

SEVEN LAKES
COMES FROM
BEHIND TWICE
TO BEAT
CY-RIDGE

SPORTS | B1

KatyTimes

MATH TUTOR
Katy ISD
Alg I, II-Trig-Geom, Pre-C
12 yrs. BSEE, MSMA
832-858-2084
\$30 per hour

VOLUME 110, ISSUE 13

THE GREATER KATY AREA'S NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1912 ■ katytimes.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022



Katy ISD students, from left, Alison Franks, Sofa Dixon, Gabrielle Izu, Cameron Samuels, Peniel Otto and Jaagat Prashar have spoken against banning books and distributed such books to their fellow students. Izu is holding Flamer, a book that has been pulled from Katy ISD library shelves. Samuels is holding Maus, which the district is considering removing from the shelves. A district spokesperson said a decision on whether to pull Maus will come later in the week.

Katy unveils website that reports progress on city projects

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The City of Katy Monday unveiled a new website that enables the public to see the latest on the various projects around the city.

Council Member-at-Large and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said council members expressed a desire for such a site last year in a strategic planning session. The public had questions and such a site would help answer those questions.

Harris said City Administrator Byron Hebert asked Assistant City Administrator Anas Garfaoui to coordinate the effort with appropriate city staff. Now, the site has been launched.

The abbreviated URL for it is <https://bit.ly/3I-WA9Ti>.

Icons mark project sites around the city. Projects are organized by drainage, roads, sewer, water, and walkways.

A drainage project on Y Street, for example, lists

See **CITY**, page A3

Katy ISD students speak out against removing books

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

For six Katy Independent School District students speaking out against removing certain books from school libraries, it's a matter of learning by doing.

The debate over removing books and blocking access to selected LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) websites through school computers is happening across the country. For one local student, things began happening when they spoke against censorship last November at a Katy school trustees meeting.

Cameron Samuels is a Seven Lakes High School senior who wants to do "something political" after graduation. But for now, they—as Samuels describes themselves—have been a regular

“It's really made a big impact in the student body. People are talking about censorship, fearing what will happen when resources are not accessible, and right now they are not accessible.”

—Cameron Samuels, Seven Lakes High School senior

speaker at school board meetings.

Samuels does more than talk. Samuels and some fellow students from other Katy ISD high schools have distributed

over 500 banned books to students at district high schools. In February, they staged a Katy ISD “FReadom Week,” with books such as *Beloved*, a 1987 by Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison, being distributed to students. The novel is based on a true story about a Black slave woman who escaped with her family from a Kentucky plantation.

The debates continue. The district is considering whether to pull *Maus*, a 1991 book by Art Spiegelman. *Maus* is a nonfiction book about the Holocaust and is designed as a graphic novel. A district official said Monday that a decision on whether to pull *Maus* was expected later this week.

As of this week, the district has removed 10 books from its schools. To see the district's list of what books have

See **BOOKS**, page A3

North Texas official orders books removed from schools

BY JEREMY SCHWARTZ AND MIKE HIXENBAUGH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

In early January, a day before students returned from winter break, Jeremy Glenn, the superintendent of the Granbury Independent School District in North Texas, told a group of librarians he'd summoned to a district meeting room that he needed to speak from his heart.

“I want to talk about our community,” Glenn said, according to a recording of the Jan. 10 meeting obtained and verified by NBC News, ProPublica and The Texas Tribune. Glenn explained that Granbury, the largest city in a county where 81% of residents voted for then-President Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, is “very, very conservative.”

He noted that members of Granbury's school

See **REMOVAL**, page A3

HAVE A NEWS TIP?

news@katytimes.com

SUBSCRIBE TODAY

281-391-3141



March 31, 2022
16 pages | \$1

Local archaeologist helps find, identify ancient 'curse tablet'

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

A Katy archaeologist is part of a team that helped to discover and identify a “curse tablet” that is centuries older than any known Hebrew inscription from ancient Israel.

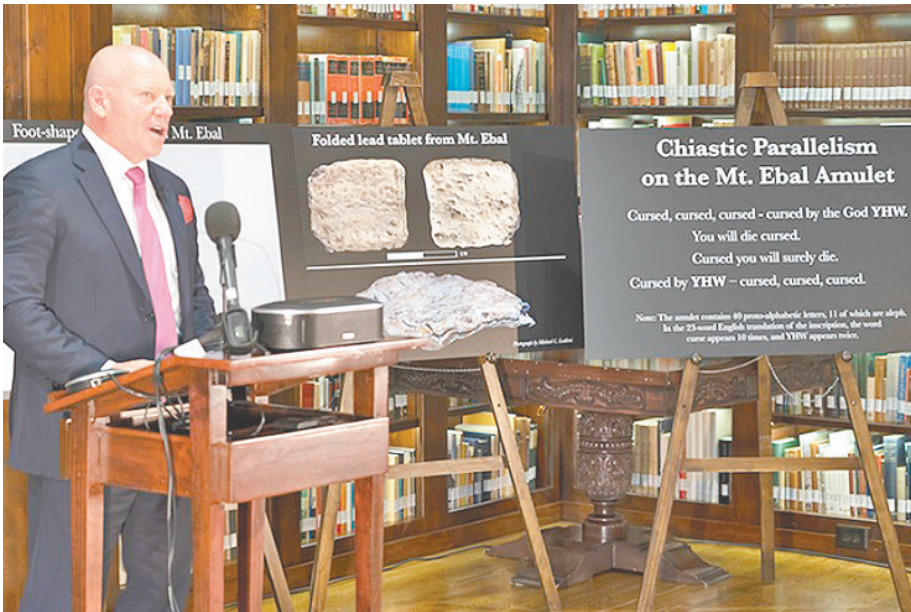
Scott Stripling, Archaeological Studies Institute director at The Bible Seminary in Katy, worked with four scientists from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic to discover the text at Mt. Ebal, which about 100 miles north of Jerusalem.

Pieter Gert van der Veen of Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz and Gershon Galil of the University of Haifa are epigraphers who specialize in deciphering ancient texts. They were also part of the team.

In the Bible, following the Battle of Ai around 1400 B.C., Joshua built a temple to the Lord on Mt. Ebal. More recently, the archaeologists found the temple site and the altar, and it was there that they found and confirmed the curse tablet.

The translated curse text reads:
*Cursed, cursed, cursed – cursed by the God YHWH.
You will die cursed.
Cursed you will surely die.
Cursed by YHWH – cursed, cursed, cursed.*

See **TABLET**, page A3



Scott Stripling, Archaeological Studies Institute director at The Bible Seminary, speaks at a March 24 news conference announcing the discovery of a curse tablet at Mt. Ebal in Israel. Left: The curse tablet found at Mt. Ebal in Israel.

THE BIBLE SEMINARY

MEMBER FDIC
All loans are subject to credit approval.



The right home loan can turn your plans for the future into realities today.





GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Stacey Lynn gives a presentation on barndominiums at the Katy Home & Garden Show, held March 26-27 at the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Center, 5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road.



DEBBIE PREJEAN

Kingsland Baptist Church hosted an international festival Saturday at Kingsland Baptist Church, 20555 Kingsland Blvd. The festivities included cultural performances, entertainment, food from various Katy-area restaurants, and a global market.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Katy Branch Library reopens

No special ceremony marked the celebration, but the Katy Branch Library reopened to the public Monday after about six weeks of repairs. The library, at 5414 Franz, is part of the Harris County Public Library system but is used as the city library.

Harris County officials host Back the Blue event

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, the Harris County Sheriff's office, and the Harris County Pct. 5 Constable are hosting a Back The Blue educational fair. The event, which is free, enables citizens to learn how the police use drones and other technology. They can also see the inside of a SWAT vehicle, among other law enforcement vehicles. Activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road.

Katy Area Chamber of Commerce sets next general meeting

Chelsie Kramer, state organizer for New American Economy, will speak about the positive impact of immigrants to the Katy community at the next Katy Area Chamber of Commerce general meeting. The event is set for 7:30-9 a.m. April 7 at the YMCA of Katy, 1350 Main St. For more information, call 281-391-7423.

Fort Bend Junior Service League announces 2022 Sugar Plum Market co-chairs

The Fort Bend Junior Service League (FBJSL) is pleased to announce the new 2022 Sugar Plum Market co-chairs. Those individuals are Cherie Lyne Bouterie, Monica Hasty, Leah



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Katy Branch Library director Desmond London poses in front of a historical photo of Katy at the Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road, which reopened Monday.

Henley, Michelle Monterroso, Chelsi Oestreich and Ashley Stephens. The league was chartered in 2001 by a small group of women determined to make a difference in Fort Bend County. Later that year, the organization introduced the Sugar Plum Market to the community, opening its doors to a few hundred local patrons. Twenty-one years later, the Sugar Plum Market continues to be hosted by an all-woman volunteer force and welcomes over 6,000 patrons annually. Since inception, the market has raised over \$3.7 million that has benefited numerous charitable organizations in Fort Bend.

Due to the success of the additional shopping day in 2021, the Sugar Plum Market will offer three full days from Nov. 3-5. A special preview night celebration will be held in the evening of Nov. 2. The market features over 100 vendors at the Stafford Center Performing Arts Theatre and Convention Center.

The Sugar Plum Market welcomes your support of their charitable efforts. There are a variety of sponsorship and underwriting packages available to

both businesses and individuals. The market is also seeking donations for their Premium Raffle. For more information, email sponsors@fbjsl.com.

Fort Bend Junior Service League provides grants to nonprofits

The Fort Bend Junior Service League continues to make a difference within the Fort Bend community through its Community Assistance Fund. The fund can provide grants of up to \$5,000 per league year, per agency, to local Fort Bend non-profits needing financial support to fund a critical need, pilot a program or expand a significant service to the community.

The league recently supported through the Community Assistance Fund two worthy Fort Bend non-profit agencies. The first award was to Undies for Everyone (UFE) for \$3,000 to provide undergarments to over 400 children. Undies for Everyone coordinates with various Fort Bend agencies who assist underserved children to outfit each child with seven days of undergarments building self-esteem and confidence. To learn more about Undies for Everyone, please visit the website undiesforeveryone.org.

The second award was to the Art League of Fort Bend for \$2,000 for use towards updating the gallery lighting. The art league is a multi-arts facility managed by volunteer members of the Art League of Fort Bend. It functions as a shared space for artists and art enthusiasts to create, display and experience art through shows, exhibits and learning opportunities. For more information about the Art League of Fort Bend, visit the website artleaguefortbend.org.

For more information about the junior service league, visit the website fbjsl.org.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



Good weather and great food samples from various Katy-area restaurants greeted foodies at Saturday's Katy Taste Fest, which was held at Typhoon Texas, 555 Katy Fort Bend Road. Kenzie Cherry holds Willow, a baby goat, at the Kids Zone portion of the event. Kenzie said people joked that she was the "goat whisperer" because she somehow coaxed Willow out of the crate.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

YOUR NEWS. YOUR WAY.

Find out what all your friends are talking about

Katy Times THE KATY TIMES

Follow us on Facebook for easy access to KATY TIMES

amco AUTO INSURANCE

AUTO-HOME-RENTERS-COMMERCIAL

AMCO.NET

713-244-8888

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

LIABILITY FROM \$39 Monthly

SWITCH TO AMCO & SAVE \$\$\$

GET YOUR POLICY OVER THE PHONE IN MINUTES.

Seventh Schulenburg Annual SAUSAGEFEST

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND DOWNTOWN SCHULENBURG

JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN, MUSIC & SAUSAGE!

GREAT FOOD • DANCING IN THE STREET • COLD BEVERAGES • BIERGARTEN • ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • GRAND MARCH • FUN RUN • AMERICAN LEGION BLACK BEAN MOTORCYCLE RIDE PLUS: HOG-CALLING CONTEST & SAUSAGE-TOSS CONTEST

FESTIVITIES START AT 11:15AM WITH THE SHORTEST PARADE IN TEXAS

LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY • FEATURING Jarrod Birmingham

THE CZECHAHOLICS MARK HALATA & TEXAVIA

All Day Fun 11:15AM - 9:30PM Free Admission!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GREATER SCHULENBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (866) 504-5294 OR (979) 742-4514 | SCHULENBURGSUSAGEFEST@GMAIL.COM WWW.SCHULENBURGSUSAGEFEST.COM P.O. BOX 65, 618 NORTH MAIN ST, SCHULENBURG, TEXAS 78956

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

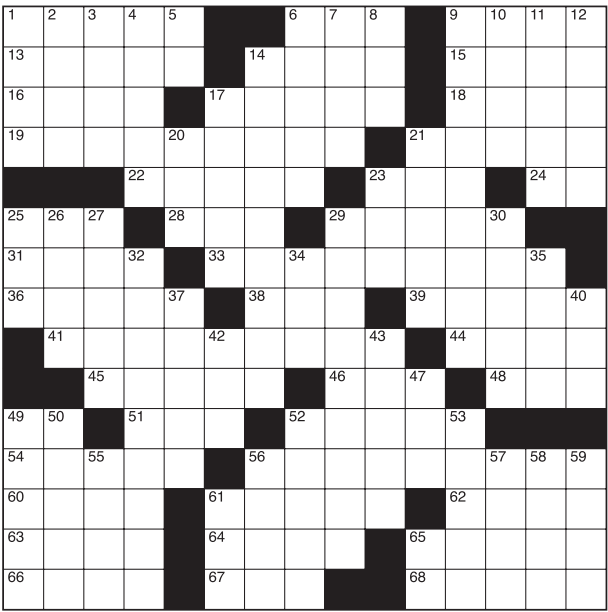
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillsides
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin
- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses
- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
- 48. Doctor of Education
- 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 51. Overcharge
- 52. Sailboats
- 54. Indian musical patterns
- 56. Predisposition to a condition

- 60. Share a common boundary with
- 61. Wide
- 62. Skin disease
- 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 64. Source of the Blue Nile
- 65. Instrument
- 66. Red deer
- 67. Unidentified flying object
- 68. Bar or preclude

CLUES DOWN

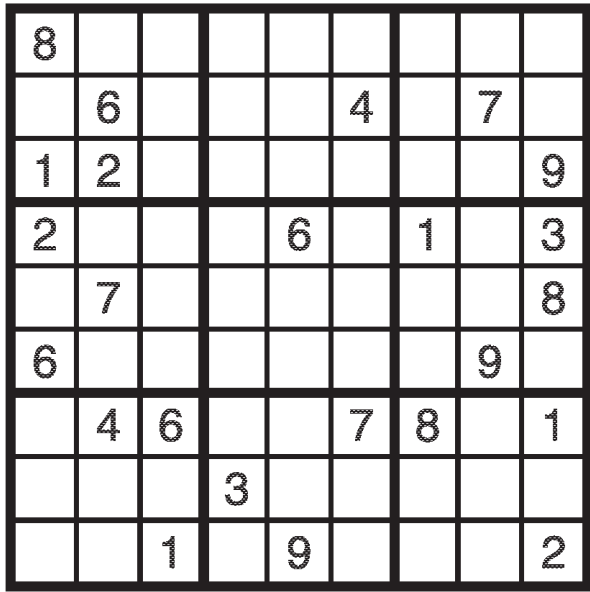
- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 3. Old
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month
- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child



- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. "___ Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

BOOKS

from page A1

been removed, and why, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3uBQZ4r>.

Samuels said their efforts have made an impact in the Seven Lakes student body.

“People are talking about censorship, fearing what will happen when resources are not accessible, and right now they are not accessible,” Samuels said.

Gabrielle Izu is a Taylor High School senior who wants to major in political science and work in legislation after she graduates. She said the reaction to the matter has been predominantly positive.

“Those who are opposed to the banning of books are more vocal,

which is really nice,” Izu said. “I actually had a teacher hug me because this is my way of coming out. It was really nice when it came out to have a school authority express support and give me tips on what could be done to work around and address this ban.”

Alison Franks is a Jordan High School junior. She said the reaction at her school to their efforts have been predominantly positive.

“I believe I surround myself with people who are very supportive of what I am doing,” Franks said. “Even with people who have different views, they are curious. Students are very much trying

to educate themselves. I believe education is the only cure for what is going on in our district. You can’t fight against what you don’t know about. You have to be educated. Lots of students are LGBTQ, black or different ethnicities.”

Peniel Otto, a Cinco Ranch High School senior who hopes to become either a criminal justice or corporate attorney, reported a different reaction at her high school. She said there was not much reaction at Cinco Ranch. However, she also spends time at the Miller Career and Technology Center, where there are more conversations.

“I never wanted to be a poli-

tician, but having had talks with people changed my ideas about how we can change the stigma in a positive light,” Otto said.

Jaagat Prashar, a Jordan High School sophomore, said one doesn’t get complete respect on an issue “until you get up there and start speaking and doing something.”

Prashar is undecided about what he wants to do after graduation, though he’s looking at studying computer science or political science.

The students know not everyone agrees with their viewpoint about pulling the books and

blocking some websites. The district’s standard for removing a book from a school library shelf is that it be “pervasively vulgar.” In previous meetings, critics have urged the board to remove books they thought met that standard. The district in December launched an app that enables feedback on books the district purchases.

Prashar said opponents couldn’t be avoided.

“It’s more a byproduct of progress and it kind of motivates you to keep pushing,” Prashar said. “I like to look at the positive side of things, and I’m grateful for the support we have.”

TABLET

from page A1

“YHW” is for “Yahweh,” a form of the Hebrew name for God that is used in the Bible.

Stripling said the curse, along with the blessing, were parts of covenants made in those days.

“That’s how you made a covenant in the Bronze Age,” Stripling said. (The Bronze Age ran from about 3300-1200 B.C.) “You bind yourself with an oath. If I keep the terms of the covenant, I receive the blessings, and if not, I receive the curses. You cannot have a covenant without blessings and curses.”

Stripling said the date of the tablet is consistent with other archaeological findings and synchronizes with biblical dates. The date of the table is consistent with the approximate dates of the writing of

the Pentateuch, which Jews call the Torah. The Pentateuch and Torah different terms, but both refer to the first five books of the Old Testament. Those books are the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Stripling said some scholars have questioned whether there was some sort of alphabet that people could read and understand in those days. The tablet’s existence implies that there were both.

“That’s one of the big implications,” Stripling said. “Jesus said that Moses wrote the Torah.”

Stripling said the tablet was discovered in 2019 and archaeologists had hoped to both complete testing and announce the findings sooner. However, the pandemic slowed things down and the need-

ed research took longer to finish.

He said a peer-reviewed article detailing the finding was in preparation and is expected to be out within the next few months.

“We’re trying to finish that up, hopefully, by the end of summer,” Stripling said in an interview. “It’s just a tedious process of researching. We’re going back to our objects from the excavation to make sure we didn’t miss anything that was relevant. We’re consulting with other specialists.”

The excitement of the archaeological discovery aside, Stripling said the discovery means a person can trust the Bible.

“All the stuff that throws at you, I can trust the promises in the Bible because it’s a trusted historical document,” Stripling said.

REMOVAL

from page A1

board were also very conservative. And to any school employees who might have different political beliefs, Glenn said, “You better hide it,” adding, “Here in this community, we’re going to be conservative.”

For months, conservative parents and politicians across Texas had been pressuring districts to remove from school libraries any books that contain explicit descriptions of sex, labeling several young adult novels as “pornography.” Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, called for criminal investigations into school employees who make such content available to students.

Many of the titles targeted have featured queer characters and storylines, but those calling for the books’ removal have repeatedly said they are concerned only with sex and vulgarity, not with suppressing the views of LGBTQ students and authors.

Glenn made a similar argument during his closed-door meeting with librarians in Granbury, which is about an hour’s drive southwest of Dallas.

“I don’t want a kid picking up a book, whether it’s about homosexuality or heterosexuality, and reading about how to hook up sexually in our libraries,” Glenn said. He also made it clear that his concerns specifically included books with LGBTQ themes, even if they do not describe sex. Those comments, according to legal experts, raise concerns about possible violations of the First Amendment and federal civil rights laws that protect students from discrimination based on their gender and sexuality.

“And I’m going to take it a step further with you,” he said, according to the recording. “There are two genders. There’s male, and there’s female. And I acknowledge that there are men that think they’re women. And there are women that think they’re men. And again, I don’t have any issues with what people want to believe, but there’s no place for it in our libraries.”

Minutes later, after someone asked if titles on racism were acceptable, Glenn said books on different cultures “are great.”

“Specifically, what we’re getting at, let’s call it what it is, and I’m cutting to the chase on a lot of this,” Glenn said. “It’s the transgender, LGBTQ and the sex — sexuality — in books. That’s what the governor has said that he will prosecute people for, and that’s what we’re pulling out.”

Over the next two weeks, the school district embarked on one of the largest book removals in

the country, pulling about 130 titles from library shelves for review. Nearly three-quarters of the removed books featured LGBTQ characters or themes, according to a ProPublica and Texas Tribune analysis. Others dealt with racism, sex ed, abortion and women’s rights.

Two months later, a review committee voted to permanently ban three of the books and return the others to shelves. But that may not be the end of the process.

In his recorded comments to librarians, Glenn described the review of 130 titles as the first step in a broader appraisal of library content, and a new policy approved by the school board in January grants him and other administrators authority to unilaterally remove additional titles they deem inappropriate, with no formal review and no way for the public to easily find out what has been pulled from shelves.

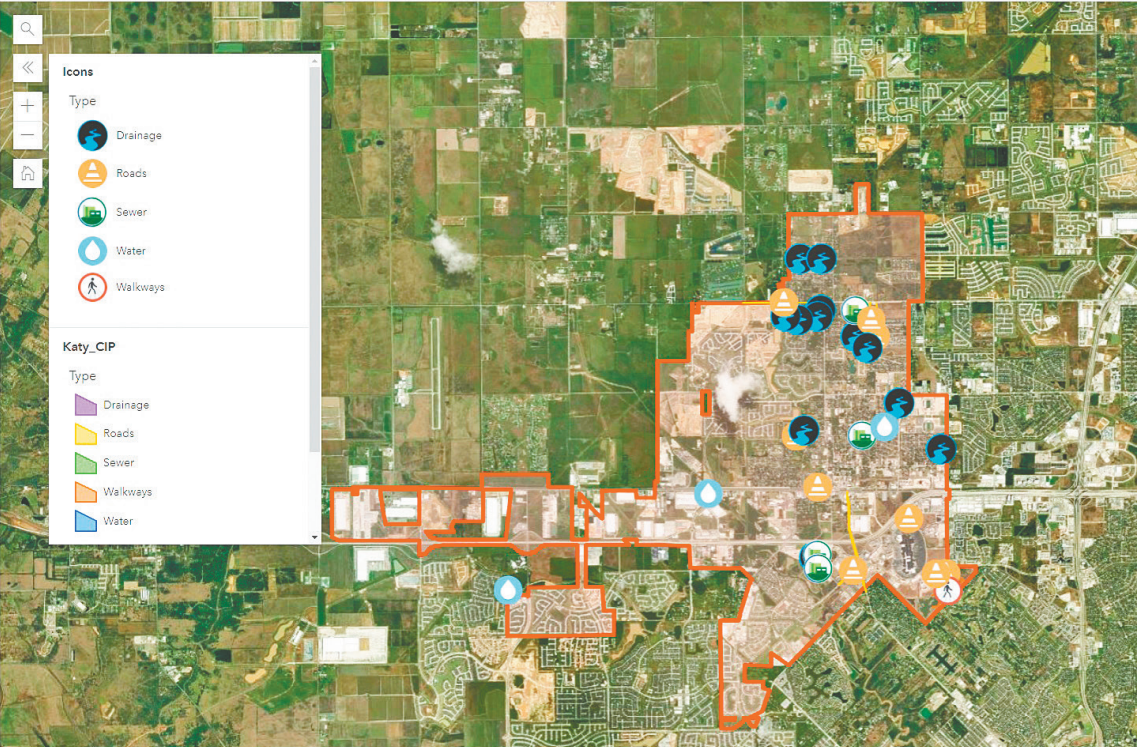
Legal, education and First Amendment experts contacted by ProPublica, NBC News and the Tribune said the audio, combined with the decision to abruptly remove books from circulation, even temporarily, raises constitutional concerns.

Glenn’s comments also call into question the district’s commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive school environment for LGBTQ students and could be grounds for a complaint to the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, which enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, the experts said.

“This audio is very much evidence of anti-LGBTQ and particularly anti-trans discrimination,” said Kate Huddleston, a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, who reviewed the recording. “It is very much saying the quiet part out loud in a way that provides very significant evidence that book removals in the district are occurring because of anti-LGBTQ bias.”

In a written statement, Glenn said the district was committed to supporting students of all backgrounds. And although he said the district’s primary focus is educating students, “the values of our community will always be reflected in our schools.”

Jeremy Schwartz writes for The Texas Tribune and ProPublica. Mike Hixenbaugh writes for NBC News. This story, which has been edited for length, originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at www.texastribune.org/2022/03/23/north-texas-superintendent-targets-books-about-transgender-people/.



This Argis map, created by Katy city staff, enables the public to check the status of projects around the city.

CITY

from page A1

the project type, description, funding source, current phase, phase completion, and the latest update.

“Bam, there you go,” Harris said.

The map site unveiling highlighted a meeting in which the council approved a number of bids for various projects. These bids included:

- A \$304,314 bid for street maintenance to Teamwork Construction Services of Houston.
- A \$221,450 bid for a lift station

went well rehabilitation project to T Gray Utility Aims, of Cypress.

- A \$228,365 bid for the 11th Street water line replacement project to Cohil Construction Services, of Cypress.
- A \$430,557 bid for ditch re-grading and culvert replacement to AR TurnKee construction company of Houston.
- A \$729,287 bid for a storm water pump station at the wastewater treatment plant to ZeusCon of Houston.

- A \$35,106 proposal with Gordian Group for VFW Hall building improvements and upgrades.
- A \$13,457 proposal with Gordian Group for construction of an additional storage closet at the VFW Hall.
- A \$119,355 bid for sanitary sewer rehabilitation to King Solution Services of Houston.

The council also approved a variance to the city ordinance to serve alcoholic beverages at Willy Burger, 6191 Highway Blvd.

Brown Eyed Girl by Roxie

A Boutique for the Free Spirited Person

- Lots of Embroidered Clothing
- Girls Clothing
- Beautiful Mexican Clothing
- Jewelry
- Great Gift Items
- Goats Milk Soaps and Lotions
- Root Candles
- Pet Accessories & Gifts
- Original Water Colors
- Talavera Pottery
- Photography Canvas Prints
- Upholstery, Draperies, Refinishing and Custom Shutters

EXTRA DISCOUNTS
for military, first responders, and school staff!

30318 2nd Street • Fulshear, Texas 77441
281-468-7036
NEW STORE HOURS
Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays

@BEGDbyRoxie **Browneyedgirlbyroxie**

COUNTRY CLEANERS

SAME DAY SERVICE

IN BY 9 – OUT BY 5!
Pickup and delivery available

MEN'S SHIRTS

(Laundered and Starched)
\$1.99

Must present coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 4/30/2022

DRY CLEAN

(Most Regular Garments)
\$2.99

SAME DAY SERVICE
IN BY 9 / OUT BY 5
Must present coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 4/30/2022

WEDDING GOWNS

Cleaned & Preserved
\$25.00 OFF
Must present coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 4/30/2022

Shoe Repair

Expert Alterations

On Site Alterations

Lowest Prices in Town!
Family Owned & Operated
OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
281-391-8700
6193 Highway Blvd.
In Tiger Square * Katy
Mon-Fri 7 am to 7 pm
Sat 8 am to 5 pm

BEST of KATY
2021 2nd Place

Are you terrible at remembering names?

If you have a habit of forgetting names as soon as you're introduced, join the club.

In all fairness, I have a mind like a steel trap when it comes to appointments, debts and trivia; it's just that names tend to chew their leg off in order to escape.

Bless his heart, my son Gideon is even worse. We'll be out shopping, and some peer will shout a hearty, "Hi, Gideon!" It may be someone who bullied him through six years of school or the person who saved his life three times with the Heimlich maneuver, but 95 percent of the time he gets a "deer in the headlights" look when asked their name.

It's just that his mind is always running in a thousand different directions. It's not that he considers his classmates to be lesser beings. (Gideon, stop shining that magnifying glass on what's-his-name!)

Humans are not hardwired to remember names, but etiquette mavens insist that my mental freezes are borderline rude. Apparently, I have sole responsibility for the recognition, validation and self-esteem of every sentient being I meet in passing.

That is fundamentally unfair. Different people have different talents. Why pick on someone because of their lack of memory skills? How come the self-worth of minor acquaintances isn't based on your ability to bench-press 800 pounds for them? How come you never hear anyone whine, "You couldn't duplicate Jimi Hendrix's rendition of the 'Star Spangled Banner' for me, so I'm going on suicide watch?"

Experts will offer you all sorts of mnemonic tricks for committing names to long-term memory, but they don't always work in a bustling networking situation or a crowded party. Strangers won't pause long enough to let me process information. They invariably distract me with some inane chitchat such as "Eyes up here," "You have a grip like my four-year-old" or "John has told me so much about you, but I thought I would go ahead and take my medicine."

Too few names fall into that "sweet spot" of being neither too mundane nor too obscure. Visualization doesn't help make lasting connections with these extreme cases. With the former, I invariably picture myself watching paint dry. With



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Humans are not hardwired to remember names, but etiquette mavens insist that my mental freezes are borderline rude. Apparently, I have sole responsibility for the recognition, validation and self-esteem of every sentient being I meet in passing.

the latter, I typically conjure an image of whatever their parents were smoking when they concocted that name.

Well-timed flatulence is an excellent defense mechanism. If you are introduced to someone whose name you will probably forget, cut loose with appropriate volume. Hold your hand to your ear and give that plaintive "didn't quite hear you" grimace. Repeat until they give up. Believe you me, this will save you from an embarrassing situation in the future.

I also recommend bluffing your way through an awkward situation. If you recognize a face that you can't match with a name, go on the offensive. Rush up and start singing a song snippet such as "I got chills, they're multiplyin'..."

When they give you a blank stare, provide them a chance to save face by muttering, "Oh...I really shouldn't have expected you to remember OUR song all this time. And I hate to bring it up, but it looks like you forgot to bring that pony you promised my paraplegic son, Wee Angus."

Either they will apologize profusely to YOU, or they will call 9-1-1. ("There's this potentially dangerous visitor in the office. No, I can't remember his name, but...")

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."



Time to mourn the mornings

With the onset of daylight saving time throughout the U.S. – except for a couple of states that still trust the science – we’ve now reached the time of year that is especially challenging for folks like me who don’t identify as “morning people.” And there are lots of us. According to the posts I’ve been seeing on Facebook, the popularity of daylight saving time ranks right up there with Vladimir Putin.

And now I hear the U.S. Congress is considering taking that precious one hour of extra sleep hostage on a permanent basis by leaving daylight saving time in place – forever!

Does daylight really need saving? Who are we to tamper with a normal force of nature like this? Think of the harm we may be inflicting on the environment – and ourselves! In fact, a recent Business Insider article links daylight saving time to an increase in car accidents, heart attacks and strokes. Maybe that’s why waking up to my alarm when it’s still dark outside makes me feel like I’m recovering from a head transplant.

Honestly, my primary complaint is with mornings in general. Although I appreciate attempts at positivity, I feel triggered anytime someone greets me with an enthusiastic “Good morning!” Other people leave it at a mercifully abridged “Morning.” These folks get it. They recognize the time of day but don’t impose their adjectives on me, or maybe they can just tell I’m about to burst into tears.

JASE GRAVES

SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES



Some morning people seem to take pride in their inability to sleep-in. “I’m just a morning person, I guess,” they say with false humility. I actually admire these people. They’ve accepted the fact that morning is coming each day, so they figure they might as well be happy about it. I, on the other hand, feel like rising up in protest about the unreasonable expectation that I should put on pants before 11 a.m.

Have you ever noticed that “morning” and “mourning” are homonyms? This makes perfect sense. For me, both words are associated with sadness and a big meal to try to make things better.

And speaking of meals, even the word “breakfast” has the word “break” in it. Whoever coined the word must have recognized that getting up early enough to eat at that time of day makes people like me want to break something – fast. Because, deep down, nobody really wants to eat at 6:00 a.m. That’s probably why most traditional breakfast foods are full of sugar, cholesterol, and other delicious ingredients. It’s like we’re trying to trick our stomachs into thinking we’re on a food tour at the fair instead of getting ready for work.

Some people might criticize

me for sleeping late whenever I get the chance. They use words like “slothful.” Have you ever seen a sloth? They’re adorable, huggable creatures, and even acrobatic – like me.

Others might even be tempted to quote Proverbs 6:9, which sounds a lot like my dad when I was a teenager: “How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?”

Fair enough. I’ll admit that morning is my favorite time of day to miss, and I do take sleeping late to extreme-sport levels. But instead of focusing on the negative, I like to reflect on Psalm 127:2, which says, “In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat – for He grants sleep to those He loves.”

See, Dad, God must love me – a lot!

And while I’m on the subject of God’s love, I’m forever thankful that He blessed me with a wife and three daughters who are all skilled in the fine art of sleeping until noon on Saturdays. They truly make me proud.

So even if you’re a morning person, I encourage you to join the battle against daylight saving time by sleeping-in from time to time. Do it for your health. Do it for your car. Your pants can wait.

Graves is an award-winning humor columnist from East Texas. His columns have been featured in *Texas Escapes* magazine, *The Shreveport Times*, *The Longview News Journal*, and *The Kilgore News Herald*. Contact Graves at susanjase@sbcglobal.net.

Katy Times

SUSAN ROVEGNO | Publisher
GEORGE SLAUGHTER | News Editor
TYLER TYRE | Sports Editor
DEBBIE PREJEAN | Office Manager/Bookkeeper
MARISSA FERREIRA | Page Designer

OFFICE HOURS: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 678, Katy, Texas, 77492-0678
PHONE: 281-391-3141

TO REPORT NEWS:
Call 281-391-3141 or email news@katytimes.com

TO REPORT SPORTS SCORES:
email sports@katytimes.com

ADVERTISING:
For information on advertising in the Katy Times, in print or online, contact us at 281-391-3141 or email katyclass@katytimes.com. Advertising deadline is noon on Friday for both classified and retail advertising.

BILLING:
Address billing inquiries to: Debbie Prejean, Bookkeeper bookkeeping@katytimes.com

PRESS RELEASES:
Press releases are accepted but are not guaranteed for publication. Press releases should be e-mailed only to news@katytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
We encourage your Letters to the Editor submissions, but we reserve the right to edit for content and for space restrictions. All letters must

contain the full name of the person who wrote the letter, as well as their address and telephone number for verification purposes. Letters can be submitted via e-mail to news@katytimes.com.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
The Katy Times (ISSN 067-180) is published on Thursday. Subscriptions are available for \$35 per year in Harris, Waller and Fort Bend counties and \$45 elsewhere. Subscribe at www.katytimes.com or by mailing payment and delivery information to Katy Times, P.O. Box 678, Katy, TX 77492-0678. Periodical-rate postage paid at Katy, Texas 77494.

CORRECTIONS:
We strive for accuracy and transparency in our reporting. If you believe that we have made a factual error in reporting, please call 281-391-3141 or email editor@katytimes.com with a link to the story in question, along with information on what you believe is factually incorrect in the reporting. Individual columns in the Katy Times do not necessarily reflect the newspaper's editorial opinion.

CIRCULATION:
Address billing inquiries at 281-391-3141.

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to The Katy Times, P.O. Box 678, Katy, Texas, 77492-0678.

ABOUT OUR NEWSPAPER:
The Katy Times is a member of the Texas Press Association. The weekly newspaper is published every Thursday. Visit our Web site 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.katytimes.com for more news and information.



TRIBUTES

Life is a Journey, William T. Hirschfelder, Jr. was born in San Antonio June 15, 1960 to William T. Hirschfelder Sr. and Ann Chamberlain. After 17 months of fighting cancer and its side effects, he peacefully made his final journey home on Sunday morning March 20, 2022. He was not alone, and God was there to lead him peacefully home.

"The Dash" in his life included growing up in Huntsville area. When young he was King of the Parade in Trinity. He went to Huntsville High School and made many friends and a character was based on him in the movie Dazed & Confused. He and Lisa met as she was at SHSU and became friends first and their relationship progressed from there.

They married and built their life and family in Katy, Texas. There was nothing he cherished more than his wife Lisa, daughter Kayce, son Kyle, and the light of his life, grandson Cooper.



WILLIAM THOMAS HIRSCHFELDER, JR.
1960-2022

William worked for the family business Hard Times BBQ until changing careers. He worked as a journeyman electrician and became part of the West Houston Electric family for 27 years.

William loved the tradition of Katy football and all the values it instilled in his kids and the friendships made along the way. William enjoyed hunting when younger but didn't get to go

as much as he got older.

He was at peace when on the water fishing with his friends. He kept asking his doctors when he could go fishing and they finally said yes. The only stipulation was he could not touch the bait or fish. Of course, Captain Leb was a true friend and did all the work. God worked wonders that day and led them to the best fishing spot and William had the biggest smile as he showed off their catch of the day.

William's other relaxation was playing cards with his friends. He knew once he had the stem cell transplant that he would not be able to go. He went to Coughatta on the weekends before the transplant and if you know William, he tried to convince them to keep his gold card status.

William chose the road less traveled and made his own path. He loved his family and friends and would lend a helping hand when

you least expected it. You make choices in life and he lived life's journey with no regrets.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Sturm Hirschfelder; daughter, Kayce Hirschfelder; son, Kyle Hirschfelder; grandson, Cooper William Bullard (Kayce); mother, Ann Chamberlain Wesolick; brother, Robert & wife Michelle Profili; brother, Kirk & wife Sharon Hirschfelder; sister, Sherry & husband Jason Piexoto; in-laws, Nelda Sturm, Ronnie & Cathy Sturm, Randy & Lauri Sturm, and nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Col. C.J. & Ethel Hirschfelder and Joseph & Mary Chamberlain, and brother, Stephen Hirschfelder.

To sign the virtual guestbook, visit the website <https://william-hirschfelder.virtual-memorials.com/>.

Will "Bill" Roesler III, age 79, passed peacefully at his home in Katy, Texas on Sunday February 27, 2022. He was cared for in his final weeks by home hospice services and by his devoted son, Will Roesler IV.

Bill was born in Houston, on December 17, 1942. He was raised in Houston and graduated from Reagan High School in 1960. Bill and his wife Paula Goodman Roesler were married for 52 years. They married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1969 and raised their family in Houston and Katy, Texas. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Will Roesler, Jr. and Barbara Cosgrove Roesler, his beloved wife Paula Goodman Roesler, his brother Robert Roesler, and sister Barbara Jean Roesler. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Lopez, son Will Roesler IV, granddaughters Lauren Roesler Graves and her husband Richard, and Meagan Lee Roesler; sister Joan Abbott, brother



WILL ROESLER III
1942-2022

Ronald and his wife Debbie Roesler; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Bill was an avid bowler and a proud truck driver with a long career working for Conway Southern Express, where he received an award for driving one million miles without an accident.

Bill and Paula's ashes will be interred at 3 p.m. on April 8, 2022 at Memorial Oaks Cemetery, 13001 Katy Freeway, in Houston.

NEW LAW
ENFORCEMENT
VEHICLE

The Katy Police Department has taken delivery of a truck that will be used by its commercial motor vehicle (CMV) officer. This officer focuses on law enforcement as it pertains to CMVs such as concrete trucks, construction trucks, dump trucks, and 18-wheelers that drive through the city.

CHRIS HARRIS





Call us for a FREE 15-min consultation.
We solve tax problems.

TAX SOLUTIONS
TRUSTED GLOBALLY

taxss.com info@taxss.com 281-578-1040

The Katy Times

Directory of Local Churches & Houses of Worship



Schmidt FUNERAL HOME

Serving Katy and West Houston since 1945

(281) 391-2424

1508 East Avenue • Katy, Texas 77493
Mailing Address: 1415 East Avenue, Suite B • Katy, Texas 77493



Katy Hardware

Kay & Mickey Powers, Owners

559 Pin Oak Rd.
Katy, TX 77494

281-391-3437 • Fax 281-391-6922
www.katyhardware.com



Katy Veterinary Clinic

Serving the Greater Katy Area Since 1964

Kari Cleavinger, D.V.M. • Lori Smith, D.V.M.
Hillary Barra, D.V.M. • Catherine Berry, DVM
Jessica Machala, DVM

What every pet deserves.

27227 Hwy. Blvd., Katy
Open M-F 7-6 • Sat 8-12 **281-391-3169** • www.katyvetclinic.com



TRUE FIX A/C & Heating

Quality Service for over 42 Years

Living in KATY, Working in KATY & KATY Proud

"We're in Your Neighborhood and We'll be Here When You Need Us"

281-392-9334
www.truefix.com



Clay's

MORTUARY & CREMATIONS

Serving Families Celebrating Lives

IN YOUR FAMILY'S TIME OF NEED...

3923 Fifth Street
Brookshire, TX 77423

281-CLAY-WAY
(281.252.9929)

ClaysMortuary.com



Katy Christian
Chamber of Commerce

Networking, Upcoming Events, & More Info

Where Christian Businesses Meet





When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

Psalms 94:19



KCM
KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Help our ministry transform lives. Give now by scanning the QR Code.



ktcm.org

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
EL SHADDAI ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
5610 LILAC STREET • 281-391-8339
PASTORS, PETER & ESTELA PINON
FAMILY LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
24911 ROESNER ROAD • 281-392-0637
ALBERT CORTEZ, PASTOR • WWW.FLAG.CHURCH
RIVERS OF OIL CHURCH
541 PIN OAK ROAD, KATY • 832-782-7370
LEAD PASTOR: MR. HERNAN CASTANO
WWW.RIOSDEACEITE.COM • SUNDAY SERVICE 9 A.M.

BAPTIST
ALIEF BAPTIST CHURCH AT KATY
906 AVENUE A, KATY • 281-391-6894
ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
655 DANOVER • 281-391-2263
TYRONE FREEMAN, PASTOR
BRIDGEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
FRANZ ELEMENTARY • 2751 WESTGREEN BLVD. • 281-578-0970
MICHAEL THOMPSON, PASTOR
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
MAYDE CREEK
2855 GREENHOUSE ROAD • 281-492-2689
LARRY MADDOX, PASTOR
KATY'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
600 PIN OAK • 281-391-1100
COLEMAN PHILLEY, SR. PASTOR
GOOD NEWS BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOUSTON
2502 KATY HOCKLEY CUT-OFF • 281-391-9199
VIRGIL YEHNIERT, PASTOR
KINGSLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
20555 KINGSLAND BLVD. • 281-492-0785
PASTOR RYAN RUSH
PARKWAY FELLOWSHIP
27043 FM 1093 • 281-391-6673 • WWW.PARKWAYFELLOWSHIP.COM
PASTOR: MIKE MCCOWN
PARKWAY FELLOWSHIP
5819 10TH ST. • KATY, TX 77493 • 832-222-9282
REDEEMER COMMUNITY CHURCH
24201 CINCO RANCH BLVD. • 281-371-21-56
MITCH MAHER, PASTOR
RIVER BEND BAPTIST CHURCH
26700 FM 1093 • 281-346-2279 • WWW.RIVERBENDCC.ORG
JOHN C. CROWE, PASTOR
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, West Campus
19449 KATY FREEWAY • 713-465-3408
DR. ED YOUNG, PASTOR
TRI-COUNTY BAPTIST
5715 PEEK ROAD • 281-371-3900
RICK SHRADER, PASTOR
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
10000 SPRING GREEN BLVD. • KATY, TX 77494
281-579-6724 • TRINITY-KATY.ORG
PASTOR JOSH GUAIARDO
WESTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1407 GRAND PARKWAY SOUTH • 281-392-5099
ROY MEADOWS, PASTOR
WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH & ACADEMY
3883 LAKES OF BRIDGEWATER DR • 281-492-3448
REV. RICHARD D. BUTTS, PASTOR

ANGLICAN
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHIAS
DIOCESE OF MID AMERICA
4142 DAYFLOWER • 281-463-2304
GRACE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY
24968 KATY RANCH ROAD, KATY, TEXAS 77494
281-769-5544 • WWW.GRACEANGLICANKATY.COM
RECTOR: ROBERT HENSON

CATHOLIC
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC
1530 NORWALK DR. (NOTTINGHAM) • 281-578-0707
FR. TOM LAM
ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH
5356 ELEVENTH ST. • 281-391-4758
FR. CHRISTOPHER PLANT, PASTOR
ST. EDITH STEIN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
3311 N. FRY ROAD • 281-492-7500
REV. RYSZARD KULMA, PASTOR

CHRISTIAN
CURRENT-A CHRISTIAN CHURCH
26600 WESTHEIMER PKWY • 281-395-4722
DARREN WALTER, MINISTER
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
22101 MORTON ROAD • 281-492-2693
REV. HEATHER TOLLESON, MINISTER

CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX
ST. PAUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Western Rite
1717 KATY GAP RD. • KATY, TX 77494 • 281-201-6439
FATHER SYMEON KEES • ADMIN@STPAULKATY.COM CASTBIZ.NET

CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST - KATY
5438 E. 5TH STREET • 281-391-7606
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BRIDGEWATER
21650 CRESTBROOK COVE DR. KATY, TX 77499
CINCO RANCH CHURCH OF CHRIST
6655 S. MASON ROAD • 281-579-3100
AARON WALLING, MINISTER
FRY ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
2510 FRY ROAD AT FRANZ • 281-578-1897
BOB PULLIAM
WESTPARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
MEETING AT AMY CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY
281-712-1492 WWW.WESTPARKCOC.ORG

EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
1225 W. GRAND PARKWAY SOUTH • 281-392-3310
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
1936 DREXEL, KATY • 281-391-2785
REV. MARK WILKINSON

LUTHERAN
CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
700 S. WESTGREEN • 281-398-6464
PAUL GOEKE, LEAD PASTOR
LIVING WORD EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN
3700 SOUTH MASON ROAD • 281-392-2300
MEMORIAL LUTHERAN MISSOURI-SYNOD
3RD ST. & AVE. D, KATY • 281-391-0171
JOHN DAVIS
VICTORY OF THE LAMB-WISCONSIN SYNOD
23051 CINCO RANCH BLVD. @ PEEK RD.
281-395-0544 • NATHAN BUEGE, PASTOR

METHODIST
KATY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5601 FIFTH STREET • 281-391-2121 • KATYFIRST.ORG
REV. JASON SMITH, SENIOR PASTOR
GRACE FELLOWSHIP
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2655 S. MASON ROAD (NEXT TO GREAT S.W. EQUESTRIAN CENTER)
281-646-1903 • JIM LEGGETT, PASTOR
HOLY COVENANT UNITED METHODIST
22111 MORTON ROAD (AT MASON) • 281-579-1200
FRED WILLIS, SENIOR PASTOR
ST. PETER'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20775 KINGSLAND BLVD. • 281-492-8031
DR. PAT SPARKS, PASTOR

MORMON
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1928 DREXEL • 281-391-0687 • 281-391-5439
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1603 Norwalk • 281-578-8934
BISHOP SCOTT BAUER
NOTTINGHAM COUNTRY WARD
281-578-8930
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
9950 SOUTH MASON
281-398-7796

NAZARENE
WESTSIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
3434 FRY ROAD • 281-492-0234
REV. KENT SCHWAMBERGER, PASTOR

NON-DENOMINATIONAL
BELIEVERS' WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH
1600 WOODS ROAD • 888-334-BWOC(2962)
TOMMY AND RACHEL BURCHFIELD, PASTOR
CHURCH OF THE KING
1507 KATY FLEWELLEN RD, KATY, TX • 281-769-4090
[HTTP://WWW.COTK.ORG/](http://WWW.COTK.ORG/)
CHURCH ON THE ROCK
433 S. BARKER CYPRESS • 281-599-9777
JORGE H. CARDENAS, PASTOR

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MEETING @ WOODCREEK J.H.S • 713-705-4878
CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH
26100 CINCO RANCH BLVD. • KATY, TX 77494
WWW.CROSSINGSCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG
MEETS AT 10:40 AM AT KILPATRICK ELEMENTARY

THE DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1837 N. MASON RD. • 713-325-3061

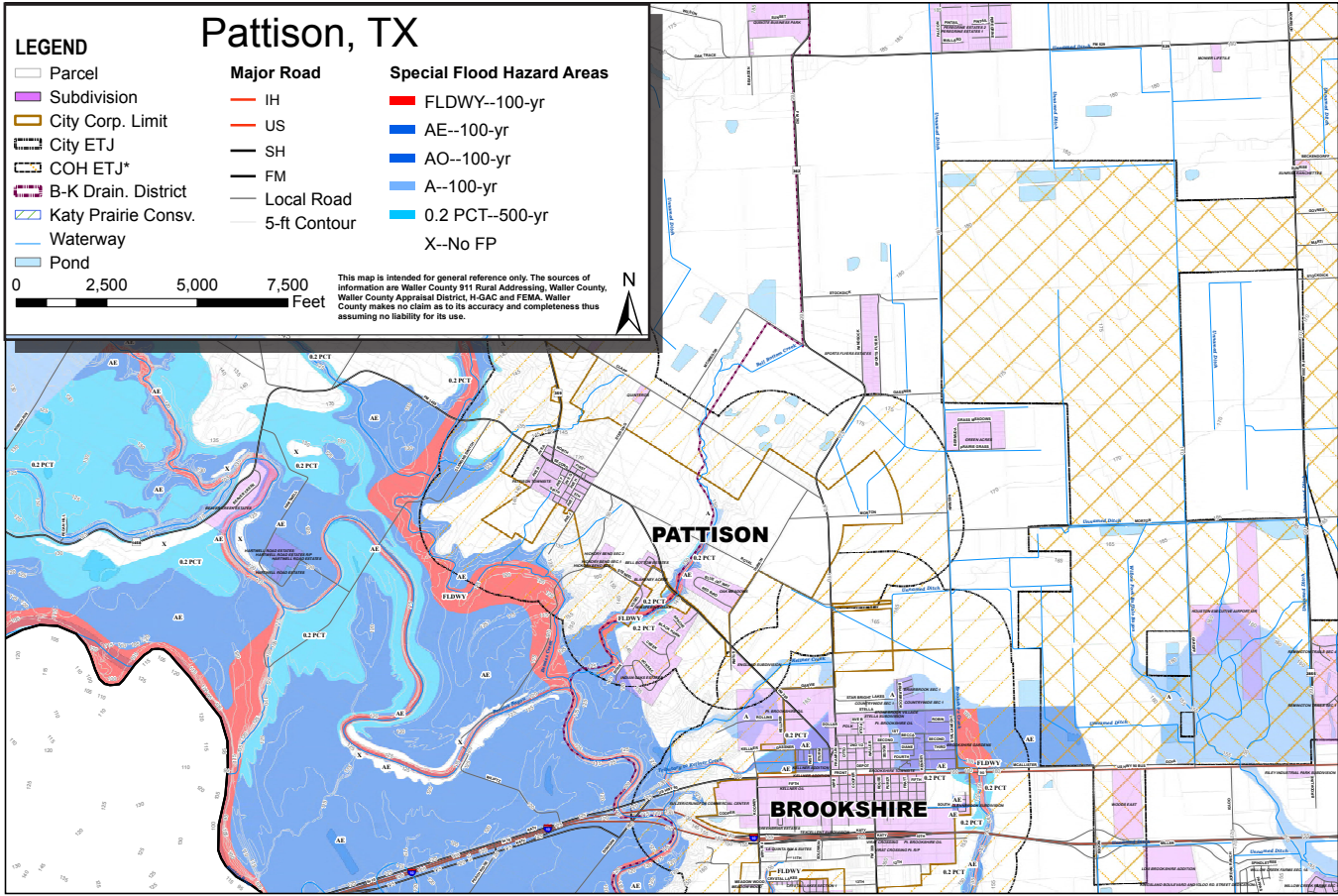
THE EMPOWERMENT CENTER
20910 PARK ROW • 281-578-3535
DAVID ROBERSON, PASTOR
FAITH MANGER CHURCH
20701 KINGSLAND BLVD. @ DOMINION • 281-578-2550
DAVID L. BROWN, PASTOR
FAITH WEST CHURCH
2225 PORTER ROAD • 281-391-LIFE
GARY KERR, PASTOR
THE FELLOWSHIP
22765 WESTHEIMER PARKWAY • 281-395-3950
WWW.THEFELLOWSHIP.ORG • JERRY EDMONSON, PASTOR
FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH
1507 KATY FLEWELLEN RD. • 281-646-1084
DON GRIFFIN, PASTOR
GREENHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
2425 N. GREENHOUSE
SUN 9:30 & 11 AM • GREENHOUSECMA.ORG
HOSANNA!
17700 CLAY RD. • 281-345-1182 • JAMES P. BELL, PASTOR
IGLESIA FUENTE DE DIOS
3506 PORTER RD. • 281-222-4404
PASTORS JORGEY OLGA FLORIAN
KATY BIBLE CHURCH
2500 AVENUE D • 281-391-7284 • 281-391-6855
MATT MANCINI, PASTOR
KATY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
24102 KINGSLAND BOULEVARD • 281-391-0099
TIM BARKER, PASTOR
KINDRED SPIRIT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
22025 I-10 W., RAMADA LIMITED HOTEL, RM. 306
281-855-3402 • REV. L. R. FURR, PASTOR
LIFE CHURCH
2610 GREENBUSCH • 281-395-5433
SAM RUDD, PASTOR
LIVING STONES CHURCH
MEETING AT TOMKINS HIGH SCHOOL, 4400 FALCON LANDING
346-704-1542
NORTHWEST BELIEVERS CHURCH
5423 E FIFTH STREET • 281-829-8985
LARRY CONNER, PASTOR
POWERHOUSE CHRISTIAN CENTER
1818 KATYLAND ROAD • 281-391-0095
G. F. WATKINS, PASTOR
REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD/THE KING'S PALACE
5371 E 5TH ST, KATY, TX • 281-391-7224
[HTTPS://RCCGTHEKINGSPALACE.ORG/](https://RCCGTHEKINGSPALACE.ORG/)

PENTECOSTAL
HERITAGE FAMILY CHURCH
2120 KATY HOCKLEY CUTOFF • 281-391-1010
MICHAEL FILLMER, PASTOR
WWW.HERITAGEFAMILYKATY.ORG
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM • SUNDAY SERVICE @ 12 PM
TUESDAY PRAYER @ 6 PM • THURSDAY BIBLE @ 7:30 PM
THE PENTECOSTALS OF KATY
1941 WESTBOROUGH • 281-829-1175
ROB MCKEE, PASTOR
TRINITY FAITH CHURCH
10TH & AVE. D • 281-391-3310
HAL HALTOM, PASTOR

PRESBYTERIAN
CHRIST CHURCH PCA
10818 GASTON ROAD
281-392-0002
REV. FRED GRECO, SENIOR PASTOR
CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL-PRESBYTERIAN
1351 S. MASON RD. • 281-579-1080
REV. CARTER SANGER, PASTOR
GRAND LAKES PRESBYTERIAN
6035 S. FRY RD.
REV. DEAN POGUE, PASTOR
281-646-7500
NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN
1350 N. MASON ROAD • 281-492-8520
REV. BRIAN LONG
YE DARM PRESBYTERIAN
19946 SAULMS RD • 713-461-0709
YDPCH.ORG

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1913 EAST AVENUE • 281-398-1301
PASTOR RICHARD DEVOST

Pattison to apply for grant to help with flood mitigation



BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Pattison City Council Thursday authorized work to begin on a grant application that, if approved, would help the city clean culverts and remove other possible barriers in case of a flood.

Mark Dessines, vice president of SPI in Houston, is working with the city to prepare the paperwork, which must be submitted before the end of April. The council met in special session to authorize the paperwork because of the quick turnaround required.

The grant is part of a forthcoming city-wide master storm water drainage plan.

In discussing the need for such a plan, Mayor Joe Garcia said the city was built on a higher elevation, with water runoff going southwest towards Bessie's Bayou.

Dessines said the city had a head start on the paperwork because of already-existing topographical surveys and other information, including topographical surveys.

In other action, the council authorized Garcia to sign the H-GAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council) Household Hazardous Waste collection event contract. It also authorized Garcia to sign the Waller County Election Contract for the May 7 municipal election.

Pattison city leaders are using this map as an aid in developing a flood control plan. Yancy Scott, Waller County engineer and floodplain administrator, created the map.

CITY OF PATTISON

Royal FFA members compete in Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Members of the Royal FFA Chapter have been preparing their animals for months to compete at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the largest livestock show in the world. The 90th Annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo just finished up and FFA exhibitors came home with some very impressive results. Students across Texas participated in the Junior Show, open to all FFA & 4-H members.

Winners include:

- Market Goat**
 - Jaylyn Danz, Heavy-weight Market Goat
- Breeding Swine**
 - Rory Melton, Class Champion, Duroc
- Market Swine**
 - Kinleigh Guidry, Reserve Division Champion, 1st Place Market Swine, Yorkshire
 - Rory Melton, 5th Place Market Swine, Light Cross
 - Porter Jacob, Market Swine, Light Cross
 - Presle Jacob, Market Swine, Spotted Poland China
 - Shelby Woods, Market Swine, Hampshire
 - Ekon Ferro, Market Swine, Dark Cross
- Breeding Heifers**
 - Brianna Diezi, 1st Place ORB Heifer Calf



Kinleigh Guidry with her heifer calf.

- Kinleigh Guidry, Champion Polled Hereford Heifer Calf, Class Champion Yearling
- Kaelyn Hein, 3rd Place Brangus Heifer Calf
- Raelee Hacke, 7th Place Santa Gertrudis Heifer
- Porter Jacob, 5th Place ARB Heifer Calf
- Presley Jacob, Grand Champion Red Brangus Female, Champion Senior Heifer, Class Champion Senior Heifer

- Market Steers**
 - Hanna Ulbricht, Class Champion, Reserve Champion American Scramble Steer, 4th Place Brangus Steer, Lightweight Brangus
 - Averi Rongey, Market Steer, 5th Place Class 2 ABC
 - Shelby Woods, Red Cross Market Steer

Kaylee Meader and Brianna Diezi competed in the calf scramble.



Kaelyn Hein with her heifer calf.



Hanna Ulbricht with her American scramble steer.



Presley Jacob with her Red Brangus heifer.



Rory Melton with a breeding swine.



Averi Rongey with her market steer.



Brianna Diezi with her ORB heifer calf.

The Sealy Area Historical Society's

Spring Fest

Sealy Historical Park
211 East Main St., Sealy, TX

April 9, 2022
9 AM – 5 PM

Mike Blakely
Singer/Songwriter/Author
Polish Dance Group Wawel
Old-fashioned Games
Demonstrations
Handcrafted Items
Storytellers
Great Food
Bake Sale
Plant Sale
Bluebonnet Master Gardeners

SealyHistoricalSociety.org
Free Admission

VOTING OPENS APRIL 4
and ends May 1

Results publish **June 23rd**
(available in print and online)

All voting is conducted
online at katytimes.com

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

Katy Times

For more information, contact Susan Rovegno at publisher@katytimes.com or 281-391-3141

Trustees approve Bell as new assistant superintendent

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy school trustees Monday approved Sanée Bell as the new assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. Bell previously served as executive director for secondary teaching and learning. She has more than 22 years of educational experience, most of which was spent in Katy. Bell began her career in

2000 as an eighth-grade language arts teacher in Louisville, Ky. Two years later, she moved to Texas and joined Katy High School as an English teacher and basketball coach. In 2005, Bell was promoted to assistant principal at West Memorial Junior High and then, in 2008, transferred to WoodCreek Junior High to serve in the same capacity. One of Bell's aspirations

was to lead a campus, and her professional goal became a reality in 2011 when she was named the principal of Cimarron Elementary. During her five-year tenure at Cimarron, Bell was recognized as the 2015 Katy ISD Elementary Principal of the Year. In 2016, she became the principal of Morton Ranch Junior High until she was named the executive director

of secondary teaching and learning in 2021. "Katy ISD has always held a special place in my heart," Bell said. "To serve such a thriving and diverse school district is an honor that I cherish dearly. In this new role, I, along with the other team members that compose the Teaching and Learning Division, will focus on ensuring that the more than 90,000 students we sup-

port are engaging in learning experiences that prepare them for their future." Bell holds a bachelor's degree in English and Allied Language Arts from Western Kentucky University, as well as a master's degree in Educational Management and a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston – Clear Lake.



KATY ISD HONORS STUDENT WRESTLERS AT BOARD MEETING



Principal Melinda Stone, wrestling coach Todd Hart, Michael Bone and athletic coordinator Chad Simmons celebrate Bone's state wrestling championship honors.



Athletic coordinator Gary Joseph, wrestling coach Vinnie Lowe, Rodney Trotter (student) and principal Rick Hull celebrate Trotter's state wrestling championship honors.



Wrestling coach Mike White, Garrett McChesney (student), athletic coordinator Mike Rabe and principal Ethan Crowell. Celebrate McChesney's state wrestling championship honors.

Katy ISD to host 36th annual Folk Life Festival

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy Independent School District hosts the 36th annual Folk Life Festival this weekend. The festival is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center, which is just west of the district's Education Support Complex at 6301 S. Stadium Lane. Admission is free. The family-friendly event gives people a glimpse of what life was like in Texas during the 1800s. Visitors will experience pioneer life by seeing how people dressed and survived, the types of foods they prepared and even how their children engaged in learning. Other activities include blacksmith demonstrations, weaving and spinning, Native American dancing, honey beekeeping and more. Visitors will be able to tour the newly renovated facility as they walk the grounds, visit the ponds and see the exhibits in the science and history classrooms. Before the festivities begin, the community can also witness the unveiling of the Kenneth D. Welch portrait inside the Outdoor Learning Center.

Aristoi Classical Academy's annual fundraiser set for April 1-8

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Aristoi Classical Academy is holding its Annual Fundraiser: 25 Year Celebration Dinner, honoring Brenda Davidson with a goal to raise \$100,000. To support this goal, Aristoi is hosting a virtual silent auction that opens next April 1 and lasts until 8 p.m. April 8. The auction is online and available to both attendees and non-attendees. Winners will be notified after the auction closes. For more information, contact Aristoi Classical Academy at 281-391-5003.

Save the dates! Katy ISD high school graduation ceremonies scheduled

The Katy Independent School District announced the times and dates for its high school commencement ceremonies. All ceremonies will happen at Legacy Stadium.

- Katy High School ceremonies are set for 8 p.m. May 19.
- Taylor High School, 8 p.m. May 20.
- Mayde Creek High School, 8 p.m. May 21.
- Cinco Ranch High School, 8 p.m. May 22.
- Morton Ranch High School, 8 p.m. May 23.
- Seven Lakes High School, 8 p.m. May 24.
- Tompkins High School, 8 p.m. May 25.
- Paetow High School, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26.

Students needing to place a cap and gown order are asked to contact these vendors online:

- Cinco Ranch, Katy, Seven Lakes, Taylor and Tompkins—Herff Jones.
- Mayde Creek, Morton Ranch, and Paetow—Balfour.

Class of 2022

Graduation Ceremonies

KHS Thursday May 19 8:00 p.m.	THS Friday May 20 8:00 p.m.	MCHS Saturday May 21 8:00 p.m.	CRHS Sunday May 22 8:00 p.m.
MRHS Monday May 23 8:00 p.m.	SLHS Tuesday May 24 8:00 p.m.	OTHS Wednesday May 25 8:00 p.m.	PHS Thursday May 26 8:00 p.m.

CINCO RANCH BRANCH LIBRARY BRIEFS



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Cinco Ranch Branch Library book clubs announce April reading selections

Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd., announced its April reading selections. New members are always welcome.

The Literary Lunch League Book Club will meet at noon April 6 in the conference classroom. The book to be discussed is *The Essay*, by Robin Yocum. This title is available digitally as an ebook on hoopla; print copies are available at the check-out desk. This book club meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Those attending are invited to bring a lunch, if desired.

Members of the “The Butler Did It” Mystery Book Club meet at 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the conference classroom. The book club discussion on April 14 will be on *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, by Alan Bradley.

This title is available in audio and digitally as an e-audiobook on OverDrive; print copies are available at the check-out desk.

The book clubs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library website fortbend.lib.tx.us.

Conversation circles help English learners get practice

Fort Bend County Libraries presents a program for people who want to practice their English language and conversation skills.

The “ESL Conversation Circles” enables non-English-speaking people to gather in a relaxed setting, and discuss topics of their own choosing while practicing their English skills.

The circles happen at multiple locations in April in the Fort Bend County Library system. The circles happen from 2-3 p.m. on April 8 and 22 in the multi-purpose room at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, including other libraries where the circles will happen, visit the library website fortbend.lib.tx.us.

Cinco Ranch Branch Library announces April computer class schedule

Cinco Ranch Branch Library presents a variety of free, introductory computer classes in April.

The classes consist of a hands-on in-

troductory to basic skills for people who want to learn more about using these computer programs. All computer classes will happen in the computer lab of the library.

- “Computers 101” is set for 2 p.m. April 13. This class presents a basic, hands-on introduction to using computers.

- “MS Word: Resumes & Cover Letters” is set for 2 p.m. April 20. Learn how to use the templates in MS Word to create resumes and cover letters. Get tips on inserting and organizing information into the template, saving and printing.

The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online, visit the library website at fortbend.lib.tx.us, click “Classes & Events,” select “Cinco Ranch Branch Library,” and then find the program.

Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-395-1311, or by visiting the library.

Cinco Ranch Library announces April children’s programs

Cinco Ranch Branch Library presents a variety of free children’s programs—Family Story Time, Pajama Night Story

Time and After-School Breaks—throughout April.

Family Story Time happens on 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Meeting Room. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, songs and action rhymes. Craft packets will be given out at the end of each program so children may take them home to enjoy.

Here is the schedule of Family Story Time activities:

- April 6-7: Weather
- April 13-14: On the Farm
- April 20-21: Bunnies
- April 27-28: No programs because of elections

Pajama Night Story Time—an evening alternative for families unable to attend during the day—will happen at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The themes will be “Weather” and “Bunnies.”

After-School Break: Earth Day Crafts Make & Take will take place at 4:30 p.m. April 20 in Meeting Room 2. This activity is for students in grades 1-3.

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Fort Bend County Libraries website fortbend.lib.tx.us.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

Mayde Creek High School to host Special Olympics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Mayde Creek High School will host the Special Olympics Greater Houston Spring Games, one of which will be soccer.

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

With so many competitive school sports teams and athletes in the Katy area, the Special Olympics stands out.

The Special Olympics, created to provide sports participation to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, celebrates not so much who wins, because all the participants are winners. Instead, it celebrates the joy of participation and competition, which people can see for themselves at the upcoming Special Olympics Greater Houston Spring Games.

Opening ceremonies are set for 9 a.m. April 9 at Mayde Creek High School, 19202 Groeschke Road. The event is free, and Greg Hess, a business coach who is a longtime volunteer, said organizers hope for a large crowd.

“We want everybody to come out,” Hess said. “It’s absolutely so much fun to watch these athletes compete. Everybody’s a winner.”

Aaron Keith, Special Olympics east region executive director, said about 300 athletes are expected at this year’s event.

“It’s a little less because people are still coming out of COVID-19,” Keith said. “It’s

a big number, but usually we have 500-600 athletes. It’s still going to be a great day.”

COVID-19 remains a factor, and he said the Special Olympics are trying to maximize social distancing as best they can. Still, it hosted 40 basketball teams at a recent event and sigh-fair. Masks are not required, but anybody who wants to wear a mask is welcome to do so.

“We totally respect that,” Keith said.

Keith said track events range from the 1500-meter run to the 10-meter assisted wheelchair race. Track events also feature both unified and traditional relays. Unified relays, Keith said, are those that bring individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities together. For example, a race might have two individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and two without, but they all compete together.

“It’s one of our big initiatives,” Keith said. “The relay breaks down those social barriers and stigmas of someone who with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We really found that bringing people without disabilities and having them volunteer and compete with those who do is the best way to bring

down those stereotypes.”

Keith said field events include the shotput, running long jump and standing long jump. Other events include a softball throw and a mini-javelin throw. The mini-javelins are specially made so nobody gets injured, Keith said.

Hess said he would be announcing at the games, and performing other tasks as needed. He said he was willing to do whatever was needed.

“This just has a special place in my life,” Hess said. “I’ve continued this work all my life. It’s just a great joy and pleasure to see these athletes that have that smile on their face. They are loving something they do, and they enjoy it.”

Hess also said it was a big thing that a Katy school is hosting the games.

“It’s big for the city, and I’d like to see more city events and support Special Olympics,” Hess said. “The Rotary Club of Katy has put a grant in place to support this. Howdy Homemade Ice Cream is another one of the supporters.”

Keith also expressed gratitude for the district, the volunteers, and the sponsors.

“We cannot thank Katy ISD enough for supporting us,” Keith said.

Lemonade Day! KATY

LEMONADE DAY KATY IS MAY 7TH!

A FUN, FREE, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT TEACHES CHILDREN HOW TO START, OWN AND OPERATE THEIR VERY OWN BUSINESS - A LEMONADE STAND.

JOIN US AT OUR LEMONADE DAY KATY REGISTRATION EVENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH 2:30-5:30 PM

MEMBERS CHOICE CREDIT UNION SEVEN MEADOWS BRANCH 8951 S FRY RD, KATY, TX 77494

STOP BY TO REGISTER YOUR LOCAL PRE-K THROUGH 12TH GRADER AND GRAB SOME REFRESHING LEMONADE!

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT LEMONADEDAY.ORG/KATY

SPONSORED BY: members choice credit union

HOSTED AT **ANTHONIE'S MARKET GRILL**

Title Sponsor **Mitchell G. Rubin, CFP®**

2nd Annual TALK DERBY TO ME

Kentucky Derby Garden Party

Benefiting Christ Clinic

Saturday MAY 7th 4-9 PM

SCAN FOR TICKETS





WEEK OF APRIL 1

SCORES & SCHEDULES

SCORES

BOYS SOCCER

Class 6A Area

- Seven Lakes 3, Cy-Ridge 2
- Taylor 2, Jersey Village 1
- Cy-Creek 1, Cinco Ranch 0

Class 5A Area

- Northeast Early College 1, Paetow 0
- Jordan 2, Crockett 1

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 6A Area

- Seven Lakes 2, Memorial 0
- Tompkins 3, Bellaire 1
- Stratford 5, Katy 0

Class 5A Area

- Hendrickson 1, Jordan 0

SCHEDULE

BOYS SOCCER

Class 6A

- Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, TBD

Class 5A

- Jordan vs. Pflugerville Weiss, TBD

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 6A

- Seven Lakes vs. Ridge Point, TBD
- Tompkins vs. Stratford, TBD

SOFTBALL

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Tompkins, 6:15 p.m.
- Jordan at Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Seven Lakes, 6:15 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 6:15 p.m.

BASEBALL

- Cinco Ranch vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.
- Jordan at Waller, 7 p.m.
- Katy vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Wednesday & Thursday

- Paetow and Jordan at District 19-5A Tournament

TENNIS

Thursday & Friday

- District 19-6A Tournament at Katy

TRACK & FIELD

Friday

- Cinco Ranch, Katy at Bridgeland meet
- Tompkins, Jordan at Tompkins Classic
- Morton Ranch at Cy-Falls meet



Seven Lakes comes back from behind twice to beat Cy-Ridge



BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes learned how to take a team's best punch on Tuesday. The Spartans are young but have already been tested, winning a heavily difficult District 19-6A and learning how to win in the playoffs in bi-district. But Tuesday was an even bigger test — the Spartans had to learn how to take a big punch and get right back up in the playoffs, and that's exactly what they did, coming from behind twice to beat Cy-Ridge 3-2 and advance to the regional quarterfinals. "We have a lot of confidence in ourselves and I don't think that wavered tonight," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "We've scored multiple goals in almost every single match we have had, so I knew the guys wouldn't let being behind faze them. We know that we can put the ball in the back of the net so it's just making sure that we minimize mistakes on the back line and not give teams chances to beat us." Seven Lakes dominated the early stages of the game, but it was Cy-Ridge that struck first in the 20th minute on a counter attack. The Spartans had to battle their way back into the game but eventually did so, tying things at one in the 38th minute, with Hunter Merritt finding the back of the net off a centered pass from Kortay Koc to make things all square at half. "Coach told us at halftime that we have to keep working and pushing" Koc said. "We were getting close but we

Kortay Koc dribbles past a defender during Tuesday's Class 6A area round game between Seven Lakes and Cy-Ridge at Legacy Stadium.

See **SOCCER**, page B4



Haven Nail makes a tackle during Tuesday's Class 6A area round game between Tompkins and Bellaire at Legacy Stadium.

Tompkins dominates Bellaire

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins wanted to start fast. After waiting for 84 minutes to score their first goal against George Ranch in the bi-district round, the Falcons wanted to make sure they did everything possible to keep from that again. Valentina Gianinetto made sure Tompkins didn't have to deal with any type of scoring drought on Tuesday, as the sophomore scored two goals, the first of which came in the 24th minute, en route to a 3-1 Falcons win over Bellaire in the Class 6A Area round at Legacy Stadium. "The game plan was to go out and be aggressive from the first kick," said Tompkins head coach Jarrett Shipman. "We had the wind at our back and we

wanted to go at them and get up early since we knew we had that. It took us a bit to find the back of the net, but once we did, we were able to take advantage of it and get further ahead." The wind was a factor, blowing around 20 miles per hour during the game, and with it at their back, Tompkins was on the front foot from the start, creating chances and pressing Bellaire as they attempted to gain the lead. The team took shots at every opportunity and it paid off in the 24th minute, when one of those shots bounced off the goal-keeper and went right to Gianinetto, who scored on the rebound to give the Falcons the lead. "We came in with the mindset that we had to jump on this early and take care

See **TOMPKINS**, page B8

Seven Lakes holds on for win over Elkins in bi-district round

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Haydan Erck knew her team needed a jump start. Seven Lakes hadn't started the game like they normally do, and Elkins had been on the front foot for the first ten minutes. Seven Lakes slowly started to build themselves back into things but it was Erck that jumpstarted the Spartans, scoring a 20th minute goal as the Spartans went on to win 1-0 over Fort

See **SPARTANS**, page B3



Kennedy Reed dribbles and tries to get past a defender during Thursday's Class 6A bi-district round game between Seven Lakes and Fort Bend Elkins at Legacy Stadium.



There's a New Way to Replace your Air Conditioner!

No money down • No Install fees • No maintenance costs
No repair charges for LIFE! • No financing (doesn't affect your credit)
One low monthly subscription gets you a brand new system!

CALL US TODAY to schedule a
FREE IN-HOME ESTIMATE!

We will give you an exact quote on how much you can save in your home.

(281) 394-0031
GOBVS.COM





Makinlee Poole shoots a penalty during Friday's Class 6A bi-district round game between Tompkins and George Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

TYLER TYRE PHOTOS

Tompkins survives in penalties to beat George Ranch



Kayla Boven crosses the ball during Friday's Class 6A bi-district round game between Tompkins and George Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Gaby Vazquez had already been through this moment. With the game on the line and time dying down, Vazquez found herself needing to save a penalty to keep Tompkins' season alive. Vazquez did just that, easily handling a penalty shot with just 20 seconds left on the clock to send the game into extra time. But then she found herself in the same situation when extra time finished without any extra goals and the Falcons bi-district game against George Ranch went to penalties. But Vazquez stepped up to the plate once again, as George Ranch was unable to convert any penalties and Tompkins downed the Longhorns 3-0 on penalties

after a 1-1 tie at full time. "It was such a crazy feeling," Vazquez said. "We practice penalties at the end of every practice and I think just doing that really prepares us for them. Especially for the shooters, it gets them ready for these moments. For me, it's more of a mind thing. Everyone knows you have to kind of guess where the shooter is going, so I just tried to not get in my own head and just went with my gut and it worked." It was a whirlwind final few minutes and overtime for the Falcons. With just five minutes remaining in the match, Tompkins earned a penalty and Mackinlee Poole coolly converted it to put the Falcons ahead. But that lead would last for only one minute. The Falcons let themselves get comfortable after the goal and immediately paid as

George Ranch tied in on an Annie Schoditsch goal. And just minutes after that, George Ranch got a penalty that could have sent the Longhorns to the area round. But Vazquez made sure it didn't, and breathed new life into the Falcons. "We had to understand that we are fighting for this team and we're fighting for every single senior from here on out," Poole said. "We know that we needed to be in this second round and that we could do it. I think that's what did it for us and why we were able to bounce back the way we did." Tompkins and George Ranch continued to go back and forth in the extra period, with both getting chances but being unable to put the game away. Leading to the game going to penalties, where Vazquez secured the victory while three out of the four Tompkins

penalty takers converted their opportunities. "I told them after the game that they've been through the whole playoff experience now in just one game," said Tompkins head coach Jarrett Shipman. "There's no surprises for them anymore. They know what it's going to take in every game and I'm just proud of their mental effort to hang in there and overcome everything they faced today." The Falcons have that experience now and are still savoring the win. "I'm just so proud of what we did," Vazquez said. "This has been my favorite season and it's because of who I'm playing with. Every person on this team, they're just all my friends and I love them. I'm super proud of them tonight, everyone really pulled through."

Falcons' season ends in bi-district round

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Back and forth. For 65 minutes in Tompkins' bi-district matchup with Ridge Point, that's how things went, with the Falcons getting chances and pushing forward for a time, before the Panthers would come back with momentum of their own and create chances. The chances weren't falling for Tompkins and after Ridge Point put one of their chances away midway through the second half, the Falcons couldn't get back in it, falling 1-0 to bring the group's season to an end. "Things didn't go our way tonight," said Tompkins head coach Tom Jones. "We kept fighting, never gave up and even though we couldn't get it to fall in the net they never stopped. That's one of the things that happens in this game sometimes and we just couldn't get one tonight."

The Falcons created the better chances in the first half and seemed to be chipping away and getting closer to scoring a goal as the half went on. But Ridge Point responded every time Tompkins made a mistake, countering and pushing forward with numbers to give themselves an opportunity. But Tompkins answered punch for punch as well. "This group had the best chemistry I've ever seen," said Braylon Le, a senior forward. "Just all the seniors, everyone combined really well and we were great friends off the field and that carried over onto it as well. Everyone was best friends and that's the best thing you can say about a team." Ridge Point started to get back into the game in the second half and created better chances for themselves, eventually that paid off with their 65th minute goal. "Our slogan is 'positive mojo' and we talk about this sort of stuff

all the time," Jones said. "It comes from my daughter, who passed away from cancer in 2015 and we talked about all the time, when life takes you down, you have to get back up and be a man and be better for it. You learn from it. This hurts for these guys, but they're going to grow up and go on and do great things because of this." The Falcons never fully recovered from giving up the goal and despite throwing numbers forward, couldn't get a great chance to tie things down the stretch. But the Falcons gave their all and luck just wasn't on their side on the night. Tompkins will graduate 22 seniors from the team, and while they are disappointed at the moment, what they did for the program over their four years won't be forgotten. "They were just huge for us," Jones said. "They came in as freshman and won a district championship and they've just been



TYLER TYRE

Rafa Gonzalez tries to shoot a ball as a defender challenges during Friday's Class 6A bi-district round game between Tompkins and Ridge Point at Rhodes Stadium.

amazing the whole time we've had them. I hate this for them, I really do. Last year we came in the underdog and took care of busi-

ness and this year we came out a higher seed but we didn't. It's just one of those things even though I wish it wasn't."





APEX[™]
EXECUTIVE SUITES
25807 Westheimer Pkwy
Third Floor
Katy, TX 77494
Call us Today **281.505.1106**



Stop in on **FREE** Pass Friday!

Let APEX Executive Suites be your "suite" business escape.
#APEXExecutiveSuites

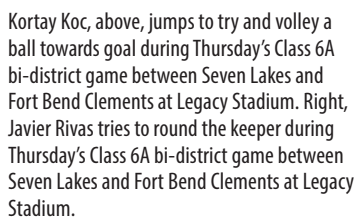


Private Furnished Offices, Virtual Business Suites, Co-Working Suites, Day Offices, Conference Room rentals & more! APEX Executive Suites allows you to choose the office solution that you works best for the work you do.

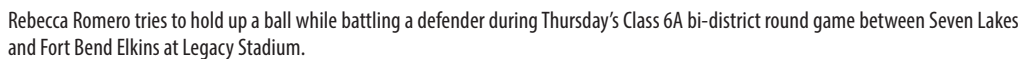
BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

"Sometimes players want to have a big moment. When things don't go your way and you are used to scoring goals as a team, it can lead to people trying to force things," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "When you go into heavy traffic, into heavy numbers, it creates pressure and we try not to have that. Our big talk at halftime was to relax, keep moving the ball around and make them chase the game. When a chance comes from that then we

"Our back line really stepped



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE



from page B1

"The defense was just massive tonight," Erck said. "We couldn't buy a goal in that second half, but they never let them get



"We have a couple things we need to work on, but we just have to keep playing our game," Erck said. "If we keep doing that and stay positive, we'll be good."

Katy Optiks

Enhancing vision with style

701 S. Fry Rd. Ste. 125
Katy, TX 77450
281.492.1209
www.katyoptiks.com



YOUR NEWS.

YOUR WAY.

Find out what all your friends
are talking about - follow us on
Facebook for easy access to
The Katy Times!

facebook.com/thekatytimes

SOCCER
from page B1

had to keep pushing. We didn't want this to be our seniors' last game and we had to play for the seniors. We don't want them to go out, they all deserve better than that."

Cy-Ridge made things difficult for Seven Lakes to do that though, and the Rams regained the lead in the 48th minute. But Seven Lakes answered back almost immediately, as Koc blasted a goal in from 25-yards out to tie the game just a minute later to swing the momentum back in the Spartans' favor.

"He's a special player," Krueger said. "He may be a freshman, but he doesn't play like a freshman. There's nothing about that kid that would make you think he's a freshman. He gets stuck in, he's nasty when he needs to be and he'll do anything that he's asked. We moved him into the middle because we needed a little bit of grit and he brought it. He can play anywhere on that field, he has a really bright future ahead of him as long as he stays hungry and

driven."

Seven Lakes' defense has had moving parts in the past few games as the Spartans have dealt with injuries, and it was no exception on Tuesday. While the entire team struggled to contain Cy-Ridge's counter attack at times, the back line stepped up in the second half to shut things down when needed. Aidan Morrison, an attacking midfielder for the Spartans, had to step in to help the back line and earned man of the match for his efforts.

"He was just so calm and composed and really helped anchor the back line tonight and the whole group," Krueger said. "They're able to play big when it's needed the most and they showed it again today."

Seven Lakes finally came all the way back when in the 65th minute Noa Stasic found space and converted the Spartans' third goal to give them the lead for good.

Seven Lakes held off Cy-Ridge for the rest of the match on the way to secure the win

and move on to the regional quarterfinals.

"We knew we had the momentum after the second goal and we knew we had this game and that we could win it when we played our best," Koc said. "It was amazing and meant a lot to all of us. Especially with all the fans in the crowd and how much it meant to them too."

It will be a battle of familiar foes in the regional quarterfinals, as two Katy ISD schools face off in Seven Lakes and Taylor. It will be the teams' third game against each other this season.

"We just have to play our game," Kreuger said. "They are a big physical team. They dominate on set pieces, they have that monster throw. We just have to mentally be ready to go in the trenches and battle in those moments. Taylor is a very dangerous team, in any other district they are not a fourth seed. They have the ability to be dangerous but the most important thing for us is to play our game and no one else's."



TYLER TYRE
Hunter Merritt dribbles the ball past a defender during Tuesday's Class 6A area round game between Seven Lakes and Cy-Ridge at Legacy Stadium.

Katy Times
CLASSIFIEDS
Your Classified Ad Source In Print & Online!

Call 281-391-3141
or visit www.katytimes.com
to place your ad today!



950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES
<h3>INVITATION TO BID</h3> <p>Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be electronically received until 2:30 p.m. local time, April 12, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Sunterra Sec 43 for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas."</p> <p>The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.</p> <p>Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large public gatherings are not permitted by law. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 609-173-233# when prompted.</p> <p>Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities.</p> <p>Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on March 31, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 785-926-625# when prompted.</p> <p>Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.</p> <p>Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:</p> <p>Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous to the Owner and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.</p> <p>The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.</p>	<h3>INVITATION TO BID</h3> <p>Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Jones & Carter, Inc., attention Blair M. Bozarth, PE, will be electronically received until 10:30 a.m. local time, April 14th, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage, in Sunterra Section 36 for Astro Sunterra L.P. on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas."</p> <p>The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.</p> <p>Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large public gatherings are not permitted by law. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 727072372# when prompted.</p> <p>Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities.</p> <p>Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on April 7th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 732876718# when prompted.</p> <p>Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.</p> <p>Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:</p> <p>Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous to the Owner and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.</p> <p>The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.</p>	<h3>PUBLIC NOTICE</h3> <p>The City of Katy, Texas will hold a Public Hearing to review the performance under its Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Contract #19-076-012-B361 with the Texas General Land Office in which funds were used for drainage improvements for the City of Katy.</p> <p>The Public Hearing will be held as follows:</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022</p> <p>Time: 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Location: City of Katy Council Chambers 901 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review of the CDBGDR Contract #19-076-012-B3612. Citizens' views, proposals, questions and comments. <p>Handicapped individuals who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Katy City Hall at 281-391-4838 to arrange for assistance.</p> <p>If you are unable to attend, please mail your views and comments to:</p> <p>Becky McGrew City Secretary City of Katy 901 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493</p> <p><i>servicios de traduccion estan disponibles per peticion</i></p>						

The Classifieds:

Your Ticket to Local Finds

Call or go online to browse, buy or sell!

Katy Times

www.katytimes.com • 281-391-3141

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

BUSINESS SERVICES

POSTNET

Design, Printing, and Shipping Solutions.
Notary, Fax, and Lamination Services.
Virtual and Physical Mailbox.
23144 Cinco Ranch Boulevard Suite B
Katy, TX 77494
281.396.4773

FedEx **ups**

DIALYSIS

DO DIALYSIS IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

-Staff Assist Dialysis/ License Nurses
-Peritoneal Dialysis and Home Hemodialysis
-1 on 1 Nursing Care
- HealthCare Team will come to you
-Bilingual staff/Spanish-speaking
-Telemedicine options
-24/7 on call team
-All commercial insurance accepted
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Cigna, United Healthcare

@HOME DIALYSIS **832-526-3338**
www.athomedialysis.com

REAL ESTATE

Local Roots | Global Reach

From the best tools and technology to transparency throughout the entire process, we're the top choice for buyers and sellers.

nest AHEAD

2717 Commercial Center Blvd.
Suite E200
Katy, TX 77494
(281) 503-7117
Jonathan McNabb, Broker/Owner

MLS

Katy Times CLASSIFIEDS

Your Classified Ad Source In Print & Online!

Call 281-391-3141
or visit www.katytimes.com
to place your ad today!



WORD AD RATE				DEADLINES		
\$14.00 per week for 15 words. Each additional word 54¢.				Display Ads Friday noon Word Ads Monday noon		

850 HELP WANTED	850 HELP WANTED	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES	950 PUBLIC NOTICES
LAKE MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN KATY SEEKING LAKE FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AND FIELD SUPERVISOR. WILL TRAIN. OUTSIDE WORK, NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. GOOD STARTING PAY. MON-FRI 40 HOURS PER WEEK. NO WEEKENDS. BENEFITS AVAILABLE. APPLY IN PERSON MON-FRI. 9AM TO 3PM @ 4110 KATY HOCKLEY CUT OFF RD., KATY, TX 77493, TEL (281) 391-3688.		Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit, Food and Beverage Certificate, by SXH, LLC dba La Carreta Cantina & Grill at 22764 Westheimer Pkwy, Suite 600, Katy, Ford Bend, Texas. Officer of said company is Edward Lopez, manager.		Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) by El Carajo, LLC DBA Tonati Mexican Grill to be located at 8945 S. Fry Rd. Ste A., Katy, Fort Bend County, TX 77494. Officer of this company is Sergio Soto.		PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale to be held ONLINE AUCTION Storagetreasures.com The facility is at 20150 Park Row Katy, TX 77449. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on March 31, 2022 and end at 10:00 am on April 28, 2022. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Christopher Boinott, Marcus Potier, Daniel Dryden, Patricia Carreno, Michael Harlen, April Baker, Diana C. Duong.		

March 24 Puzzle Answers

6	9	8	3	2	4	7	1	5
2	1	4	7	5	6	3	9	8
5	3	7	9	8	1	4	6	2
9	8	6	4	3	2	1	5	7
1	4	3	5	6	7	2	8	9
7	2	5	1	9	8	6	4	3
4	7	2	8	1	9	5	3	6
3	6	9	2	4	5	8	7	1
8	5	1	6	7	3	9	2	4

R	U	E	R			M	S	T			R	A	T
O	X	B	O	W			A	K	A		R	A	B
M	O	L	T	O			N	I	L		A	G	E
	R	A	C	E	S			I	L	L		S	E
						A	B	O	L	I	S	H	E
T	R	A	N	S		L	U	C	E	N	T		
S	H	I	N	N	E	D		D	N	A			
K	O	R	E	A						T	A	B	E
					F	A	A		E	B	O	N	I
						U	N	D	E	S	I	R	A
	S	U	B	S		I	D	I	E	S			
M	A	G	I			M	U	T		E	A	G	A
E	B	R	O			I	C	H			A	U	B
S	E	I	S			Z	E	E			R	A	B
A	R	C				E	R	R				R	E

KATY TIMES
CLASSIFIEDS WORK!
CALL TODAY!
281-391-3141

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Jones & Carter, Inc., attention Blair M. Bozarth, PE, will be electronically received until 10:00 a.m. local time, April 7th, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage, in Sunterra Section 35 for Astro Sunterra LP. on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas."

The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large public gatherings are not permitted by law. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 368168429# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on March 31st, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. **The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 335379336# when prompted.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous to the Owner and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Katy ISD General Election held on May 7, 2022 will be tested on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Room 1600), 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

/s/ Larry L. Jones
Signature of Officer

AVISO PÚBLICO DE PRUEBA DEL EQUIPO DE TABULACIÓN AUTOMÁTICA

Se notifica por el presente que el equipo de tabulación automática que se usará en la Elección General de Katy ISD el 7 de mayo de 2022 será sometido a prueba el día martes 5 de abril de 2022 a las 8:00 a.m. en el Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Salón 1600) ubicado en 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, para asegurar que contará con exactitud los votos emitidos para todos los cargos y todas las medidas.

/firma/ Larry L. Jones
Firma del Funcionario

THÔNG BÁO CÔNG KHAI VỀ VIỆC KIỂM TRA MÁY KIỂM PHIẾU TỰ ĐỘNG

Theo đây xin thông báo máy kiểm phiếu tự động sử dụng trong Cuộc Tổng Tuyển Cử của Katy ISD diễn ra vào ngày 7 tháng Năm, 2022, sẽ được kiểm tra vào lúc 8 giờ sáng thứ Ba, ngày 5 tháng Tư, 2022, tại Katy ISD Educational Support Complex (Phòng 1600), 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494, để bảo đảm chắc chắn chiếc máy đó sẽ đếm chính xác số lá phiếu bầu cho tất cả các chức vụ và tất cả các vòng bầu cử.

/chữ ký/ Larry L. Jones
Chữ Ký của Viên Chức

自動列表顯示設備測試公告

特此通知，將於 2022 年 5 月 7 日舉行的 Katy ISD 普通選舉中使用的自動列表顯示設備，將於 2022 年 4 月 5 日，週二，上午 8:00 進行測試，測試地點為 Katy ISD 教育支援大樓（1600 室），6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy Tx 77494，以確定該設備能否準確地計算針對所有職位和措施的投票結果。

/簽名/ Larry L. Jones
官員簽名

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be **electronically** received until 9:30 a.m. local time, **April 12, 2022**, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Sunterra Sec 42 for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas."

The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large public gatherings are not permitted by law. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 884-711-017# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on March 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. **The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 187-266-602# when prompted.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous to the Owner and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Pulte, Homes of Texas, on behalf of Fort Bend Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2, Attention Chett Wignall, Project Manager, will be received **electronically** until 10:00 a.m., Friday April 15th, 2022 and then publicly opened and read for the construction of: "Paving Facilities in Katy Court Section 1A" and "Paving Facilities in Katy Court Street Dedication" for Fort Bend Waller Counties MUD No. 2, Harris County, Texas.

The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large gatherings are not recommended. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 735 673 236# when prompted.

Scope of work of the contract includes construction of paving facilities. The project is located within the future Katy Court Development in Harris County, TX. It is within the boundaries of Fort Bend - Waller Counties M.U.D. No. 2 and is in the City of Katy. It is approximately 900 feet south of the Clay Rd and Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd intersection. The project is located in Harris County, Key Map No. 444-G, 444-H, 444-L, and 444-M.

Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted. An **OPTIONAL** pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, April 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 226 194 20# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **OPTIONAL**.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Jones and Carter, Inc., 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS obo FORT BEND WALLER COUNTIES MUD NO. 2

900
BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES

900
BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES

900
BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES

NEED EXTRA CASH!!!!???

I BUY RVs & MOBILE HOMES

Travel Trailers • 5th Wheels
Goosenecks • Bumper Pulls

**Anywhere in Texas!!! Any Condition!!!
Old/New !!! Dirty or Clean !!!**

I PAY CASH 956-466-7001

No Title – No Problem – We Can Apply For One
ANR Enterprises

**ADVERTISE OR SUBSCRIBE
TODAY! 281-391-3141**

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Mayde Creek claims first district win, Taylor tops Cinco

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Mayde Creek wasn't satisfied with how they played the first week of District 19-6A play.

The Rams stayed in last week's game against Katy in the first half of the game and fought back against Taylor but lost both. They finally claimed their first district victory Tuesday with an 8-1 win over Morton Ranch.

The Rams were led by Jason Hinojosa, who pitched 5.2 innings of one hit ball, allowing just one run while striking out eight and walking five while Isaac Soto and Brandon Lumpkins had two RBIs.

Mayde Creek jumped ahead early, as Soto hit an RBI single to open the scoring and Lumpkins followed that up with a single to bring in the Rams second run of the game. Things remained that way until the bottom of the fourth, when Marcus Rodriguez singled to score Nick Paul and make things 3-0.

The Rams then broke things open in the bottom of the fifth. After Hinojosa singled to start the inning, Joseph Romero followed that up with a single of his own and Brandon Lumpkins drove in a run on a single to jump start the inning. Alan Elliott followed that up with a double, scoring another run and Paul singled to score Lumpkins before David Smith capped off the inning with a sacrifice bunt, scoring Elliott.

Morton Ranch got one run back in the bottom of the sixth before Soto answered back with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth, making things 8-1 Mayde Creek.

Paul pitched the final 1.1 innings for the Rams, striking out two and allowing one hit and no runs to close things out.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Taylor outlasts Cinco Ranch in pitchers' duel

Jared Schaeffer was not going to be denied on Tuesday.

Taylor wants to prove they are contenders in district, and they continued to do that, as Schaeffer pitched a complete game, allowing one run on six hits while striking out two and walking two in a 2-1 Mustangs win.

Taylor jumped out ahead early, scoring both their runs in the top of the first, and hung on the rest of the game.

Joe Jefferson Jr. led off the game with a single to center and advanced to third courtesy of a wild pitch and a passed ball during the next at bat while Brett Delojsi drew a walk. Hunter Ham drove Jefferson, as he grounded into a fielder's choice and Schaeffer followed that up with a walk before Chase Marshall singled to bring in the Mustangs' second run of the game and gave Schaeffer all he comfort he needed to get the win.

Cinco was unable to find any success on offense until the bottom of the fifth, when Connor Ficarra singled to start the inning and advanced to second on a sacrifice. Schaeffer was able to get a second out in the inning, but Zach Royse brought Ficarra home on an RBI single, trimming the Taylor lead to one. Brock DeYoung followed that up with a single, but Schaeffer was able to get out of the inning, getting Blake Hansen to pop up to short. Cinco got runners on in both the sixth and seventh innings, but was unable to get the tying run across as Taylor secured the victory.

Zach Royse took the loss for Cinco Ranch, going six innings and allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out 10 and walking four.



Jason Hinojosa pitches during a game between Katy and Mayde Creek at the Mayde Creek baseball field.

Tompkins blanks Seven Lakes

Jack Little drove in four runs and Trevor Esparza had another dominant outing as Tompkins came out 10-0 winners over Seven Lakes.

Esparza pitched four innings, allowing three hits while striking out seven and walking one to earn the shutout.

Tompkins did all of their damage early in the game before cruising to the win.

Drew Markle got things started early, singling to start the bottom of the first and Jace LaViolette followed the single of its own.

Jack Little followed that up with his first two RBIs of the game, hitting a double to right field to score two and Ty Dagley hit a single later in the inning to score Jack Little and make things 3-0.

Tompkins did more in the bottom of the second.

Tyler Brownlee and Cooper Markle both reached base to start the inning before Drew Markle drove in a run on a single and LaViolette drove in another with a single of his own. Little reached on an error to score another run before LaViolette stole home as Tompkins led 9-0 after the inning.

The Falcons scored once more in the third as Little drove in LaViolette with a single to secure the run rule win for Tompkins.

Lawson Moreno took the loss for Seven Lakes in the matchup.

Jordan falls to College Station

Jordan didn't have enough to hang around with College Station, falling 13-3 in a District 19-5A matchup.

College Station all but decided things in the first inning, starting the game off with nine runs. Jordan came back with one run in the bottom of the inning, as James Lacy hit a sacrifice fly to score JD Ortigoza before College Station added on three more runs in the top of the third.

Jordan scored twice more in the fourth, as Chad Gasper came around to score on a bases loaded walk and Ortigoza hit a sacrifice grounder. College Station wrapped things up with a final run in the top of the fifth to clinch the run rule win.

A&M Consolidated run rules Paetow

Paetow fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 14-0 loss to A&M Consolidated.

A&M Consolidated scored one run in the first and 10 in the third to completely keep Paetow out of it before closing things out with a three run fifth.

Paetow had five hits in total, including two from Gabriel Velasquez.

Katy tops Texas City

Katy came out 4-1 winners over Texas City. As JR Ceyanes went four innings, allowing one run on three hits and striking out three while walking four to earn the win.

Texas City took the lead in the top of the third before Katy took the lead for good as they answered back in the bottom of the inning.

Sutton Hull started the scoring, as he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Cole Kaase then came around to score on an error before Reese Ruderman singled to score Hull, making things 3-1 Katy.

The Tigers then scored a fourth in the bottom of the fifth, as Dominic Melchor scored Nayden Ramirez as he reached on an error. The Katy pitching staff then kept Texas City off the board the rest of the way to secure the win.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Cinco bounces back

Cinco Ranch bounced back after back-to-back district losses with a huge 15-1 win over Morton Ranch.

The Cougars were led by Zach Royse who had three RBIs on the night while Ethan Muniz and Carson Andrews both drove in two runs a piece.

Austin Bonjonia had a big day on the mound, allowing just one run on three hits over six innings while striking out six and walking one.

The Cougars got the scoring started in the top of the second when Muniz hit a single to score two runs. Morton Ranch answered with one run in the bottom of the inning before Cinco scored twice more in the third.

The Cougars then broke things open in the top of the fifth, Gavin Rutherford scored on a pass ball to start things before Royse tripled to drive in three more runs and give Cinco a very comfortable advantage.

Cinco closed things out with a seven run seventh inning. The team finished with 11 hits and 11 walks on the night while striking out just four times and driving in 12 of their 15 runs.

Zane Helliger took the

loss for Morton Ranch, going 4.2 innings while surrendering five earned runs on five hits and striking out three while walking seven. Brandon Hasselbring drove in the Mavericks' only run.

Katy blows out Taylor

Lucas Moore continues to impress in his junior season and the junior put on a show to lead Katy to a win over Taylor and keep the Tigers tied for first place in district play.

Moore pitched six innings of shutout ball, allowing just three hits while striking out six and walking four in a 16-2 Katy win.

Katy did all the damage it needed to in the first three innings.

After getting two runners on in the first, Sutton Hull came to the plate and singled on a line drive to plate one and Parker Kidwell stole home to make things 2-0.

The Tigers scored three more in the second. Jhonnatan Ferrebus drove in two with a single to right field before Nayden Ramirez reached on an error and Ferrebus came around to score. Things were all but decided in the third after a Dominic Melchor RBI double, a Ryan George triple that scored two runs and a Kidwell sacrifice fly.

The Tigers scored seven more runs in the top of the seventh before Taylor got two runs in the bottom of the inning on a Hunter Ham RBI double and an error to keep the game from being a shutout.

Blake Wolf took the loss for Taylor, allowing five

earned runs over 2.1 innings on five hits while striking out four and walking three.

Seven Lakes shuts out Mayde Creek

Nathan Johnson and Paden Reynolds combined for five innings of one hit, shutout ball as Seven Lakes trounced Mayde Creek 12-0.

Johnson pitched the first four innings and had a dominant day, allowing just one hit while striking out four and walking two to never give the Rams a chance in the game.

The Seven Lakes offense got going early. Ryan Franden led off the bottom of the first with a solo home run. After two more runners reached base, Nathan Johnson singled to drive in a run and Carlos Michinaux followed that up with a double to score one more. Miguel Acosta kept the rally going with an RBI single while Jack Coultas hit an RBI single of his own to make it 5-0 Spartans.

Seven Lakes followed that up with a four run inning in the fourth, as Acosta singled in a run and then came around to score on a wild pitch. Mayde Creek walked in a run and Cade Climie hit a sacrifice fly to center. The Spartans topped things off with a three run fourth inning where they scored on an error and Ryan Franden hit a two RBI triple.

Marcus Rodriguez took the loss for Mayde Creek, going two innings and allowing eight earned runs on eight hits while striking out one and walking two.

Paetow earns win over Waller

Paetow came out 9-2 winners over Waller behind a huge day on the mound from Alvin Velasquez.

Velasquez struck out nine hitters while walking just one in a complete game performance where he only gave up one earned run on six hits.

Waller took the lead in the bottom of the first, but Paetow was able to get things tied, as Ashton Sweet hit a sacrifice fly to tie things in the third, and Paul Gerke gave the Panthers the lead with an RBI single.

Things remained 2-1 all the way until the top of the sixth inning, when Paetow had an offensive onslaught to blow the game open.

After a bases loaded hit by pitch gave Paetow its third run, Ashton Sweet hit an RBI single and Paetow got three more runs on bases loaded walks. Kayin Tillman then stepped to the plate and hit a two RBI single to make things 9-1 Paetow as the Panthers all but secured the victory.

Tillman led the Panthers with 2 RBIs and was joined by Ashton Sweet who also drove in two runs in Paetow's eight hit performance.

Jordan unable to stay with Magnolia in loss

The Jordan Warriors were 10-1 losers to Magnolia, falling behind early and unable to come back.

Magnolia put up seven runs over five innings, all but securing the win early, before Jordan kept things from being a shutout in the sixth with JD Ortigoza scoring on a wild pitch.

Samuel Coraspe took the loss for Jordan, allowing one earned run over two innings while walking five and striking out one.

Tompkins rolls past Langham Creek

Tompkins rolled past Langham Creek in a non-district matchup, as the Falcons beat the Lobos.

The Falcons put together six shutout innings before surrendering a run in the seventh and Michael DeBattista came away with the win, going three innings and allowing no runs on two hits while walking five and striking out four in the matchup.

Tompkins scored in each of the first four innings to make sure it ended in a run rule victory. Jace LaViolette hit a home run to right field in the first before Landon West hit an RBI double to make things 2-0. Drew Markle then started another scoring run in the second inning with an RBI double. Tompkins got another run on a hit by pitch with bases loaded before West hit a bases clearing double to score three more and make things 7-0. The Falcons would score 10 more runs over the final two innings to secure the win and stay unbeaten on the year.

Easter Worship & Celebrating

Publishing 4/7/2022

Invite the Katy community to join with you to celebrate the season this spring!

- Special events for children
- Special worship services
- Spring sales

Ad sizes – all ads are full color:

- Business card size (3.22" wide by 2" tall) – just \$58.00
- 2 column x 5" ad size (3.22" wide by 5" tall) -- only \$145.00
- Eighth page size (4.91" wide by 5" tall) – just \$217.50
- Banner (10" wide x 3" tall) – only \$261.00

DEADLINE:
Thursday, March 31st
at 4 p.m.

Graphic design created for your approval at no charge.

Contact: Susan Rovegno, Publisher, Katy Times
cell 914-522-4612 or susan.rovegno@katytimes.com

Katy Times

LOOKING FOR A PET, A HOME OR A JOB?
DON'T MISS OUR CLASSIFIEDS!



Tompkins' players celebrate after a Valentina Gianinetto goal during Tuesday's Class 6A area round game between Tompkins and Bellaire at Legacy Stadium.

TOMPKINS

from page B1

of business," Gianinetto said. "We didn't make it past this point last year so we wanted to come back stronger than we were last week and we definitely did it. We've been working on some things all season and it just seemed to all come together today."

Tompkins gained some cushion in the 38th minute. Gabrielle Panter found herself with space from 25 yards out and chipped the keeper, putting the Falcons in a great position heading into halftime.

"Having that 2-0 lead at halftime, we really talked about how we could sit in and let the game come to us. It let us slow things down with a lead, especially with Bellaire being such a good counter attacking team. We knew that if we sat in and waited, we would get another opportunity."

That opportunity came

early in the second half, as Tompkins was able to break on a counter attack and create a good chance, with Bellaire's keeper making the initial save but Gianinetto to again waiting for the rebound opportunity to get her second goal of the game.

"I was ready and I knew I needed to take advantage of those when I got them," Gianinetto said. "Last game, we had so many rebounds and we weren't able to take advantage of it. I just came out expecting anything from the keeper and I stayed on my toes so I could take advantage of them."

Bellaire was able to pull one back, but that was the only damage done, as the Falcons advanced to the regional quarterfinals after failing to do so last season.

"Last year, all those seniors we felt awful and were all in tears for them,"

said junior goalkeeper Gaby Vazquez. "This year, we're just such a tight knit team that we are able to fight through these moments and bring each other up to get through it. We brought the right mindset today, we played amazing and it was one of the best games I've seen us play. We knew we needed to make it through to the next round."

The Falcons advance to the regional quarterfinals, where they will face Stratford with a chance to advance to the regional tournament.

"What I tell these girls all the time is they have to be them, when they go out and do their thing they are great," Shipman said. "Our attack has gotten better all year, we're able to play strong defense and when you get three goals in a playoff game, I'll take that every day."

Cougars' run ends in the Elite Eight

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Houston overcame everything that was thrown at it this season. Injuries to its top scorer, to other key players threatened to derail the season, but the Cougars came back stronger with a retooled team and made an unexpected run in the NCAA Tournament.

But there can only be one team that goes all the way, and the Cougars' run ended on Saturday, with a 50-44 loss to Villanova in the elite 8.

"This team taught me a lot this year," said Houston head coach Kelvin Sampson. "I learned a lot from them. I'm sure I learned a lot more from them than they did me. How to overcome adversity, how to get up when you get knocked down. This team won a conference championship, a tournament championship and went to the Elite 8. It sounds good, but because we're hurting right now, it's hard. But time will pass and these kids will look back and understand how special it was. This teams been through a lot this year."

Houston lost despite a very strong defensive effort. The Cougars held Villanova to 28% from the field and 23 percent from three, but Villanova was perfect from the free throw line and made four more three pointers than the Cougars and that made the difference.

"Our kids guarded, man did we guard, our defense was spot on," Sampson said. "It's not easy to hold a team with that kind of talent the way we did, and we held them to 50 points. We had a lot of opportunities and they just didn't go in. We're disappointed, we felt like this is a game we could win. We got down early and we fought back, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

The Cougars could not get anything going offensively in the game, shooting under 30% from the field and hitting only one of 20 three point attempts in the game while also shooting 64% from the line.

"We just missed wide open shots. We missed layups, missed free throws, it was just a struggle," said Houston senior Fabian White. "We hadn't had those



Houston Cougars forward Fabian White Jr. (35) shoots the ball during an NCAA men's basketball game between Houston and Wichita State on Jan. 8, 2022 in Houston, Texas.

struggles all year, we couldn't finish at the end."

Taze Moore led Houston with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Jamal Shead had nine points and two assists and Kyler Edwards had four assists to lead the Cougars.

"With all the adversity we faced this year, the team grew so close and we just wanted to win that so bad," Shead said. "We just wanted to keep playing together. It wasn't really the win that was motivating us as much as we we didn't want to stop playing together. These guys just mean so much to me, and they changed my life."

Houston will graduate five players this year, including White, Moore, Edwards and Josh Carlton.

"I'm just really proud of this team and everything they accomplished. Nothing can take away from that," Sampson said. "Ten years from now, 20 years from now, those guys will come back and show their kids the banners that they put up and remember it with fondness. Our kids poured their hearts out for this, and we're not going anywhere. We'll be back"

Commissioner R. Jack Cagle is here to serve you!

ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA SERVIRLES! • LUÔN SẴN LÒNG PHỤC VỤ QUÝ VỊ! • 可以帮助您们！



Road Maintenance

Mantenimiento de caminos • Bảo trì Cầu & Đường • 路桥维护



Parks & Recreation

Parques & recreación • Công viên & Giải trí • 公园与休憩场所



Events & Activities

Eventos & actividades
Loại bỏ Mối nguy hiểm trên Đường • 件和活动



Road Hazard Removal

Eliminación de peligros en la carretera
Loại bỏ Mối nguy hiểm trên Đường • 道路危險清除





832-927-4444
service@hcp4.net