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SAFETY FIRST

Police substation gets some attention
as first responders and military
personnel celebrate Safety Fest



BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Police Department substation at Katy Mills Mall has been open since the mall underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2018-19. Yet while the substation has never had a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, it enjoys a higher profile thanks to a new sign placed outside the station, which sits on the east side of the mall.

The higher profile is one way mall management saluted the police department as it hosted the Katy-Area Safety Fest Saturday at the mall's east parking lot. Heidi MacMillan, Katy Mills general manager, said mall management wanted to make sure people are aware of and know about the substation.

"They've been incredible partners to us," MacMillan said. The substation is the second

one the mall has had. The original substation, since closed, sat near where the mall's general and security offices are, on the east side of the building near the food court.

The present substation sits in a location formerly occupied by the Texas Workforce Commission.

"The mall security does a great job," Police Chief Noe Diaz said. "They are a great partner for us."

Diaz said the substation has six officers assigned to it. More are expected as new business development, including the Katy Boardwalk Project, comes to that portion of the city. Diaz said it wasn't just about serving the 22,000 Katy city residents, but serving the approximately 400,00 Katy area residents.

"It's a very usable space for us," Diaz said. "As we grow,

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Above: A U.S. Marine Corps rescue helicopter. Right: The Katy Fire Department personnel carrier, in the foreground, and one of its ladder trucks were among the local attractions at the Safety Fest.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Trustees OK design change for Schmalz Elementary

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees Monday approved a design change that will renovate and add to Schmalz Elementary School, 18605 Green Land Way.

The school presently has several temporary buildings on its west side. Under the plan, those buildings would be removed and an extension would be built from the southwest side of the building. District officials expect the project to be completed by August 2023.

"Good things come to those who wait," Schmalz principal Charlotte Gilder said. "I'm super excited about what is to come as we create new learning opportunities."

Officials said the goals of the renovation were to minimize portable buildings on campus and increase the outdoor safe space used for recess periods.

Schmalz is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Gilder said.

The extension will have six rooms for kindergarten students, and six classrooms for pre-kindergarten students. It will reorganize existing spaces so as to group students by grade.

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Creativity, not limitation

Autistic dad shows off
the mobility device he
created for his daughter

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Necessity can be the mother of invention. Just ask Katy resident Mike Sheiman.

A couple of years ago, Sheiman's daughter suffered a gymnastics injury. He said his daughter could barely move her arms or legs at the time. His daughter, today 10 years old, has made a full recovery from her injuries. But getting her to full mobility would take some work.

"I wanted to make a machine that made you feel fully mobile and required almost no movement to operate," Sheiman said. "I wanted to get her outside and playing as soon as possible."

So Sheiman, an autism patient who is a software engineer at the University of Houston-Downtown, went to work. He took a two-wheel hoverboard and made some modifications. These modifications included a vertical seat, a training wheel for vehicular stability, and two handle bars that operate separately for control.

"The first version took about a week and a half, and a lot of falls," Sheiman said.

While his daughter is fully recovered today, Sheiman said she continues to use the device, and a couple of her friends have also learned how to use it.

"It's by no means impossible to learn," Sheiman said, adding that he himself has used it, but he must be careful because the weight limit is 60 lbs. and he

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GOP megadonor Hotze charged

BY ZACH DESPART
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Conservative activist Steven Hotze on April 20 was indicted on two felony charges related to his alleged involvement in an air conditioning repairman being held at gunpoint in 2020 during a bizarre search for fraudulent mail ballots that did not exist, according to his attorney, Gary Polland.

Hotze, 71, was indicted by a Harris County grand jury and faces one count of unlawful restraint and one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Court filings in the case were not available Wednesday evening. Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg declined to comment.

The charges stem from Hotze's hiring of more than a dozen private investigators to look for voter fraud in Harris County ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

One of the investigators, former Houston police captain Mark Aguirre, was arrested in December 2020 and charged with aggravated assault. Prosecutors said Aguirre used his vehicle to run an air conditioning repairman off the road before dawn on Oct. 19, 2020.

Aguirre then detained the repairman at gunpoint and ordered an associate to search



BOB DAEMMRICH FOR THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Dr. Steven Hotze hired more than a dozen private investigators to look for election fraud in Harris County in 2020.

his truck, according to court filings. When a Houston police officer happened upon the scene and stopped to investigate, Aguirre said the truck contained 750,000 fraudulent mail ballots prepared by Democrats.

The truck contained only air conditioning parts and equipment. Hotze's investigators have not produced any credible evidence to support allegations that Democrats orches-

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Community Calendar

May

MAY 4

KATY CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING LUNCHEON

A networking lunch held the first Wednesday of each month. The event is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pablo's, 25757 Westheimer Pkwy. Cost is \$20. To register, see the website <https://bit.ly/3Mt17Gw>.

MAY 5

WELCOMING KATY'S NEW MAYOR

Dusty Thiele, an insurance executive and former city council member, was unopposed in his bid to become Katy's mayor. The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Welcoming the New Mayor" visit at its monthly meeting.

The meeting is from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Katy Mills, 25402 Katy Mills Pkwy. For more information, contact the chamber at 281-391-7423.



DUSTY THIELE

KATY POLICE FISH FRY AND AUCTION

One of Katy's favorite traditions returns with the 50th annual Katy Police Fish Fry and Auction. The menu includes catfish file, hush puppies, green beans, potatoes and iced tea. Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Raffle tickets are \$1 and winners do not need to be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Katy Police Officers Association. The event is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Rd. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website <https://squareup.com/store/kpoa>.

MAY 7

ELECTION DAY

ELECTION DAY

Katy-area voters will select two school board trustees. Brookshire and Pattison city voters will select city council members.

For more information about the Katy ISD school trustee election, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3rQ2BQR>.

For more information about the Brookshire city election, visit the website <https://bit.ly/38l9bb1>.

For more information about the Pattison city election, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3vaN93R>.

In a separate statewide election, voters will decide the fate of two proposed state constitutional amendments. For more information about the state election, visit the website votetexas.gov.

MASONIC LODGE TO HOLD FISH FRY

Katy Masonic Lodge 1439 is holding its 34th annual fish fry. Cost is \$15 per plate. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7 at the Katy Masonic Lodge, 3158 Katy Hockley Rd. For more information, call the Lodge at 281-391-4320.

MAY 8

CAR CULTURE SHOW AT LACENTERRA

Over 50+ exotic and muscle cars are on display. The event is set for 8-11 a.m. in the Alamo Theatre parking lot.



The Randy Rogers Band will perform at the Wildcatter Saloon on May 13.

MAY 12

READ SOUTHALL BAND TO PERFORM

The Read Southall Band will perform at the Wildcatter Saloon, 26913 Katy Freeway. Tickets range from \$25 to \$850. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website wildcattersaloon.com.

MAY 13

RANDY ROGERS BAND TO PERFORM

The Randy Rogers Band will perform at the Wildcatter Saloon, 26913 Katy Fwy. Tickets are \$45. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website wildcattersaloon.com.

MAY 14

KATY MARKET DAY

The monthly Katy Market Day features vendors, a food truck, beer garden, entertainment, and inflatable attractions for children's entertainment. The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic Downtown Katy. For more information, contact Betsy Proctor at 281-391-1993.



INAUGURAL BALL GAME AT DAILY PARK

Fort Bend County Pct. 1 presents the inaugural ball game at Abe & Lizzie Daily Park. The event features hot dogs and refreshments, a flyover, and a performance by the Bentley Elementary School choir. The event is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 4026 Nails Road.



GENE WATSON TO PERFORM

The singer Gene Watson will perform at Mo's Place, 21940 Kingsland Blvd. Standing room only tickets are \$20, reserved and day of show tickets are \$25. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website outhousetickets.com or call 281-392-3499.



MAY 19-26 KATY ISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Katy Independent School District high schools will be celebrating graduation ceremonies from May 19-26 at Legacy Stadium, 1830 Katyland Dr. Ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. each night.

Schools and dates are as follows: Katy, May 19; Taylor, May 20; Mayde Creek, May 21; Cinco Ranch, May 22; Morton Ranch, May 23; Seven Lakes, May 24; Tompkins, May 25; and Paetow, May 26.

For more information, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3Lf5QsH>.

MAY 21

CANE ISLAND LOCAL MARKET

Vendors are bringing artisan crafts, homemade goods, health and wellness goods, coffee, food and more. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cane Quarter, 2100 Cane Island Pkwy. For more information, email info@localmarketmaker.com.

LONE STAR TO PERFORM

Lone Star will perform at Mo's Place, 21940 Kingsland Blvd. Standing room only tickets are \$20, reserved and day of show tickets are \$25. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit outhousetickets.com or call 281-392-3499.

MAY 24

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Democratic and Republican voters will decide between runoff-qualifying candidates who will represent their party in the November general election. For polling locations, contact the appropriate county party headquarters.

MAY 26

JALAPENO HUNDRED GO-KART RACING

Adam and Eve Beauty Salon and the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce present the Jalapeno Hundred go-kart racing event.

The event is set for 5-9 p.m. at Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, Grand West Blvd., 1230.

Tickets are \$80 for taco dinner, networking, unlimited arcade and miniature golf; \$100 for taco dinner, networking, unlimited games, miniature golf and the go-kart tournament. Sponsorship opportunities exist. For more information, contact the chamber at 832-600-3221.

MAY 30

TEXANS EMBRACING AMERICA'S MILITARY KATY SEND-OFF EVENT

Texans Embracing America's Military (known as TEAM) is gathering of community members, active military members, veterans who want to show their support and appreciation to new military recruits and their families. Attendees may share encouragement, lessons learned, and tips for success. Attendees then form the sendoff line to shake hands and pat the backs of recruits as they walk by and into their new lives in the military. The public is welcome to attend this free event, which is set for 2-4 p.m. at Westland Baptist Church Katy, 1407 W. Grand Pkwy. South.



MAY 31

VFW 9182 MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

The Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9182, honors service members who gave their lives in service of the country. The public is invited to attend this free event, which is set for 10-11 a.m. at Katy Magnolia Cemetery, 6801 Franz Road.

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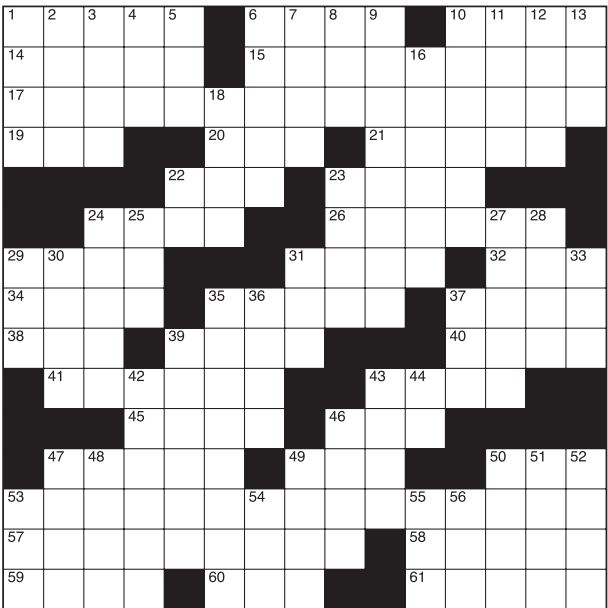
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- Chinese surname
- Fit in at the last minute
- "Very" in musical terminology
- Underwater displays
- Crosby's bandmates
- Belong to he
- Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- Sequences of alternating turns
- Genus of grasses
- Satisfy
- Petty quarrel
- Made level
- Ruler of Iran
- Historical region of Syria
- Food suitable for babies
- Something to lend
- Zone of oceanic trenches
- Philippine island
- Domesticated animal
- Plant of the lily family
- Bluish green
- ___ Tomei, actress
- Without (French)
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Apply pressure to
- Divide in half
- Bad deed
- Don't know when yet
- Hollywood's greatest honor

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- Faked
- A way to pierce
- Midway between northeast and east
- Points

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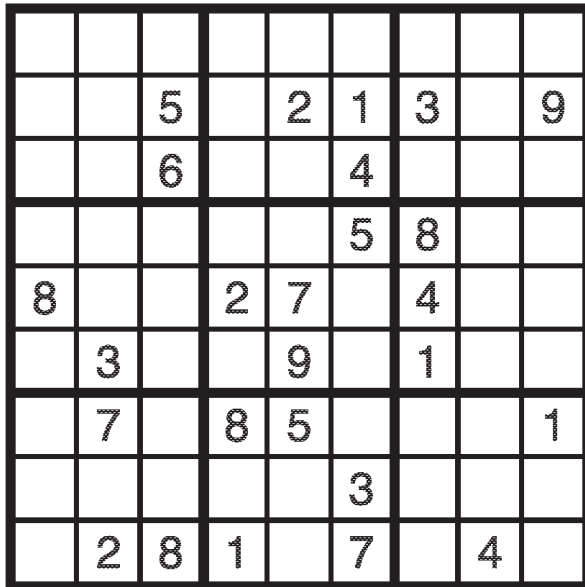
- Chop up
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Egyptian goddess
- Split pulses
- Afflict
- Type of area rug
- Tide
- Affirmative
- Sudden change
- Ruler of Iran
- Debauched man
- Stiff bristles
- Famous arena
- Established rules and methods
- Injection
- Father
- Protein-rich liquids
- He delivers gifts
- Advanced degree
- Fencing swords
- Chinese mountain range
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Precursor to hemoglobin
- Much ___ about nothing
- Compound fabric (abbr.)



- A way to act slowly on
- Ottoman military commanders
- Popular kids' network
- Hard compound
- Sympathize with
- Northeast college
- Blood group
- Frosted
- Turn away
- Benefit
- Dry or withered
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Reproduced
- Contributes
- Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- Wear
- Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- Very small

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

Project Guardian helps families, community work with autistic individuals

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Police Department uses an autism patient registration program that enables officers to know of a patient's condition so, should the need arise, they can better deescalate a situation. Such information may include how to communicate with a patient, what behaviors to expect, and what behavioral or verbal triggers to avoid.

Project Guardian is a free, voluntary and confidential program that

serves city residents. Mark Gersee, crisis intervention coordinator, said the department has used Project Guardian for the past two years, though the department's crisis intervention team has been around for five years.

Families of autism patients complete the application form on the city's website, or return it to the police department.

Gersee said officers take training to de-escalate situations, but before the police arrived, families and loved ones can do their part. In a situation with an autism patient, Gersee said,

the important thing is not to crowd the patient.

"Nobody wants to be bum-rushed," he said. "Give them their space. Do whatever they need to do. They know themselves. If they are trying to hurt themselves, then hold them and call the police, and we can come out there and de-escalate the situation."

Brochures and patch stickers are available to family members who register with Project Guardian. For more information, contact the Katy Police Department or visit the website cityofkaty.com/projectguardian.

AUTISM

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weighs more than that as an adult.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, autistic patients often have problems with social communication and interaction, and might have restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests as a result. Autistic patients may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention. Yet as Sheiman and others have shown, autism can be an opportunity and not a restriction. April is Autism Awareness Month.

Recently, Sheiman presented his idea at the Reactor Room, an event sponsored by Spectrum Fusion, a nonprofit organization. Heidi Ham is founder and CEO of the organization. She said Spectrum Fusion's goal is to change the conversation so people can see autism through a lens of opportunity and possibilities.

"We empower autistic adults to reach their full potential," Ham said. "They have ideas, but cannot find a way to find opportunities to have life-changing outcomes. There's a dark side, with more suicides due to unemployment, underemployment and living on the fringes of society. But there's so much they can offer."

The Reactor Room is an example of this. Ham said there have been five such events, and each one is better than the last. She said the events have been held at the Rice University Biosciences Research Center Auditorium for the past four years.

Ham said she and Sheiman worked together for over a year to prepare him for the presentation, where he pitched his ideas.

"We had to navigate all the patents around the hoverboard," Ham said.



FLORI MEEKS

Mike Sheiman presents at the Spectrum Fusion Reactor Room, held at Rice University. His daughter is riding the device he created.

Ham said presenting ideas in the Reactor Room enables the sharing of ideas in a safe space.

"Sometimes they're exploited," Ham said. "Sometimes people steal their ideas. They do not always get a platform. We provide this opportunity for them to show the world that they have ideas that contribute to society."

As part of the preparation, Ham has tried Sheiman's device.

"For the first time, I was going real fast, and he said to slow down," Ham said. "He installed a safety feature, which he calls Heidi safety feature."

Sheiman described the experience of presenting at the Reactor Room was fascinating.

"I showed my daughter riding it," Sheiman said. "I spent a lot of time clarifying the difference between this and the rest of the market. This allows you to operate without using your feet.

The freedom of movement is like the difference between a skateboard versus a mobility chair. You can move in more different ways."

As far as his autism goes, Sheiman said it had more to do with how other people dealt with him and other autism patients.

"It is a lot of conflict," Sheiman said. "People ask you, didn't you mean to do this? No, I meant to do it differently. Just the way I think in general, it doesn't come from the same angle. I'd be really bored if I didn't have it. When it comes down to it, the most obvious symptom of it is how your body moves and voice and tone are completely different. If you see somebody with autism, you can see how they move, how they think, how he or she has it. People look at you and think, you're not of the same tribe. People don't know where it comes from and it freaks people out."

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we expect to bring in four or five more guys in the next 24 months."

The substation features a row of desks with computers that are connected to other law enforcement agencies. There is a podium with a backdrop where officials can make announcements and hold news conferences as needed. Should officers have to make an arrest, the substation also has a room where the suspect can be held for a short time.

However, Diaz said he would not allow a police car to be parked at the substation because the nearby area is not gated. A police car has several thousand dollars' worth of equipment and weapons, he said.

"We have a lot of guests that come from Highway 6 this way," Diaz said. "The mall stays busy all the time. We have a Cheesecake Factory restaurant coming here, and they are working with

other vendors to bring more businesses out here."

Diaz described the mall as being "sort of the heartbeat of Katy" because it attracts so many people.

"It's an attraction in the community, with more coming," Diaz said, adding that the partnerships with other law enforcement agencies is important because the mall itself has property in both Harris and Fort Bend counties.

"I can't thank them enough," Diaz said. "We can't do it alone. You need the partnerships."

Saturday's Safety Fest itself returned after a two-year hiatus compelled by the pandemic. The Katy police and fire departments, Harris County and Fort Bend County sheriff's departments, Harris County Emergency Services District 48, and other first responder agencies had equipment for people to examine and the personnel to explain how everything worked.

TRIBUTE

Shirley May Maples, 82, was born on May 5, 1939, in Tarrs, Pennsylvania to Robert and Helen Lowstetter. She passed away Saturday, April 23, 2022. Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Patty, and loving husband of 52 years, Thomas Everett Maples. She is survived by her sons Thomas Everett Maples Jr. (Yvonne), Todd Everett Maples (Annemarie), Tobin Everett Maples (Heather); brothers Robert Duaine Lowstetter (Nancy), Richard Gale Lowstetter (Janet); sister Sondra Hall; six grandchildren.

Shirley earned an R.N. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and moved to Texas in 1961. She enjoyed a successful 30+ year career as a Registered Nurse. Shirley was strong in her faith, loved the Lord, and was proud to serve her country for 20 years as the spouse of a United States Army Officer and Vietnam Veteran.

A visitation for Shirley will be held Sunday, May 1, 2022, from 3:00 until 5:00 pm at Clayton Funeral Home, 5530 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581. The funeral service will take place, Monday, May 2, 2022, at 10:30 am at the funeral home with Rev. Wendy Heinemann officiating. Interment will take place at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations to MD Anderson Cancer Hospital would be appreciated. Online condolences and full obituary may be read at www.claytonfuneralhomes.com

HOTZE

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trated a wide-ranging mail ballot scheme in Harris County during that election.

Polland said the charges against Hotze are "outrageous" and his client had no knowledge of the roadside incident until he read media reports of Aguirre's arrest. He said Aguirre asked Hotze for funds to investigate alleged election fraud, Hotze agreed, and that was the extent of his involvement in Aguirre's affairs.

"All I know is Hotze didn't aid or abet this in any way," Polland said. "The donation of funds was for a righteous activity of rooting out ballot fraud."

Grand jury subpoenas in Aguirre's case show that Hotze paid Aguirre \$266,400. Most of that sum, \$211,400, was paid to Aguirre on the day after the alleged holdup.

Aguirre remains free on bond awaiting trial. One of his conditions of release is that he no longer work for Hotze.

Hotze, however, plans to continue monitoring election activity in Houston. At a "Freedom Gala" fundraiser Hotze hosted on April 2 with Attorney General Ken Paxton, Hotze said donations would be used to investigate voter fraud in Texas.

Also attending the event was Mike Lindell, the MyPillow CEO who has promoted the baseless theory that former President Donald Trump was the rightful winner of the 2020 presidential election.

Polland said Hotze does not plan to alter his plans because of the indictments.

Hotze, a physician, has long advocated on behalf of conservative issues. He was instrumental in the 2015 defeat of Houston's anti-discrimination ordinance, which he derided as "pro-homosexual." He opposed the legalization of same-sex marriage spurred by a Supreme Court ruling earlier that year.

In 2020, he unsuccessfully sued Harris County in an attempt to have 127,000 ballots cast at drive-thru locations thrown out.

His far-right beliefs have sometimes led to disputes with other Republicans. In June 2020, during protests following the police killing of George Floyd, Hotze left a voicemail with Gov. Greg Abbott's chief of staff urging the governor "to shoot to kill if any of these son-of-a-bitch people start rioting" U.S. John Cornyn called the remarks "absolutely disgusting and reprehensible."



KATY ISO

SCHMALZ

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District officials said they expected to move the portable buildings to another campus, though one building might be kept for staff use. Superintendent Ken Gregorski said the goal was to get the students inside the main building.

Asked whether she has visited with her elementary school community about the changes, Gilder said as soon as the board approved it, she could start sending construction-related emails. But the word was already out.

"They are aware something really great and awesome is coming," Gilder said.



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Happy birthday cake time

Depending on when you're reading this, my 52nd birthday is/was on April 20th, which, as my dad still loves to remind me, is the same day as Adolf Hitler's. As a child, I remember thinking that 52 was an age that might be reached by an elderly Galapagos tortoise or a giant redwood tree—certainly not a human. My age really hits me when I'm watching a sporting event and realize that I'm now older than practically all professional athletes (other than a few bowlers). I guess I can cross that off my list of things to worry about. No more pressure there.

Birthdays are weird things to celebrate. After all, the person receiving the benefits of the celebration didn't really do anything, other than put another human being through extreme discomfort for several months, culminating in a few hours of drug-induced agony—and not just for the father. And if we're all honest, we would admit that the actual delivery isn't pretty, either—lots of crying, moaning and sometimes cursing—also not just from the father.

Apparently, I was almost born in the car on the way to the hospital, so any screaming probably had to do with my dad's driving.

One of my fondest memories from my early childhood in the 1970s is of an Easter-themed birthday party my parents organized. There were plastic eggs packed with jelly beans, miniature baskets full of candy, homemade bunny ears for the kids to wear, and lots of plaid polyester. It was a simpler time then—full of childhood innocence and questionable fashion choices.

These days, my birthdays prompt bouts of contemplation (especially from my wife) about what I'm going to do with the rest of my life. I'm really too old to drive a Harley or sports car without being held up to ridicule on someone's TikTok video. I'm not interested in the pain or expense required for an array of tattoos. And a new obsession with golfing, fishing, hunting or any other physical activity just sounds exhausting. Besides, I recently threw out my back tying my shoe, so I'm thinking mixed martial arts is probably out of the question, too.

Maybe I'll really lean into my favorite hobbies of marathon snoozing or competitive eating.



(I'm not actually a competitive eater, but I sometimes pretend I am, especially when cake is involved.)

And speaking of cake, the highlight of most of my birthdays has been a special multi-layered strawberry cake that my sweet mother makes for me. The cake is large enough to share with the entire family, but I always warn my three daughters that the cake is held together with dangerously sharp toothpicks—and they may or may not be used.

And then there's the singing involved with birthdays. I don't mean to be a grouch, but doesn't "The Birthday Song" get a bit tiresome? "Happy Birthday to you" is repeated three times! It's as if it's intended for a person with short-term memory loss. If I make it to 90 years old, I'm sure I'll appreciate it more, but in the meantime...

What was I saying, again? Once the singing is mercifully finished, then comes the pressure of blowing out the candles in one breath without sputumizing all over the dessert.

In the age of COVID, is blowing on cake even still a "thing"? Or has it gone by the wayside along with other forbidden activities—like shaking hands, kissing babies and enjoying life in general?

Seriously, though, I really am grateful that God has given me another year to annoy my wife, children and pets. I also want to thank everyone who thinks enough of me to fill in that automated birthday greeting when the Facebook algorithm reminds you once a year that the weirdo from high school or the relative whose lineage you question is still alive.

I'll remember it always, or at least until I eat the last piece of strawberry cake and take off my bunny ears.

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Do you hate parking lots?

The concept of "parking" loses most of its mystique as you get past the giddy days of a freshly minted driver's license and shoulder the responsibilities of adulthood.

Where "parking" once meant steamy windows at Inspiration Point, it comes to mean drudgery, unpleasant surprises and keeping your "Spidey sense" in overdrive while navigating.

When I googled "I hate parking lots," a high percentage of the conversational threads focused primarily on drivers' concerns for their pristine vehicles—and the "dings" and arrows of outrageous fortune.

One of the dangers indirectly involves butterflies. A butterfly can flap its wings on the other side of the world and cause dozens of abandoned shopping carts to stalk your unsuspecting vehicle. The danger is magnified if the cart has ever held a paperback or DVD of Stephen King's "Christine"—it gets delusions of grandeur.

Don't get me started on the inconsiderate sluggards who abandoned the carts in the first place. What good does it do them to shop at the health food store (for example) if it's such an ordeal to follow a task through to completion? ("You mean I have to get the capsules all the way onto my tongue? And then swallow? Don't they have people hired to do that for me?")



Car-to-car damage is another area of concern. My 2010 Altima is showing its age, so I am not so much concerned about being on the receiving end of scuffs and scratches. But my nerves stay on red alert from the prospects of damaging someone else's conveyance and dealing with all the hassle of police reports, insurance and moral dilemmas. (Should I skedaddle without leaving a note, or listen to a meltdown such as "That sweet, innocent bumper was the only thing I had to remind me of my fifth husband"?)

Aren't you sick of tight squeezes? If I'm paying attention, suck in my gut and go limp, I can usually get in or out of my car without banging into anything. But what about families with a backseat full of impetuous children? If the parents don't sedate the kids before they arrive, it's a door-swinging episode of "Wham! Bam!" without a hint of "Thank you, ma'am."

I could certainly unleash a few uncivil words on the civil engineers who read the entrails

of salamanders and divine the "optimal" width for parking spaces. Or maybe it's more a mixture of mathematics and philosophy, as in crossing calculus with "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?"

Apparently, these designers think you're supposed to exit your vehicle via an ejector seat. But most people who could afford an ejector seat are going to be hanging out at Casino Royale, not Bubba's Bait Basement.

Let's not forget the scourge known as pedestrians. Even without the distraction of cellphones, they are oblivious to traffic as they come meandering, skipping, stumbling, cartwheeling out of the stores and offices. They're certainly clueless about the presence of their impulsive young children. ("Oh, did I bring you?") Yeah, I'm talking to you, lady. The dangling umbilical cord should've been your first clue.

Ah, maybe I'm being too judgmental. Perhaps I should walk a mile in the shoes of those who have roused my ire.

That's half the distance I must walk to the front door after securing a "safe" parking spot far from the demolition derby.

Sigh
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What a wonderful, blessed life, not without its heart-break and disappointments, but one with an amazing abundance of love. Melvin Jordan earned his heavenly wings on Tuesday April 19, 2022. He had enjoyed a glorious Easter weekend surrounded by his family's love and laughter. What a blessing!

Melvin was born January 18, 1926 in Katy and spent his entire life in the place he loved. He was a true son of Katy. He leaves this earthly life to be reunited with his beloved wife, Bertye, of 74 years and sons Steve and Marc.

Melvin and Bertye created a legacy overwhelming with love and friendship. Their home was constantly filled with family and friends, love, laughter AND good food. Nothing made him happier than being surrounded by loved ones . . . big and small. He would constantly tell people "My family makes me the most blessed man in Katy". He was so proud of his family members- currently 63 and counting! He was an energetic and active supporter of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren at every event or ballgame. He and Bertye were in the stands as often as possible and followed them all over Texas to be their proud supporters. At 94, in failing health and suffering from loss of sight, he traveled over four hours to an event one final time for his presence to be felt by a great grandson- a treasured moment!

He loved the Katy community and was always ready



MELVIN JORDAN
1926-2022

to lend a helping hand. His vivid memory of Katy history and families was incredible-he would tell stories of the town and people he loved. He could (and did) talk for hours about life in Katy and the Jordan farm. And the same story might be retold more than once as he grew older but the memory of those times never failed him.

Melvin's faith was steadfast through good times as well as the difficult times. As he faced the loss of his wife and sons, two floods and the loss of his ability to care for himself after his 2017 stroke, his faith never wavered. One of our favorite quotes from him was "The Lord said there would be days like this but I just didn't think there would be so many". His bible lay open on his desk as he started each day reading a scripture and even when his eyesight diminished and he became more debilitating he never lost his faith or fighting spirit.

He was a man of great integrity and his word was his bond-even when farming

fell on terribly hard times. Melvin began farming and ranching at a very young age with his father, H.E. "Hank" Jordan. He worked alongside his brothers, Chester and Leonard, enjoying an extremely close relationship. He and his sister Blanche enjoyed laughable and special times. His mother, Olga, held precious memories for him and life on the farm. What a joyous reunion in Heaven it will be!

His rice farm was a labor of love but his cattle operations were his great joy and pleasure. He and his son Steve enjoyed every minute of "cattle time". In his younger years he and his brother Leonard enjoyed rodeo and roping; in his later years, he just enjoyed riding his horse along the Katy prairie, where he said he felt close to God.

He was a beloved member of the Katy community having never met a stranger and never failing to lend a helping hand. When a car would pull into the farm drive out of gas or with other car trouble, he did whatever he could to assist them back on their way, never expecting anything in return.

He loved his farm and dearly loved serving on the boards of Brookshire Drying and the American Rice Growers Cooperative, including a stint as president. And for many years, he was also an active board member of American Rice Inc. He served on the Katy Chamber of Commerce and First United Methodist Church boards, where he and Bertye served as youth leaders for the Methodist youth groups.

He was the coach of one of Katy's first organized baseball teams, the Katy Kats, and throughout his life shared many beloved stories of those games and the young men that meant so much to him.

He was a proud Honorary Member of the Katy FFA where he was active many years earlier as a student and later as a proud father of his sons' FFA projects and his FFA Sweetheart daughter. And, in even later years, he watched proudly as several grandsons, a granddaughter, great grandsons, a great granddaughter and great niece participated in FFA projects, attained a statewide FFA office or earned a national FFA championship.

For many years he, along with other Katy-area men were actively involved in bar-becuing for the 4th of July celebration or other community events- a great pleasure for him and, yet again, another source of countless stories.

For over twenty years Melvin, and Bertye owned BerMel's, the local department store. Their servant hearts allowed them to generously assist those in need and support numerous Katy ISD fundraisers.

In a lifetime in which so much was witnessed, imagine Melvin's great amazement to learn, at the age of 93, the newest Katy ISD high school would be named Jordan High School in honor of the Jordan family's rich heritage and extensive involvement in the Katy community begun by his parents in the early 1910's and continued with he and his siblings and their families.

What a tremendously humbling honor!

Melvin was a hard worker, a good friend and a great family man. Although our patriarch is gone, his love and the life lessons we learned from him will continue to be the legacy for generations to come.

Melvin is survived by his daughter Beverlye (Charlie) Shafer of Katy; daughter Theresa (Scooter) McMeans of Katy and daughter-in-law Nita Jordan of Boerne.

He is also survived by granddaughters Laurie Conrad of Katy; Julie (Phillip) Dautrich of Katy; Chantel (Ronald) Zunker of Boerne; Jill Durst of Buchanan Dam; Cara (Dean) Darrow of Katy; Jana (Jerod) Stewart of Katy; Amanda (Jason) Weese of Katy; Holly Jordan of Katy and Haley and Hannah Fox of Katy. Grandsons Ryan (Kaye Lynne) Jordan of Mason; Micah (Natalie) McMeans of Katy; Matt (Stefanie) Jordan of Pattison; Mason (Tara) McMeans of Katy; DeWayne (Carla) Dopslauf of Sheridan, and DeWhite (Kelley) Dopslauf of Pearland.

He is also survived by his great grandchildren Casey (David) Chastain; Cody Conrad; Kalin (Jordan) Wells; Kaleb (Lauren) Dautrich; Kason Dautrich; Ashley, Shelby, Libby, Macey and Luke Zunker; Dylan Durst; Jerod (Madison Mazur) Durst; Megan and Madison Darrow; Jordan and Jason Stewart; Rylan, Kinsley and Keltan Jordan; Mackenzie and Kylie McMeans; Olivia and Tristan McMeans; Emery and Ethan Weese and Jackson Marshall. Last but not least, surviv-

ing Melvin are his great-great grandchildren, Emma and Mia Chastain and Parker and soon to arrive baby Wells. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Melvin is preceded in death by his beloved wife Bertye of 74 years, sons Steve and Marc Jordan; parents Hank and Olga Jordan and brothers Chester (Bessie) Jordan; Leonard (Beulah) Jordan, and sister Blanche (Gordon) Fussell.

Honorary pallbearers, dear friends all, are Gary Jordan, Dwayne Fussell, Bill Jordan, Raymond Dollins, Woody Stewart, Bill Callegari, Wayne Hooks, Cullen Dauchy and Albert Thompson.

In a final act of respect and love, all of Melvin's grandsons and great grandsons will carry him to his resting place.

Our family would be blessed if you would support your local FFA booster club or give to the church of your choice in honor of a great and giving man. We also want to thank our wonderful caregivers from Family Tree, Sandra, Dinah, Helen, Marie and Abdul.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Katy First United Methodist Church, where funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 with Rev. Mark Kimbrough officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

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BRIEFS



Receiving handmade quilts from Quilts of Valor were, left to right, Jimmy Apple, Jeffrey Newell, Hubert Ernest “Ernie” Cormier, Corey Strouth, Terry Higginbotham, Robert Bourne and Michael Matthews.



Marshal Jones, far right, and his crew celebrate the opening of Fajita Pete's, 9615 Spring Green Blvd.



Amber Magee (center), senior vice president for marketing and membership experience at First Community Credit Union, listens as James “Jim” McGuire, commander of the American Legion Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164, speaks.



Adam El Hafi and Kimberly Patel (above) try some wine from Constellation Wines at Saturday's Sip N Stroll. Kay Casey (right) tries food from Nirvana Italian Restaurant at Saturday's Sip N Stroll event at The ARK by Norris, 21402 Merchants Way. The breezy weather coupled with mild temperatures helped make for an enjoyable experience.



Daughters of the American Revolution hosts Quilts of Valor ceremony

The Star of Destiny National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a Quilts of Valor ceremony April 12 at the Briarchester Swim and Tennis Club, 1707 Briarchester Dr. At the ceremony, seven local veterans were honored and received handmade quilts in appreciation for their service. The veterans represented three military branches—Army, Navy and Air Force—and their service spanned the years 1966-2015. Honored were Jimmy Apple, Robert Bourne, Hubert Ernest Cormier, Terry Higginbotham, Michael Matthews, Jeffrey Newell and Cory Strouth, most of them from the Katy area.

The event was spearheaded by DAR member Laurel Cull when she was inspired after attending a Quilt of Valor (QOV) ceremony hosted by her local quilt guild. This was the first time Star of Destiny has hosted a QOV ceremony.

Quilts of Valor is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation made up of quilters from all across the U.S. In 2003, a quilter named Catherine Roberts had the idea of comforting veterans with quilts during the time her son was deployed in Iraq. Since then, over 290,000 Quilts of Valor have been awarded here in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. The mission of QOV is to “honor our Service Members and Veterans who have been touched by war with Quilts of Valor.” QOV representative Dianna Martinez has been making quilts for and representing QOV since 2019. She moved to the Houston area in 2021 and recently started a new QOV group called the Montgomery Lone Stars. For information on QOV, visit the website govf.org.

Star of Destiny is a chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution that meets regularly in Katy. For more information about Star of Destiny or Daughters of the American Revolution, contact info@katystarofdestiny.com.

First Community Credit Union donates to American Legion

The First Community Credit Union, Cinco Ranch location, made a donation to the American Legion Thursday. James “Jim” McGuire accepted the donation on behalf of the legion. McGuire is commander of the American Legion Jonathan D. Rozier Post 164 in Katy. He is also the newly elected 22nd District Department of Texas American Legion commander, which oversees 12 posts in Katy and south of I-10 in the Houston area.

“We are very appreciative of their current and future support,” McGuire said. “These financial contributions allow us to complete our mission focused on Americanism, veterans and rehabilitation, national security, and children and youth.”

Fajita Pete's opens in Katy

Katy resident and Fajita Pete's franchisee Marshal Jones has opened Fajita Pete's - Seven Lakes, at 9615 Spring Green Blvd.

The location, opened earlier this month, offers free delivery and is the second franchise Jones opened alongside his father.

“Many people are surprised to learn that Fajita Pete's started right here in Houston,” says Jones. “I had the opportunity to learn directly from Pete and the rest of the team that has been doing Tex-Mex delivery for over a decade.”

Founded in 2008 in Houston, by Pedro “Pete” Mora, Fajita Pete's specializes in handmade Tex-Mex, made to order for catering, curbside and delivery.

“It's a simple menu, built for families, friends, and groups,” Mora said.

“We aren't trying to do everything. We are trying to do one thing, and do it really well.”

Jones, who has lived in Katy since 2015, considered many locations before selecting the store's location in Seven Lakes.

“My church is in Katy, as well as my friends and family,” Jones said. “I love the family atmosphere here. There is a family dynamic and willingness to help neighbors throughout Katy. That's the environment my guests will feel when they swing by to pick up fajitas for their family, or get fajitas delivered to their home or event.”

Student-athletes participate in Houston Texans Kids Triathlon

More than 1,400 student athletes crossed the finish line at the 2022 Houston Texans Kids Triathlon presented by Texas Children's Hospital.

This weekend Texas Children's Hospital and the Houston Texans teamed up to host the largest youth triathlon in the world - the Houston Texans Kids Triathlon.

The event, held at Typhoon Texas Waterpark, featured a short course triathlon for kids ages 6-10 and a long course tri for kids ages 11-17.

For the seventh consecutive year, over 1,400 tri-athletes swam, biked, and ran across the finish line - where they were awarded their race medals by Texans players Jon Weeks, Charlie Heck and Jimmy Morrissey.

Toro, the Houston Texans mascot, and the Houston Texans cheerleaders were also there to cheer on the athletes.

Nominations now open for the 39th annual Governor's Volunteer Awards

Nominations are now open for the 39th Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards. The Governor's Volunteer Awards are administered by OneStar Foundation and are an opportunity for the state of Texas to honor the exemplary service and volunteerism of individuals and organizations making a significant impact in communities across Texas even as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded.

“Promoting volunteerism and service throughout Texas is my top priority,” Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott said. “Greg and I are inspired by the organizations and individuals across Texas who are making a difference in their communities, and we are honored to recognize them through the Governor's Volunteer Awards. The true strength of the Lone Star State is in our people, and nothing brings us more joy than celebrating the spirit of service that is a hallmark of being Texan.”

Nominations for the awards are open in nine categories:

- Governor's Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award
- First Lady's Youth Volunteer Rising Star Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Volunteer Family of the Year Award
- Corporate Volunteering Champion Award
- Service-Learning Champion Award

- Innovation in Volunteerism Award
- Excellence in Disaster Volunteerism Award
- National Service “Make a Difference” Award

For descriptions of the award categories or to nominate an individual or organization, visit onestarfoundation.org/governors-volunteer-awards.

Nominations will close July 29. Awardees will be honored during the Global Volunteer Month in April 2023 at an evening reception at the Governor's Mansion. For more information, visit the website onestarfoundation.org/governors-volunteer-awards.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Robertson Elementary unveils logo and mascot

Robertson Elementary, 7400 Innovation Drive in the Cane Island subdivision, is the Katy Independent School District's newest school. It now has a new mascot and logo.

Robertson Elementary, home of the Bulldogs, opens this fall. The bulldog's sweater features a "SERS" acronym, which stands for "Steve and Elaine Robertson Elementary."



for "Steve and Elaine Robertson Elementary."

School trustees in January officially named the school to honor the

Robertsons, who retired in 2020 following a combined 64 years of service in education.

Steve Robertson began his career in 1985 as an elementary teacher in the Spring Branch Independent School District. He later took leadership roles in the Conroe Independent School District, and later the Katy Independent School District. He eventually became assistant superintendent for secondary school leadership and support. He was cited for leading school improvement efforts, increased student performance, and support and mentorship to staff and campus leadership.



Steve and Elaine Robertson retired in 2020 after a combined 64 years of service in education.

Elaine Robertson began her career in 1987 as a deaf education elementary teacher with West 10 Cooperative. She eventually took the leadership role of instructional officer for deaf education, vision and assistive technology. In this role, she wrote grants to fund innovative instruction, provided engaging and inspiring staff development sessions, and served on inclusion teams and site-based management teams.

Elaine Robertson also organized extra-curricular programs to bridge academic and social gaps between the deaf and

hard of hearing and other students. She has been a leader in establishing the district's audiological center.

Miller Career and Technology Center offers camps for elementary school students

The Miller Career and Technology Center is hosting a four-day summer camp for elementary school students interested in veterinary medicine, criminal justice and cosmetology.

Classes will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. June 13-16 at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Services Center, 5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd. Campers must be 1st-5th graders. Cost is \$250, which includes a daily lunch and snack. For more information, contact Shannon Shiver at 281-237-1479.

TexanLive to livestream high school graduation ceremonies

All Katy ISD high school Class of 2022 graduation ceremonies will be livestreamed through TexanLive.

If your relatives are unable to make it to the graduation ceremonies, all Class of 2022 graduation ceremonies will be live streamed through TexanLive. The link will be posted on the Katy ISD graduation page <https://www.katyisd.org/graduation>.

katyisd.org/dept/campusadmin/Pages/Graduation.aspx as the ceremonies approach. It is free and can be seen throughout the US.

Secondary summer school registration open

Summer school registration for Katy ISD students in 6th-12th grades who need course or credit recovery will open May 2. Summer school will offer one summer session from June 14-July 14.

Summer school for students in the 6th-11th grades will be held at Cinco Ranch High School. Summer school for students in the 12th grade and scheduled to graduate in August 2022 will be held at Raines Academy.

Course/credit recovery will host assigned, mandatory and in-person orientation days for students during the week of June 14-17. After the orientation is complete, students may work on their courses remotely if their progress in the course is on target for completion. If students need more support, they will have access to report to their assigned campus lab and teacher for in-person support, between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, email juniorhighsummerschool@katyisd.org or highschoolsummerschool@katyisd.org.

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KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Celina Wells is the new Crisis Center director for Katy Christian Ministries. Wells succeeds Susan Hastings, who retired.

FUSSELL SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATES A DECADE



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Sandy Fussell Schmidt, left, is serenaded by the Grandma's Boyfriends barbershop quartet, who performed Friday at the ten-year anniversary celebration at the Fussell Senior Center, 5370 E. 5th St. Amanda Di Dio, social services director for the city, said the Fussell family sold the property to the city with the stipulation that a senior center be built there.

FEELING LUCKY!



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Greg Hess of Action Coach (center) and Carla Lynn of Chiro Dynamics (right) were two of the many enjoying the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Casino Night Thursday at Hemi Hideout, 1172 Hilpitz Road, in Brookshire.

KATY HERITAGE SOCIETY MEETS



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Neil Stillman, president of the Friends of Willowfork, was the featured speaker at the Katy Heritage Society meeting, held Thursday at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, 814 East Ave. G. To Stillman's left are Marilyn Frishman, secretary, and Adrienne Davitz, president. Stillman's presentation – "A Railroad Ran Through It" explored the history of an early railroad that passed through what is now Willow Fork Park near LaCenterra.



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Seven Lakes clinches final playoff spot

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch had been neck and neck.

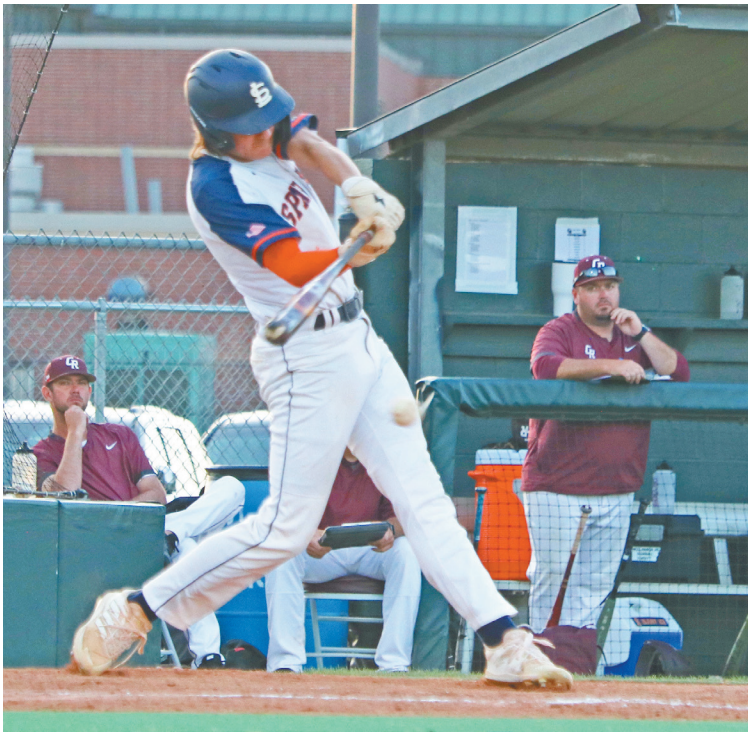
With just two games left in the district season, the Spartans and Cougars were separated by just one game, with all signs pointing to a potential tiebreaker game happening between them for the final playoff spot coming out of District 19-6A.

Cinco Ranch had its chance to clinch a playoff berth and knock Seven Lakes out of contention last week when the two faced off. But Seven Lakes jumped out to an early lead and held on to win a closely contested matchup.

For Seven Lakes, that matchup was a do or die situation. If the Spartans had lost, Cinco would have held the tiebreaker between the two teams, while also holding a game lead heading into the last week of the season, effectively eliminating the Spartans from the playoffs.

But with the win, everything changed, and Seven Lakes controlled its own destiny heading into the final two games of the district season.

"For a second there this season, we lost hope," said senior third baseman Cade Climie. "But our



TYLER TYRE

A Seven Lakes player bats during Friday's District 19-6A game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at the Seven Lakes baseball field.

coaches believed in us the whole time and everyone has come together in these past two weeks. We tried to focus on the bigger

picture and not ourselves. We got away from that team culture at first and worried about ourselves and our individual stats. But these past

few weeks have been the opposite; we've found our way back into it and now we know what we have to do to get to the playoffs."

But it still looked like a tough road for the Spartans to clinch that playoff spot. They were set to play Katy on Tuesday and then Taylor Friday. Taylor is currently in to the No. 3 seed out of the district and has already beaten Seven Lakes once this season.

"We know how important this is going to be for us," said Seven Lakes pitcher Nathan Johnson. "We just have to keep going. We've been playing good and we just need to continue that, keep practicing and not worrying about anything we can't control."

But the Spartans didn't even need a second game to lock up that playoff spot, as Seven Lakes beat Katy 4-0 on Tuesday to clinch the No. 4 seed with one game to play in district.

Now, the Spartans are just focusing on continuing their hot play.

"Everyone has a role on this team, and we've been very good about letting the next guy work and letting things come to you," said Seven Lakes head coach J.R. Voyles. "We can't go out there and try and run rule somebody or try to end things with one swing, we just

have to go out there and play our baseball. That's the biggest things, if we just stay within ourselves, we are a good team."

NOTE

The Seven Lakes win could potentially shake up the District 19-6A playoff seedings depending on what happens Friday.

As of now, here are the current seedings.

1. Tompkins
2. Katy
3. Taylor
4. Seven Lakes* (locked in to fourth seed)

The four playoff teams will all play each other Friday, with Katy playing Tompkins and Taylor playing Seven Lakes. The Spartans are locked into the fourth seed, but the rest of the seeds could change.

The winner of the Tompkins vs. Katy game will get the No. 1 seed out of the district. But if both Tompkins and Taylor win Friday, then it would leave the Mustangs and Tigers tied in the district standings with neither owning the tiebreaker. This would lead to either a seeding game or a coin flip between the two with the winner taking the second seed and the loser falling to the third seed.

WEEK OF APRIL 29

SCHEDULES

SOFTBALL

BI-DISTRICT

Thursday

- Game 1: Katy vs. Fort Bend Elkins, 6 p.m.
- Game 1: Cinco Ranch vs. Fort Bend Travis, 6 p.m.
- Game 1: Tompkins vs. George Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Game 1: Seven Lakes vs. Ridge Point, 6 p.m.

Friday

- Game 2: Katy at Fort Bend Elkins, 6 p.m.
- Game 2: Cinco Ranch at Fort Bend Travis, 4:30 p.m.
- Game 2: Tompkins at George Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Game 2: Seven Lakes at Ridge Point, 6 p.m.
- Game 3 (if necessary): Katy at Fort Bend Elkins, 8 p.m.

Saturday

- Game 3 (if necessary): Tompkins vs. George Ranch, 11 a.m.
- Game 3 (if necessary): Cinco Ranch vs. Fort Bend Travis, noon
- Game 3: (if necessary): Seven lakes vs. Ridge Point, noon

BASEBALL

Friday

DISTRICT 19-5A

- Jordan vs. Rudder, 7 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Magnolia, 7 p.m.

Friday

DISTRICT 19-6A

- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.
- Katy vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Friday & Saturday

- Class 6A Region III meet at Humble Turner Stadium
- Class 5A Region III meet at Humble Turner Stadium



TYLER TYRE

Nathan Johnson pitches during Friday's District 19-6A game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at the Seven Lakes baseball field.

Seven Lakes holds on for win over Cinco, breaks tie for fourth in district

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes knew the situation going into Friday.

A win over Cinco Ranch, and their chances of making the playoffs would go up dramatically; a loss, and the

season would be all but over with two games remaining.

The Spartans had lost the opening meeting to Cinco 9-5, but they were confident heading into the game and they knew it would be an entirely different matchup than the first go round.

"I told the guys before the game, stay within yourself and do what you do best," said Seven Lakes head coach J.R. Voyles said. "They knew they didn't need to try to be the hero and they could

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Seven Lakes' Erck, Tompkins' Lugo named district MVPs

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins' Luis Lugo and Seven Lakes' Haydan Erck were named the MVPs of the District 19-6A's All-District teams after huge seasons for their respective teams.

Lugo earned the MVP award after helping the Falcons to a second place finish in district and while scoring 29 goals and dishing out 12 assists on the season. Lugo also set the record for most goals and points in District 19-6A history, scoring 18 times in district play and recording 43 points.

On the boys side, Cinco Ranch's Danny Vargas and Seven Lakes' Noa Stasic were named co-forwards of the year in the district. Vargas scored 15 goals on the season and assisted 11 while helping Cinco Ranch to an area round appearance.

Stasic enjoyed a terrific sophomore season, where he helped the Spartans reach the state semifinals. He also earned a first team all state nod and is already a top 10 all-time scoring leader in the Spartans program.

Seven Lakes Aidan Morrison was named midfielder of the year in the district and also was named first team all-state. Morrison stepped up in a number of ways for the Spartans in their playoff run, switching positions to centerback because of injuries and excelling on the back line.

Taylor's Lewis Paterson and Cinco Ranch's Ossian Elgstrom were named co-defenders of the year while Taylor's Aidan Bousleiman was named the goalkeeper of the year in the district. Paterson and Bousleiman were part of a Taylor team that made huge gains throughout the season and

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Taylor comes from behind to sew up win over Katy

Paetow wins seventh straight, Cinco and Seven Lakes add to win totals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor earned a huge District 19-6A win by using a four-run seventh inning to beat Katy, which came into the matchup as the leaders in district.

Jared Schaeffer had a big day on the mound to keep Taylor in it, as he pitched five innings, allowing two earned runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking one.

Katy took the lead in the bottom of the second inning when Dominic Melchor hit a solo homerun, and Jhonnatan Ferrebus doubled that in the third inning when he hit a sacrifice fly that scored Ryan George. The Tigers then went up 3-0 when Graham Laxton homered in the fifth.

But the Mustangs never lost determination. After getting two runners on base in the top of the sixth, Chase Marshall hit an RBI single to trim the Katy lead to two.

The Mustangs weren't able to get another run in that inning, but the big comeback came in the seventh.

Peter Dworaczky walked to start the inning, and Joe Jefferson Jr. then tied things with a two-run homer to left field. After a walk to Brett Dolejsi and an error allowed Hunter Ham to reach, Marshall drove in both with a single, completing the comeback and giving Taylor the win.

Taylor Wolf secured the win on the mound for the Mustangs, pitching the final two innings and striking out three while allowing just one hit and no runs.

Cinco beats Morton Ranch

Cinco Ranch earned a huge 8-1 win over Morton Ranch to stay tied with Seven Lakes for the fourth and final spot in district. Austin Bonjonia earned the win for the Cougars, going three innings and not allowing a run on two hits while striking out six and walking one.

Gavin Rutherford started the scoring on the night in the bottom of the first when he hit a fly ball and reached on an error, allowing Blake Hansen to score. The Cougars then broke things open in the bottom of the second. After loading the bases, Charlie Atkinson hit a single to score two, and Rainer Castillo drove in two more with a single of his own. Rutherford then hit a double to make things 6-0.

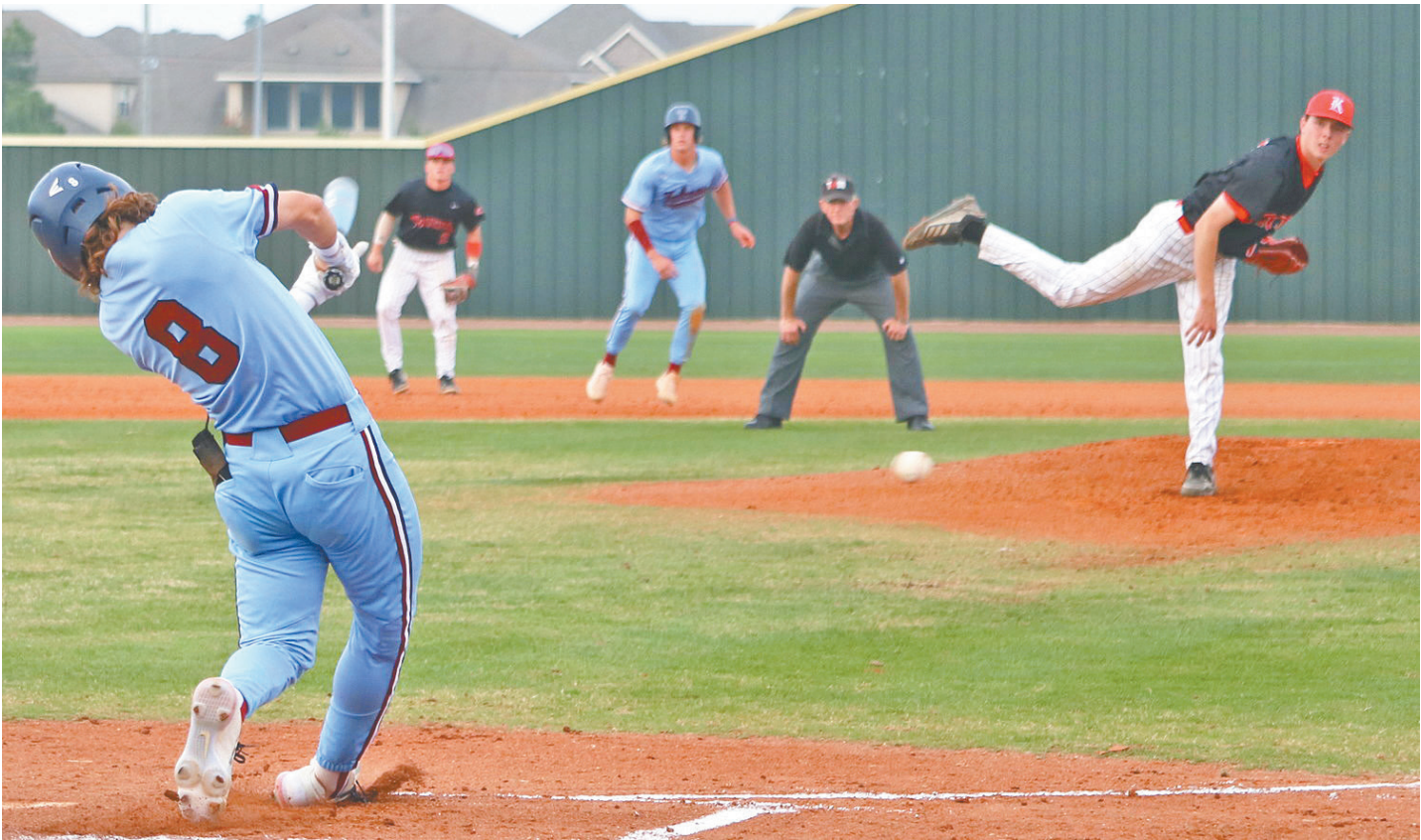
The Cougars didn't score in the third but got another run on the board in the fourth, when Hansen hit an RBI single and Hansen did the same thing in the fifth inning to make it an 8-0 Cinco Ranch lead.

Morton Ranch got one run back in the sixth, when Tyler Harvey reached on an error which let a run come in, but weren't able to get anything else to come back in the matchup.

Seven Lakes shuts out Mayde Creek

Seven Lakes also earned a big win to stay tied for that final playoff spot in District 19-6A, beating Mayde Creek 5-0.

Three pitchers combined for the shutout, with Lawson Moreno going five



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Ty Dagley tries to hit a Lucas Moore pitch during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Katy and Tompkins at the Tompkins baseball field.

innings and earning the win, while Collin Mills and Tyler Welch came on in relief to secure the win.

It took until the second inning for Seven Lakes to get going, but the Spartans got on the board when Jake Steffes hit an RBI single and Jack Coultas followed that up with an RBI double. Taylor Tiedt also drove in a run with a single.

Things remained that way until the top of the fifth, when Cade Climie scored on a wild pitch and Steffes capped things off in the top of the sixth by scoring on a passed ball.

Paetow wins seventh in a row

Paetow won its seventh game in a row by topping Magnolia West 7-1.

The Panthers used a huge effort from Anthony Diaz on the mound, who earned the win by going six innings and allowing one run on seven hits to go with four strikeouts and no walks.

No one scored until the third inning,

when Gabriel Velasquez hit a home run to drive in two runs. That got the confidence going for the Panthers and in the fourth, Paul Gerke drove in a run on a sacrifice grounder and Velasquez made it 4-0 with an RBI double.

Magnolia West got one run back in the top of the fifth, but Paetow came right back with an answer. Kayin Tillman hit an RBI double and Prieto then drove in a run on a single to continue and gain the lead. Garrett Smith capped things off for the Panthers with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth before Paetow pitched a clean top of the seventh to close things out.

Jordan unable to stay with A&M Consolidated

Jordan fell behind early and was unable to make up the gap in a 9-4 loss to A&M Consolidated.

Consolidated scored runs in every inning except the fifth, as their offense was on all night.

Consolidated scored two in the top of the first before Jordan answered back with Andrew Toups hitting a sacrifice grounder.

Consolidated kept its bats going though, scoring one in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth as it continued to push its advantage. Jordan responded in the sixth as JD Ortigoza drove in a run on a single, Zandre Van Der Walt did the same. Braden Franklin also had an RBI single, but Consolidated put up two more runs in the bottom of the inning to seal things.

FRIDAY

Tompkins strolls to win over Mayde Creek

Tompkins easily earned a run rule win over Mayde Creek, winning 24-1.

Ty Dagley started on the mound and earned the win for Tompkins, going two innings and allowing one run on four hits while striking out three.

Mayde Creek came out swinging and took the lead in the top of the first, as Joseph Romero drove in a run on a single. But Tompkins' offense was not going to be held in check.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Falcons started to get going. Dagley started the scoring, driving in two on a single to right field to give Tompkins the lead, and Cooper Markle hit a triple to score Dagley. Cash Russell then hit an RBI double before Jack Little drove in two on two with a single, making things 6-1 Tompkins.

And Tompkins wasn't done. Dagley started the scoring for Tompkins again in the bottom of the third, hitting a single that drove in two runs, and Ivan Gomez hit a single that drove in another. Jace Laviolette then hit a three-run triple, and Jack Little hit a two-run home run. Ross Giluso hit a sacrifice fly and Tompkins scored another on an error to go up 17-1.

Tompkins then put up another big inning in the fourth. After Little started the inning with a double, Drew Markle hit a single and Solomon Rotberg hit a sacrifice grounder to drive in another. Cooper Markle then drove in one with a double, Judson Collier walked to drive in a run and Little drove in two with a single to cap off the scoring for the Falcons.

The win clinched a top two spot in district for Tompkins heading into the final two games of the season.

Katy holds on for win over Morton Ranch

Katy narrowly won a back-and-forth affair against Morton Ranch 6-5 in eight

innings to keep themselves in the district title race heading into the last week of the season.

Katy's three pitchers combined to allow two earned runs over the eight innings on five hits while striking out nine and walking five.

Katy took the lead in the top of the second, as Brady Englett hit an RBI single. Morton Ranch answered back in the bottom of the third, getting a sacrifice grounder from Isaac Cantu to tie things before Cameren Hudson gave the Mavericks the lead with an RBI single.

Katy came back and tied things in the top of the fourth on a Cameron Stukenborg single, but Morton Ranch retook the lead in the bottom of the fourth on a Kelvin Malone RBI single.

Things continued to swing back and forth in the fifth. Katy got three runners on and Jhonnatan Ferrebus hit a double to drive in all three as Katy took a 5-3 lead.

Morton Ranch would not go down without a fight though. After getting two runners on in the inning, Tyler Harvey reached on an error which allowed to runners to score and tie things.

That brought things to extras, but Katy's offense had an answer in the top of the eighth. The Tigers got two runners on and Stukenborg hit a single to give Katy the lead. Morton Ranch tried to answer back in the bottom of the inning, loading the bases with one out, but a pop out and a strikeout by Garrett Thompson sealed things and gave Katy the win.

Jordan falls to A&M Consolidated

Jordan fell to A&M Consolidated 2-0 in District 19-5A play, struggling on offense but having a good pitching performance.

Connor Carmichael had a strong day on the mound for the Warriors, pitching a complete game and allowing one earned run on three hits while striking out three and walking one.

Consolidated had just three hits on the day, but made them count. They scored once in the second inning on a sacrifice fly after a triple and getting a second in the top of the sixth on a sacrifice fly after getting the bases loaded.

Jordan had two hits on the day, coming from Brett Miller and Davis Duhon, to keep things from being a no-hitter.

Taylor run rules Huntsville

Taylor run ruled Huntsville in a non-district tune-up, winning 15-3.

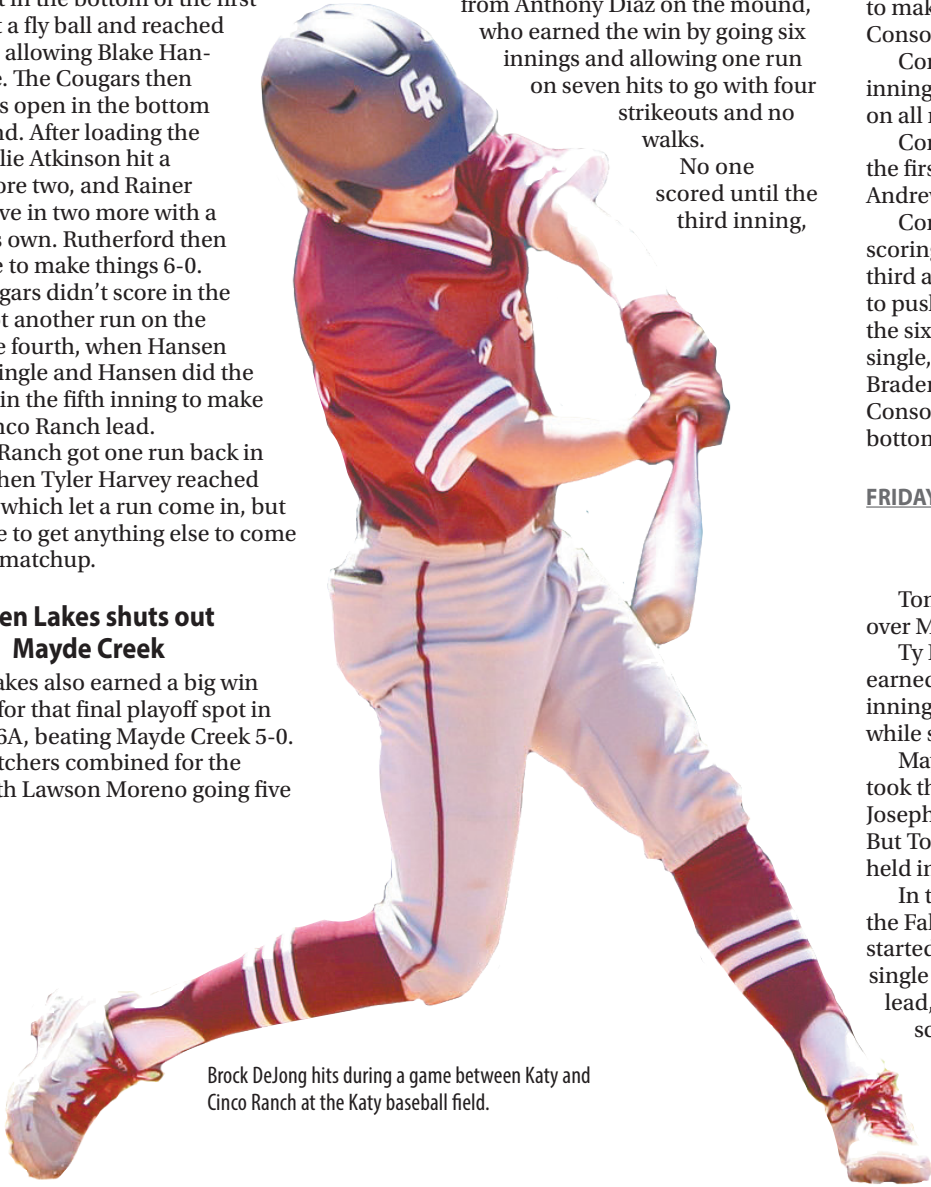
The Mustangs got a huge third inning to win the game in five innings.

Matthew Irwin had a strong day on the mound for Taylor, starting and going four innings to get the win while allowing no earned runs on three hits and striking out four while walking two.

Taylor took the lead in the top of the second, when Peter Dworaczky hit a sacrifice bunt to score one. Huntsville took back the lead in the top of the third with two runs, but Taylor came right back with the answer with a huge third inning.

After getting two runners on base, Camden Champness hit an RBI single to tie things and Dworaczky hit a single to drive in two more runs before Nathaniel Lopez also drove in two with a single. Joe Jefferson Jr. followed that up with an RBI single of his own. Hunter Ham then drove in two with a triple and Jared Schaeffer drove in another with a single. Taylor got another on a wild pitch and one more on a bases loaded walk, before Lopez came up again and drove in two with a single and Brett Dolejsi capped the inning off with a sacrifice fly.

Huntsville would score one more run, but Taylor strolled to the win in five innings.



Brock DeJong hits during a game between Katy and Cinco Ranch at the Katy baseball field.

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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Mayde Creek holds on for win, Cinco run rules M. Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Alyssa Gonzalez did everything in her power to give Mayde Creek an upset win over Seven Lakes and did just that, as the Rams won 3-2 for their second district win of the season.

Gonzalez pitched a complete game and allowed just two runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking three.

Mayde Creek took the lead early and never lost it. Mackenzie Paredes hit a sacrifice bunt bringing home a run before Gonzalez came around to score on a passed ball after reaching on a single earlier in the inning.

The Rams then got a third in the bottom of the fourth, as Paredes hit a double to start the inning, and Alexia Ruiz drove her in by hitting a double of her own.

Seven Lakes started to try to get back into things in the top of the fifth, as Dulce Franco drove in a run on a single, making it 3-1, and the Spartans got a second in the sixth with a homerun by Amy Abke, but Mayde Creek was able to hold on and secure the win.

Abke took the loss for Seven Lakes despite a solid performance on the mound, going six innings and allowing two earned runs on five hits while striking out nine and walking one.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Cinco run rules Morton Ranch

Cinco Ranch Ranch's offense was on fire against Morton Ranch, leading to a 20-0 win for the Cougars.

It wasn't just the offense that was on fire though, as Chela Kovar pitched all three innings of the game in her shutout, allowing two hits while striking out six batters and walking two.

Krista Burg started the scoring in the bottom of the first with an RBI double before Amanda Croteau drove in another run on a single. Mariah Hinojosa then drove in three more on a double before Burg came up and drove in two with a single, making things 7-0 Cinco after just one inning.

The Cougars didn't let up in the second inning. Brynna Pate hit a two-run single and Faith Piper drove in three with a triple before Burg drove Piper in with a single of her own. Shelby Hodge then came to the plate and hit a two-run double before Hinojosa hit a double of her own to score Hodge. Another run came around to score on an error before Savannah Henningson capped off the game with the biggest hit of the game, hitting a three-run homer to make it 20-0. Kovar then pitched a clean top of the third, handing Cinco the win.

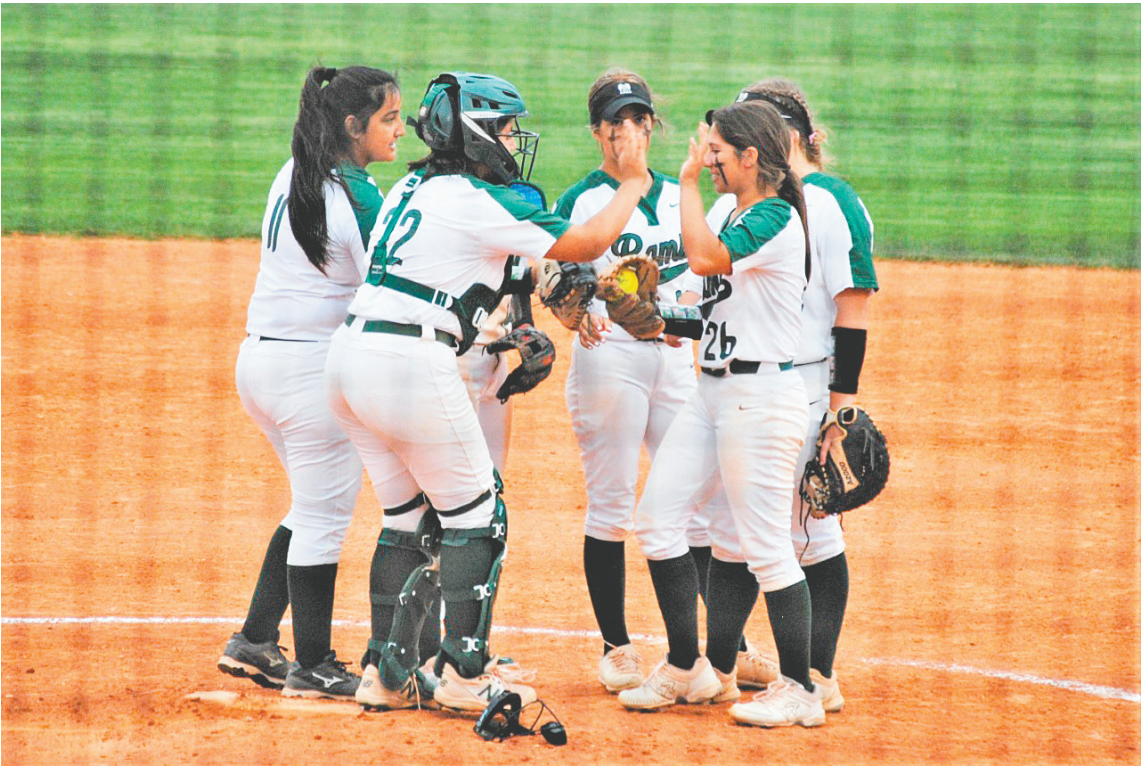
Paetow falls to College Station

Paetow was unable to overcome an early deficit in a 12-6 loss to College Station, as the Panthers lost 12-6.

College Station got on the board early, scoring one run in the first, but things were promising for Paetow as the Panthers answered back in the top of the second.

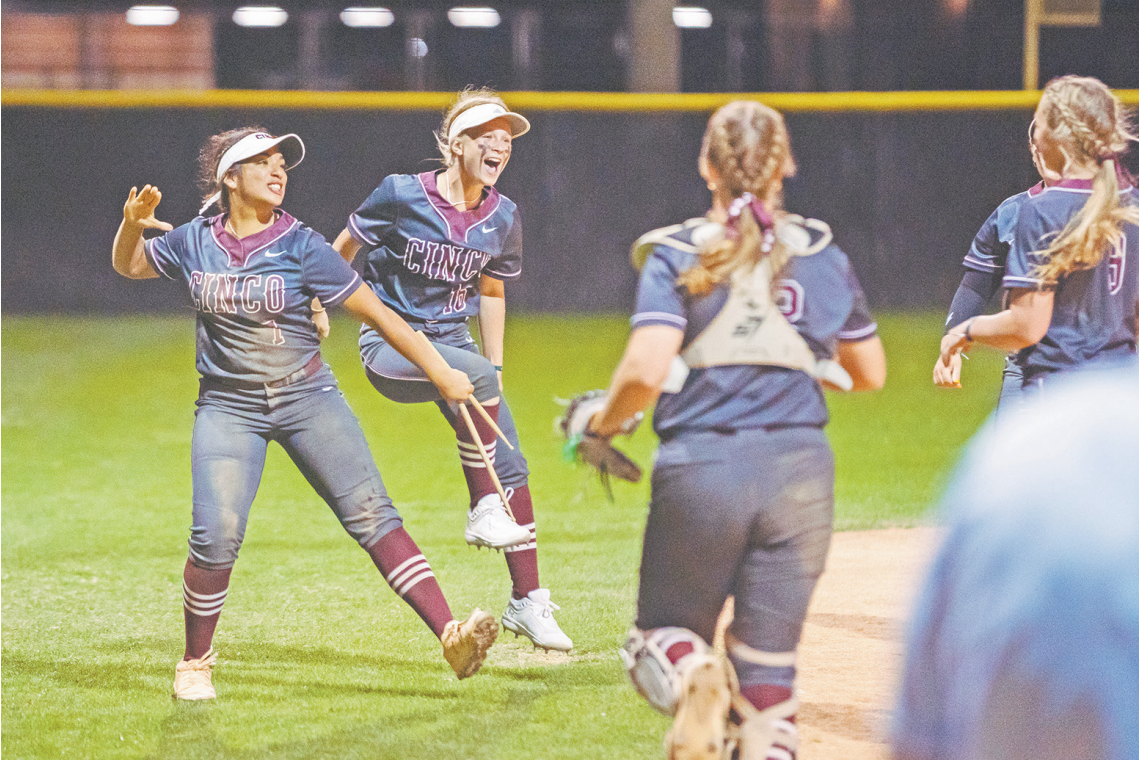
After the Panthers loaded the bases, Jacie Brown hit a two-run single, Alicia Briones followed that up with an RBI single, and Samantha Guillory came through with a sacrifice fly to give the Panthers a 4-1 lead.

But College Station responded



Mayde Creek players talk during a game against Seven Lakes.

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Cinco Ranch players celebrate during a District 19-6A game against Tompkins.

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immediately, retaking the lead with eight runs in the second and one more run in the third to make things extremely hard for a Paetow comeback. The Panthers scored two more runs in the fourth on a Guillory double and a Shy'Lynn Brown sacrifice fly, but they weren't able to do any more damage. College Station capped things off with two runs in the top of the sixth to complete the win.

FRIDAY

Cinco Ranch clinches playoff berth with win over Seven Lakes

Cinco Ranch clinched a playoff berth with a 6-3 win over Seven Lakes.

For the Cougars this marks their 17th straight playoff appearance, and it came down to the last day of the season to do it.

Krista Burg started for the Cougars and went 5.2 innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits while striking out four and walking one.

Seven Lakes took the lead in the bottom of the first, with Dulce Franco hitting a single and coming around to score on Cinco, but Cin-

co Ranch immediately answered back, with Shelby Hodge tying things in the top of the second on a solo home run.

From there it became a pitchers' duel, and another run wouldn't be scored until the sixth inning.

Cinco broke things open in the sixth inning. Two runners reached base to start the top of the inning, and Gissel Morales came to the plate and smacked a three-run homerun to left field to make things a 4-1 game.

Seven Lakes then came to the plate and found some offense as well in the bottom of the sixth. After a walk to start the inning, Emma Wingate hit an RBI double and then Rebecka Rabe drove in another run on a double to trim the Cougars' lead to just one heading into the final inning.

But Cinco was not going to be denied. They got two runners on base in the top half of the seventh, and Hodge drove both in on a single. Cinco then pitched a clean bottom of the seventh to close things out.

Amy Abke took the loss for Seven Lakes, pitching a complete

game and allowing four earned runs on six hits while striking out 15 and walking one.

Seven Lakes will have the third seed heading into the playoffs, while Cinco Ranch will have the fourth seed.

Tompkins walks off over Mayde Creek

Tompkins earned a walk-off win over Mayde Creek, 10-9, to clinch the second seed in the district heading into the playoffs.

The game went from a pitchers' duel to a batters' duel later on, with a plethora of runs being scored late.

Tompkins took the lead in the first inning, as Morgan Brown singled to center field to drive in a run, and Tompkins doubled that lead in the third when Kennedy Bourque scored on an error.

Mayde Creek got a run back in the fourth when the Rams got a run off an error.

Tompkins answered back in the bottom of the fourth, with Madison Besselman hitting a sacrifice fly, but Mayde Creek answered back again, trimming the lead to one on a fielder's choice in the top of the

fifth and then taking the lead on a double by Kaci Ruiz that drove in two.

Tompkins tied things in the bottom of the sixth, as Besselman hit a double that drove in a run, but the Rams took the lead right back, with Kaci Ruiz hitting another RBI double. Debanhi Carrizales drove in another on a sacrifice grounder before Madyson Rodriguez hit a three-run homer to make it 9-4 Mayde Creek.

But Tompkins put up a furious comeback in the bottom of the seventh with their last chance. After a runner reached base to start the inning, Meagan Brown hit a two-run homerun. Two more runners reached base and then Tompkins got a run on an error before Kaitlyn Scribner came to the plate and drove in three runs with a double to win it for the Falcons.

Katy closes district with no-hitter in win over Morton Ranch

Katy closed out district in huge fashion, with the Tigers run ruling Morton Ranch 13-1.

Cameryn Harrison, Lauryn Soeken and Paige Bunting combined to throw a no-hitter. The three combined to strike out eight while walking none in the win.

The scoring didn't start until the third inning. Kailey Wyckoff hit a two-run homerun and Ashtyn Reichardt followed that up with an RBI double. Harrison then hit a two-run homerun to make it 5-0 Katy after the third.

The homerun show wasn't done for Katy either. Peyton Watson led off the fourth inning with another homer, and after two more runners reached, Reichardt hit a three-run homerun. Harrison then hit her second homerun of the night — a two-run shot — and Hailey Gore followed that up with another two-run homerun to make the lead 13-0 Katy. Morton Ranch would get one run back in the bottom of the fourth on a passed ball, but that would be all they would get as Katy easily rolled to the win.

Jordan closes season with win

Jordan secured an extra innings 5-4 win over the Rudder Rangers to close its season on a bright note.

Brooke Hidalgo went six innings in the game, allowing four unearned runs on five hits while striking out seven and walking just one. Madeline Williams got the win after coming in on relief and allowing no runs over three innings and striking out four while allowing just one hit.

Jordan took the lead in the top of the first inning, getting a run across on a Williams sacrifice fly, and made it a two-run lead in the third, as Cady Bowyer hit an RBI single. Bowyer then gave Jordan a 3-0 lead in the top of the fifth on a one-run double.

Rudder, though, wasn't going down without a fight. In the bottom of the fifth, Rudder got a run on an error by Jordan and then got a three-run homerun to take a 4-3 lead.

Jordan answered back in the top of the seventh, as Bowyer tripled to put herself in scoring position and Aislyn Duhon hit a sacrifice bunt. Jordan's pitching and defense held Rudder off, and Jordan's offense got another run across when Lyra Berry hit an RBI single. Jordan then sealed the win in the bottom of the ninth with a clean half inning.




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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) by Katy Beer Garden, INC dba Katy Beer Garden, to be located at 5321 1st Street, Katy, Harris County, Texas. Officers of this company are Director Steven Salazar and Director Alejandro Bolanos.

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Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal

Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 7 is accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for a New Fire Station. The Proposal is due no later than Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Martinez Architects, LP 900 Rockmead, Suite 250, Kingwood, TX 77339. The Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal will be utilized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code and Ch. 2269, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code. For additional information regarding this project, please contact Mr. Ricardo Martinez (ricardom@martinez-architects.com, 281-346-7371). Request for Proposals may be reviewed or requested from Martinez Architects, made available from Associated General Contractors, McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, Virtual Builders Exchange.

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Notice of impoundment of vehicles

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COMPETITIVE BIDDING NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The County of Waller proposes to purchase the following items on competitive bid:

USED REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE

Bids will be received by the Waller County Auditor, Alan Younts, until 2:00 p.m., May 9, 2022 in the office of County Auditor at 836 Austin Street, Suite 221, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Bids shall be opened by Commissioners' Court at 9:00 a.m. May 18, 2022, in the Waller County Courtroom, Hempstead, Texas 77445. The Court shall award the contract on May 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Waller County Courtroom, during open session of Commissioners' Court to the responsible bidder who submits the highest and best bid.

A contract shall not be awarded to a bidder who is not the highest dollar bidder meeting specifications unless, before the award, each lower bidder is given notice of the proposed award, and is given an opportunity to appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning the higher bidder's responsibility.

Bid award shall be based on either unit price or lump sum as indicated on the BID SHEET.

Method of payment will be by check upon completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County.

Specifications and Bid Forms may be downloaded from the Waller County web site at www.co.waller.tx.us

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Willow Fork Drainage District, Attention: Ms. Wendy Duncan, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, May 5, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of the 2022 VA1A Outfall Replacement Project for Willow Fork Drainage District, Fort Bend County, Texas". Bidders may elect to submit bids electronically via <https://bids.lja.com>. In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may attend the public opening of sealed Bids via teleconference. To join via teleconference, dial 346.202.6170, Conference ID: 322 485 975#.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Remove and replace existing outfalls and site restoration.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory audio pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time. To attend the audio format non-mandatory pre-bid conference, dial 346.202.6170, and enter Conference ID 384 949 298#.

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. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Bidding documents may be examined at LJA Engineering, Inc., AGC of Texas, Construct Connect, and Amtek or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of One hundred Dollars (\$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449 or at <https://bids.lja.com>.

A Bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and bid securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and bid securities must be submitted through <https://bids.lja.com>. Bidders must register and obtain bidding documents on this website for the required payment amount (if any) to submit an electronic bid.

By submitting a Bid, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed or agreed to through the use of an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

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

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
May 11, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM,
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The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the authority of Chapter 251.152, Transportation Code, to consider the establishment of Controlled Intersections and the installation of Stop Signs at the following roads:

North Franklin at Mikeska Road
South Franklin at Hamilton Road
Pattison Road at Morrison Road (All way stop)

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.

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COMPETITIVE BIDDING NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The County of Waller proposes to purchase the following items on competitive bid:

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Bid Forms may be downloaded from the Waller County web site at www.co.waller.tx.us

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Jones & Carter, Inc., attention Travis Miller, PE, will be electronically received until 10:30 a.m. local time, May 5th, 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 28th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 605578095# when prompted.

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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.

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SPARTANS

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pass it on to the next guys. That was the gameplan — just do your job and let the next guy do their job.”

Seven Lakes did just that, winning 7-6 over the Cougars to break a tie for fourth place in District 19-6A with just two games remaining on the schedule.

It was a do or die situation for the Spartans; if Cinco Ranch had won the Cougars would have owned the tie-breaker between the two.

“It was such a huge win for us,” said freshman pitcher Nathan Johnson. “If we lost this, it would have been so hard for us to make the playoffs, so we knew how important it was going in. It’s just a great feeling to get this win and stay in it.”

Johnson was huge on the mound for the Spartans — he overcame a jittery first inning and two errors by the Spartans in the second and still went four innings, allowing one earned run to help the team to a win.

“It’s crazy how he just keeps his composure through everything,” senior third baseman Cade Climie said. “When I was a freshman playing on varsity, it was pretty scary these big moments, but he handles the pressure better than anyone out here and he threw a great game. That was huge for all of us.”

Cinco took the lead in the top of the first, when Gavin Rutherford hit an RBI single deep to center field. Seven Lakes though had the immediate answer, with Ryan Franden leading off the bottom of the first with a double and Climie then hitting a single to tie things. The Spartans then took the lead on a Cinco Ranch error.

Cinco tied things in the top of the seventh, getting two runners on base from errors and then getting a run across on a sacrifice fly from TJ Hughes. But Seven Lakes regained the lead in the bottom of the inning, with Carter Sanchez scoring on a wild pitch.

The Spartans then broke things open in the fourth. After loading the bases, Cinco walked in a run, then Carlos Michinaux drove in a run on a single and

Johnson to the plate and helped himself offensively, driving in two with a single to left field and making it 7-2.

“The biggest thing for them was to be selective on when they swung, and being aggressive on the bases when the ball was in the dirt,” Voyles said. “Whenever we had a shot to score we were aggressive with it. We let things come to us, but when it was time for that aggression to go up we were able to turn it on. That paid off for us tonight.”

Things stayed that way until the top of the seventh, when Cinco Ranch was almost able to put together a comeback. Two runners reached base to start the inning, before Gavin Rutherford hit a home run to drive in three and trim the Seven Lakes lead to two runs. Two more runners reached base and Zach Franco hit a single, making it a one run game. Eric Eckstrom then made solid contact on a line drive towards third base, but Climie made a terrific catch to record the out and end the game, giving Seven Lakes a one game lead on the last playoff spot in district heading into the last week of the regular season.

“It felt great, just such a great feeling,” Climie said. “When it came off the bat, I was wondering to myself, ‘dang, am I going to have to jump here?’ But I watched it in and it hit the glove and I was just like ‘I caught it.’ Everyone started going crazy and rushing the field, it just felt good.”

Seven Lakes will face off with two of the top three teams in district next week in Katy and Taylor and know how important getting a win from one of those two games would be. Two losses would likely lead to a play in game for that final playoff spot against Cinco, but a win would in all likelihood clinch a playoff berth for the team.

“We have to keep doing what we have been doing and forget about the wins and the losses in the past,” Climie said. “The most important thing is to go out there and play and have fun. We have nothing to lose.”

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Haydan Erck dribbles past a defender during a Class 6A bi-district round game between Seven Lakes and Fort Bend Elkins at Legacy Stadium.



FILE PHOTO

Tompkins sophomore Luis Lugo (10) takes on a Seven Lakes defender during a Class 6A regional quarterfinal game in 2021.

ended up making it to the regional quarterfinals, while Elgstom was part of a strong Cinco Ranch back line.

Seven Lakes’ Kortay Koc was named the newcomer of the year. He scored 21 goals in his freshman season — a record for a first year on varsity player at Seven Lakes — and was named to the all-region team.

Tompkins’ Tom Jones capped off the honors for the district, winning coach of the year. He helped lead the Falcons to a 16-4-2 record and a second place finish in district despite tons of turnover in the team from the previous season.

On the girls side, Seven Lakes dominated the awards, as Erck took home MCP, Katie Fitzpatrick was named Offensive MVP and Katie Lennon was named Defensive MVP of the district. Seven Lakes won the district title and made it to the regional semifinals this season.

Katy’s Jessica Rico was named the district goalkeeper of the year and her coach, Diane Loftin was named the district’s coach of the year after the Tigers finished third in district and made the area round of the playoffs as the continued to improve the entire season.

Taylor’s Kendall Hemperley capped off the awards on the girls side, being named the newcomer of the year.

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REGIONAL GOLF

Tompkins' Tenpenny qualifies for state tourney

Tompkins boys finish fifth; Taylor girls finish seventh

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins' Colt Tenpenny qualified for this year's Class 6A State Golf Tournament after finishing eighth overall individually at the Class 6A Region III Tournament at Eagle Pointe Golf Club.
It's the second straight state tournament for Tenpenny, who made last year's state tournament as the Region III champion. Tenpenny shot a 74 on day one and a 77 on day two to finish nine over for the tournament.
Taylor's CJ Larkin narrowly missed out on a state appearance, finishing 10th individually and finishing 11 over for the tournament.

Team wise, Tompkins came in fifth place at the tournament, finishing 83 over the course of the two days, while Seven Lakes came in sixth, finishing 99 over for the tournament.
Individually for Tompkins, Diego Montes came in 29th overall, finishing at 23 over; Adrian Lugo was tied for 32nd, shooting 24 over; Jeff Borchert shot 28 over to finish tied for 43rd; and Sumi Brandi shot 29 over to finish tied for 45th.

For Seven Lakes, Shaun Nair finished tied for 20th after finishing 20 over, Nikko Taggart finished tied for 23rd after shooting 21 over, Andon Herrera and Ted Sui both shot 30 over to finish tied for 50th and Timothy Lei shot 39 over to finish tied for 70th.

For Katy, Joseph Hroch finished tied for 40th after shooting 27 over the course of two days. On the girls side for Katy ISD, there were no state qualifiers, but Taylor put together a strong performance as a team, finishing seventh at the tournament by shooting 157 over as a team, while Seven Lakes finished 11th after shooting 96 over.

The top finisher for the district was Taylor's Audrey Rosen, who shot 23 over to finish tied for 13th.

Taylor's Faith Chang and Jisoo Yoon both finished tied for 40th after shooting 40 over, while Sarena Lawji finished tied for 65th after shooting 54 over and Alex Marty finished 88th with two rounds totaling 86 over.

For Seven Lakes, Kay Song shot 31 over to finished tied for 28th, Amanda Eubanks finished tied for 56th after shooting 49 over, Krisna Mahendran shot 52 over and finished 64th while Sydney Conover shot 61 over to finish 70th and Barbara Guerra shot 74 over and finished 86th overall.

Tompkins' Annika Choi, who had qualified as an individual, finished 24th overall, shooting 28 over for the two days.



Clockwise from top left: Tompkins' Colt Tenpenny qualified for the Class 6A UIL state tournament.

The Taylor girls golf team finished seventh at the Class 6A Region III Tournament after winning the District 19-6A tournament.

Taylor's CJ Larkin narrowly missed out on a state appearance.

The Tompkins boys golf team finished fifth at the Class 6A Region III Tournament.

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CLASS 6A REGION III GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS (TOP 50)

Following are results from the boys Class 6A Region III tournament.

Table with 6 columns: Pos, Total, Player, R1, R2, Strokes. Rows 1-35.

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Following are results from the Class 6A Region III girls tournament:

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Seven Lakes girls win gold at area track meet

Jordan girls, Seven Lakes boys, Paetow boys finish second

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes came away with the Class 6A District 19 & 20 Area meet gold medals, finishing with 119 points as a team, beating the next closest competitor, George Ranch, by 25 points.

The Spartans sent a number of people to the Class 6A Region III meet in the process in a great performance during the area meet.

Seven Lakes' Alyssa Tate and Brooke Jackson went No. 1 and No. 2 in the 100 meters, with Tate running 11.53 and Jackson running an 11.66 while Katy's Kaycee McCoy came in third to also advance. Tate also won the 200 meters and 400 meters to advance to the regional meet.

Seven Lakes also had a winner in the 800 meters, with Avary Catchings taking gold with a time of 2 minutes, 21.19 seconds while Katy's Sarah Pantophlet took second.

In the 1600 meters Seven Lakes' Ella Beck came in second with a time of 5 minutes 16.82 seconds while Cinco Ranch's Alison Mueller-Hickler came in third as both advanced to the area meet and Hickler won the 3200 meters with a time of 11 minutes, 27.02 seconds while Katy's Christina Rodriguez came in third with a time of 11 minutes, 54.86 seconds.

Mayde Creek's Simone Ballard won both the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles while McCoy came in second in the 100 meters. Mayde Creek's Jayla Wilson took third in both events to advance to the regional meet.

Tompkins advanced in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.19 and Katy advanced in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes, 1.21 seconds.

In the field events, Seven Lakes' Janey Campbell won the shot put, while Katy's Toryn Turpin and McCoy both advanced. Campbell and Turpin came second and third in the discus as both also advanced in that event as well.

Seven Lakes' Jenna Sanders won the high jump and Cinco Ranch's Kassidy O'Brien took silver to also advance. Seven Lake's Lauren Schmitt and Aubrey Tupper took one and two in the pole vault, while Bella Borreson from Cinco Ranch took third. Tompkins' Tolu Odetola won the triple jump to advance to the regional meet.

On the boys side, Mayde Creek won gold and silver in the 100 meter dash, with Tay'Shawn Wilson running a 10.42 seconds and Eric Nelson running a 10.67 seconds. In the 400 meter dash, Cinco Ranch's Jack Kimble ran a 48.18 to take first and Mayde Creek's Elijah Ferguson took third.

Seven Lakes' Ruben Rojas Betanzos had triple gold in the 800 meters, 1600 meters and 3200 meters, while Cinco Ranch's Ryan Du Plessis came in second in the 800 meters, Tompkins' Aiden Ramshaw came in second in the 1600 meters while Seven Lakes' Reese Sullivan came in third and Sullivan came in second in the 3200 meters, while Seven Lakes' Matthew Montgomery finished third in the 3200 meters.

Tompkins' Jayden Keys advanced in both the 110 and 300-meter hurdles, finishing third in both with times of 14.08 seconds, while Seven Lakes' Devin Wright won the 300-meter hurdles by running 37.63 seconds.

Tompkins and Mayde Creek both advanced in the 400-meter relay, finishing second and third respectively, Tompkins ran 41.12 seconds while Mayde Creek ran a 41.67 seconds. In the 800-meter relay, Morton Ranch came in second and Tompkins came in third, with Morton Ranch finishing in 1 minute, 28.06 seconds and Tompkins finished with a time of 1 minute, 28.22 seconds. In the 1600-meter relay Seven Lakes came in second with a time of three minutes, 20.57 seconds to advance to the regional meet.

In field events, Seven Lakes' Matthew Rueff took home the gold in shot put while Chidubem Lebechi came in second and Emmanuel Ekuma finished with the bronze. Rueff also won the shot put, while Morton Ranch's Jakobe Hinton came in second and Taylor's Ian Flynt finished third.

Tompkins' Blake Harris won the high jump with a jump of six feet, six inches, while Tompkins' Caden Williams finished third with a jump of six feet, four inches. In the pole vault, Tompkins' Matthew Kumar took gold with a vault of 16 feet, three inches, while Seven Lakes' Robert Austin came in second, vaulting 14 feet, six inches.

Katy schools finished up by sweeping the long jump, with Keys taking first place and Tompkins' Blake Harris taking second while Cinco Ranch's Seth Salverino finished with the bronze.

In the boys 5A meet, Paetow's Toheeb Oladipupo took the gold in the 100-meter dash, running a 10.69 seconds and Jordan's Nathan Salz finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.99 seconds to advance to the area meet.

Paetow finished second and third, with Jayden Erikewe running 14.94 seconds and Daymion Sanford ran 15.06 seconds and in the 300 meter hurdles, Jordan's Brence Clase ran 39.49 seconds and Erikewe finished third, finishing with a time of 39.59 seconds.

In the relays, Paetow's 400-meter relay finished third to advance to the regional meet with a time of 41.74 seconds and Jordan advanced in the 800-meter relay, finishing second with a time of one minute, 28.87 seconds.

Paetow's Sultan Bakare won the shot put while Jordan's Sheldon Peters came in second and Paetow's Charles Chukwu won the discus and Paetow's Jonathan Williams finished second in the high jump with a jump of six feet, six inches.

On the girls side at the 5A meet, Jordan's Johanna Akoto-Ampaw took second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.16 seconds, and Jordan's Elnita Green won the silver in the 200-meter dash, finishing with a time in 25.04 seconds.

In the 400-meters, Jordan's Tiyan Ogbeide took the gold with a time of 56.33 and Paetow's Jordan Ward finished third with a time of 58.65. Jordan took first and second place in the 800-meter run with Ogbeide finishing first with a time of two minutes, 17.81 seconds and Addison Sutton taking second with a time of two minutes, 18.01 seconds and Sutton also advanced in the 1600-meter run with a time of five minutes, 12.3 seconds.

Paetow advanced in the 400-meter relay, finishing third with a time of 48.16 seconds and Jordan advanced in the 800-meter relay with a time of one minute, 42.23 seconds and finishing third. Both Jordan and Paetow advanced in the 1600-meter relay, finishing first and second with times of three minutes, 58.4 seconds and four minutes, 2.42 seconds respectively.

Paetow's Sadae Sneed took gold in the long jump and Paetow's Nony Otu Ugwu finished third in the triple jump to advance to the regional meet.



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Mayde Creek's Tay'Shawn Wilson won the 100-meters and came in fourth in the 200-meters to advance to regionals in both events.



Seven Lakes' Alyssa Tate won the 100-meter and 200-meter dash while Seven Lakes' Brooke Jackson came in second in the 100-meter and Katy's Kaycee McCoy finished third.



Seven Lakes' Ruben Rojas (above) won the 800, 1600 and 3200 at last weeks area meet. Mayde Creek's Simone Ballard (below) won the 100 and 300-meter hurdles at last weeks area meet.






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Tompkins #21 Caleb Blocker celebrates a TD with #63 Ashton Funk during the UIL area playoff game between Tompkins and Jersey Village at Pridgeon Stadium in Houston.



Katy's Seth Davis #23 rushes for a TD during a conference game between Katy and Morton Ranch at Legacy in Katy.

Katy ISD releases 2022 football schedules

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD has one of the toughest football districts in the state.

And it's about to get even tougher.

Katy ISD released the school district's full football schedule last week, signifying a new era, as it will jump from a seven-team district to a nine-team district.

Joining the district will be Paetow, the reigning Class 5A, Division I state champion, and Jordan, which will be competing in district play for the first time.

There will be a number of fun and intriguing matchups for fans, both in non-district play and in district play, as rivalries are renewed and new matchups are played.

Katy, the reigning Class 6A, Division II Region III champs, will start the season by traveling to Challenger Stadium in Webster to take on Clear Springs on Aug. 26. Clear Springs advanced to the area round last season and Katy won last year's matchup between the teams 40-7.

The Tigers will then host Atascocita in the second week of the season, in a matchup that will show how two of the top teams in Region III are faring early in the season and be a good gauge for what each team will see deep in the playoffs.

Other big non-district matchups include when Tompkins faces Bridgeland on Sept. 2, with two of the top teams from last year's Class 6A, Division I playoffs face off. Tompkins will also open the season by traveling to face Cy-Ranch.

The reigning state champs, Paetow, will open the season at Legacy Stadium on Aug. 25, when they face a Conroe team that comes off a bi-district appearance last season, before facing Cy-Ranch on the road. Jordan will start the year by traveling to take on Aldine Davis at Legacy and

traveling to face Kingwood.

Cinco will play two non-district games on the road to start, traveling to face College Park and Klein Oak. Mayde Creek will do the same, as they face off against Westside and Waller the first two weeks of the season.

Taylor will face Cy-Woods at home the first week of the season before traveling to take on George Ranch. Morton Ranch will take on Eisenhower at Legacy and Kingwood Park at Legacy in non-district play and Seven Lakes will start on the road against Memorial before facing Klein at Rhodes the second week of the season.

Moving to district matchups, an under the radar but big one will come in the first week of the district season on Sept. 9 when Mayde Creek and Jordan face off. It will be Jordan's first ever district game, and will also be the first District 19-6A win at their respective schools for either Mayde Creek head coach J Jensen or Jordan head coach Mike Rabe. It will also be the first time Mayde Creek has played against a Rabe coached team since Rabe became the Jordan head coach after being the head coach of Mayde Creek.

Paetow will open its district schedule against Morton Ranch. The two teams faced off last year, with the Panthers coming out 43-14 winners so it will be interesting to see how the two teams' district matchup goes.

The first week of the district season is littered with big matchups and it doesn't stop there. Katy and Tompkins will face off as the district's two most successful teams in recent years go head to head to kick off district play.

Tompkins will then play Cinco Ranch in the second week of district play, as the Falcons face what is expected to be two of its toughest district competitors back to back.

2022 KATY ISD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

- AUG. 25
- Seven Lakes vs. Memorial, 6:30 p.m., Tully Stadium
 - Tompkins vs. Cypress Ranch, 6:30 p.m., Cy-Fair FCU Stadium
 - Mayde Creek vs. Westside, 7 p.m., Delmar Stadium
 - Cinco Ranch vs. College Park, 7 p.m., Woodforest Bank Stadium
- AUG. 26
- Paetow vs. Conroe, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
 - Taylor vs. Cypress Woods, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
 - Katy vs. Clear Springs, 7 p.m., Challenger-Columbia Stadium
- AUG. 27
- Morton Ranch vs. Eisenhower, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
 - Jordan vs. Davis, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

WEEK 2

- SEPT. 1
- Taylor vs. George Ranch, 7 p.m., Traylor Stadium
- SEPT. 2
- Katy vs. Atascocita, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
 - Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
 - Mayde Creek vs. Waller, 7 p.m., Bulldog Stadium
- SEPT. 3
- Morton Ranch vs. Kingwood Park, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
 - Cinco Ranch vs. Klein Oak, 6 p.m., Klein Memorial Stadium
 - Paetow vs. Cypress Ranch, 6 p.m., Cy-Fair FCU Stadium
 - Jordan vs. Kingwood, 6 p.m., Turner Stadium
 - Seven Lakes vs. Klein, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

WEEK 3

- SEPT. 9
- Mayde Creek vs. Jordan, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Morton Ranch vs. Paetow, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

- SEPT. 10
- Tompkins vs. Katy, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Taylor vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 4

- SEPT. 15
- Paetow vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
- SEPT. 16
- Katy vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Cinco Ranch vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- SEPT. 17
- Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*

WEEK 5

- SEPT. 22
- Morton Ranch vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Mayde Creek vs. Katy, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- SEPT. 23
- Tompkins vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Jordan vs. Paetow, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 6

- SEPT. 29
- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Katy vs. Jordan, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- SEPT. 30
- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 7

- OCT. 6
- Paetow vs. Katy, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- OCT. 7
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*

- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 8

- OCT. 13
- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- OCT. 14
- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 9

- OCT. 20
- Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- OCT. 21
- Jordan vs. Taylor, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 10

- OCT. 27
- Taylor vs. Paetow, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- OCT. 28
- Morton Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Tompkins vs. Jordan, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

WEEK 11

- NOV. 3
- Cinco Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Jordan vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*
- NOV. 4
- Katy vs. Taylor, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium*
 - Paetow vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium*

* denotes District 19-6A game

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