

# NOTES & NEWS

*Tidbits from the  
Katy community*



## Ethan Settle to Intern in World's Deepest Ocean Trenches

Faith West Academy freshman, Ethan Settle, will intern with the University of Aberdeen's Oceanlab in Scotland this summer in the Hadal Zone. In preparation for the internship, Settle took a college-level marine biology course.

## Katy Elk Member Holds Clothing Drive for Veterans

Debra Watson, a veteran and Katy Elk member, put together a clothing drive to provide wear-ready clothes to the soldiers assigned at the Heur Army. Watson was able to collect clothes that exceeded the value of \$30,000, and had them laundered, folded, and pressed. Major donations were from the Katy Elks, Cinco Ranch community, Fussell Senior Center, and Phoenix Baseball.



## Heritage Park of Katy's Chili Cook-off

Heritage Park of Katy Nursing and Rehabilitation hosted their own chili cook-off this year in celebration of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Seventeen pots of chili were entered and voted on by local judges. Residents were able to sample the different pots of chili, ride in a classic car, and check off highlights from their bucket lists.



## Local Students Raise Money for Juvenile Diabetes

Lulu Aklestad from Alexander Elementary and Grayson Schnellhardt and Jaci Graham from Kilpatrick Elementary, helped Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation raise \$1.3 million to fund research for Type 1 diabetes. As ambassadors for the organization, the Katy ISD trio was invited to attend the Promise Ball, where they were responsible for interacting with those in attendance and aiding the auctioneer during the live auction.



## Texas Children's Hospital Family Fun Run

Over 3,000 Houston-area residents participated in the Texas Children's Hospital and Houston Marathon Foundation Family Fun Run, located at the Texas Children's Hospital West Campus. This race has been around for more than 15 years and aims to promote active, healthy lifestyles to local families. On the day of the race, participants were invited to participate in non-competitive 1K and 3K races, which were followed by family fun and food.



## West Houston Chapter of ACCN Receives Awards

The West Houston Chapter of the American Association of Critical-care Nurses was recently awarded the President's Award, the Excellence in Chapter Educational Programming, and the Excellence in Chapter Leadership Development. The chapter meets at Houston Methodist West Hospital.



## Autumn Leaves of Cinco Ranch Opens

Autumn Leaves, a 28,000-square-foot facility focusing on the needs of Alzheimer's and memory care, recently opened in the Katy community. The facility offers living space for nearly 50 occupants, provides an environment that makes residents feel at home, and includes safety features through the use of high-tech equipment. Day stays are also available at Autumn Leaves, providing caregivers opportunities for a break.

## Empty Bowls Project Benefits Katy Christian Ministry Food Pantry

Katy and Taylor high schools' art departments held an empty bowls dinner to benefit the KCM food pantry. Students handcrafted bowls to raise awareness of hunger. Guests were served soup in a handmade ceramic bowl, and were invited to contribute to the worthy cause.





## Literary & Fine Arts Festival Winners Showcased at Katy Contemporary Arts Museum

Talented Katy students were awarded curator medals from Katy Contemporary Arts Museum (KCAM) for their outstanding artistic talent. Winners were invited to share their pieces with the public and their families at KCAM. Thanks to Fort Bend Commissioner Andy Meyers and Ana Villaronga-Roman, museum director and curator, the Katy area was able to show their support for the arts and the young artists in the community.



## Katy Elks Lodge Honors Law Enforcement and EMS

The Katy Elks recently awarded three individuals in law enforcement and EMS for their efforts. Katy Police Department officer, Stefen Wolff, was honored for his providing a superb example for his fellow officers. Deputy Theodore Knatte of the Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 5 and Judith Wick with the City of Katy EMS were also honored.

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