

TEAGLE TAKES
HELM AS NEW
HEAD FOOTBALL
COACH AT
PAETOW

SPORTS | B1

Katy Times

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

VOLUME 110, ISSUE 14

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

Katy ISD trustee elections

Five candidates
seeking Katy ISD
trustee position 1

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Duke Keller, an attorney, is seeking his second term on the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees, position 1. He has drawn four challengers. All

are seeking their first term on the board. Saki Krishnamurthy is an engineer and executive. Eliz Markowitz is an educator. Victor Perez is retired. Cicely Taylor is an educator.

April 7 is the last day to register to

See **POSITION 1**, page A3



JOE
GARCIA



SETH
STOKES



FRANK
COBIO



ANISSA
MCGOWAN

Three candidates seeking Katy ISD trustee position 2

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Lance Redmon, who works in building material sales, is seeking his second term on the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees, position 2.

He has drawn two challengers. Bonnie Anderson is an IT manager who is making her second bid for office. Patricia Haggard is a stay-at-home parent who is making her first bid for office.

April 7 is the last day to register to



BONNIE
ANDERSON



PATRICIA
HAGGARD



LANCE
REDMON

vote in the election. To check voter registration, or to register, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3vf2bEL>.

April 25 is the first day to vote early in person. May 3 is the last day to vote early

in person. May 7 is election day.

Why do you want this job?

Anderson: This is more of an "I feel compelled" than "I want" situation. I am inspired to run for the school board after watching the exposure of indoctrination in our schools over the last few years. Parents are the first line of defense in preventing indoctrination and supporting their children's education. As such,

See **POSITION 2**, page A8

Pattison voters to decide two contested city races

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

How to deal with its growth is at the heart of the May 7 Pattison city election.

The election features the first contested race in 21 years, Mayor Joe Garcia said. He is seeking reelection against Position 4 Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Seth Stokes.

Garcia, a retired officer and former Brookshire police chief, was elected mayor in 2016. He has been re-elected every two years since.

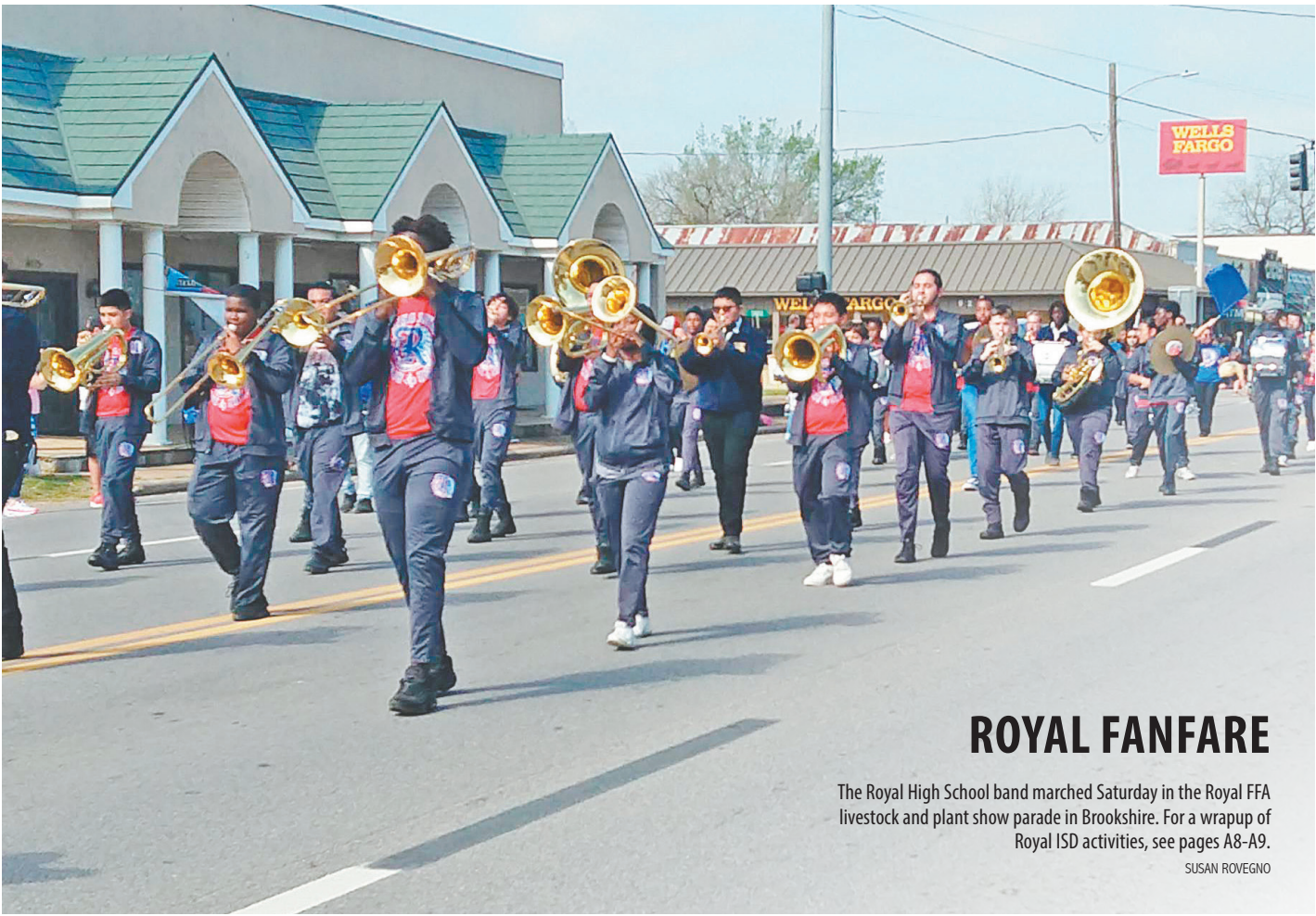
Stokes, who owns a printing business in Houston, was appointed to take Garcia's old seat on the council. He's been reelected in 2018 and 2020.

In another contested race, Position 2 Councilmember Frank Cobio, a teacher, is running for reelection against challenger Anissa McGowan, a realtor.

Cobio served on the Royal ISD school board from 2000-10, before being defeated for reelection. He was appointed to a council vacancy 2011 and was elected in 2012 in his own right. He's been re-elected every two years since.

This is McGowan's first campaign for public office.

See **PATTISON**, page A8



ROYAL FANFARE

The Royal High School band marched Saturday in the Royal FFA livestock and plant show parade in Brookshire. For a wrapup of Royal ISD activities, see pages A8-A9.

SUSAN ROVEGNO

HAVE A NEWS TIP?

news@katytimes.com

SUBSCRIBE TODAY

281-391-3141



7 86037 40051 7

April 7, 2022
20 pages | \$1

City dedicates Leyendecker Landing water retention facility

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Several former mayors joined Mayor Bill Hastings Tuesday for the dedication of Leyendecker Landing, a city water detention facility north of Morton Road and east of Pitts Road.

Leyendecker was a longtime Katy city engineer who served in that role for other area cities. He died in December 2020.

After Leyendecker's death, Ward B Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Doran Dowdle suggested the facility be named in Leyendecker's honor.

Hastings spoke with several former living mayors about the idea, and they

See **LEYENDECKER**, page A3



CITY OF KATY

A map of Leyendecker Landing, a Katy city water retention facility.

KEEP YOU MOVING without joint pain

HOUSTON
Methodist
ORTHOPEDICS &
SPORTS MEDICINE

houstonmethodist.org/jointpain
832.522.8280



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dig World to open on weekends

Dig World, the new construction theme park at Katy Mills Mall, announced it will be open on weekends.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. For more information, visit the website digworldtx.com.

Katy AARP chapter to meet April 12

The Katy AARP chapter of AARP will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 12 at the Fussell Senior Center, 5370 E. 5th St. in Katy. The Larry Glass band will provide entertainment following a short meeting and announcements. Visitors are welcome.

Shakespeare in the Shade shows set

Join Harris County Precinct 4 and the Bard himself for a day of food, fun, games, and live Shakespeare theater on April 9 at Spring Creek Park, 15012 Brown Road in Tomball.

The event includes a festival from 1-7 p.m. and performances of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Performances of Twelfth Night also take place at 7:30 p.m. April 8, and at 2 p.m. April 10, at Spring Creek Park. Performances continue later in the month, with shows at 7:30 p.m. April 22 at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd, Houston, and 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr, Houston.

Filled with romance, comedy, and action, Twelfth Night enchants as twins Viola and Sebastian deal with the aftermath of a devastating shipwreck. Alone in a strange land, Viola disguises herself as a man to secure a position in the household of Duke Orsino. The plot thickens when Viola finds herself fending off the affections of the beautiful Lady Olivia. When Sebastian arrives in town, chaos and comedy ensue, leading to hijinks and a double dose of mistaken identity.

"My team works hard to make Shakespeare relatable and accessible to the public," Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle said. "Those who struggled with Shakespeare's work in the past walk away with new understanding after seeing one of our productions."

Comedian and entertainer Jim Mackenzie returns to the show this year. He specializes in juggling, sword swallowing, whip cracking, rope and pole walking, unicycling, music looping, straight jacket escape, and more.

Shakespeare-era attire is encouraged. Attendees are invited to bring their own refreshments or purchase items from food trucks during the festival.

Katy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts after business hours networking event

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts an after business hours networking event. The event is set for 5-7 p.m. April 21 at First Community Credit Union 23120 Cinco



The newest Katy Fire Department first responders take their oaths at the March 29 ceremony.
KATY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ranch Blvd. complimentary appetizers network with colleagues. For more information and to RSVP, email the chamber at info@katychamber.com.

Conservative Leaders Forum hosts candidate forum

The Conservative Leaders Forum hosts "The Runoffs," a candidate forum for area political candidates who are facing a run-off following the March primary. Scheduled speakers include

- Tim Stroud and Johnny Teague, candidates for U.S. House district 7.
- Mano Ayala and Shelley Barineau, candidates for Texas House district 133.
- Mike May, candidate for Texas House district 135.
- Vidal Martinez and Alexandra Mealer, candidates for Harris County judge.
- Victor Perez, candidate for the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees, position 1.

The special guest speaker will be Billy Ely, who will describe his experience in the Cy-Fair School District wins and how to general the ground swell to win an election.

The event will be at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Memorial Parkway Community Center, 21600 Cimarron Pkwy.

To register, email Gail Stolzenburg at Gail@GailStolzenburg.com.

Italian Maid Café concerts continue April 8 and 22

Italian Maid Café's Friday concert series continues April 8 and 22, offering diners an opportunity to enjoy Italian classics and local talent from 6 to 8 p.m.

Music on the Patio takes place on the restaurant's expansive patio overlooking a large lake in Cross Creek Ranch.

"The series started in March this year," said Lanie Alvarez, owner of Italian Maid Café. "Diners loved it. It's a great way to spend a Friday with the family. We are looking forward to showcasing more local talent this month."

Mia Suzanne Walker will perform a mix of classic rock, pop, and country on April 8. Josue Thesis will present an eclectic range of music on April 22.

The series will conclude in May with the return of mother-daughter duo Tay & Mel: Generations on May 13 and blues musician Randy Burns on May 27.

Italian Maid Café boasts an extensive menu of Italian-inspired dishes such as chicken parmesan and Salmon Aglio e Olio as well as wine, craft beer and house sangria.

Italian Maid Café is in Cross Creek Ranch at 6450 Cross Creek Bend Lane. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. To reserve a table, visit the website IMCafe.us or call 281-341-1587.

To learn more about Cross Creek Ranch, visit the website crosscreektexas.org.

American Legion Auxiliary to host membership meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary holds its monthly membership meeting April 20 at



KATY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Katy Fire Department Assistant Chiefs Chad Dismukes, left, and Dana Massey, right, honor Chief Kenneth Parker. The city last year named Parker as fire chief, but the ceremony formally recognized his promotion. The department held its promotional/swearing-in ceremony March 29 at Legacy Stadium.

Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd. For more information, email Linda Malsbary at linda.malsbary@yahoo.com.

Washington County celebrates Bluebonnet Festival of Texas April 9-10

Bluebonnets and other wildflowers bloom with life and color in beautiful Washington County. Celebrate the spring season April 9-10 in Chappell Hill at the Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas.

This family-friendly festival showcases more than 250 juried exhibitors featuring home accessories, gardening, artists, craftsmen, clothing, jewelry, and much more—something for everyone. Plus, indulge in the delicious country-style food. The Poplar Lot will feature a stage with live entertainment, train rides, face painting, and more.

Historic buildings in the community will be open for visitors. Tour the Chappell Hill Historical Museum housed in a 1927 public school building where exhibits of photos, documents and artifacts give a glimpse of the town from its beginnings in 1847 to the present day. The collection also includes a large sampling of Rev. Johnnie Swearingen's folk art.

Festival hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the festival is free; parking is \$10; and no street parking is allowed. Chappell Hill is located halfway between Houston and Austin on Hwy. 290. For more information, call 979-836-6033 or visit the website chappellhillmuseum.org.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

JUDGE

Mike Engelhart

FOR

FIRST COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 4

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Judge Mike Engelhart Campaign which subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices Act, George J. Engelhart, treasurer, P. O. Box 56386, Houston, TX 77256.

Katy Sip N Stroll

23rd Edition

BENEFITTING THE BALLARD HOUSE A CIRCUS CHARITABLE COMMUNITY

PRESENTED BY kwPREMIER & Kroger

April 23, 2022 • 6:00-9:00pm (5pm VIP)

THE ARK by Norris • 21402 Merchants Way

Grand Prize Winner Premier Culinary Award

Grand Prize Winner Premier Culinary Award

Katy's Premier Culinary and Wine Community Event

All Inclusive Tickets!

General Admission \$65

Celebrity X Cruises® VIP Zone \$95

Fun

Bites

Sips

Purpose

#KSNS2022

SipAndStroll.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between south and southeast
- Celebrations
- Pulpits
- Pin
- Rare laughing
- Parts of the circulatory system
- Financial term
- Pearl Jam frontman
- Cores of vascular plants
- Strong sharp smell or taste
- City in S. Korea
- One from Damascus
- Short message at the end of an email
- It cools your home
- Towards the mouth or oral region
- Intestinal pouches
- Boys and men
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Former CIA
- A way to arrange
- Body cavity
- The Great Lake State
- A type of seal
- Stop for a moment
- Ancient kingdom
- Of I
- White clerical vestment
- Songs to a lover
- Prices
- Sun-dried brick
- Where to park a boat

CLUES DOWN

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- PA transit system
- Leaves a place
- Sweet greenish fruit
- Lends support to
- Chap
- Singer Di Franco
- Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
- Asserts to be the case
- Doctor (Spanish)
- Auction attendee
- Characterized by unity
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Way to analyze video (abbr.)
- Nonclerical
- Tree resin
- The academic world
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Infer from data
- Arrives
- Apart
- Takes on cargo

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

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

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.

POSITION 1

from page A1

vote in the election. To check voter registration, or to register, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3vf2bEL>.

April 25 is the first day to vote early in person. May 3 is the last day to vote early in person.

May 7 is election day.

Why do you want this job?

Keller: I sought to serve on the Katy ISD Board of Trustees to give back to the school district that I am a product of and the community where I spent my formative years. My children have attended or do attend Katy ISD schools. I believe my successes, and our students' successes, are the result of the academic excellence of Katy ISD and the experiences gained as a member of the Katy community. I want to give back to my community and serve Katy ISD in its efforts to provide those experiences and a quality education to our students.

Krishnamurthy: A quote that has stuck with me is "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill. I believe it my turn to give back to the community and society that has always been kind and there for me and my family. As a mother, I am very grateful to Katy ISD that makes bringing up my son a lot easier because of the fantastic schools and ecosystems that it provides. By being part of the board, I can contribute towards the workings of Katy ISD and influence decisions for its continual improvement. I also hope that with years of technical and industry experience, I can bring a fresh perspective and lessons learned to implement any issues and projects that come under the board's purview.

Markowitz: As an educator of nearly two decades and graduate of Katy ISD, I'm running for the Katy ISD Board of Trustees because I believe education is the foundation of our society, affecting all aspects of our lives and community, and I believe that we can do better than the status quo. We must work together to improve the educational outcomes of our students, provide teachers with greater support and resources, and ensure parents are active participants in the educational process. I want this job because I believe that I can work with the existing board members to create an inclusive culture that meets the needs of all who are impacted by the board's decisions.

Perez: Karen, my wife of 47 years, and I have three children. They are all products of Katy ISD, from K-12. We now have four grandkids in Katy. We are very involved in their lives and can relate to families raising their children in Katy ISD. I recently retired and have the time to devote to the board. I am passionate about improving the education for all children at Katy ISD and protecting our young children. Parents have

the preeminent role to teach their children about morals and values.

Taylor: As a mom, I understand the importance of an excellent, well-balanced education for our children. Great schools lead to college, career, and ultimately great citizens. As a lifelong educator, first as a teacher and now as an administrator, I have seen how policies focused on students, families, and teachers create an educational environment that allows all children to succeed. My children had amazingly supportive, firm, yet loving teachers and school staff during their time in Katy ISD schools. Their success as collegiate scholar-athletes is a testament to this. I want this experience for "all" Katy ISD students; the band kid, the bookworm, the theater enthusiast and every student in between. I want every student to experience the same excellent education my children received, regardless of the path they choose following high school graduation—college, career and beyond.

Briefly discuss your professional background, and how that will help you if elected.

Keller: I served in leadership positions during my service in the Army and National Guard, and worked and paid my way through college and law school. I have practiced real estate and business law for almost 24 years. I have served on the Katy ISD Board of Trustees for the last three years. The experiences, knowledge and leadership I have gained through those experiences provides me with the tools to be an insightful, knowledgeable and successful school board trustee.

Krishnamurthy: My professional experience has given me the leadership skills, adaptability, people skills and the strength to take on challenges. Katy has a diverse group of people and because I have worked across five continents, I can communicate and interact very well with people. Also, leading and working with teams comes naturally for me as I have had the opportunity to manage many projects in the course of my career. Adapting to changing situations and dealing with issues has been a big part of the last 20+ years. My understanding is that my professional career has given me a comprehensive set of tools and techniques to manage various situations confidently.

Markowitz: I currently work as an instructor, corporate trainer, and author with the Princeton Review, where I've worked for the past 18 years helping students conquer the evils of standardized testing, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston, where I teach in the College of Education. I have previously worked for both the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the U.S. Department of Health and Human



DUKE
KELLER



SAKI
KRISHNAMURTHY



ELIZ
MARKOWITZ



VICTOR
PEREZ



CICELY
TAYLOR

Services on efforts to reduce adverse medical events.

I earned my bachelor's in Computer Science and Studio Art from Trinity University, two master's degrees in Business and Health-care from UT-San Antonio and UT Health Science Center at Houston, and my doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction-Learning, Design, and Technology from the University of Houston. I'm also currently pursuing my Master of Public Administration at the University of Houston to better understand the intricacies of policy implementation and public service agencies. I believe that I can offer a fresh perspective that incorporates student, teacher, and management views to address issues that currently plague the district.

Perez: My career includes 12 years as a banker in the international and energy departments of a large bank. I also have 25 years' experience as a CFO for publicly-listed oilfield service companies. I have extensive experience in financial analysis, budgets and the capital markets. I also have experience as a board member on several non-profit boards. I think my financial background would be an asset to the board and Katy ISD. I am fluent in Spanish.

Taylor: My entire career has been in the education field. I started as a classroom teacher with my first two years as a Teach for America Corps member. I taught for several more years and later spent about five years as a kindergarten teacher. After being a stay-at-home mom, I began working back in the education field as a project manager, and now I am serving as the Chief of Staff for a large public charter school system. I believe I will be able to leverage my 20+ years as an educator, both as a classroom teacher and administrator, to make sound policy decisions. I have extensive knowledge of curriculum, academic accountability, and school finance.

If elected, what would your top three priorities for the district be, and why?

Keller: If elected, I will continue to work and dedicate my time to address all matters that are within a trustee's role or that can benefit the students, parents, teachers, and Katy ISD. In my three years on the school board, I have focused my efforts on increasing teacher compensation and the quality of our teachers' experience, addressing literacy concerns, and continuing open communication and dialogue with our communi-

ty. Katy ISD has taken measures during my service on the school board to address those matters and continues to do so. Those are the three matters which I want to remain a priority as I continue my service on the Katy ISD school board.

Krishnamurthy: My top three priorities for the district will be:

Immediate Goal: Improve teacher motivation, pay and retention. As we are all aware, through the tough Pandemic times, our teachers stepped up and adapted to all the changes and challenges given to them. It is of utmost importance that we give them a listening ear and understand their current needs to avoid burn out and encourage continued loyalty.

Intermediate Goal: I would like to make Katy ISD a 100% Green Energy school district. This entails that all energy consumption is renewable. I am encouraged that Haskett Junior High is the first Katy school to be run completely on Solar Power. My hope is to set up a plan and timeline to convert all our existing school and any new schools in the same direction. Texas is already proud to be the largest producer of renewable energy, I want to see Katy ISD as the first to use 100% green energy and become a role model for other school districts around Texas and the country.

Stretch Goal: During the pandemic I saw a lot of frustration generated amongst students, teachers and parents by the various online tools, software's, websites and devices that were used throughout the district for remote lessons. I could see it was challenging to come up with a unified solution at that time because we were right in the middle of the issue and needed immediate fixes. Going forward, I would like to evaluate which of these tools worked the best and if any other improvements can be made to the software and hardware to entail smooth transition from classroom to online education. We should be prepared for the time we might have to use online tools again; this is a good time to reflect and set forth a comprehensive and user-friendly system.

Markowitz: 1.) Increase teacher and staff morale by at least 50% within one year, as measured by anonymous surveys, through programming that provides high-quality professional development, access to support resources and materials to aid in curriculum development, and mental health support and resources at no cost to the teacher, staff, or faculty. 2.) Improve literacy rates

among elementary-age and students with dyslexia by 20% within one year through the adoption and implementation of programs that replace the current, flawed Units of Study and Balanced Literacy programs utilized by KISD with evidence-based Science of Reading programs that incorporate comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and phonemic awareness into the literacy process.

3.) Reduce the incidence of bullying and violence by 10% within one year, as measured by anonymous reporting, by providing at least two methods for students, parents, teachers, staff, and faculty to discuss legitimate mental health or safety concerns with licensed professionals and receive timely, appropriate responses.

Perez: 1.) Emphasize academics. Let's focus on basic education that will give our children the tools to compete. I want to enact solutions to help underperforming segments of our student population and underperforming schools.

2.) Support our teachers. Our front-line teachers and campus leaders are the key to delivering a quality education. Our teachers are underpaid and overworked. We need to also need to ensure we are providing strong support for Special Education. Campus leaders need to be focused on helping the teacher with discipline issues.

3.) An important function of the board is to be good stewards of district resources and finances. The emphasis needs to be on what will make a difference within the four walls of the classroom to make a difference for our children.

Taylor: My top three priorities include trust and support of our teachers—the war on teachers must stop. We must provide professional development that meets their needs, fair compensation, and a professional environment that demonstrates care and respect for these amazing professionals.

Next, we must have student-centered and research-based decision-making. If a policy is not suitable for students, why should we even consider it?

And third, we must have an appropriate platform for parental voice. Parents and schools can work together in very constructive ways when given the opportunity. Along with these priorities, financial stewardship and board transparency are also important. The board of trustees works for Katy's students, teachers, staff, parents, and community and should always be held to the highest level of accountability.

LEYENDECKER

from page A1

were enthusiastic about it. Hastings chaired a former mayors advisory group, comprised of former mayors J.W. "Skip" Conner (1991-95), M.H. "Hank" Schmidt (1995-2001), Doyle G. Calender (2001-07), Don Elder Jr. (2007-13), Fabol Hughes (2013-17) and Chuck Brawnner (2017-19). All spoke fondly of Leyendecker when the Katy City Council in 2021 named the facility.

At Tuesday's dedication, Hastings read a proclama-

tion that said the group had a vision for the landing as a tribute to Leyendecker and his service. The former mayors met with the Leyendecker family to create a park style plan for the landing, the proclamation said.

"It is the hope of the former mayors advisory group and the Leyendecker family that Leyendecker landing will be a place of deep reflection, a nature walk, passive and serene, with the amenities, playground

equipment, park benches and items of nostalgia that reflect the life of David Leyendecker," the proclamation said.

The proclamation said that Leyendecker's daughter, Kim, happened upon a quote that reminded her of her father and describe how he would approach the park. The quote, from Camille Pissarro, is, "Blessed are they to see beautiful things and humble places where other people see nothing."

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

WE FINANCE RURAL TEXAS





OFFERING LOANS FOR:

- Hunting Ranches
- Recreational Property
- Rural Real Estate
- Ranch and Farm Land



TREY WERNER
Relationship Manager
281-939-2913
TWerner@TexasFCS.com
[TexasFarmCredit.com](https://www.TexasFarmCredit.com)



YOUR NEWS. YOUR WAY.

Find out what all your friends are talking about

 Follow us on Facebook for easy access to **KATY TIMES**

What is a woman?

I'm glad there's widespread confusion about what a woman is. I've been confused my entire life.

In the most basic sense, the difference between a male and a female is that a female has two X chromosomes and a male has an X and a Y chromosome — or, in my experience, a “WHY” chromosome?

I was raised an only boy with five sisters. All my sisters ever said to me was:

Why did you eat all the graham crackers?

Why can't you stop picking your nose?

Why don't you ever change the toilet paper roll when the toilet paper runs out?

I love my sisters, and we had lots of laughter growing up in our lively house, but I was an agitation to them most of the time — especially when they caught me using their toothbrushes.

They refused to sit next to their “icky, stinky” brother in our station wagon, so my Dad banished me to the third seat — the one that faced backwards, which kept me in a perpetual state of motion sickness.

To his credit, my father advanced gender-neutral clothing four decades before it was fashionable — though he was motivated by cost savings.

Despite my having five sisters, he made me wear hand-me-downs. It wasn't too bad most of the year, but I must tell you, Easter Sunday was unpleasant.

Do you know how hard it is to outrun the neighborhood bully with your panty hose bunching up on you and your bonnet flopping in the wind?

When I grew up in the '70s, bullies were everywhere in our suburban neighborhood.

Since I had no older brother to teach me how to fight, my sisters taught me.

I'll never forget my first scuffle. After a bully shoved me, I looked him dead in the eye and I said, “You are soooooo immature!”

Luckily, my sister, Kris, blossomed into one of the toughest street fighters in our neighborhood.



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

When Terry Leper busted up my go-cart, she pummeled him until he blubbered like a baby.

She was barely 5'3" and 100 pounds against Leper's 6-foot 180-plus pound frame. How she overpowered him is anyone's guess, but Leper's reign of terror ended that day.

Then the next day Kris tattled on me for failing to put the toilet seat down.

The point is, I never knew what was coming from my sisters. Every day brought new surprises. But I was never as perplexed as my dad was.

He was forever saying things that caused my sisters and mother to get angry with him. He never understood what he did wrong.

When the feathered Farrah Fawcett look was in style — and my sisters persuaded me to be the first kid at St. Germaine to sport teen-pop-star David Cassidy's famous shag haircut — all of us spent way too much time shampooing and conditioning our hair in the shower.

The water, gas and electric bills were astronomical.

When my dad pleaded for the umpteenth time for us to cut back on our shower time, one or more of my sisters would storm out of the room, slamming a door or two.

“For godssakes, Betty, what did I do?” my dad said, hopelessly befuddled by the women in his life.

So it's refreshing that so many others, including a Supreme Court nominee, are as now as confused as my father and I have long been about what a woman is.

Tom Purcell is an author and humor columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.com.



Have you slapped anyone lately?

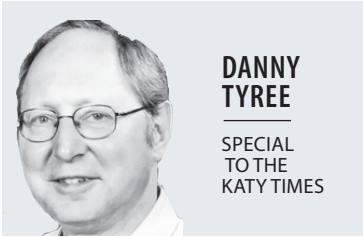
After the Academy Awards incident between Will Smith and Chris Rock, I started wondering how many of my gentle readers have resorted to physical violence in their adult life.

In 1983 a co-worker sucker-punched me at the end of second shift and in 1999 (at a different workplace) a co-worker shoved me to the ground; but so far, I haven't been in any two-way fights since childhood. (Some folks play tennis. Some folks play cornhole. Some folks play “the long game.” Bwahahahaha...)

But what about you? Have you ever slapped, punched, head-butted, butt-kicked, snatched bald-headed anyone who has run afoul of you? Do you regard it with pride or shame?

If you have a story, I hope you acted in self-defense, or to protect someone from a bully or to defend your country or at least to keep that &^%\$ hussy from interfering with your sacred right to the last Samsung 85-inch TV on Black Friday. (“With liberty and justice and Crystal Processor 4K for all who lay hands on it first!”)

PLEASE don't tell me that you have instigated a family squabble at a funeral, scuffled with a conscientious police officer or manhandled an editor who didn't use my columns often enough. (Regarding the latter, “don't tell me” is the operative phrase. Plausible deniability and all that.)



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

AT LEAST tell me you were thorough with your use of force. No knocking someone into the opening of Happy Hour when you were AIMING for the middle of next week. No giving someone an UNSOUND thrashing and getting the Building Codes people involved.

For statistical purposes, I hope any hypothetical disciplinary slaps can be broken down in terms of being provoked by sass or backtalk or attitude or “that look” or at least copyright infringement. (“How DARE you plagiarize and use the excuses I used on MY parents!”)

I pray that you spring into action only when totally justified, Grasshopper. The world certainly has enough lowbrows who tend toward the hair-trigger mode. (As Yoda once observed, “The Jerry Springer Show is strong with this one.”)

Yes, “taking umbrage” seems to be the default value in our culture. “Them's fightin' words, mister” lurks in our psyche decades after its introduction in Westerns. Hey, how come no one ever announces, “Them's huggin' and dancin' and

singin' Kumbaya words, mister”?

Okay, self-restraint is harder than the Decorum Police imply. More than once when I've encountered an infuriating jerk, I've dutifully retreated to my Happy Place -- only to discover that the scumbag was already there, using the American flag for a picnic blanket and groping my grandmother!

Today's brawlers can always conjure up an excuse for their behavior, but it's sad just how wimpy we've gotten since the halcyon days of chivalry, the Hatfields and McCoys or dueling. (“Defending my sister's honor is worth a night in jail, but I ain't getting shot at over her! I mean, she always got the most toys and let's face it, she IS sort of a flirt...”)

Taunts, challenges, unintentional slights and the ensuing donnybrooks may always be with us; but there is a glimmer of hope that social media trends may take a lot of oomph out of the animosity.

(“You say my momma is so fat her blood type is Ragu??? Let me fact-check that before we do anything hasty. Your aspersion is probably missing context.”)

Copyright 2022 Danny Tyree, distributed by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page “Tyree's Tyrades.”

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.



Katy school trustees kick off Raise Your Hand Texas program



KATY ISD

Leah Wilson, a Katy school trustee, follows the discussion over the Raise Your Hand Texas advocacy program, discussed Monday. Trustees Ashley Vann and Duke Keller sit nearby.

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Raise Your Hand Texas and the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees kicked off the inaugural Raise Your Hand Texas Trustee Advocates Program this week with an onsite training session for school board leaders and Superintendent Ken Gregorski. Katy ISD is the first of nine school boards from across Texas to participate in the new program, which includes tools to ensure the perspectives, values and priorities of Katy ISD are at the forefront of legislative deliberation.

"As school leaders we are committed

to working together with our community and state representatives to listen and engage parents and stakeholders in legislative processes impacting our students," Dr. Ken Gregorski, Katy ISD superintendent, said. "Legislative decisions have a tremendous impact on Texas school districts, and through advocacy, our district hopes to amplify our community's voice to influence education policy."

Throughout the inaugural 18-month program, participants will learn to build a local public education advocacy network that encourages community connectedness and building awareness of state legislative issues. Additionally, local school leaders will share expertise and critical

information with policymakers developing legislative bills.

"There's considerable appetite and interest from across our state in building a meaningful advocacy program that brings together schools and local communities to educate and advocate in support of public education," Libby Cohen, Raise Your Hand Texas' director of advocacy and outreach, said.

Twenty-seven school districts applied to participate in the Raise Your Hand Texas Trustee Advocates Program and nine were selected. The program will be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. For more information, visit the website <https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/>.



KATY ISD

That Roarin' Band from Tigerland was invited to perform at Disney World's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida on March 13. The band entertained the crowd along the parade route with many of Katy's favorite tunes.

KATY CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

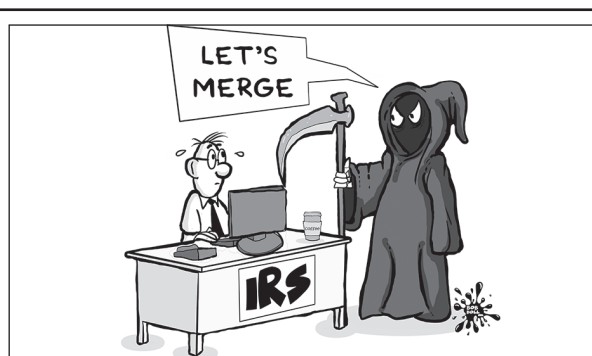


ANDY KAHAN
Crime Stoppers of
Houston Director
Victim Services

Networking Event!
Everyone Welcome!

**FRIDAY
APR
15
2022**

7 AM Church on the Rock, 433 Barker Cypress
Register at <https://katychristianchamber.com>



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
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
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

KCM KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
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.RIOSDEACITE.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 CUTOFF • 281-391-9199
VIRGIL YEHNERT, 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 GUJARDO
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

ANGELICAN 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 77449
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. • PEER 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 JORGE Y 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 SAUMS RD. • 713-461-0709
YDPC.H.ORG
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1913 EAST AVENUE • 281-398-1301
PASTOR RICHARD DEVOST



MKT Distillery, 5373 1st St., hosted the Fourth Annual Cajun Fest, the proceeds from which benefitted Katy Christian Ministries. A KCM official said the event raised over \$5,000.

SUSAN ROVEGNO



COURTESY OF PATTI LACY

Patti Lacy, Katy Christian Ministries past president, gestures towards the bullseye used in an ax throwing contest at the Fourth Annual Cajun Fest Saturday at MKT Distillery.

AREA BRIEFS

Speaker set for Highway 36A Coalition

James Koch, director of transportation planning for the Texas Department of Transportation's Houston District, will give an overview of the district's transportation plans and a look at the future of mobility at the April luncheon for the Highway 36A Coalition.

The luncheon is set for April 21 at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Registration information will be available later this week.

Koch began his professional career with the Texas Department of Transportation in 1987 in the Brownwood District, and in 1992 he transferred to the Houston District's plan review section.

In 1998, Koch was promoted to director of design. In 2010, he was promoted to the position of director of transportation planning and development. In 2013, Koch was awarded the Gibb Gilchrist Award for his continuous service to the State of Texas.

In 2014, Koch assumed the role of director of transportation planning and programming division in Austin. From there, he worked closely with the department's administration as the portfolio and project manager for several high-profile projects.

In August of 2016, Koch left the department to serve as director of transportation for Gunda Corporation in the private sector. There he garnered meaningful experience as a consultant to the department on projects around the state.

In August 2019, Koch returned to the department as the Houston district director of transportation planning and development. In his current role he is responsible for planning and developing projects throughout the Houston District and the Houston-Galveston Area

Council region.

James graduated from the University of Texas in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and obtained his professional engineering license in 1990.

The Highway 36A Coalition's mission is to advocate for the development of a regional transportation infrastructure from the Brazosport area to Hempstead and beyond, which will provide for improved hurricane evacuation, more efficient mobility and economic development for the region and the state.

Katy Area Chamber of Commerce to host school board candidate forum

Katy school board candidates will participate in a candidate forum sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The forum is set for 6-8:30 p.m. at the Katy Area Chamber offices, 514 East Ave., Suite G.

Position 1 candidates expected to attend include Saki Krishnamurthy, Duke Keller, Eliz Markowitz, Victor Perez and Cicely Taylor.

Position 2 candidates expected to attend include Bonnie Anderson, Patricia Haggard, and Lance Redmon.

Jason Burdine, a former school board trustee, will moderate the forum.

The election is May 7.

Teens earn volunteer services hours at library's advisory council

Fort Bend County Libraries offers programs specifically designed for high school-aged teens in grades 9-12. The programs provide fun and challenging opportunities for these young adults, who are also encouraged to become active



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle, the Harris County Sheriff's office, and Harris County Pct. 5 Constable Ted Heap hosted the Back the Blue event in which the public could learn about law enforcement equipment and operations. The event was Saturday at Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road.

participants in designing and orchestrating new activities for teens in the library system.

In April, the Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present the following programs for the Young Adult community.

• Young Adult Advisory Council—4-5 p.m. April 20, in the Conference Room. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to express ideas, organize upcoming activities, and suggest new programs and books that would be of interest to young adults at the library. Teens can earn volunteer/service hours and meet new friends while helping to shape the future of library services for teens. The Young Adult Advisory Council meets on the third

Wednesday of every month.

• Young Adult Book Club—4-5 p.m. April 27, in the Conference Classroom. Teen readers in grades 9-12 can meet with others who share the same love for great books, and have a lively discussion on the reasons a book or its characters were liked or disliked. Those attending the book club meeting are invited to talk about All the Crooked Saints, written by Maggie Stiefvater. This title is available in print and digitally as an e-audio-book on hoopla; call the library to check availability of additional print copies.

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, see the Fort Bend County

Libraries website at fortbend.lib.tx.us, or call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 281-395-1311.

The Cinco Ranch Branch Library is at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd.

Fort Bend County Libraries to close in observance of Easter holiday

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries, which includes the Cinco Ranch Branch Library and the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, will be closed April 15-17 in observance of the Easter holiday. Regular library hours will resume April 18.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



Visitors to the 36th annual Folk Life Festival saw demonstrations of how people lived in 19th Century Texas. The festivities began with a unveiling of a portrait of Kenneth D. Welch, a leader in outdoor learning in the district and for whom the outdoor learning center at 6301 S. Stadium Lane is named.

SUSAN ROVEGNO



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

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD to host “Family Matters” volunteer celebration

The Katy ISD Partners in Education and its VIPs executive board will again host the district’s annual Volunteers in Public Schools celebration.

The celebration is set for 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 29, at the Leonard E Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane.

The event honors and celebrates the thousands of school district volunteers who give their time and talents to district students and teachers.

Tom Landis, Howdy Homemade Ice Cream founder and CEO, is the keynote speaker. The event will also feature entertainment from Katy ISD campus principals, campus namesakes and students across the district.

All who have volunteered at a Katy ISD campus this year are invited to attend and should RSVP by April 26. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. For more information about the event, volunteers should contact their campus VIPS liaison or email Tammy Stringer at tammystringer@katyisd.org.

Car show to benefit Katy High School Theatre

The American Furniture Warehouse parking lot, at the corner of Pin Oak Road and I-10, will be the site of a car show, the proceeds of which will benefit the Katy High School Theatre.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Contestants can enter their cars to compete for awards in several categories. Same-day registration, is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., is \$25 per vehicle. Awards will be announced at 12:30 p.m.

Food trucks which will provide drinks and concessions.

Proceeds support Katy High School Theater. For more information, email katytheatre@gmail.com.

Cinco Ranch High School science team places second at district meet

The Cinco Ranch High School science team placed second at the district meet, narrowly missing first place by four points.

The UIL Science contest is composed of Biology, Chemistry and Physics questions which range from first year coursework up to AP level. Individually, Dimitris Kalafatis placed first overall and first in Chemistry. Kathy Shen placed sixth overall and first in Biology.

Team members include:

- Dimitris Kalafatis—First place overall, first place Chemistry—Advance to Regionals
- Kathy Shen—Sixth place overall, first place Biology—Advance to Regionals
- Angelica Sharma—eighth place overall
- Delaney Tao—11th place overall
- Smit Patel—12th place overall
- Ananya Bhonsley—14th place overall

Cinco Ranch High School CRYPTONITE Robotics Team 624 wins robotics competition

The CRYPTONITE Robotics Team 624 finished district competition, coming in first place out of 32 teams. The team enjoyed great results in the Autonomous and Tele-Op Shooting.

The team was part of a three-team alliance, with 3837 Spectrum from Strake Jesuit and 8819 ARCTECH BEARS from Austin, that dominated the playoffs with six straight wins.

The Cinco Ranch team also won the Autonomous Award sponsored by Ford for its consistent, reliable, high-performance operating

CALVIN NELMS CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN HONORS



PHOTOS COURTESY CALVIN NELMS CHARTER SCHOOL

Kaleb Soto, Stephanie Jenkins, Jack Trowbridge, and Blanca Vielma received Silver Key honors for their work in the Scholastic Art and Writing—Houston Area Competition.



Right: Kimberly Avellaneda’s work “Beneath the Swamp” won the National Silver Key in the photography category of the Scholastic Art and Writing—National Competition. Above: Kimberly Avellaneda, Kelly Thompson and Samira Larroque received Gold Key honors for their work in the Scholastic Art and Writing—Houston Area Competition. Not pictured are Fernanda Aponte and Marcus Mar.



Kenya Cruz, Gisselle Olvera, Gabriel White, Rylan Rodriguez, and Blanca Vielma received honorable mention for their work in the Scholastic Art and Writing—Houston Area Competition.

during autonomously managed actions.

At the individual level, Peyton Drake was recognized as a Dean’s List Semi-Finalist. Students receive this award for increasing awareness for FIRST and its mission while achieving personal technical expertise and accomplishment. Drake will be in the running for the Texas Dean’s List Finalist at the Texas State Championship.

The team has qualified for the UIL Texas State Championship on April 6- 9 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Team members include:

- Alier Acevedo
- Christopher Biello

- Nataly Bittencourt
- Rafael Calderon
- Joaquin Centron
- Shlok Chauhan
- Michael Croissant
- Nolan Drake
- Peyton Drake
- Kaushik Kallur
- Finn Larkin
- Jason Li
- William Lu
- Yash Mahimkar
- Camden McLeod
- Michael Mohn
- Rohan Pandit
- Kartik Rai
- Nirvrtta Rajeeva
- Eric Schwaller
- Spencer Shushan

- Jihyo (Chloe) Song
- Sarah Thomas
- Jacob White
- Timothy Wong
- Enkang Yuan

Katy ISD adjusts elementary bell schedule for 2022-23 school year

To alleviate transportations related to route times and driver shortages, Katy ISD has adjusted the bell schedule at its elementary schools for the 2022-23 school year.

Effective August 2022, elementary campuses will fall under one of three tiers:

- Tier A (7:50 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

- Mid-Tier (8:10 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.)
- Tier B (8:30 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.)
- “In an effort to maximize bus routes, minimize service delays and accommodate for our current driver shortage, the adjusted elementary bell schedule is a mechanism to assist the Transportation Department in improving the services it offers eligible bus riders,” Ted Vierling, chief of operations, said. “Additionally, this allows the district to better utilize its drivers.”

The bell schedule adjustment only affects elementary campuses. There will be no change to the 2022-23 Katy ISD junior high and high school bell schedules. Below are the three tiers with assigned campuses:

- Tier A elementary campuses (7:50 a.m. – 3 p.m.): Alexander, Campbell, Cimarron, Hayes, Hutsell, McRoberts, Memorial Parkway, Rhoads, Rylander, Sundown, Winborn and WoodCreek
 - Mid-Tier elementary campuses (8:10 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.): Bear Creek, Bethke, Bryant, Exley, Fielder, Franz, Golbow, Griffin, Holland, Katy, Mayde Creek, McElwain, Morton Ranch, Nottingham Country, Randolph, Shafer, Stanley, West Memorial, Williams, Wilson and Wolfe
 - Tier B elementary campuses (8:30 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.): Creech, Davidson, Jenks, Kilpatrick, King, Leonard, Pattison, Robertson, Schmalz, Stephens, Wolman
- Parents can determine if their child or children are eligible for bus service by visiting the Katy ISD Transportation WebQuery page.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

WHITE HONORED

The Katy Independent School District announced that Jennifer White is its transportation employee of the year. White is a school bus driver for the district.

2022 Of the Year Awards



Jennifer White
Transportation Employee



VOTING NOW OPEN
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

ROYAL ISD BRIEFS

Royal High School senior awarded NHS scholarship

Royal High School senior Melani Alanis, the 2021-2022 cheerleading captain, was selected as an NHS scholarship semifinalist. She will receive an award of \$3,200. Alanis is one of 575 students nationwide to receive the semifinalist scholarship. "I am incredibly proud of Melani for receiving this honor," Veronica Webb, Royal NHS advisor, said.

Royal High School students compete at state TAFE competition

Four Royal High School students, Leo Robles-Lara, Ivette Padilla, Yazmin Alvarado, and Ricardo Lopez, from the Royal TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators) organization, competed at State on March 3-5 in Dallas. Three of those students—Alvarado, Lopez, and Padilla—advanced to compete at Nationals, to be held June 24-27 in Washington, D.C.

Royal Junior High track team competes in meet

Royal Junior High Student Airri-ona Jackson set a school high jump record with a jump of 4'10" at a recent meet. Team results include:

8th Grade

- 100m dash: Aliyah Wilson, 2nd place and Airionna Jackson, 5th place.
- 200m dash: Airri-ona Jackson, 1st place and Aliyah Wilson, 4th place.
- 400m dash: Kim Arriga, 6th place.
- 2400m run: Arely Reyes, 5th place.
- 4x100m relay: Airri-ona Jackson, Aliyah Wilson, Angie Cisneros and Kim Arriga.
- Long Jump: Airri-ona Wilson, 6th place.

7th Grade

- 1600m run: Sophia Orduna,



The Royal Junior High track team.



Students learn trade skills in the Royal Hangar Trade Program.

- 5th place.
- Long Jump: Bella Ibarra, 6th place.
 - Discus: Ja'unse Johnson, 6th place.

Royal High School junior works as museum student ambassador

Royal High School junior Maria Flores has been involved for two years in the Houston Holocaust Museum Student Ambassador for Engines of Change program. Flores was recently given the chance to explore blacklisting in Hollywood during the Cold War, and added her own thoughts and words to

the exhibit. She also met with and learned from two Holocaust survivors. Flores was excited to share the experience and what she learned with her friends and with her history teacher.

Maria was also accepted to Camp Shakespeare, which only accepts 14 students in each session. She was also given a full scholarship, valued at over \$1,700. She was cast as Lady Macbeth for the camp performance. In addition to her activities at the Houston Holocaust Museum, Maria is in the National Honor Society, theater, UIL Prose, FFA, and yearbook. She also organizes community events when she sees a need. She



ROYAL ISD PHOTOS

Royal TAFE organization members Ricardo Lopez, Ivette Padilla, and Vazmin Alvarado will compete in the TAFE national competition in Washington, D.C., in June.



Royal High School junior Maria Flores.

is currently ranked in the top 10% of her class.

"I am so proud of all she does," Brittany Beall, Flores's teacher and mentor, said. "I just know she will change the world."

Royal kicks off Hangar Trade Program

The Royal Independent School District launched the Hangar Trade Program on Jan. 18.

The initiative was developed in partnership with Eyes on Me Inc., and a network of donors with a common vision of providing trade skills education to the youth of Brookshire and the surrounding



Royal High School senior Melanie Alanis.

communities.

The primary age group for the program is students 14-18 years of age; it also has participants that are 11 years and adults who attend just to learn. The program has a mother and her son attending classes together.

Participants include Royal ISD students and homeschoolers from Waller, Harris, and Fort Bend counties. Currently the course is providing a course in general construction that will include electrical and plumbing training. Students are also currently building dog houses.

The district said it hopes to reach out to people who may not be aware of the opportunities available through trades and to encourage growth to those who are curious. The goal is to teach people how to troubleshoot, repair, or replace many of the problems that exist in homes from normal wear and tear to damage caused by nature.

Classes are from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for those in the district's disciplinary alternative education program, and 4:30 to 6 p.m. for all others. Class days are Tuesday and Thursday.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

POSITION 2

from page A1

I feel compelled to do my best to help this district steer clear of the politics and dangerous ideologies that do not belong in classrooms.

Haggard: Every child has the fundamental right to quality public education. I consider this an opportunity to improve and preserve the quality of our public schools and ensure that others (parents, teachers, staff, and students) have a voice in making the decisions that directly impact them. In doing so, I hope to help create unity and build trust between board members and the community.

Redmon: The three biggest factors that influenced my decision to serve on the school board are my faith, my family, and the need. My faith teaches that I should consider others better than myself and look out for their interests. I have three children in Katy ISD school and my wife taught at three different campuses. My family has lived out the service of others in many ways. Finally, if good people do not step up and serve, our community will lose everything that makes it special.

Briefly discuss your professional background, and how that will help you if elected.

Anderson: Over 20 years in corporate finance enables me to serve my fiduciary duties as trustee. As an involved parent and community volunteer I am well versed in our school system and its role in children's education. Finally, I've spent years on project management teams as a cohesive team player as well as the outspoken voice of reason when ideology stands in the way of facts and reason. I have never hesitated to speak up during project meetings to be the voice of reason, which has served me and my project teams well over the years.

Haggard: Fortunately, an effective school board is made of members with different work, education, and life experiences. I am a mother of eight children from Pre-K to college. The experiences and perspectives I have gained by being a mom to eight kids helps me understand and relate to children and parents in the community. I am an educator with more than 15 years of experience teaching children ages 2-16 in different learning environments. I believe a

school board member with a background in education can draw on experience with different approaches used in different situations. Having educators on the board is a necessity because we can advocate for the community members that we directly serve. My degree in Psychology includes extensive work in early childhood and adolescent development and my degree in Social Work (which I will finish in May) includes work in social justice and with marginalized groups. I believe my own education provides the insight needed to implement plans and programs that ensure students' academic and psychological needs are met so learning can occur successfully.

Redmon: I've had a diverse professional career. As a pastor in the community, I oversaw Sunday school programs, started small groups, lead volunteers and influenced strategic decisions. As a local small business owner, I'm responsible for HR, payroll, benefits, contracts, finances, and more. When issues come before the board, many times I've already had experience dealing with a similar issue that helps me understand the best way to respond.

If elected, what would your top three priorities for the district be, and why?

Anderson: 1.) Educate. Back to the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Stop the indoctrination.

2.) Teacher pay. Value our teachers. Close the pay gap between Katy and neighboring districts and lead the state in closing the gap between public school teaching and private industry.

3.) Restore parental rights: School districts will not mandate health choices for your children. No forced masks, vaccines, sex ed or indoctrination.

Haggard: 1.) Accountability and transparency are among my top priorities. When board members are dishonest, unresponsive to parents, disrespectful to others, and spending obscene amounts of time and money on matters unrelated to the education of our kids, we have dysfunction. A dysfunctional school board is not an effective school board. We must have trustees that earn and deserve the trust of other board members, parents,

students, and teachers.

2.) We must allow parents to have a voice and we must listen to their voices. We must work together in a respectful manner and come up with practical solutions to issues such as banning books. At a certain age children rely on their parents for their basic needs. By the teen years we hope that, as parents, we have given our kids the foundation and guidance needed to make their own decisions about the materials they choose to read. Keeping our students away from reading material that may help them emotionally, socially, or academically is doing a huge disservice to them.

3.) We must let teachers teach and let children learn. Balanced literacy and STAAR testing are detrimental to our students. Special needs students, such as those with dyslexia, are more hurt than helped by a balanced literacy approach. Additionally, students incur learning loss when they aren't learning. Teachers spending months teaching kids to memorize a standardized test is doing our kids a great disservice. It limits their access to information, stifles their creativity and inquisitiveness, and creates and encourages disparities in learning for the most vulnerable students.

Redmon: 1.) Advocacy. 2.) Hiring and retaining great talent. 3.) Being prepared for growth.

Advocacy in Austin has moved towards the top of my priorities as I have seen that much of what frustrates people in Katy is dictated from the state. While our people in Austin want the best for our schools, they need to know how to do it. We, the people of Katy ISD, need to be informed and empowered to communicate with them.

People are the single greatest factor that make Katy ISD great. As we add schools and more and more educators are leaving the profession, we need to keep the great teachers we have and find new ones.

If you haven't heard Katy ISD is still growing, the community support to pass a bond this past year was very encouraging. We just passed 90,000 students. That's more than 2,000 students above our projections for this time period. We must continue to be forward looking and smart about how we grow.

PATTISON

from page A1

Position 1 Councilmember Wayne Kercher, who is retired, and Position 5 Councilmember Randall Flowers, and environmental engineer, are unopposed in their re-election bids.

Garcia said his goal, if re-elected, was to turn the city's recently issued comprehensive plan into a reality.

"That plan is a result of a number of town hall meetings and community surveys," Garcia said, adding that a consultant helped with the city's planning commission. "We had input from a variety of sources. We want to take that plan and make it a reality."

Garcia said property taxes should only be implemented as a last resort.

"At some point, we may need to ask the voters to consider a property tax," Garcia said. "It shouldn't be without a defined purpose and specific need. I think we need to work on and improve sales tax revenue to offset the cost of services. Many in our community are on fixed incomes. We need to look at the situation before resorting to property taxes. There are communities in Texas without property taxes. We may need it, but let's have a reason for it."

Garcia said he believed the city can negotiate managed growth with developers to incorporate law enforcement into master planning for the area. The city presently relies on the Waller County Sheriff's office and Waller County Constable for law enforcement.

"If you look at the subdivisions around Katy, many of them have contracts and pay for extra law enforcement," Garcia said, adding that officials should look into expanding this concept to the newer subdivisions, and coming up with the fees to offset the costs.

Stokes said his top priority for the city would be funding. No property tax in Pattison means no revenue stream to pay for infrastructure.

"We have no sewer system," Stokes said. "No city work system. No law enforcement."

Stokes said he felt some sort of a city tax or property tax would be likely in the future, and they are all being considered.

"Down the road, something's going to happen, regardless of who is in there," Stokes said.

Stokes said another priority of his is foundational projects.

"It's one of those kingpins that have to fall before other things can happen," Stokes said. "A lot of some of the previous councils from 15-20 years ago didn't want that kind of growth. If you stop a sewer system, you stop the rest of it."

The new neighborhoods that are coming in east and northeast of the city, he said, are putting in their own water systems, and that's lost revenue for Pattison.

"It really all boils down to funding from the city," Stokes said. "If we don't have the money, we can't do anything. A sewer system and a police department rely on funding."

Stokes and Garcia said the city has applied for grants to supplement expenses for selected projects. But Stokes said the entities won't give grants because the city has no revenue stream to

maintain and keep those projects going. The funding stream comes first, he said, and even if the city did that today, there would be no funds for a year or so. These things should have been done earlier, Stokes said.

Stokes said he would also work to improve the relationship between Pattison and Brookshire city leaders.

"The cities don't work together," Stokes said, adding that much of this goes back to when Garcia was Brookshire police chief and Darrell Branch, today Brookshire's mayor, was a police officer there.

Garcia disputes Stokes's characterization of the Pattison-Brookshire relationship.

"I think our relationship is good with other communities," Garcia said. "I think we have a vested interest in many areas that are common to us, such as schools and traffic. I think he's trying to create an issue that doesn't exist. We welcome more mutual efforts with the City of Brookshire. I don't have problems with the city of Brookshire. I would like to work with them more."

Both Stokes and Garcia said Pattison and Brookshire have a vested interest in each other's success. Stokes said Brookshire's success is Pattison's success because the two cities were always going to be attached.

Garcia agreed, suggesting that Pattison and Brookshire are similar to Bryan and College Station. Those cities, he said, are always right next to each other, and both cities benefit or get hurt depending on what happens.

Cobio agreed that dealing with the growth is Pattison's biggest challenge. Still, Pattison's small-town feel is a key selling point for those moving from Houston.

"I feel people like it because it's so relaxed," Cobio said. "It's a rural area."

Cobio said Pattison must come up with money to maintain things. He said he thinks property taxes will be in Pattison future.

"I'm not sure when," Cobia said. "We have discussed it. We really haven't set it up yet. It could happen next year, or in the next few years. I guess it depends on the growth of the community."

McGowen said the city's biggest challenge is that it has no public sewer system.

"We have the growth coming," McGowen said. "There's a lot of growth coming west."

McGowen said she was part of the planning commission that created the comprehensive plan.

"We worked on it all last year," she said. "That project turned out really good."

The drainage issue, she said, and the lack of septic system, have discouraged businesses from considering Pattison.

"Once you get that, you can attract more businesses, because that's an issue," McGowen said.

Yet she said she did not feel property taxes would be a good strategy going forward.

"Property taxes are pretty high in Pattison and Waller County," McGowen said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROYAL ISD

Winners and participants at the Royal FFA Livestock and Plant Show pose for a photo.

ROYAL ISD BRIEFS

Royal academics team wins district championship

Over the course of the week of March 21, 2022, the high school UIL Academics Team competed in the 24-4A UIL Academics District Competition. The students earned an array of medals. The biggest was bringing home the district championship for the first time in over 30 years.

Team recognitions include:

- 24-4A District Champions: Jose Alanis, Melani Alanis, Sergio Alanis, Yazmin Alvarado, Ian Arteaga, Max Arteaga, Skyler Bartels, Dylan Baxley, Isabell Bishop, Zoe Buller, Emily Contreras, Stephanie De La Rosa, Cindy Figueroa, Maria Flores, Alexcia Garcia, Angeles Garcia, Nayeli Gomez-Nino, Deanna Gonzalez, Lissy Gonzalez, Litzie Gonzalez, Paola Gonzalez, Alexis Ibarra, Ricardo Lopez, Samantha Lopez, Raychel Mayes, Alondra Melendez, Roberto Montalvo, Vladimir Moreno, Zunaira Noman, Abigail Parada, Camila Quinones, Julissa Rico, Jesus Rico, Deicy Robledo, Leonardo Robles-Lara, Rafael Sanchez, Zariya Scott, Demarys Torres, Angel Velasquez, Gabriel Velasquez, Marwina'e Wolfe, and Adamarys Zaragoza.

- 1st Place Team, Journalism: Melani Alanis, Yazmin Alvarado, Ian Arteaga, Emily Contreras, Alexcia Garcia, Nayeli Gomez-Nino, Alexis Ibarra, Ricardo Lopez, Samantha Lopez, Alondra Melendez, Abigail Parada, Deicy Robledo, Demarys Torres, Angel Velasquez and Marwina'e Wolfe.

- 1st Place Team, Number Sense: Jose Alanis, Melani Alanis, Litzie Gonzalez, Vladimir Moreno, Angel Velasquez and Gabriel Velasquez.

- 1st Place Team, Current Issues: Yazmin Alvarado, Stephanie De La Rosa, Ricardo Lopez, Vladimir Moreno, Leonardo Robles-Lara and Demarys Torres.

- 1st Place Team, Calculator Applications: Zoe Buller, Alexis Ibarra, Samantha Lopez and Roberto Montalvo.

- 1st Place Team, Spelling: Stephanie De La Rosa, Cindy Figueroa, Deanna Gonzalez, Raychel Mayes, Zunaira Noman and Jesus Rico.

- 1st Place Team, Accounting: Ian Arteaga, Lissy Gonzalez, Litzie Gonzalez, Paola Gonzalez, Alexis Ibarra and Samantha Lopez.

- 1st Place Team, Mathematics: Zoe Buller, Litzie Gonzalez, Samantha Lopez, Alondra Melendez, Angel



The Royal UIL academics team completed in the District 24-4A UIL Academic District Competition and won the district championship for the first time in over 30 years.



The Royal varsity boys soccer season ended with a 4-2 loss to Mexia. The game ended a memorable season for the Falcons, who defeated a Class 6A school, scored the most goals in school history, and claimed the largest margin of victory in a playoff game.

Velasquez and Gabriel Velasquez.

- 2nd Place Team, Literary Criticism: Melani Alanis, Yazmin Alvarado, Alexcia Garcia, Vladimir Moreno and Julissa Rico.

Individual recognitions include:

- Accounting: 1st place Alexis Ibarra, 2nd place Lissy Gonzalez, 3rd place Paola Gonzalez, and 4th place Samantha Lopez.

- Calculator Applications: 1st place Samantha Lopez, 2nd place Alexis Ibarra, 3rd place Zoe Buller and 4th place Roberto Montalvo.

- Current Issues: 1st place Ricardo Lopez, 3rd place Vladimir Moreno and 6th place Yazmin Alvarado.

- Computer Applications: 2nd place Camila Quinones, 4th place Jose Alanis and 5th place Abigail Parada.

- Copy Editing: 1st place Alondra Melendez, 2nd place Angel Velasquez and 3rd place Alexis Ibarra.

- Editorial Writing: 1st place Alexcia Garcia, 6th place Demarys Torres.

- Feature Writing: 1st place Melani Alanis, 4th place Alexcia Garcia.

- Headline Writing: 3rd place Yazmin Alvarado, 5th place Yazmin Alvarado.

- LD-Debate: 5th place Zariya Scott, 6th place Gabriel Torres.



The Royal Falcon tennis team played at the JV District 24 4A Tournament at Bellville. In boy's doubles: Jorge Aguinaga and Ian Arteagay placed fourth. In mixed doubles: Monica Aguinaga and Cristian Sosa placed second.



Ana Cruz has been named Royal ISD Paraprofessional of the Year. Mabley Lituma has been named Royal Early Childhood Center Teacher of the Year.

- Literary Criticism: 1st place Vladimir Moreno, 4th place Melani Alanis and 6th place Alexcia Garcia.

- Mathematics: 1st place Samantha Lopez, 2nd place Zoe Buller, 4th place Angel Velasquez and 6th place Alondra Melendez.

- Number Sense: 1st place Angel Velasquez, 4th Litzie Gonzalez.

- News Writing: 1st place Melani Alanis, 2nd place Deicy Robledo and 5th place Alexcia Garcia.

- Ready Writing: 3rd place Alondra Melendez.

- Science Overall: 4th place Camila Quinones.

- Social Studies: 2nd place Max Arteaga, 6th place Deicy Robledo.

- Spelling: 1st place Raychel Mayes, 2nd place Stephanie De La Rosa and 5th place Jesus Rico.

Twenty-nine students will attend the UIL Regional Competition, which is set for April 22-24 at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

2022 Royal FFA Livestock & Plant Project Show Results

Here are the results from the 2022 Royal FFA Livestock and Plant Project Show:

- Grand Champion Goat: Jaylyn Danz
- Reserve Grand Champion Goat: Elizabeth Ibarra
- Grand Champion Swine: Lauren Hillsman
- Reserve Grand Champion Swine: Ekon Ferro
- Grand Champion Steer: Raellee Hacke
- Reserve Grand Champion Steer: Iliana Valencia
- Grand Champion Heifer: Kaelyn Hein
- Reserve Grand Champion Heifer: Kaylee Meader
- Grand Champion Pen of Broilers: Dwain Gregory
- Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Broilers: Emily Rodriguez
- Grand Champion Horticulture: Sharon Gutierrez
- Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture: Vladimir Moreno
- Grand Champion Steer/Heifer Breeder Recognition: Tonkawa Farms

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

HOSTED AT
ANTHONIE'S
MARKET GRILL

Title Sponsor
Mitchell G. Rubin, CFP®

2022

2nd Annual
TALK DERBY

Kentucky Derby Garden Party
Benefiting Christ Clinic

Saturday MAY 7th
4-9PM

SCAN FOR TICKETS



Meet Tim Davis, RICP®, CLU, Safe Money Expert.

Tim is a Houston-based expert on how to de-risk your retirement portfolio and avoid stock market losses.

When planning for retirement income, the Devil is in the details.

Not many people know that Medicare does not cover Long-Term Care costs. According to the DHHS, possibly 70% of Americans age 65 and up may need some long-term care service or support at some point. Monthly median cost for a semi-private room in a nursing home in the U.S. was \$7,500 per month. For a private room, the cost jumps to \$8,500 per month. In-home care costs for homemaker services and for a home health aide can reach over \$4,000 a month.

Like I say, the Devil is in the details!

Tim Davis is a member of *Syndicated Columnists*, a national organization committed to a fully transparent approach to safe money strategies for retirement.

daviscapitalcorp.com tdavis@daviscapitalcorp.com (281) 665-3133

Interested in additional information?
Register for my **FREE** Newsletter by calling 888-998-3463.

Patrick takes a shine to Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' law

BY BRIAN LOPEZ
AND EMILY HERNANDEZ
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said Monday he will prioritize passing Texas legislation that mimics the recently signed Florida bill referred to as the “Don’t Say Gay” law.

That state’s controversial law prohibits classroom lessons on sexual orientation or gender identity for kids below the fourth grade or any instruction that is not “age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate” for older students. It has come under heavy scrutiny as opponents of the bill say it will harm LGBTQ children.

While Texas’ next legislative session doesn’t start until January, the issue will be addressed in Education Committee hearings before then, Patrick said in a campaign email.

“I will make this law a top priority in the next session,” he said.

Patrick’s office did not immediately respond to a request late Monday.

Enforcing Florida’s law falls to parents, much like Texas’ restrictive abortion law, Senate Bill 8, which empowers private citizens to sue anyone who “aids or abets” an abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy.

A parent can sue a school district for damages if they believe it has broken the law. If they win, parents will receive money and recoup attorney fees. In Florida, the law’s supporters portrayed it as a way to give more rights to parents. Gov. Greg Abbott has similarly said parents should have more rights concerning their children’s education as he campaigns for a third term.

Val Benavidez, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, said in a statement to The Texas Tribune that Patrick’s promise to bring similar legislation to the state is a “stain on Texas.”

“Gender expression by children is not something that is scary or harmful. What is scary is that political activists are grasping at power by overstepping into the lives of Texas families and educa-



Kids hold flags and wear heart stickers and beads at the Austin Independent School District’s “Pride Out!” party in Austin last month. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wants a Texas law similar to Florida legislation limiting classroom lessons about LGBTQ people.

tion of students,” Benavidez said. “While politicians use hate speech that is far from center to harm our vulnerable youth, we will continue to love our children and make sure that all families are uplifted in public life.”

Critics say that the Florida measure’s intent is to stifle and marginalize LGBTQ people and their families. A lawsuit filed by LGBTQ groups in Florida seeks to strike down the law there. The lawsuit alleges that the law violates the constitutional rights of free speech, equal protection and due process of students and families, according to NPR.

Florida’s law also requires school districts to notify parents about health services offered at the school and the option to decline such services. Schools must also inform parents of any health-related questionnaires or health screening forms that may be given

to any kindergarten through third grade student.

Patrick’s announcement comes on the heels of a Republican-led spree to limit what can be taught in schools about race and American history, restrict what books about race and sexuality appear on library shelves and criminalize gender-affirming health care for transgender children, even treatment medical experts support.

Texas Republicans are following a national playbook of feeding off conservative parents’ fears that “critical race theory” is being taught in public schools and children are being exposed to obscene sexual content.

Critical race theory is the study of how race has influenced not only human behavior but shaped laws and policies, and educators say it is not taught in Texas’ public schools as it is mostly a university-level subject. The GOP often

misapplies the term to any discussion about race.

Legislation like Texas’ so-called critical race theory law and investigations into books about race and sexuality have put added pressure on teachers already feeling burn-out caused by the pandemic.

Texas’ teacher shortage has increased so much that Abbott called for the creation of a taskforce that will look to fix the issue. But education advocates say that the state’s own laws are driving teachers out of the profession and scaring away potential teachers.

Patrick vowed to prioritize Texas legislation limiting lessons about LGBTQ people in a campaign email Monday with the subject “I AM DONE WITH DISNEY!” Patrick denounced The Walt Disney Company for publicly promising to help repeal the controversial Florida law. After Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed

the bill into law last week, Disney published a statement saying the law should have never passed and that the company would support organizations fighting to have it repealed, according to a Variety article about the company’s stance.

Disney’s statement comes after employee backlash and a walk-out in response to Disney CEO Bob Chapek’s initially soft public stance on the bill, according to NPR. These employees called for Chapek to better advocate for LGBTQ people by publicly condemning the bill, refusing funding from lawmakers who support anti-LGBTQ legislation and donating to organizations fighting for LGBTQ rights and causes, according to the employees’ walkout website.

In his email, Patrick links to a conservative news website purportedly “Exposing Disney’s ‘Gay Agenda.’” The site includes videos of an internal Disney staff meeting held after the “Don’t Say Gay” bill passed in Florida obtained by Christopher Rufo, a conservative activist who in 2020 began using the term “critical race theory” publicly to denounce anti-racist education efforts.

One recording shows a Disney employee discussing adding more queer characters into company productions, according to National Review. Another shows an employee discussing the removal of gendered terms when greeting guests at Disney parks, according to FOX News. For example, instead of saying, “Hello, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls,” the park employees may use “Hello, friends” or “dreamers of all ages.”

In his email, Patrick calls for parents to boycott Disney and stop their children from interacting with Disney products, lest the company “indoctrinate the children of America with their radical ‘woke’ views.” He also said he sold his personal Disney stock and encouraged his supporters to do the same.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/04/04/texas-dont-say-gay-dan-patrick/>.

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



Denton Ryan offensive coordinator Lonnie Teagle flexes his muscles with Anthony Hill Jr. after Hill scored a touchdown against Longview at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. Teagle was named Paetow's head football coach on Wednesday.

Denton Ryan's Teagle takes helm as Paetow head coach

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow announced the hiring of Lonnie Teagle, Denton Ryan's offensive coordinator and running back's coach, as the team's new head coach on Wednesday.

Teagle, a Missouri City native who graduated from Fort Bend Elkins, comes to the Panthers after with 16 years of coaching experience, including two as the offensive coordinator at Ryan.

"THANK YOU DENTON!" Teagle

said in a post on Twitter. "There's way too many great people dear to my heart here, so I'm not calling names. But I will miss you all. My relationships are real, so you'll always have me. Please stay in touch! God Bless!"

Teagle attended Alcorn State where he played football and was a prolific punt and kick returner during his collegiate career, accumulating 3,990 all-purpose yards throughout his career.

After that he got into the coaching



LONNIE TEAGLE

See **TEAGLE**, page B9

WEEK OF APRIL 7

SCORES & SCHEDULES

SCORES BOYS SOCCER

- Seven Lakes 3, Taylor 0
- Jordan 3, Pflugerville Weiss 1

GIRLS SOCCER

- Stratford 3, Tompkins 2
- Ridge Point 0 (5) Seven Lakes 0 (4)

SCHEDULE



BOYS SOCCER

Class 6A Regional Semifinal
• Seven Lakes at Deer Park, 5:30 p.m.

Class 5A Regional Semifinal
• Jordan vs. Richmond Foster, 6 p.m., Turner Stadium

BASEBALL

- Friday**
- Jordan vs. A&M Consolidated, 7 p.m.
 - Katy vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.
 - Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m.
 - Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.

- Saturday**
- Cinco Ranch at Brazoswood, 10 a.m.
 - Jordan vs. Magnolia, noon
 - Paetow at Waller, 7 p.m.
 - Seven Lakes at Summer Creek, noon
 - Taylor at Klein, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- Friday**
- Jordan vs. A&M Consolidated, 6:30 p.m.
 - Katy vs. Mayde Creek, 6:15 p.m.
 - Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 6:15 p.m.
 - Paetow at Waller, 6:30 p.m.
 - Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6:15 p.m.



Seven Lakes Diego Flamenco and Katy Taylors Lukas Piotrowicz battle for the ball during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff, Seven Lakes vs Katy Taylor at Rhodes Stadium.

PHOTOS BY MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Seven Lakes dominates Taylor, bound for regionals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Aidan Morrison stepped up to the ball, stared at the goal and knew he had it.

Despite having a free kick at an outrageously tight angle, an angle almost any defense would expect a cross from, Morrison knew exactly what he needed to do to get a goal.

The Seven Lakes sophomore took a deep breath and calmly lifted and curled the ball over the keeper and into the far top corner of the net.

"I love free kicks, I love practicing free kicks, it's one of my favorite things," Morrison said. "I've practiced from that angle so much and I always practice the one where you dip it over the keeper into the far post. I knew I had the reps and I just had to get it

See **SPARTANS**, page B10



Seven Lakes' Aidan Morrison #10 heads the ball during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff, Seven Lakes vs Katy Taylor at Rhodes Stadium.

MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

MORRISON STEPPING UP FOR SPARTANS IN PLAYOFFS

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Aidan Morrison has found himself in a position he didn't think he'd be during the Seven Lakes playoff run.

Spearheading the Spartans back line at center back.

Normally a central midfielder, Morrison has had to move to defense late in the season and during playoffs, helping out on a back line that has dealt with injuries to key players.

But, the sophomore hasn't missed a beat, as he has stepped in and helped to lead the defense as Seven Lakes has run through a gauntlet in the first three rounds of the playoffs.

See **MORRISON**, page B10



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





Drew Markle hits during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Katy and Tompkins at the Tompkins baseball field.

Katy takes over first in district with win over Tompkins

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Dominic Melchor had been waiting for his pitch all night.

Katy's senior center fielder was hitless heading into the sixth inning, but knew exactly what he needed to do when he stepped to the plate with two outs and two runners on base.

Melchor got a fastball in the middle of the zone and drilled a double to center field, scoring both runners and helping Katy to a 5-2 win over Tompkins.

"I was seeing his fastball really well in the zone and I was really just seeing all of his pitches really well," Melchor said. "He gave me exactly what I wanted down the middle and it gave me the opportunity to put my best swing on it and drive it."

Katy (20-4, 6-0) and Tompkins (19-1, 5-1) entered Tuesday tied in the district standings and both needed a win to move into first place by themselves in District 19-6A.

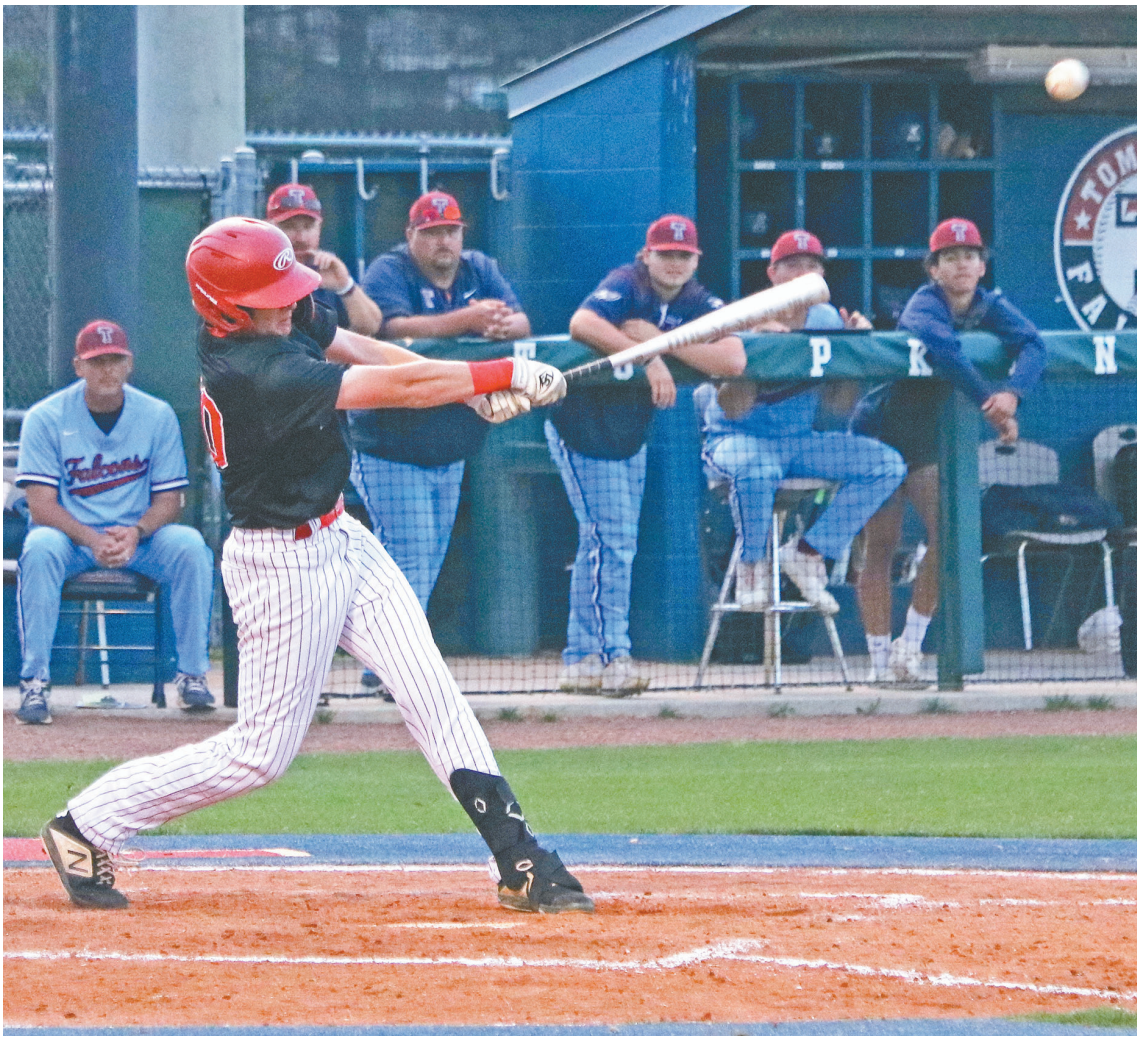
It was Katy that stepped up, as the Tigers outthrew Tompkins five four and were perfect in the field, making all the difference in the game that was closer than it looked on paper.

"We've been doing a lot of practicing on defense and it always pays off," Melchor said. "Our pitching really trusted our defense and our defense is really really solid, we all trust each other and we all know that we can make the plays when we need to. All of us really complement each other"

Lucas Moore had a strong outing on the mound, but got off to a shaky start, hitting three Tompkins players in the first two innings but recovering to hold the Falcons scoreless both times.

Moore eventually settled in and didn't allow any runs over the Tigers first five innings.

"I struggled early in the game, I had a lot of walks and hit batters and wasn't placing my pitches. The nerves got the best of me," Moore



Sutton Hull hits during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Katy and Tompkins at the Tompkins baseball field.

said. "But when runners got on base, I was able to hold them and I made my pitches when I needed to and it counted. I knew I could count on my defense behind me, that's the key is those guys back there. I knew I could trust every one of them to make a play, it was really a team win tonight."

Katy got on the board in the third inning, as Melchor scored on a sacrifice fly by Jhonnatan Ferrebus and Graham Lanxton also came around to score on a throwing error.

Things stayed that way until the sixth inning, when Katy gave themselves some breathing room.

Ferrebus led off the inning with a single and Cole Kaase walked to put two runners on base. Reese Ruderman followed that up with an RBI single before Melchor came to the plate and hit his two run double to give Katy all the cushion it would need for the rest of the game.

"I think our team may be a little underrated," Melchor said. "We play really well together. We

may not have the biggest guys who are committed to the big schools, but as a team, we play really good together.”

Tompkins did everything it could to force a comeback in the bottom of the sixth. After loading the bases, Judson Collier scored on a passed ball before Ty Dagley also scored on a passed ball. Brayden Powers came on in relief for Katy and closed out the inning before inducing three fly outs in the seventh to secure the Katy win.

"He was great for us, he's been



Lucas Moore pitches during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Katy and Tompkins at the Tompkins baseball field.

like that since he was a freshman," said Katy head coach Tom McPherson. "He's coming off Tommy John and is just now getting his confidence back. When he has all three of his pitches working, he's pretty dominant, but tonight, it was just the fastball and he was able to challenge them and get outs. He's a great kid and it was great to see him be able to close it out."

Along with putting the Tigers alone atop the district standings, the win also put an end to Tompkins' undefeated run to start the season. The Falcons had come into the matchup ranked the No. 1 team in the state.

The two will meet again in the final district game of the season, and that matchup has the potential to decide a district champion depending on how things play out.


"I'm just glad we got the win," McPherson said. "These guys are a really good baseball team and we got the best of them this time, but we'll get to see them again. It's always fun with that battle at the top."



YOUR NEWS.

YOUR WAY.

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



Katy Optiks

Enhancing vision with style

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



SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Q. What is delivered fresh each week directly to your home for only **\$35.00 a year?**

A. THE KATY TIMES – with the latest in local news and high school sports!

- Convenient delivery via US Postal Service each Thursday and unlimited access to the kattytimes.com website which is updated daily throughout the day
- Choose your subscription method
 - Mail this form with your payment to Katy Times, PO Box 678, Katy, TX 77492-0678
 - Call 281-391-3141
 - Go online at kattytimes.com and look for the “subscribe” button

Date: _____ **Phone#:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cash _____ **Check** _____ # _____

Card _____ # _____ **Exp.** _____ **CVV** _____

Katy Times

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Cinco Ranch shuts out Seven Lakes, Katy dominates Morton Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes fell out of a tie for first place in District 19-6A with a 9-0 loss to Cinco Ranch. Krista Burg was a main reason for the Cougars' success, as she pitched a complete game, allowing just two hits and striking out seven while walking one to earn the shutout win. Burg then helped herself at the plate as well, as the pitcher went 1-4 with three RBIs while Amanda Croteau went 2-4 with five RBIs. Seven Lakes held Cinco off until the bottom of the fourth. The Cougars got two runners on to start the inning and Chela Kovar hit a double to score one run. After a three up-three down top of the fifth Cinco got a run on a fielders choice before Croteau hit a home run to drive in three runs and make it 5-0 Cinco. The Cougars poured it on in the sixth, as Burg doubled to drive in two and Croteau followed that up with another home run, this one a two run shot. The Spartans — try as they might — were unable to muster anything to put up a fight after that. Amy Abke took the loss, allowing five earned runs on nine hits while striking out 10 and walking none.

Tuesday, March 29

Katy dominates Morton Ranch

Katy got eight runs in both the first and second inning as Cameryn Harrison threw a no hitter over three innings in a 16-0 win over Morton Ranch. Harrison earned the win by striking out ten and walking none over the three innings in the shutout. It didn't take Katy long to get on the board, as Kailey Wyckoff led off with a single and was brought home by Erynne Castillo, who hit an RBI double to start the scoring. Ashtyn Reichardt doubled after that to drive in another run before Harrison hit an RBI single. Katy got another run on a single from Lauryn Soeken and Avery Porter and Castillo both followed with RBI singles of their own as Katy held an 8-0 lead heading into the second. Hailey Gore got things started in the second with a sacrifice fly and Porter followed that up with an RBI single. Wyckoff doubled to drive that run in before Reichardt hit an RBI double. Harrison capped things off with a three-run home run to make things 16-0 and secure the run rule win.

Tompkins run rules Mayde Creek

Morgan Brown had four RBIs and Ashley Martinec gave up just one run over five innings as Tompkins came out 15-1 winners over Mayde Creek. Martinec threw a complete game, allowing just three hits while striking out four over her five

innings. Tompkins got six runs in the top of the first to kick things off. Tauryn Alexander hit an RBI single before Brown followed that up with a one run single of her own. Blakely Haynie hit a single to follow that up before Tayden Alexander hit a sacrifice grounder, Kaitlyn Scribner hit an RBI single and McKenna Wisniewski capped the inning off with a sacrifice grounder. Brown made things 8-0 with a single to center field, scoring two, before Tayden Alexander hit a sacrifice grounder in the top of the second. Martinec made it 11-0 in the third with a two RBI double. Tompkins stretched things to a 15-0 lead in the top of the fifth, as Alexander hit a two RBI double and Brown doubled before Alexander hit an RBI single. Mayde Creek got one run back on a Debanhi Carrizales to keep things from being a shutout but couldn't keep the game from being a run rule.

Paetow walk off winners again

Paetow earned a walk off win over Bryan Rudder 2-1. Shy'Lynn Brown threw seven innings allowing no earned runs and striking out six to earn the win. Rudder took the lead in the second, scoring on an error. Paetow struggled to gets the bats going all day but was finally able to in the bottom of the sixth. Sade Guerra walked and Jade Catherwood followed that with a walk of her own. Alexis Rodriguez then followed with a single to right field that tied things. Rudder got one hit in the top of the seventh but was unable to score, setting up the walk off. Alicia Briones walked to start the bottom of the seventh and Samantha Guillory doubled to put her in scoring position. Mia Galarza bunted and reached on an error as Briones scored to win the game.

Jordan handed loss by Magnolia West

Jordan couldn't do enough to hang around in a 10-0 loss. Magnolia West took the lead in the second inning, but Jordan hung in their until the fourth, keeping it a one run game. But Magnolia West finally started to pull away in the fourth, with a five run inning. Things remained that way until the seventh, when Magnolia West scored four more runs to seal things. Jordan had four hits on the day, while also committing four errors. Allie Hakimzadeh led the Warriors with four hits while Cady Bowyer and Megan Anton collected the other two hits for the team.

Friday

Katy gets revenge against Seven Lakes

Katy got revenge against the only team that has beaten them in district this season, winning 6-0 against Seven Lakes to stay in



TYLER TYRE

Katy High freshman Ashtyn Reichardt (25) prepares to take a swing during a game against Cinco Ranch last year at Katy High.

a tie for first place in district with Tompkins. Cameryn Harrison was again on top of her game for Katy, as the sophomore pitched 5.2 no hit innings, striking out 11 and walking two to lead the way for Katy. Katy got on the board in the second inning, as Harrison doubled and Lauryn Soeken singled to drive in a run. The Tigers then started to open things up in the third. Kailey Wyckoff singled to start the inning before Erynne Castillo singled to drive her in. Ashtyn Reichardt followed that up with an RBI double before Montgomery Henderson drove in a run on a single to make things 4-0. Katy put things away in the fifth inning, when Harrison hit a solo home run to give the Tigers more than enough cushion the rest of the way. Dulce Franco came away with the Spartans' only hit of the game to keep things from being a no-hitter. Amy Abke took the loss for Seven Lakes, going six innings and giving up six earned runs on nine hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Tompkins holds off Cinco in extras, stays tied for first

Tompkins had to hold off a surge from Cinco Ranch, but was able to overcome an extra inning game to win 10-8 and stay tied for the lead in district play. It was a complete game effort for Samantha Crumrin to get the win, as she had to overcome a strong Cougar offense. She pitched eight innings and allowed six earned runs on 15 hits while striking out one and walking one. Tompkins looked to take control of the game early, as the first two runners of the game reached base and Blakely Haynie hit a single to

drive in one. Samantha Crumrin and Tayden Alexander both drove in runs on singles. The Falcons then got two more in the second inning — Meagan Brown and Morgan Brown both doubling to drive in runs and make things 5-0. But Cinco answered back, as Mariah Hinojosa and Krista Burg both drove in runs in the bottom of the inning to trim the Falcons lead to two. Tompkins came back with a solo homer by Morgan Brown and a RBI double from Samantha Crumrin in the bottom fourth. But Cinco again got back into it as two runners reached base in the bottom of the fifth before Shelby Hodge hit a three run home run. The Cougars took that momentum into the bottom of the sixth, and after a runner reached to stat the inning, Burg hit a sacrifice fly to trim the lead to one before Gissel Morales tied things on an RBI double and Chela Kovar gave Cinco an 8-7 lead on an RBI single. Tompkins came back to tie things in the bottom of the seventh, as Tayden Alexander hit an RBI double, and the Falcons regained the lead for good in the eighth when Tauryn Alexander hit an RBI double and Tayden Alexander hit a sacrifice grounder. Burg took the loss for Cinco, going 1.1 innings and allowing two earned runs on five hits while striking out two and walking none.

Taylor blows out Morton Ranch

Taylor rolled past Morton Ranch with a huge offensive day, collecting 14 hits as a team in an onslaught. Keala Lerma earned the victory for the Mustangs, going five innings and allowing one earned run on two hits while striking out six and walking one.

It didn't take long for Taylor to go ahead, as Lerma led off the game with a single before being brought around to score on a Bethany Fan single. Sophie Jenkins then hit a two RBI double and Izzy Allen followed that up with an RBI single. Jenkins and Katelyn Sinsler then garnered two more RBIs in the second on singles in the second inning. Morton Ranch got two runs back in the fourth, with Lee Avila and Madison Burciaga getting RBIs, but Taylor answered back. Jenkins hit an RBI single and Katelyn Sinsler followed that up with a sacrifice grounder. Nicole Gallegos then pulled one back for Morton Ranch on a sacrifice bunt in the fifth. But Taylor was ready to put things to bed in the bottom of the fifth. Lerma drove in a run on a single before another came around to score on an error. Taylor then added an 11th run another run reached on an error. The Mustangs then capped it off with a two RBI singles from Taylor Gray and Lerma in the bottom of the sixth to end things. Jiselle Lopez took the loss for Morton Ranch, allowing seven earned runs over 5.2 innings on 14 hits while striking our four and walking two.

Jordan falls to Magnolia

Jordan fell behind early and couldn't keep up against Magnolia in a 10-0 loss. Magnolia scored in each of the first five innings to take a big lead and run rule the Warriors. B Hidalgo took the loss for Jordan, allowing eight earned runs on 10 hits while striking out three and walking six. Allie Hakimzadeh ,Megan Anton and Jada Johnson all got hits for Jordan to keep things from being a no-hitter.



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.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Cinco hangs on for win over Seven Lakes

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Blake Hansen was all over the field for Cinco Ranch against Seven Lakes.

The senior A&M commit started and earned the victory in the Cougars' 9-5 win over the Spartans while also helping himself at the plate in the same time.

Hansen threw five innings of two hit ball, allowing just one run while striking out six and walking five. Hansen also went 1-2 at the plate, driving in a run and drawing a walk.

Hansen was the one who gave the Cougars the lead early. Gavin Rutherford hit a triple to get a runner in scoring position before Hansen hit a single to drive in the run. Eric Eckstrom then made things 2-0 in the first, grounding into a fielders choice to score Hansen.

Seven Lakes got one run back in the fourth, as Jack Coultas hit an RBI single but Cinco opened things up in the bottom of the inning. Zach Franco singled to drive in two runs before Charlie Atkinson hit another single to make things 5-1. Hansen then got two runs on the board when he reached on an error and TJ Hughes hit a double to score another run. Bryce DeYoung made it 9-1 and capped off the inning when he singled to score Hughes.

But Seven Lakes did its best to come back. Coultas drove in another run when he singled to center and Taylor Tiedt drove in two more with a single of his own before Ryan Franden hit a sacrifice fly in the top of the sixth. The Spartans got one more run in the top of the seventh, as Nathan Johnson scored on a passed ball, but couldn't get any closer.

Lawson Moreno took the loss for the Spartans, going three innings and allowing five earned runs on eight hits while striking out three and walking two.

Tuesday, March 29

Katy dominates Morton Ranch

Andrew Hilton and Cole Kaase combined to throw a shutout while the Katy offense totaled 10 RBIs in a 12-0 win over Morton Ranch.

Hilton threw three innings of three hit ball while striking out three and walking none to earn the win.

The Tigers struck first in the bottom of the first inning, as Nayden Ramirez doubled after Parker Kidwell opened the game with a single to open the scoring. Jhonnatan Ferrebus then scored on an error before Kaase singled to drive in another. Reese Ruderman hit a sacrifice grounder and Dominic Melchor singled to drive in a run which Graham Laxton followed up with an RBI triple and Ryan George drove in Laxton to make things 7-0 before the game even entered the second inning.

Ramirez made things 8-0 in the second inning with an RBI double and he came around to score later in the inning. Josh Dunayczan hit an RBI single and Jake Halbison homered in the third to stretch the lead to 12 runs.

Kaase came on in the fourth inning and pitched the final two innings, allowing one hit while striking out four and walking none.

Falcons stay unbeaten

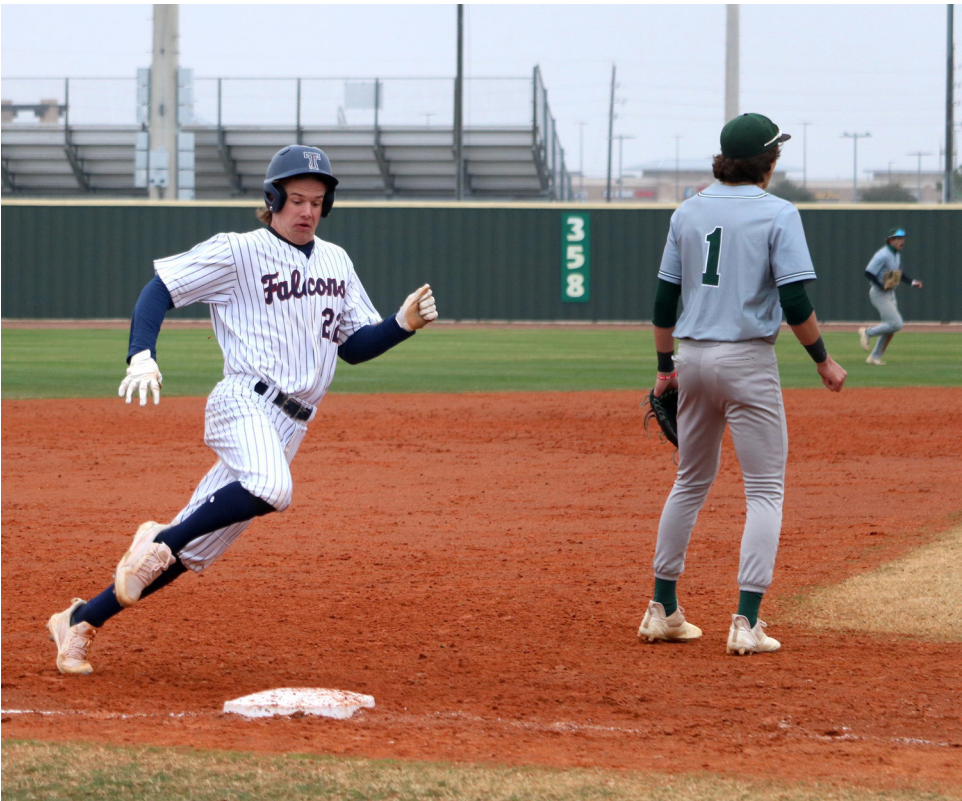
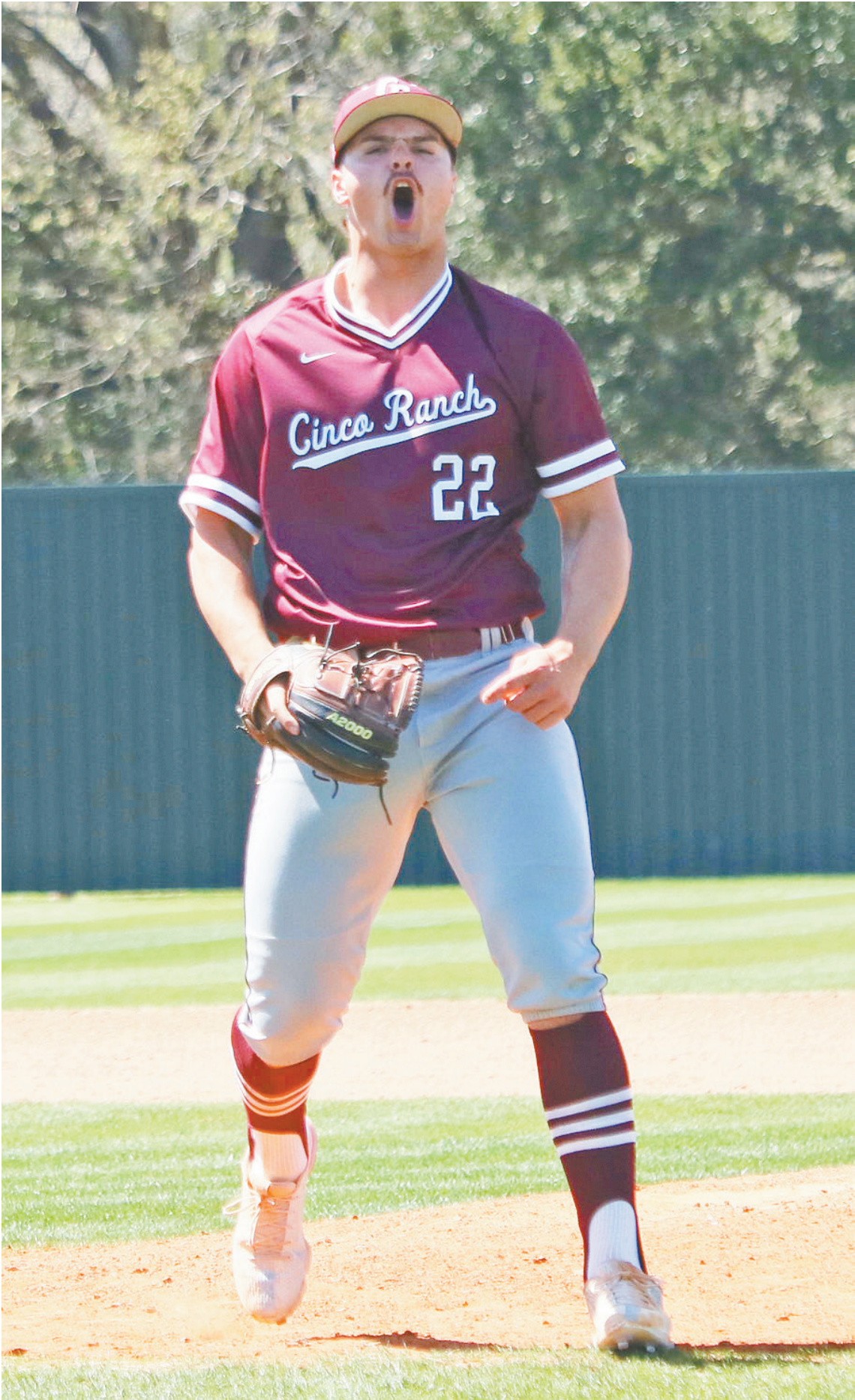
Tompkins stayed undefeated on the year as the Falcons came out 17-3 winners over Mayde Creek as four different pitchers went over five innings and Trevor Esparza earned the win for Tompkins.

Jack Little continued his recent tear in the first inning, as he drove in Jace LaViolette with an RBI triple before Landon West hit a sacrifice hit a sacrifice fly and Tyler Brownlee reached on an error as two more runs scored.

Little again started things off in the top of the second, hitting an RBI double, setting up Landon West who reached on an error as a run came around to score. Adam Benavidez hit a double to left to score two and Brownlee singled to score two more before Cooper Markle also singled and scored a run and LaViolette doubled to cap off the inning and make it 12-0. Benevitez hit a triple to score another in the third and Cash Russell hit a sacrifice fly, making things 13-0. Tompkins scored three more to seal things and head home with the run rule win even though Mayde Creek was able to get three runs back in the bottom of the fifth.

Jordan comes up just short against Waller

Jordan fought and made a major comeback against Waller



Above, Blake Hansen celebrates after getting out of a jam during a game between Katy and Cinco Ranch at the Katy baseball field. Left, Jack Little rounds third base during a game between Tompkins and San Antonio Reagan at the Tompkins baseball field.

TYLER TYRE

the top of the second on a Carlos Michinaux home run, but Katy immediately answered back.

Parker Kidwell tied things with a single before Jhonnatan Ferrebus gave Katy the lead on a bases loaded walk. Dominic Melchore hit an RBI single in the third to extend the Tigers' lead and the Tigers scored twice more in the bottom of the fourth on a Nayden Ramirez double and a Sutton Hull RBI single. The Spartans got one run back in the fifth, on a Cade Climie single but Katy came back with a four run inning in the bottom half with an RBI double by Ryan George and RBI singles from Ramirez and Hull to break the game open. The Tigers capped things off with a Ryan Kidwell RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth.

Nathan Johnson took the loss for Seven Lakes, allowing three earned runs on four hits and four walks over 2.2 innings.

Taylor rolls past Morton Ranch

Taylor scored runs in each of the first four innings as they rolled past Morton Ranch and kept pace in the playoff race in District 19-6A.

Matthew Irwin was huge on the mound for the Mustangs, going four innings and allowing one unearned run on three hits while striking out three and walking one to earn the win.

Hunter Ham gave Taylor the lead in the bottom of the first on a sacrifice grounder and the Mustangs would never lose it. Chase Marshall singled to make things 2-0 and Brett Delosji increased it to 3-0 with a sacrifice fly in the second.

Morton Ranch got a run back in the third, when Cameron Hudson hit an RBI single, but Taylor got that run back in the bottom of the inning, with Adam Fitzgerald hitting a sacrifice grounder to make things 5-1.

Taylor broke things open in the fourth. Marshall hit an RBI single and Fitzgerald followed with a two RBI single of his own. Peter Dworaczky rached on an error as another run scored and Yianni Stellakis hit a two run single to drive in two more before Tyler Irving hit a sacrifice grounder, sealing the win.

Noah Batterforno took the loss for Morton Ranch, allowing five earned runs over 2.1 innings on six hits and walking four.

Paetow shuts out Rudder

Anthony Diaz threw six shut out innings and Paetow put up two big innings to beat Rudder 5-0.

Diaz didn't allow a run on four hits, while he struck out three and walked two to earn the win.

It took until the third inning, but one swing changed the trajectory of the game for Paetow. Kayin Tillman walked to start the inning and Daniel Oviedo-Barela brought Tillman home as well as himself when he homered to left field, making things 2-0.

Neither team could score in the fourth, but Paetow put things beyond a doubt in the fifth. The Panthers got three straight players on base to start the inning, and Ashton Sweet singled to bring one run home. Paul Gerke followed that up with an RBI single and Josh Prieto came around to score on an error to increase the lead to five.

Alvin Velasquez came on in the seventh to clinch the win for Paetow, as he allowed one hit and struck out one in the final inning to seal things.

Jordan holds on for win over Waller

Jordan came from behind to beat Waller, taking the lead in the fifth inning and hanging on until the in for a 4-3 Warriors win.

Connor Carmichael overcame a rough first inning to earn the win, pitching a complete game and allowing two earned runs while striking out four and walking three.

Waller scored two in the first inning, but Jordan came back to take the lead in the third. After two runners reached to start the inning, Andrew Toups reached on an error allowing a run to score and JD Ortigoza hit an RBI single to tie the game before Aidan McHugh grounded into a double play but got a runner home to give Jordan the lead.

Waller tied things back up in the bottom of the fourth but Jordan regained the lead in the top of the fifth, as B Franklin reached on an error, allowing Ortigoza to come around and score.

Jordan was able to hold off Waller the rest of the way to secure the win.

but came up just short, losing 10-9 after a two run sixth inning from Waller.

Waller took the lead in the top of the first inning, but Jordan answered back in the second, as two runners walked to start the inning before Chad Gasper tripled to make things 2-1 in favor of the Warriors.

Waller tied things in the top of the third and took the lead in the fourth, but Jordan fought its way back and took the lead in the bottom of the fourth as J Ortigoza doubled to score two runs and A McHugh walked with the bases loaded to make things 5-3.

Waller then put up five runs in the top of the fifth and Jordan answered back once again. Ortigoza hit an RBI single and B Franklin hit a two RBI single to tie things. McHugh then handed the lead back to Jordan with an RBI single. But Waller put up two runs in the top of the sixth to regain the lead and Jordan couldn't get any more runs across in the final two innings.

Ortigoza took the loss for Jordan, pitching 4.2 innings and

allowing six hits and four earned runs while striking out two and walking three.

Friday

Tompkins overcomes test against Cinco

Tompkins faced its stiffest test in District 19-6A play in Cinco Ranch but was able to withstand a late surge and win 4-2.

Solomon Rotberg pitched 6.2 innings to earn the win for Tompkins, pitching 6.2 innings and allowing one earned run on five hits while striking out five and walking two, while Cinco Ranch's Zachary Royse was strong on the bump for the Cougars even though he took the loss. Royse pitched five innings, allowing two runs on four hits while striking out five and walking three.

The Falcons got ahead in the second, as Ty Dagley walked before Adam Benavidez doubled to put a run on the board, and Cooper Markle singled to make things 2-0.

Neither team was able to put a run on the board again until the

seventh, when Tompkins was able to plate two more. Drew Markle got a single to start before Jack Little doubled to left field, driving Markle in and Landon West singled to score Little and give the Falcons a cushion.

Cinco finally got the bats going with their last chance of the game. Two runners reached to start the inning before Torin Green hit a sacrifice grounder to score one and Zach Franco hit a sacrifice grounder to cut the Tompkins lead in half. With things so close, Tompkins went to the bullpen with two outs and Trevor Esparza came in and shut things down, striking out Gavin Rutherford to end the game.

Katy easily tops Seven Lakes

Cole Kaase had another strong outing on the mound and the Katy offense kept rolling in a 10-2 win over Seven Lakes.

Kaase went four innings and struck out eight while allowing two runs on six hits to earn the win and keep the Tigers unbeaten so far in district play.

Seven Lakes took the lead in

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Jordan advances to regional tournament

Seven Lakes and Tompkins see their seasons end in regional quarterfinals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan doesn't care that they are in their first varsity season. The Warriors finished second in the District 19-5A standings, but are the last remaining team in the playoffs from the district heading into the regional semifinals. Jordan came away with a 3-1 win over Pflugerville Weiss on Friday to stamp their spot in the regional tourney and keep their season going. Hani Taan led the way for the Warriors with two goals while Nico Flores added another. Cole Vernon had two assists on the night while Marcelo Ojeda had one. Jordan will play Richmond Foster at 5 p.m. on Friday in the regional semifinals, with the winner advancing to the regional finals at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Seven Lakes battles but falls in penalties

Seven Lakes did everything in their power to advance past undefeated and state ranked Ridge Point on Friday. Despite going a man down and losing their starting goalie within 10 minutes of starting the game, the Spartans took the game to extra time and to penalties, battling and doing everything to keep their season alive. But in the end, Ridge Point came away with a 5-4 penalty win, after the game ended at 0-0 at full time. The Spartans end the season with a 16-3-2 record and as district champs in an extremely successful year. They will bring back a number of players next season and the expectations within the program are high.

Tompkins falls to Stratford

Tompkins twice battled back from a two goal deficit, but it wasn't enough against Stratford in the regional quarterfinals, as the Falcons' season came to an end with a 3-2 loss. Stratford took a two goal lead in the first half, but Tompkins scored on a Daniela Sanchez Prado goal with an assist from Valentina Gianinetto to trim the lead to one at halftime. Stratford scored again in the second half before Tompkins came back to trim the deficit with a goal from Sydney Nork off an assist by Gabriela Rodriguez in the 69th minute. Tompkins nearly tied things in the 77th minute, but the Stratford defense stepped up with a save and a deflected shot out of bounds and Tompkins wasn't able to get another chance. The Falcons end the year with a 13-4-5 record and a second place finish in district.



TYLER TYRE
Kennedy Reed holds off a defender during a Class 6A bi-district round game between Seven Lakes and Fort Bend Elkins at Legacy Stadium.



A St. Johns XXIII player is called safe at home plate.

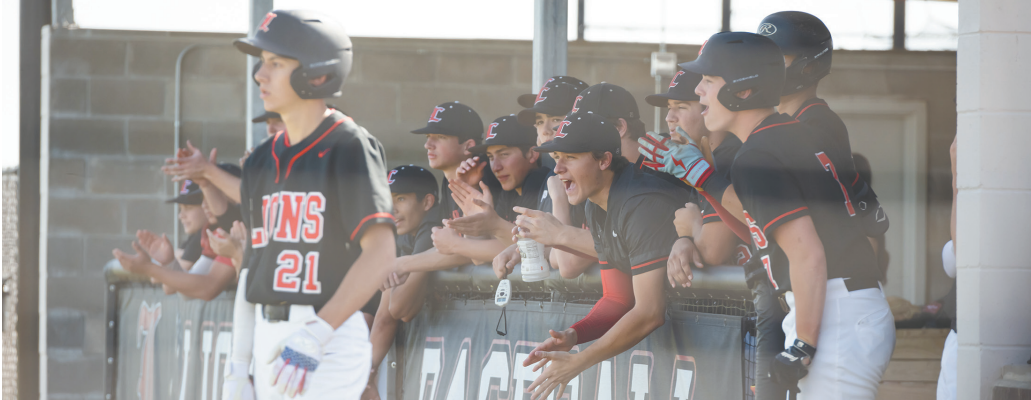
St. John XXIII off to hot start

STAFF REPORT

St. John XXIII Lions Baseball, under the direction of head coach Emrick Jagneaux, is off to an 18-3 start. In March the Lions captured wins over district foes Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School (Beaumont) and St. Pius X High School (Houston). Senior Cade Morales led the Lions to a 6-5 victory against Msgr. Kelly Bulldogs at home with a dramatic 2 RBI walk-off single to complete the first of two victories against the Bulldogs on March 29. Senior Jackson McGaha with juniors Jon Shields and Moises Granados contributed RBI in the Lions 7-1 victory over the Bulldogs on April 1. The Lions compete in TAPPS Division I District 4. St. John XXIII College Preparatory is an independent co-educational Catholic high school located in the greater-Houston suburb of Katy, Texas. SJ23 competes in thirteen girls' and boys' varsity sports. Visit us at www.sj23lions.org for more information.



Right: A St. Johns XXIII pitcher prepares to deliver to the catcher during a game. Far right: The St. Johns XXIII dugout looks on during a game.



BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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.

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

WINDOW CLEANING

KTX Window Cleaning, LLC



SCHEDULE A FREE ESTIMATE
www.ktxwindowcleaning.com

YOUR AD HERE

THIS SPACE JUST \$20.00 per week!
For more information, contact Debbie Prejean
281-391-3141
debbie.prejean@katytimes.com


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

YOUR
NEWS.
YOUR
WAY.

Find out
what
all your
friends
are talking
about



Katy Times

Follow us on
Facebook for
easy access to
THE KATY
TIMES



950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Jones & Carter, Inc., attention Blair M. Bozarth, PE, will be **electronically** received until 10:30 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 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 727072372# 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 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.**

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.

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

950
PUBLIC NOTICES

ARE YOU ADVERTISING?

Your business is open. Your lights are on.
INVITE PEOPLE IN.

To advertise, call us at
281-391-3141
Katy Times

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Craft Beer Permit by Rain Smoke N Barrel at 814 Katy Fort Bend Rd, #200, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77494. Officer of said company is Nooruddin Lakhani.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN

Por el presente se ordena una elección a realizarse el sábado 7 de mayo de 2022 con el propósito de elegir **Síndicos de la Junta Escolar** para cubrir los siguientes términos en los cargos.

Posición 1	Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Donald T. ("Duke") Keller, Jr.
Posición 2	Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Lance Redmon

La votación el Día de Elección se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. en los sitios indicados en el Anexo A.

La votación anticipada en persona se realizará todos los días hábiles en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. a partir del lunes 25 de abril de 2022 y hasta el martes 3 de mayo de 2022, en los siguientes cinco lugares:

Leonard Merrell Center Sala 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Localidad principal de votación anticipada)	Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494	Morton Ranch High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449	

También se llevará a cabo una votación anticipada en persona especial de **sábado** en estos mismos cinco lugares el sábado 30 de abril de 2022 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo deberán enviarse por correo a:

Justin R. Graham, Election Administrator
Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex
6301 South Stadium Lane
Katy, TX 77494

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario de oficina del martes 26 de abril de 2022. Las solicitudes por correo también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a evkisd@katyisd.org o por fax al 281-644-1905.

Por el presente se autoriza a la Administración a brindar aviso de esta elección. Una copia sustancial de la Orden servirá como aviso adecuado. Se dará aviso publicando el aviso no menos de veintiún (21) días antes de la fecha establecida de las elecciones (16 de abril de 2022) en la cartelera de anuncios utilizada para colocar avisos de las asambleas de la Junta. Además, el Aviso de Elección será publicado al menos una vez, no antes del trigésimo (30.o) día anterior al Día de Elección, el 7 de abril de 2022, ni después del décimo (10.o) día antes del Día de Elección, el 27 de abril de 2022, en un periódico publicado en el Distrito.

Emitido el 24 de enero de 2022.

/firma/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, Presidente

Anexo A

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy
Elección de la Junta Escolar del 7 de mayo de 2022
Lista de sitios de votación (Día de Elección)

Precinto de Katy ISD	Precinto(s) del Condado	Lugar de votación
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Alcaldía de Katy Centro Cívico 901 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Edificio del Tribunal Municipal de Katy Sala de reuniones del jurado 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Sala Colaboración #2 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary Sala LGI 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 804, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123	Mayde Creek Junior High Sala LGI 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary Corredor principal de estudiantes 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary Corredor principal de estudiantes 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Jordan High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
13	Fort Bend—1004, 1132, 1133, 1160	Beck Junior High Corredor del gimnasio 5200 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77450



NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WALLER §
CITY OF PATTISON §

TO ALL THE DULY QUALIFIED, RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PATTISON:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and throughout the CITY OF PATTISON (the "City") on May 7, 2022 ("Election Day"), calling a general election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Three City Council Members, being those place 1, place 2, and place 5.

SECTION 1: The Elections shall be held on the 7th day of May 2022 the City, which is a uniform election date pursuant to Section 41.001, Texas Election Code, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember for Place 1, Councilmember for Place 2 and Councilmember for Place 5, (Place 5 position will be for a one (1) year term) for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

SECTION 2: The polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 7, 2022.

Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department
2950 FM 359 N.
Pattison, TX 77423

SECTION 3: THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL BE CONDUCTED EACH WEEKDAY AT AND HOURS OF:

Waller County Annex, 775 Bus. 290, Hempstead, TX (MAIN)	April 25 - April 29, 2022 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2 and 3, 2022 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Waller ISD Admin. Bldg, 2214 Waller St., Waller, TX	
Waller County Community Center, FM 1098, Prairie View, TX	
Brookshire Convention Center 4027 5th St., Brookshire, TX	

SECTION 4: Applications for ballot by mail may be mailed to:

Waller County Elections
816 Wilkins
Hempstead, TX 77445
979-826-7643
vote@wallercounty.us

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Issued this 1st day of April 2022.

Mayor Joe Garcia

ADVERTISE OR SUBSCRIBE
TODAY! 281-391-3141

Visit us online at **KatyTimes.com**

SPARTANS

from page B1

right. I calmed myself and just hit it up and over."

That showstopping goal put the Spartans up 2-0 and helped them secure a 3-0 win over Taylor in the regional quarterfinals on Friday at Rhodes Stadium.

It was the third meeting between the teams and the win avenged the Spartans only loss this season to Taylor earlier in the year.

"It was such a great feeling, I was ecstatic," said senior goalkeeper Anthony Gonzalez. "I just love playing in front of our fans, it means so much that we're able to do that. The atmosphere was amazing and everything about tonight was exactly as we pictured it."

The Spartans were on the front foot from the beginning of the game but it took until the 28th minute for the breakthrough.

Javier Rivas provided that, as he grabbed hold of a pass in the box and put a shot into the upper right hand corner, past the Taylor goalkeeper. Morrison then doubled the lead just five minutes later on his free kick.

"It was just so great, it was one of the best feelings I've ever had," Morrison said. All the time and the effort working on that kick, it all showed in that moment and it feels so good to help my team advance."

The defense was a huge part of the win, shutting down a big, strong physical Taylor attack and earning a clean sheet.

"They stepped up and rose to the occasion tonight," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "Each one of them battled the entire 80 minutes. It's tough to shut down a team that can score in the methods they can score, but they did everything that was asked of them and more. They won the first ball and battled every time for the second one, which is huge."

Seven Lakes didn't let Taylor gain any momentum coming out of halftime either. Just two minutes after the start of the half, Kortay Koc took the ball and curled it into the far right corner to give the Spartans their final goal and secure there wouldn't be a comeback, as Seven Lakes was able to fend off Taylor the rest of the way.

"Something that our coach stressed to us coming into this was we couldn't let up against this team," Gonzalez said. "They will take advantage of any scrapped ball in the box, any chance they get and we knew we couldn't let up offensively or defensively. We work so hard and we really needed that. Coming off the loss we had to them last time, we knew it would be a tough 80 minutes, but it was well deserved."

The win clinches a berth in the regional tournament for the fourth time and first time since 2017, and equals the furthest the Spartans has ever gone in school history.

The Spartans will play Deer Park at 5 p.m. on Friday at Deers Park in the regional semifinals, with the winner moving on to the regional finals and a chance at the state tournament.

"The best prep we have for these games is our district," Krueger said. "Our district is outstanding and it gets us playoff ready more than most. We're battle tested and to have a win like this against a caliber team like Taylor, hopefully it's the extra boost we need heading into the tournament next weekend."



PHOTOS BY MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Seven Lakes players celebrate the win as they advance during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff, Seven Lakes vs Katy Taylor at Rhodes Stadium.



Seven Lakes' Kortay Koc, above, scores on the kick during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff, Seven Lakes vs Katy Taylor at Rhodes Stadium. On the block attempt is Katy Taylor's Erick Arellano. Left, Seven Lakes goal keeper Anthony Gonzalez makes the save during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff.



Seven Lakes' Aidan Morrison #10 scores on the kick during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff, Seven Lakes vs Katy Taylor at Rhodes Stadium.

MARK GOODMAN |
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

MORRISON

from page B1

"He's just a quality player and has all the tools no matter where you put him," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "We have had a couple of injuries and so we were forced to move him back there. But he's just calm composed and he really anchors that back line and has done a tremendous job."

While Morrison has played on the back line before, it's not where he finds himself most comfortable or his preferred position of a box to box midfielder that can help control the run of play.

But Morrison will do anything if it's for the betterment of the team and is more than happy to play any position if it's what is required to win.

"I've played there a few times but it's never been my top position," Morrison said. "But I make sure to bring that mentality where I'll do anything to win. It really helps if you're able to do that and put the team first. I'll do absolutely anything for this team. I'll go back there and play defense, I'll play goalie if I have too. I am willing to do anything if that's what it takes for us to win. Just having that mentality, it really helped to push through."

The Sartans have allowed just two goals through their first three playoff games, including getting shutouts in two of the three games. Morrison has been a big reason why with his work on the back line, but it has also allowed one of his biggest strengths, passing, to become an asset at a different position for the team.

With Morrison at center back, it allows

him to control the game going forward from an further position, and it provides an outlet for the team moving forward, knowing that he can pick out a pass anywhere on the field, even from a deep position.

"It's the most significant thing that's happened during the back end of this season for us," Krueger said. "He's a kid that has played in the middle for us this entire season and has very little experience on the back line. But he just went in and has been such a natural fit. And it's because his IQ and his ability is just off the chart. He can literally control the game from that position, and he's showed it. The team is so confident in him on that back line, it gives them confidence as well. The best thing that I've seen these past couple games is that we didn't lack in the attack with him on the back line and that's huge going forward because he's a difference maker."

The Spartans hope to be healed up heading into Friday's regional semifinal against Deer Park, but no matter what the case, the team is confident because of what the entire group has shown in the face of injury and throughout this entire season.

"The biggest thing we have learned is that we can't just let this result be a result," Morrison said. "We need to carry over how we have been playing into the next rounds. We've faced tough teams, it's prepared us, now we just need to keep playing like we know we can. If we do that, I don't think there's a team that can beat us."

KATY AREA CHAMBER

UPCOMING EVENT

KATY ISD

SCHOOL BOARD

CANDIDATES FORUM

April 14, 2022
6:00 – 8:30 PM

Moderator

JASON BURDINE
Former School Board Trustee

Register Online at
<https://www.katychamber.com>

POSITION 1

DONALD T. "DUKE" KELLER, JR.

VICTOR PEREZ

CICELY TAYLOR

ELIZABETH "ELIZ" MARKOWITZ

SAKI KRISHNAMURTHY

POSITION 2

LANCE REDMON

BONNIE ANDERSON

PATRICIA HAGGARD

THE KATYAREA CHAMBER

814 East Avenue, Ste. G | Katy, TX 77493
281-391-5289 | info@katychamber.com