church

## Church Without Walls

St. Peter's United Methodist Church worshiped God in a non-traditional way on Sunday, June 9, when the congregation stepped outside of the walls of the church and served their neighbors in the Katy area. This is the third year the church has held Church Without Walls in lieu of their regular worship services. More than 800 church members fanned out in Katy and Brookshire to participate in 24 service projects for a variety of organizations and individuals.

At Katy Manor Apartments, children, students and parents provided a worship service for the residents' children followed by crafts, a water slide and a cookout. Choir members took their gift of music to several area retirement and nursing homes, sharing favorite hymns and gospel music with the residents. Construction and repair projects took place at facilities such as Manna House in Brookshire, the Krause Center, Halter Inc., and the

Pregnancy Help Center.

One of the most visible projects occurred in the church parking lot on Kingsland Blvd. St. Peter's members constructed enough walls for Habitat for Humanity to use to build a home.

People of every age and ability found projects they could do at the church. Teams filled bags of rice and beans

and patients who use the facility. We felt it was the least we could do for an organization that is such a blessing."

Bill Land, coordinator of Mission Ministries, said this church-wide event has had a profound effect on church members' passion for mission work in other areas.

"Since we began Church Without Walls, mission work at St. Peter's has taken off. The compassion that we show, not only for the 24 different service projects in our community but also around the world, has been very heart-warming and satisfying for the whole Missions Team," he said.

Church Without Walls has also allowed St. Peter's to establish ongoing connections with other community organizations.

"Many of the projects returned from past years," said Land, "which speaks to the fact that we really are building relationships with those in our community who not only need but truly appreciate our assistance. Church Without Walls is a wonderful way for all of us here at St. Peter's to go into the world, just like Jesus did, and connect the world with God's love."

In addition to Church Without Walls, St. Peter's has a monthly mission focus, collects food for a food pantry on the first Sunday of each month, sponsors a group of students and adults who do home repairs through U.M. ARMY and is involved in a variety of international missions in countries such as Jamaica, Ecuador, Honduras and Guatemala.



St. Peter's members tore down a building on the property of Halter, Inc., an equestrian therapy organization for children with disabilities and at-risk teens. The group took time out to relocate a mother opossum and her babies before demolishing the building.



Fourteen prayer quilt tops were completed during Church Without Walls at St. Peter's. These quilts, when completed, will be prayed over by the Prayer Quilt Ministry team and then sent to individuals who are going through a difficult time such as illness or the death of a loved one.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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## Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital Awards Scholarships to Local Athletic Trainers

Five local athletic trainers were recently awarded Sports Medicine scholarships from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital. Katy High School recipients Danielle Carlin and Alyssa Carlin, Cinco Ranch High School's Dakota Brower, Taylor High School recipient Juliana Jimenez and Seven Lakes High School's Whitney White each received \$600 in recognition of the distinguished service they provided to Katy ISD athletic programs during their high school careers. Each student has big plans for the future. Danielle Carlin will attend Houston Community College and Alyssa Carlin will travel west to San Marcos where she is enrolled at Texas State University. Dakota Brower will train to become an EMT at Houston Community College while Juliana Jimenez will start her studies at The University of Texas in Austin. Whitney White is attending Blinn College in the Fall. For more information on Memorial Hermann Katy, call 281.644.7000.



Pictured from left to right: Scott Barbe, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital CEO; Charlie Stevens, Katy ISD Assistant Athletic Director; Russell Sadberry, Katy High School Athletic Trainer; Danielle Carlin; Justin Landers, Katy High School Athletic Trainer; Alyssa Carlin; Bennett Johnson, Cinco Ranch High School Athletic Trainer; Dakota Brower; Anjanette Butts, Taylor High School Athletic Trainer; Juliana Jimenez; David Worden, Seven Lakes High School Trainer; and Jim Parisi, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital COO.

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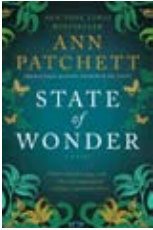


# Library Programs

## The Afternoon Book Club

The Afternoon Book Club meets on the second Thursday of the month July 11th, at 1 p.m. at Maud Marks Library. This month they will be discussing “*State of Wonder*” by Anne Patchett.

If you are interested in joining any discussion group, extra copies of the books are available at the library. There are no dues, and new members are welcome. For more information call 281-492-8592.



## The Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month, July 1st, at 7 p.m. at Maud Marks Library. They will be discussing “*Big Stone Gap*” by Adriana Trigiani.

If you are interested in joining any discussion group, extra copies of the books are available at the library. There are no dues, and new members are welcome. For more information call 281-492-8592.



## The Just Desserts Mystery Book Club

The Just Desserts Mystery Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 17th, at 2 p.m. at Maud Marks Library. They will be discussing “*The Mysterious Affair at Styles*” by Agatha Christie. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dessert to eat while they discuss whether the villains get their just desserts.

If you are interested in joining any discussion group, extra copies of the books are available at the library. There are no dues, and new members are welcome. For more information call 281-492-8592.



## Used Book Sale

On Saturday, June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Friends of the Maud Marks Library will hold their next used book sale. There is a large selection of hardback fiction and nonfiction, as well as children’s books and paperbacks. Come see our rock bottom prices. All proceeds will benefit the library.

Members of the Friends of the Maud Marks Library are invited to a special book sale preview on Friday, June 21 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Not a member of the Friends yet? Not a problem. You can join at the door.

## ZOMBIE PROM

Hey teens, are you ready to party like the undead? Join the staff at the Maud Marks Library on Thursday, June 27 at 3 p.m. for their Zombie Prom. Get all dressed up and use your makeup skills acquired during the June 20th make up practice to make yourself look exceptionally ghastly. Then come and do the Monster Mash along with many other gruesome, but fun, dances.

## Bear Creek Knitting Club

The Bear Creek Knitting Club will be having a meeting on Thursday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek.

The BCKC is a place to share ideas, to learn new knitting techniques or to teach someone else a new knitting skill. Don't miss out on the weekly fun. Make sure to bring your needles and yarn. All ages welcome.



## Afternoon Adventures: Science Quest

Weird and wacky things are going on at the Maud Marks Library. On Monday, July 1 at 1:30 and 3 p.m. school aged children are invited to join us as we go on a science quest with our experiments. Afternoon Adventures are free programs for children aged 5-11. All children must have their hand stamped for entry. Hand stamping begins 30 minutes before each program. Children must be able to sit alone. Parents are not allowed into the program.

## Technology Q&A

Do you have a new Kindle or Nook™, but you’re not sure how to use it? Are you shopping for a mobile reading device, and would like more information on the different options? Fort Bend County Libraries’ Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will have a Technology Question-and-Answer session Monday, July 1, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 8100 FM 359 South in Fulshear.

At this come-and-go session, library staff will be available to answer questions about different types of e-readers, downloading e-books, using the library’s catalog and database collection, and other simple technology-related questions.

The session is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-4675 or the library’s Public Information Office at 281-341-2677.

## Cinco Ranch Branch Library Hosts Free Summer Movie Series

On Friday, June 21, enjoy a recently-released animated feature film about a video-game villain named Ralph, who longs to be known as the good guy. Showtime is 12:30 p.m. This film will be repeated on Monday, June 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The film is rated PG.

The last movie in June will be shown on Friday, June 28. This animated feature stars Steve Carell as Gru, an evil villain who is determined to steal the moon. Showtime is 12:30 p.m. This film will be repeated on Monday, July 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This movie is rated PG.

All of the movies are free and open to the public. For more information about the featured movies, call the branch library at 281-395-1311 or the library’s Public Information Office at 281-341-2677.

## Aloha Summer

Still looking for that perfect last minute trip this summer? How about a trip to the gorgeous islands of Hawaii? One Tuesday, June 25 at 7 p.m., Ms. Dora Morton will be here to share the unique Pacific Islands with you. Discover Hawaiian Island Volcanoes National Park, The vibrant shores of Waikiki Beach, the dramatic cliffs of the Napali Coast on Kauai, and more! Seating for this is extremely limited. Please call the Maud Marks Library at 281-492-8592 for more information and to register.



## “Monday Night Movie At The Library”

The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will present a special “Monday Night Movie at the Library,” on Monday, July 8th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 8100 FM 359 South in Fulshear.

The “Monday Night Movie at the Library” is free and open to the public. Theater doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Pick up a free ticket at the door for a door-prize drawing before the movie starts at 6:00 p.m. Complimentary popcorn will be available. This movie is rated PG.

For more information, call the branch library at 281-633-4675 or the library’s Public Information Office at 281-341-2677.

## Microsoft Word Class

On Tuesday, July 9 from 7-8:30 p.m., the Maud Marks Library will be teaching the basics of how to use Microsoft Word. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required. Seating is extremely limited for these classes. Classes fill up quickly, so don’t delay. For more information or to register, call 281-492-8592.

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Texas law requires that when a state flag is no longer used or useful as an emblem for display, it should be destroyed, preferable by burning, in a ceremony or other dignified way that emphasizes its honor as a fitting emblem for this state. A retirement ceremony should be conducted with the honor and respect inherent in the traditions of Texas and the United States, and may be conducted by uniformed personnel representing a state or national military service or a patriotic society.

If you have a flag that is no longer fit to fly, there is a drop box located at the Floyd E. Breedlove VFW Post located at 6206 George Bush Drive.



Monte Iker, first vice commander of American Legion Post 164, presented the 48 and 50 star flags he and his father received when they joined the Elks Lodge.



Tim Caruthers, center, of the Texas State Guard participated in the flag retiring ceremony recently held by American Legion Post 164 at the Katy Elks Lodge # 2628.



Daniel Nevitt of Katy helped the American Legion Post 164 retire US flags at a ceremony at the Katy Elks Lodge # 2628.



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