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Katy ISD teacher helps decorate

The White House for **Christmas**

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER **NEWS EDITOR**

While Katy-area families were busy setting up their Christmas trees and arrangements, one Katy ISD teacher helped set those arrangements at the

Elizabeth Harden is a gifted and talented teacher at Rhoads, Leonard, and McRoberts Elementary schools. This is her fifth year in Katy, and 25th overall in the profession.

I have a friend that lives in DC, and she asked me about it over the summer," Harden said. "She said, I know there's an opportunity to help decorate the White House. In October, I filled out an application to help decorate. I learned in November that was accepted."

As a volunteer, Harden paid her own way to Washington. She underwent a full security check, and was tested for COVID-19 every day she worked at the White House.

Harden was part of a team that worked in the Blue Room, which is one of the public rooms the public gets to see on White House tours. There, she said, they helped decorate the big tree that represents all the states and US territories. The tree featured decorations of birds that represented each state and

Harden helped make nests that went on the tree. She also helped paint birdhouses. It was very much a nature-oriented theme, she said.

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"It was absolutely amazing. Words cannot express how honored I was to represent our school and represent our country for the holidays."

> -ELIZABETH HARDEN Katy ISD teacher

Top: Katy ISD teacher Elizabeth Harden poses in front of one of the White House Christmas trees. The Texas ornament can be seen behind Harden. **Above:** First Lady Jill Biden welcomes volunteers to the White House to thank them for their work in setting up the White House Christmas arrangements.

KATY ISD PHOTOS

City approves Katy Court expansion

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

The Katy City Council Monday approved plans for a Phase 2 development of Katy Court, a planned development district near the southwest corner of Clay Road and Katy Hockley Cutoff Road.

Phase 2 calls for developing, just to the west of the existing Phase 1 development, 412 lots for houses and a 55-acre detention pond to the south.

City planner Rachel Lazo said the Phase 1 development, approved in 2021 by the council, has 194 housing lots in development and also has some commercial development for the Clay Road-Katy Hockley Cutoff Road intersection.

Lazo said the Phase 2 development has no commercial development plans. She said access to the Phase 2 development will come through a street now being developed that will run south from Clay Road, as well a street being built from the Phase 1 develop-

While the city's planning and zoning commission approved the plans in September, the public hearing before the council on the proposal was continually extended to address traffic and potential flooding

The Clay Road-Katy Hockley Cutoff Road intersection, which presently has stop signs, remains a

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Names proposed for Katy ISD's two newest schools

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Two separate naming advisory committees Dec. 12 have given Katy ISD trustees their recommended names for the district's newest elementary schools.

The committees recommended David and Terri Youngblood for Elementary 45, and Russell and Cindie Faldyn for Elementary 46. The Youngbloods and Faldyns who are former educators and district leaders who continue to contribute to Katy ISD.

The Youngbloods have been dedicated to the field of education for decades and have demonstrated a passion for students, staff and the Katy ISD community through a collective 77 years of service.

The Faldyns have also been a fixture in the Katy ISD community for decades. They have contributed a combined 66 years of service to support public education.

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Katy ISD deputy police chief Kevin Tabor, administrative assistant Liz Loocke and chief Henry Gaw stand amidst the many gifts gathered for Katy ISD students in the department's Santa Cops program.

Santa Cops help deliver Christmas joy to area kids

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

When it comes to ensuring a Merry Christmas for children around the world, Santa Claus appreciates the help of his elves at the North Pole. In Katy, he appreciates the help of officers in the Katy ISD Police Department who participate in the Santa Cops program.

This year marks the program's 20th anniversary. Liz Loocke, Katy ISD police administrative assistant, said the program today serves over 1,250 children, When the program began in 2002, it served 30 children.

One can see the program's growth when taking a tour of the Katy ISD Law Enforcement Center, 20370 Franz Road. A room just off the lobby is one of a few filled with numbered bags of toys. Santa would surely recognize the place.

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Katy Fire Department Station #2, 25420 Bell Patna Dr.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Firehouse Magazine honors Katy Fire Station #2

Firehouse Magazine has honored Katy Fire Station #2, 25420 Bell Patna Dr., with a station design

The station is the city's newest. It opened in 2019 and sits near Katy Mills Mall. The station is a three-bay, 13,000-square-foot building that cost \$3.65 million to build.

"The exterior design of the station reflects the "small town" feel of Katy via features of Texas limestone, timber trusses and metal roofing," the article, which appeared in the November issue, said. "The wood-frame station is designed to remain operational during hurricane-force conditions, so concealed coiling storm doors can be lowered during extreme weather events, which allow the station to remain fully operational."

Two Katy-area Wreaths Across America ceremonies set for Saturday

For the first time in recent memory, the Katy area will host two Wreaths Across America ceremonies, which are set for Saturday.

6801 Franz Road. The second ceremony is set for 12 p.m. at the Katy Community Cemetery, at the intersection of FM 1463 and Stockdick Road.

The ceremonies remember and honor American veterans through the laying of wreaths on the graves of fallen service members, along with the act of saying aloud the name of each veteran.

American Legion Post 164 is organizing the first ceremony. The Star of Destiny-Daughters of the American Revolution is organizing the second ceremony.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's office accepting applications for Citizens Police Academy

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's office is now accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy for the spring of 2023. Online registration opened Dec. 9. The program will accept 35 qualified participants for the spring

The 11-week program is free of charge and will be held at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, in Richmond.

The program consists of twohour sessions held on consecutive



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Rob Cross, left, was the featured speaker at the Dec. 8 Katy Area Chamber of Fort Bend County Judge KP George visits with Fort Bend County Pct. 1 Commerce luncheon at Brookwood Community, 1752 FM 1489 in Brookshire. Commissioner Vincent Morales at the Dec. 7 opening of Morales's new

Cross is also an author and sold copies of his book, Flip Your Thinking. Here precinct office at 22333 Grand Circle Road Cross poses with Gerald Brown of Houston Community College. Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 The focus of the program is to p.m. The first session will begin provide an overview of the crimon Jan. 26, and end April 13. There inal justice system and various

> through classroom presentations and practical hands-on experience. Participants will have an opportunity to tour the Sheriff's Office, as well as learn about the inner

workings of each division.

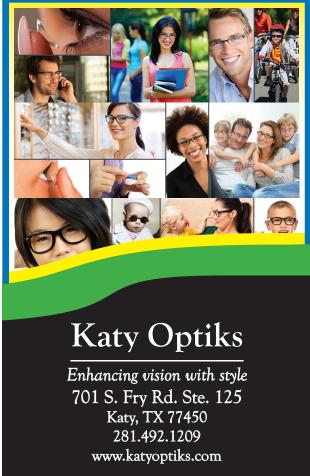
Qualified applicants must be 18 years of age and must not have a criminal arrest record. functions of the sheriff's office Persons interested in enrolling

in the Citizens Police Academy may register online at the website fbctx.gov/citizens-police-acade-

Deadline to register is Jan. 9.

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will be no class March 13-17 due to

The Citizens Police Academy

is designed for members of the

about law enforcement as well as

individuals who are considering a

community seeking to learn

spring break.

career in the field.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan

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- 5. Supervises interstate commerce
- 8. Touch lightly
- 11. Relating to bees 13. Mauna ___, Hawaiian
- volcano 14. Mosuo culture religion
- 15. Italian village 16. Stiff bristle
- 17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
- 18. Cause to lose courage
- 20. Examines animals 21. Ethnic group of Laos and
- Thailand 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Having easily perceived thoughts
- 30. Removed surgically
- 31. Principle underlying the
- universe 32. Popular airline
- 33. Antelopes
- 38. Peacock network
- 41. Utter repeatedly
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers 48. Father
- 49. Popular BBQ dish 50. Cavalry sword

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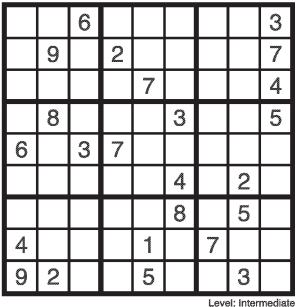
- 56. Atomic mass unit
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body 59. Indian mythological figure
- 60. Mild expression of surprise 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Brew
- 63. Doctor of Education 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. State attorneys
- 2. Imitated 3. Latvian capital
- 4. Irish goddess
- 5. Taste
- 6. Dried
- 7. Spanish saloon 8. Mother of Perseus
- 9. Evergreen coniferous trees
- 10. Refuse to comply
- 12. Negative
- 14. Hyphen
- 19. A way to record 23. Not good
- 24. One who tends the furnace 25. Small amount
- 26. Relative biological
- effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. The whole quantity 28. __ King Cole, musician
- 29. One's opinion 34. Holds ashes
- 35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
- 60
- 36. Side-blotched lizards genus 37. Legislator (abbr.)
- 39. Concentrated
- bombardment 40. Took for oneself

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

- 41. Nigerian City 42. Thousands of pounds
- 44. Inspired 45. Secret clique
- 46. Expression 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Comedian Carvey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resistance fighters 58. Criticize



Fun By The Numbers Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Both couples are still actively involved in the school district and across campuses.

The district was scheduled to host a public forum Dec. 14 in the board room at the Katy ISD Education Support Complex to enable input regarding the proposed names.

Trustees are expected to take final action on the name recommendations at their Jan. 23 meeting.

Elementary 45 will be located at 25600 Longenbaugh Road. Elementary 46 will be located at 25615 Clay Road. Both locations are in the northwest quadrant of Katy ISD.



Terri and David Youngblood are the proposed namesakes for Katy ISD 45.



Cindie and Russell Faldyn are the proposed namesakes for Katy ISD Elementary School 46.

EXPANSION

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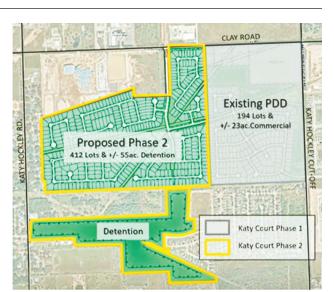
problematic intersection in an area undergoing rapid residential and commercial development. Brett Walker, president of the real estate firm Parkside Capital, said his firm is working with Harris County leaders to upgrade the intersection.

Only one citizen, Jeanette Simicek, spoke during the hearing to express concerns about potential flooding issues that the development could possibly exacerbate. She said all the drainage would go down Heritage Drive, which is part of the Heritage Park neighborhood where she lives. Heritage Park sits south of the Phase 1 portion of Katy Court, along the west side of Katy Hockley Cutoff Road.

"Who will maintain all of Katy Court 1 and 2 ponds?" Simicek asked. "Will the City of Katy oversee this project, so if there is a heavy rain or storm, will drainage be able to keep up with water in water?"

Lazo said ARKK Engineers, which has worked with the city on previous drainage projects, reviewed and approved the Katy Court drainage plan.

Both Council Memberat-Large Chris Harris and Ward A Council Member Janet Corte said they were



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This map shows the proposed Katy Court Phase 2 expansion approved by the Katy City Council Monday. It features both 412 lots for housing development and a detention pond just to the south.

aware of the flooding concerns. Harris said he felt the development would be a positive because the plans are more stringent than minimal requirements.

"I just want to re-empathize the requirements that we are requiring for this PDD are different from what we have had in the past," Harris said. "I know it's tough, but we're doing what we can to improve drainage."

can to improve drainag Corte said she and Harris have both been on the council for almost five years and flooding concerns in the Heritage Park West neighborhood have always been of "utmost consideration" to them. She said they have attended several meetings on drainage issues and understand how they affect the residents in that neighborhood.

"Basically, what we're trying to say is, we've got your back," Corte said.

SANTA

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Getting to that point of toys ready for delivery follows a carefully organized process. Counselors at the district's elementary schools identify the students whose families need help. They work with the teachers and families to learn the child's age, gender and clothing sizes.

Counselors then put that information on a spreadsheet. The deadline for that information was October.

Meanwhile, sponsors also enter their information on a spreadsheet. Loocke and her team take those spreadsheets and begin matching children to sponsors. She said the target amount of money per child is around \$100.

Loocke said the technology makes the process easier to manage.

"Back in the day, we did it by hand,"
Loocke said.

Loocke said she met with the district's tech experts to create a Google document for the counselors. They created a similar Google document for the sponsors. She said the two spreadsheets, when completed, are merged into a database. The process takes about a week, and then everything is communicated by email. Sponsors have some time to shop for the kids, with all gifts due in at the start of December.

Sponsors include a number of local organizations, including churches and student groups at various Katy ISD campuses. Loocke said one example of this is the athletics department at Adams Junior High, where the teams there sponsored

114 children.

The department notifies parents when the gifts are ready. Parents then come to the law enforcement center to pick up the gifts. But not all parents are in a position to come pick up the gifts, so those remaining gifts are sent to the appropriate schools.

"Parents will come up here by themselves because they don't want their child to know where they are getting the gifts," Kevin Tabor, Katy ISD deputy police chief, said.

Loocke said in cases where parents bring their children to the law enforcement center for gift pickup, officers can distract the children with trinkets so the gifts can be handed over in discrete fashion to the parents. A popular distraction, she said, has been journals with pens.

Loocke said she and the Santa Cops try their best to grow the program to better serve the children, but this year she received an overwhelming response from sponsors. In the past, she said, she would send between two and three emails to solicit sponsorships. This year, the first email she sent brought forth a very strong response.

Tabor said officers can see the impact the Santa Cops has had.

"For those of us who have been here the entire time, it really hit home the first year we delivered gifts," Tabor said. "We saw some of the conditions the families were living in. One family we went to that first year didn't have a Christmas tree. We took ours down, and gave it to them."

DECORATE

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Harden said the White House notified the decorator supervising the project in September that she had been selected for the job. Harden said the decorator wanted the décor to show that one could make similar arrangements at home.

"She created the birds herself and brought them with her," Harden said. "As we were finishing, we had to help fill in empty spots. The theme of the room was unity and hope."

Harden said the White House has total 77 total trees set up for the holidays, and she worked on several of them.

Harden was able to see all of the Christmas arrangements. She saw the White House library, Green Room, Vermeil Room, Red Room, and the diplomatic rooms. The volunteers had their breakfasts and lunches in the State Dining Doom. The rooms all feature portraits of former presidents and first ladies.

"The first lady portraits are just beautiful," Harden said. "Words cannot even express. That what was amazing to me about the whole experience. We got to see the other rooms. We got to go on the main floor and the first floor."

Harden said she and her fellow volunteers did not see the family quarters, located on the second floor. Nor did they see the West Wing, which features the president of the control of the see the West Wing, which features the president of the seed of the seed

dent's Oval Office. At one point, First Lady Jill Biden welcomed the volunteers to the White House. Harden said she did not meet Biden, but was about 10 feet away from her.

"It was amazing to feel her energy from that close," Harden said. "She was very grateful and thankful to all of us for what we did."

Harden said this was her first visit to the White House.

"The experience was amazing because my dad was an Army veteran," Harden said. "He was a Vietnam veteran, and I was able to honor his legacy. I lost my mom two years ago to COVID. To honor her and her memory, to be able to go into the White House and have fellowship with all the other people, was very meaningful for me."



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Truth is, we like to be lied to

y dog Thurber has been lying to me. It only figures, because it's impossible to avoid mistruths these days.

We just exited a miserable election cycle in which truth stretching, name calling and vote pandering were all in high gear-and inescapable.

Our politicians in both major parties really know how to lie.

They know most Americans disdain complexity and want to hear promises that resonate even false ones.

They know we voters want contradictory things like more free government goodies-but less government spending. And that we want fatter Social Security checks—but lower payroll taxes.

The politicians always promise they'll make these impossibilities happen if we vote for

We know they're lying to us-and we've learned to count on it. But politicians aren't the only ones fibbing out there.

Our cable news personalities pretend to be after the truth.

But in fact they spin whatever yarns are likely to generate the most ratings—and to heck with the anger and division their "reporting" causes.

From our country's beginning we've had our share of liars, snake-oil salesmen and flimflam artists.

These scoundrels weren't judged on the rightness or wrongness of their scams so much as the skill with which they pulled them off.

The sorry truth is that Americans want to be lied to.

We're suckers for a skillfully told yarn that puts us at ease and helps us sleep better at

But my dog, Thurber, is spinning yarns, too?

Part of the reason I love my puppy so much, I had thought, was because he was a refuge from the adult world of mis-

But then I stumbled upon an Animal Cognition study that found that dogs, too, are capable of lying to get what they want.

In the study, researchers trained 27 dogs to differentiate between a "cooperative" woman who allowed them to



have their favorite treat and a "competitive" woman, who did

Dogs were taught how to lead the two women to three boxes: one contained sausages, their favorite treat, the second contained dog biscuits, and the third was empty.

When dogs were asked to "show me the food" they would lead their partner to one of the three boxes.

The cooperative woman rewarded dogs with whatever was inside the box, but the competitive woman kept the treats if the dogs picked a box with treats inside.

So what did the clever canines do? They almost always led the cooperative partner to the treats and the competitive partner away from them.

In other words, dogs can be as cunning and deceitful as the rest of us, which is beginning to explain a lot about Thurber.

Let me give you an example.

When he looks me dead in the eye and gives a soft whimper, he's telling me he needs to go Number 1.

The same look accompanied by a soft moan means he needs to go Number 2.

But sometimes he pretends he has to "go" 1 or 2, just so I

will let him outside to play. What else is he lying to me

about, I wonder? Where he hid my glasses? The TV remote? My check-

Somebody cashed a check for \$1,000 recently and the sig nature looked an awful lot like

Thurber's paw print. My point? Mistruths are running rampant these days.

Even our dogs are lying to us. Purcell, creator of the infotainment site ThurbersTail. com, which features pet advice he's learning from his beloved Labrador, Thurber, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Email him at Tom@ TomPurcell.com.



Oy Tannenbaum

grew up believing that you judge a man by the size of his Christmas tree.

Each December my father and I would jump in our Willys Jeep and rush over to the local drive-in theater. Though closed to moviegoers for the season, the spacious parking area was rented out to the Lions Club for its annual Christmas tree sale.

Dad never failed to ask the sellers, "Don't you have anything bigger?" And he was always certain to assure me, "Don't worry, Pete, it will fit in the living room."

The Lions were happy to get rid of their largest tree-usually 12 to 14 feet tall-because few customers had interest in such a bulky specimen. Tied precariously to the Jeep, we drove it home, where I knew the height of our ceiling to be exactly 9 feet.

Cutting off the bottom would have been too easy. "That's where the best branches are," dad insisted as he whacked off the top, leaving what no longer looked like a tree but rather a rotund mass of shapeless pine. So unstable was



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I think dad enjoyed the chaos he created each year and the problemsolving process that brought the family together. It's nice when things go well, but my fondest holiday recollections are rooted in relatively harmless, even humorous, adversity.

this monster that we needed to secure it with baling wire, strung to the radiator, the couch and even mom's piano.

New ornaments were purchased every year, but since we could never part with the old, broken ones, the volume of metal and glass kept increasing. The fancy star on top was shrouded because our tree didn't come to a point, it only stopped when it reached the ceiling.

Some branches snapped under the weight of ornaments, creating a need for more baling wire to hold them in place. Our tree shed needles furiously because we had far too many heat-producing lights. Mom vacuumed under the tree daily, but as soon as she finished our cat Lolly would attack, causing another cascade of needles.

I think dad enjoyed the chaos he created each year and the problem-solving process that brought the family together. It's nice when things go well, but my fondest holiday recollections are rooted in relatively harmless, even humorous, adversity.

Turns out the size of your tree means less than the magnitude of your memories.

Peter Funt's new memoir, Self-Amused, is now available at CandidCamera.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fort Bend County Fair accepting scholarship applications

The Fort Bend County Fair is accepting applications for its scholarship program. Opportunities for earning a scholarship are open to a wide range of qualifying students, but one must apply. The fair will award recipients a \$5,000 scholarship. All recipients must be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2023 from a recognized Fort Bend County private, public, or home-schooled program. Scholarship recipient selections are based on fair involvement, school activities, community involvement and academic achievement.

Since 1979, the Fort Bend County Fair has been giving back to the county's youth through its scholarship program. Past recipients have represented kids who have participated in Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Shows, art programs, rodeo events, FCCLA, ag mechanics, or have been volunteers of the Fort Bend County Fair.

The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Jan. 26, 2023. In addition, three fair queen scholarships will be awarded.

"These scholarships are a great opportunity to help finance and continue your education," Cindy Schmidt, fair manager, said. "We encourage students to submit their applications, and as an organization, we could not be prouder to offer this opportunity to them."

For 2022, the fair generated over a million dollars that was awarded to the youth of Fort Bend County through scholarships and auctions.

For 2023, scholarship applicants must submit an essay, "How the Fort Bend County Fair Has Impacted my Life." The 500-to-800-word essay is just one of several application require-

For more information, visit the website fortbendcountyfair.com or call the fair office at 281-342-6171.

Fort Bend County Fair elects 2023 fair president

The Fort Bend County Fair has elected Jennifer Williams as the 2023 fair president.

As a teenager, Williams decided to dedicate her time to the Fort Bend County Fair.

"I wholeheartedly support our mission and believe in providing for the education of the youth of Fort Bend County," Williams said. "When I first volunteered at the



JENNIFER WILLIAMS

age of 16, I knew I wanted to dedicate my time and support to this organization. Over the years, the people I have volunteered with have become family to me."

In 2010, Williams was elected to the fair's board and has overseen many committees. As fair president, Williams is committed to being visible in the community and open to new ideas while continuing to provide great entertainment.

Jennifer is a lifelong resident of Fort Bend County and is a 22-year resident of Missouri City. She is the proud mother to two sons, Ryan, a recent Texas A&M graduate, and Sean, a senior at Clements High School.

"I'm ready to get everyone involved from all ends of the county," Williams said. "I think I bring a unique perspective to the board, as I grew up on the west side of the Brazos, and I have made my home on the east side. Fort Bend County truly is my home. I have lived here my whole life and have watched it grow to what it is today."

The 87th Annual Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo will run from Sept. 29-Oct. 8, 2023. For more information, visit the website fortbendcountyfair.

Katy student assists at National Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest

A Katy-area graduate now attending the University of Arkansas was part of a poultry judging team that recently competed in the 56th National Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest. The team placed second overall.

Kylie Roesler is one of four members of the Arkansas team, which is coached by Dennis Mason.

Competitors and coaches from nine colleges across the country gathered in Fayetteville for the competition hosted by the University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science. The event is organized and overseen by Gary Davis, undergraduate recruiter for the poultry science department. Team members competed over a course of two days.

The competition consisted of two divisions in which judgers were required to evaluate poultry and poultry products for quality. Division I was live bird assessment, and Division II was egg and meat product evaluation.

Roesler, a senior poultry science major, joined the team this semester and has enjoyed competing with her fellow students.

"I joined the team because poultry judging was my first experience in agriculture," Roesler said. "That eventually led to me choosing poultry science in college. It is something that I have always enjoyed and a skill that proves to me that I can be successful in the poultry industry."

Roesler placed first overall individually, third in Division I and fourth in Division II. Her advice for students who want to compete on the poultry judging team is to stay calm during competition.

"No matter the student's experience, the key factor to winning is staying calm during the contest and sticking to your gut," Roesler said.

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TRIBUTE

Lela Kathryn Busch was born on September 17, 1919, in Katy, Texas, to Fred D. and Ruth Monigold Peck. She graduated from Katy High School in 1937. On June 20, 1943, she married Roland Eugene Busch in the Apostolic Faith Church, in Katy. Lela Kathryn was a lifelong member of the Apostolic Faith Church and served as Secretary/Treasurer for over 50 years.

Lela Kathryn Busch, a lifelong Katy resident, passed away at her home



LELA KATHRYN BUSCH

on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at the age of 103 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 541/2 years, Roland Eugene Busch, on December 28, 1997; by her parents, Fred D. and Ruth Monigold Peck; two sisters, Mildred Ditto and Floy Stockdick; and by a brother, Leonard Peck.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Dale & Pauline Ditto of Choctaw, Oklahoma; Kaye Mott of Missouri City, Texas; Brenda & Paul Sturm of San Antonio, Texas; Terry & Marie Stockdick of Cypress, Texas; Rosanne Lopez of Katy; Judy & Floyd Pletcher of Canyon, Texas; Roland Paul "Buzz" & Leslie Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas; and Brad & Sandy Busch of Grove, Oklahoma. Lela Kathryn was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by great nieces and nephews along with a host of extended family and friends.

Friends and family will gather for visitation from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the Trinity Faith Church, in Katy, where funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday with Rev. Ron Martin and Rev. Ted Barker officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to Trinity Faith Church, 5900

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Above: Olivia Watson, Roosevelt Alexander Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2021-22, points to her commemorative brick at Katy Heritage Plaza. Left: Ida Franklin of Venus Construction, a longtime Katy ISD Partners in Education partner, speaks at the brick unveiling ceremony honoring the district's 2022 Teachers of the Year. Board President Greg Schulte, left, and Superintendent Ken Gregorski also spoke at the

KATY ISD PHOTOS

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD honors its 2022 Teachers of the Year

Katy ISD and local event sponsors hosted a brick unveiling ceremony Dec. 7 to honor the 2022 Teachers of the Year. At the ceremony, hundreds gathered to recognize the accomplishments of these educators. The names of 73 teachers are now etched into bricks that pave the site at Katy Heritage Park, 6001 George Bush Dr.

"These honorees are exemplary instructional leaders who reflect educational innovation, outstanding contributions to student learning and a commitment to their schools and community," Ken Gregorski, Katy ISD superintendent, said. "Our teachers give countless hours of their time and energy to ensure every single Katy ISD student has the opportunity to create the future."

The brick unveiling event honors not only Katy ISD Campus Teachers of the Year, but the Katy community as well. The bricks at Katy Heritage Park serve as a permanent tribute to the decades of unparalleled learning experiences provided across more than 73 Katy ISD campuses.

Venus Construction, Modern Pest Control and the Katy Heritage Society sponsored the occasion and provided the space for the bricklaying. The Seven Lakes High School Sensations Choir also performed at the ceremony.

Royal ISD advisory committee submits bond package for trustee review

Royal ISD trustees are considering a proposed \$144 million bond package for placement on the May 2023 ballot.

The package includes projects for campus safety and security, new construction, renovation and remodeling, athletics and improvements to existing facilities. A facilities advisory committee selected these projects over a series of meetings held since August.

The committee held its last meeting Dec. 8 at the Pattison House, 3602 North St. in Pattison. There, committee members reviewed their work, discussed how the projects can best be communicated with the public and selected representatives to present the package to trustees.

The proposal was submitted to trustees at a Dec. 12 board meeting. Trustees are expected to decide in January whether to

place the package, or an amended version of the package, on the May 2023 ballot for voter consideration.

Two British International School of Houston students receive awards

The British International School of Houston (BIS Houston) announced that two of its students have received the highest marks in the United States for their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) test scores and are recipients of the Outstanding Pearson Learner Award.

Every year Pearson recognizes and celebrates Pearson learners from around the world who have demonstrated academic excellence at the highest level in their exam performance. Pearson Learner Awards are presented to those learners in each exam who have achieved the highest subject mark in the country, region, or world.

Abdul Rehman Maulana, a 10th grader at BIS Houston, received the highest marks in chemistry and physics, while Zoe Atherton, also a 10th grader at BIS Houston, received the highest marks in chemistry.

Students in the 10th grade are eligible to take the IGCSE exam, accredited by the Cambridge Assessment International Education and Edexcel organization in the United Kingdom. In addition, students receive an IGCSE certificate for each course they complete. After finishing their 11th-grade year, these students can obtain an International Baccalaureate diploma or enroll in an alternative career-related program. BIS Houston offers a high school pathways program that puts their students on the path to higher education and opens

doors to their future.

"We are immensely proud of Abdul and Zoe for demonstrating such high academic excellence," Helen Morgan, head of secondary education, said. "We commend them for their hard work and dedication to their studies. The sky is the limit for both students as they prepare for the next chapter of their academic careers. As part of the academic pathways programs we have in place at our school, we strive to offer opportunities to our students that open doors to anywhere, and well-rounded students walk through those doors and thrive through university and beyond."

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Zoe Atherton, fourth from left, and Abdul Rehman Maulana, both 10th graders at the British International School of Houston, display their awards for academic achievement.









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THE KATY TIMES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

Tigers lose hard-fought contest with Vandegrift



Katy has come up in the clutch all season. The Tigers have made a living on finding

ways to win late. From a last minute go-ahead drive against Atascocita early in the season, to holding off Tompkins defensively in district and using a late offensive onslaught to beat C.E. King, the Tigers found a way to beat their

Saturday's state semifinal seemed to be heading in the same fashion. A back and forth affair that turned into a Katy second half lead.

But the Tigers' mistakes came back to bite them, from struggles against the pass game to penalties, and it was too much to overcome. Katy fell 38-35 to the Vandegrift on a game winning field goal as time expired, as the Tigers season came to an end in the state semifinals for the second straight season.

"I'm proud of these guys — this senior class went 42-3 over the past three years and that's really good," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "But I'm just disappointed in the way we played at times tonight. Not disappointed in the kids or their effort, but just disappointed we couldn't get it done. No one wants to lose and go back and think about what they could have done. It's tough for the kids, but I'm proud of what they've done and the effort they gave."

See KATY, page B3

Vandegrift Vipers senior defensive back Davis Scott (13) works to bring down Katy running back Seth Davis (23) during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Stout defense leads Tompkins over Seven Lakes in big district win

BY TYLER TYRE SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins had a plan going into

The Falcons (12-4, 2-1) knew their opponent was one of the toughest they could face, but the also knew they could be successful against Seven Lakes (6-7, 1-2), and they knew that they would need to to keep pace atop the District 19-6A

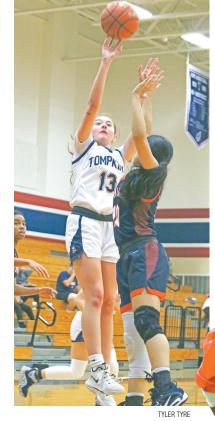
And the Falcons did just that, putting together a full game and playing lights out defensively en route to a 59-46 win over the Spar-

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

See **BASKETBALL**, page B5



Macy Spencer shoots a fadeaway during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Tompkins and Seven Lakes at the Tompkins gym.

FOOTBALL

· Vandegrift 38, Katy 35

Scores

Davis had a huge game and during it, passed Rodney Anderson to become the career rushing leader in Katy and Katy ISD history, surpassing Anderson's lofty career

mark of 6,533 rushing yards. "It's a great accomplishment. I would have rather had the win but it's still a good feeling," Davis said. "I couldn't have done it without my lineman or my coaches or teammates though — the credit all goes to

Davis becomes Katy all-time

leading rusher in semifinals

Davis still made history.

BY TYLER TYRE SPORTS EDITOR

> Davis ended the night with 257 yards rushing and two touchdowns, also scoring two touchdowns with runs of 49 and 64 yards as he put a mark on his final appearance in a Katy Tiger jersey.

Saturday didn't go like any Katy player wanted, but Seth

The senior running back did everything he could to keep

the Tigers in the game against Vandegrift in the state semifi-

nals, and in the process passed one of the biggest milestones

"This program has been so good to me," Davis said. "The players, the coaches — they all became my family - these are my brothers. It's been a blessing to play with them and be a part of this program."

See **DAVIS**, page B6

Katy running back Seth Davis (23) scores on a 49-yard touchdown run during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN

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- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday

- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 1 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Taylor, 1 p.m. Katy vs. Tompkins, 1 p.m.
- · Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.

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- Cinco Ranch vs. Katy, 1 p.m. · Taylor vs. Jordan, 1 p.m.
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Seven Lakes tops Mayde Creek to keep rolling in district play

BY TYLER TYRE SPORTS EDITOR

Shannon Heston knew he had a young team this year.

But Heston also knew that he had a team that had gobs of potential, and that had the leaders to help those young players make the step to becoming better players.

So Heston and the Seven Lakes coaching staff decided that they needed to test the team and get them prepared if the players were to be ready for the grind of district play, and put the team through a very tough non-district schedule.

The young Spartans (14-4, 3-0) made mistakes, learned from them and figured out how to play against some of the most talented teams they could come across, and so far it's paid dividends in District 19-6A play, including on Monday night, where the Spartans beat Mayde Creek (8-4, 1-2) 65-44 to stay unbeaten in district play.

"It's a learning process and they're learning through experience," said Seven Lakes head coach Shannon Heston.
"They're learning what we expect from a varsity player both on and off the court and you can see that growth happening. There are things they could get away with at lower levels that they can't get away with now and you can see the lightbulbs go off and see them learning in real time. It's been good to see as we've gotten into district play."

The Rams were without their best player and point guard Angel Sonnier in the game and the Spartans attacked on defense from the start because of it. Seven Lakes immediately went into a halfcourt trap, causing havoc and getting out in transition for easy points in the first quarter, building a 16-2 lead.

"We just wanted to make them uncomfortable," said junior point guard A.J. Bates, "Jamal (Chretien II) is a great player and we knew that coming in — he's developed a lot. But we had a gameplan where we wanted to put pressure on him and make him uncomfortable and thankfully it worked. We got turnovers and got out on the run getting open layups and getting points in transition."

Mayde Creek battled to try and get back into things in the second quarter but the Spartans were able to hold steady with a 14 point lead heading into halftime.

And the Spartans just continued to build that lead in the second half on the way to the big win behind 20 points from Bates, 14 points from Nasir Price and 10 points from Josh Akpovwa, as the Spartans built their lead back up in the third quarter and held on to it in the fourth.

"We played really well today but there's still always things we can improve," Akpovwa said. "Defensively we got a lot of steals but we can always get better with our assignments and keeping guys in front of us and then we can always just work on being faster and playing at a constant fast

The Spartans will be up against another tough test when they take on Jordan on Friday, as it will be a battle of the last two unbeaten teams in District 19-6A play.

"It's going to be down to coming up with a good gameplan and executing it" Heston said. "We've done a good job of that the first few district games and we have to keep doing it, to have that trust in us and belive in the mission that we're on. If we do that, I like our chances. But basketball is a funny sport because sometimes you do everything right but the shots don't fall and sometimes you do things right and the other team still makes a bunch of shots, and Jordan can shoot the ball and put the ball in the hole."

District 19-6A

SEVEN LAKES 65, MAYDE CREEK 44

Points: (SL) A.J. Bates 20, Nasir Price 14, Josh Akpovwa 10, EJ Sparks 6, Adam Porras 6, Tillman Jaramillo 5, Brett Norton 3, Jaxon Brock 1; (MC) Jamal Chretien II 28, Caleb Davis, 6, Bryan Hightower 5, Noah Vongsengdeuane 4, Demarcus Slaughter 2;

Halftime: 31-14 Seven Lakes; 3-pointers: (SL) Price 2, Porras 2, Sparks 2; Jaramillo, Bates; (MC) Chretien 2;



PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Josh Akpovwa dunks the ball during Monday's game during Monday's game between Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek at the Seven



Nasir Price goes up for a dunk during Monday's game between Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek at the Seven Lakes avm.



A.J. Bates fights through contact as he goes for a layup during Monday's game between Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek at the Seven Lakes gym.



Tillman Jaramillo shoots a 3-pointer during Monday's game between Seven Lakes and Mayde Creek at the Seven Lakes gym.





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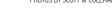


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The Katy Tigers take the field for the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.







Katy tight end Luke Carter (84) carries the ball after a catch for a first down during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.

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Left, top: Katy quarterback Caleb Koger (10) during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio. Left, bottom: Katy head coach Gary Joseph during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.

First quarter

V: Miles Coleman 14 pass to Charlie Oliver (Hayden Arnold kick) 8:12

Second quarter

K: Chase Johnsey 11 run (Hayden Ondrush kick) V: Brayden Buchanan 75 pass to Coleman (Arnold

kick) 7:52 K: Caleb Koger 74 pass to Micah Koenig (Ondrush

kick) 4:21 V: Buchanan 7 pass to Jace Skoglund (Arnold

Third quarter

K: Seth Davis 49 run (Ondrush kick) 9:11

Fourth quarter

K: Koger 92 pass to Koenig (Ondrush kick) 7:30 V: Buchanan 1 run (Arnold kick) 6:28 V: Coleman 17 pass to Alex Witt (Arnold kick) 3:08 K: Davis 64 run (Ondrush kick) 1:59 V: Arnold 37 field goal, 0:00

Team stats VANDEGRIFT KATY

First downs	17	15
Yards rushing	20-11	37-281
Yards passing	468	185
Passes	23-34-4-0	5-10-185-2-0
Punts	3-48	3-39
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	11-87	6-57

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Seth Davis, 30-257-2; Chase Johnsey, 4-20-1; Dallas Glass, 2-4; Caleb Koger, 1-0; Vandegrift: Alex Witt, 12-19; Brayden

Buchanan, 8-(-8)-1 Passing – Katy: Caleb Koger, 5-10—185-2-0; Vandegrift: Brayden Buchanan, 21-31-437-2-0; Miles Coleman, 2-2-31-2-0; Alex Witt, 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving - Katy: Micah Koenig, 3-173-2; Luke Carter, 1-2; Chase Johnsey, 1-2; Vandegrift: Miles Coleman, 6-169-1; Beck Ormond, 3-97; Ray Jean Middleton, 2-70; Grant Lindsey, 2-54; Jace Skoglund, 4-35-1; Alex Witt, 5-29-1; Charlie Oliver, 1-14-1;

KATY

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Vandegrift jumped out to an early lead in the game as the Vipers drove down the field on their first drive and scored on a double pass that ended with Miles Coleman throwing a 14-yard pass to Charlie Oliver. Katy had a good drive to answer back, but it stalled at the edge of the redzone and the Tigers missed a field goal.

Both teams traded stops until the second quarter, when the game changed from a defensive battle to an offensive slugfest. Katy tied things early in the quarter on an 11-yard run from Chase Johnsey before Vandegrift retook the lead on a 75-yard pass from Brayden Buchanan to Coleman on a huge third down pass play.

Katy once again answered back as Caleb Koger had his own huge play with a 74yard pass to Micah Koenig, but Vandegrift retook the lead with only nine seconds remaining in the half on a 7-yard pass from Buchanan to Jace Skoglund.

'Vandegrift is a really good football team," Joseph said. "It was really comparable to who we played the past two weeks. They had a good quarterback, but we shut down the run game and held them to 14 yards. But we're going to have to reevaluate our pass defense with the way teams were throwing on us the past two weeks. We had opportunities tonight, we just didn't take full advantage."

Katy seemed to get back on track to start the second half, as the Tigers scored on their opening possession of the half when Seth Davis scored on a 49-yard touchdown run. Katy took the lead early in the fourth quarter when Caleb Koger threw a screen pass to Koenig, who took it 92 yards for a score, making things 28-21

Tigers. rusher in Katy Tiger history on the run, passing Rodney Anderson's mark of 6,533 rushing yards. Davis ended the night with 257 yards rushing to bring his career total to 6,691 yards.

"It's a great accomplishment — I would have rather had the win but it's still a good feeling," Davis said. "I couldn't have done it without my lineman or my coaches or teammates though — the credit all goes to

Vandegrift immediately came back with a response, tying things on a 1-yard touchdown run before taking the lead when Katy fell for another double pass play where Coleman found Alex Witt from 17-yards out.

Davis and Katy wouldn't go down without a fight, and the junior tied things with just under two minutes remaining when he took a handoff 64-yards for a touchdown. But the Vipers were able to drive down the field and wind the clock down before kicking the game winning field goal.

"Theyr'e a tough team," Davis said.

to stop the run and they played really well. They played a good game and it just sucks a couple things didn't go our way."

The Tigers will have big holes to fill next year, with the graduation of Davis, a three-year starter at quarterback in Caleb Koger and key members of the offensive and defensive line.

But those seniors have left their legacy the past three years, and their success will help the future generations of Tigers to come.

"They've done a lot for us and they've continued to build the program," Joseph said. "It stings for them right now — they want to be in the state final just like everyone else. But they've given a lot to us these past three years — they've been successful and that's going to make our juniors and sophomores even better."





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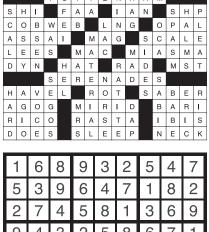
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for more information about the application may be made to: Injection-Storage Permits Unit, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711, (Telephone 512/463-6792). Persons who can show they may be adversely affected by the amended existing gas storage reservoir may request a public hearing on the application. Such request must be received in writing within fifteen days of the last date of publication of this notice. Requests for hearing should be sent to the Environmental Services Section at the address

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A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2022, at 2:15 P.M. at the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC.

Bidders must have at least five years of confirmed experience on comparable size projects of a similar scope in the Houston Area.

The successful bidder receiving contract award must furnish Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

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Tchouangwa, Titley named **MaxPreps All-Americans**

BY TYLER TYRE **SPORTS EDITOR**

Tompkins had two players named MaxPreps High School Volleyball All-Americans this season, as Cindy Tchouangwa and Tendai Titley were both named to the 60-player team of high schoolers around the

Tompkins was ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation throughout the year and were led by both Tchouangwa and Titley led the team to a 42-5 record

and state final appearance. Tchoungwa was named a first team hitter on the team, and had 590 kills and 504 digs on the year. She was named the District 19-6A player of the year and has signed to play volleyball at Rice University

Titley was named to the second team as a hitter after being named the the state tournament team a few weeks earlier. An all-around presence for Tompkins, she had 468 kills, 487 digs, 62 aces and 37 blocks on the season or the Falcons as

they claimed a District 19-6A championship as well as winning the Region III title and a state semifinal game for the first time.

And Tchoungwa and Titley weren't alone in their accomplishments, as junior setter Erica Dellesky was named to the MaxPreps Underclass All-America Team, after a very strong junior

Dellesky finished the year with 645 assists and 305 digs as she and Presley Powell were both forces at the setter position for Tompkins.



Skylar Skrabanek prepares for an incoming serve during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game between Tompkins and Fort

Tompkins' Skrabanek named to TGCA All-Star game

BY TYLER TYRE SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins outside hitter Skylar Skrabanek was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star game this past week, as the junior will play some of the top athletes in the state next summer.

The teams consisted of 24 of the best players from Class 5A and 6A, and Skrabanek was chosen for the Blue team.

Skrabanek ended this season with 325

kills, 457 digs, 22 blocks and eight assists as Tompkins won the District 19-6A title and made a playoff run all the way to the Class 6A state championship game, making their first regional tournament, regional final, state tournament and state final in the process.

The game will be played July 24, 2023 at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland. Following is the full list of players selected for the TGCA 2023 Class 5A-6A All-Star Volleyball Game.

BASKETBALL

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tans in a game that while early in the district schedule, was still mightily important.

"They played really well tonight and it's really hard to find anything to complain about," said Tompkins head coach Tamatha Ray. "It was a really good performance, but I just told them after that we'll look at the film and there are some things we can do even better. This district is tough because the coaches in this district are so good. You have to bring you're A-game every Tuesday and Friday night. I'm just proud of the kids for playing their butts off."

Macy Spencer was once again at the center of the action for Tompkins. The senior point guard was active all night, splitting double teams scoring and creating for others as she finished with 25 points and nailed three three-pointers to lead the Falcons.

'A lot of teams have started to double me this year and I've had to learn to still be aggressive and play through it," Spencer said. "I know that someone's going to be open off of that so I just try to create and find that person every time it comes, and if it doesn't then I attack. It's just all about finding that right read and getting easy buckets."

Things were tight throughout, as the Falcons led by three after the first quarter, but Seven Lakes came back to tie things at halftime as both teams battled back and forth. But the Falcons stepped things up in the second half, allowing just 20 points in the final two frames while forcing turnovers and making things happen on the offensive end as well.

"It was a big win for us," said Fiyinfoluwa Adeleye. "It was a statement game. We knew coming into tonight that we needed this win, not just for this game but we needed it to keep pace in district. We came out and played our best, played in the gameplan and thankfully came out with a win."

Adeleye played a huge part in the win, especially defensively as the anchor at the back of the defense, while Tanya Philip was equally huge at the top of the defense, as the Falcons' length and athleticism frustrated what Seven Lakes wanted to do offensively.

Tanya really is just disruptive with her length and it allows us to move her around where we need her on defense because she's so versatile," Ray said. "We thought tonight with the size we have at the front of our press it would bother them and she did a really good job with it. She's a great defender and whatever we need she does it because she's so coachable. Having her at the front and



Left: Cindy Tchouangwa spikes a ball during Friday's Class 6A

State Semifinal between Tompkins and Keller on Friday at the

Curtis Culwell Center in Garland. Above: Tendai Titley spikes a ball

during Friday's Class 6A State Semifinal between Tompkins and

Keller on Friday at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

TYLER TYRE

Fiyinfoluwa Adeleye shoots a fadeaway during Tuesday's District 19-6A game between Tompkins and Seven Lakes at the Tompkins gym.

Fiyin at the back was so big for us tonight." The Falcons will look to continue the

momentum they've gained, as the Falcons bounced back from dropping their first district game of the season to Katy by winning three straight and beating two strong district foes in Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch.

"The response was very much needed from us," Spencer said "No one was happy with how we played against Katy and we knew we had to be better after that. It was a wake up call for us and we just have to continue to do what we do best and continue to improve from here on out in district."

District 19-6A

TOMPKINS 59, SEVEN LAKES 46

Points: (T) Macy Spencer 25, Rihanna De'Leon 10, Tanya Philip 9, Gabby Panter 6, Fiyinfoluwa Adeleye 4, Bella Riggan 3, Caitlyn D'Addieco 2; (SL) Madison Carlton 18, Justice Carlton 16, Caitlyn Quintero 9, Caitly Quintero 9, Shreya Jategaonkar 3:

Halftime: 28-28; 3-pointers: (T) Spencer 3, Rihanna De'Leon 2, Bella Riggan; (SL) Quintero 3, Jategaonkar; Records: (T) 12-4, 2-1; (SL) 6-7, 1-2;

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Peyton Fadal	Junior	Barbers Hill High School	5a-6a Blue	5a	Casey Veen	
Lola Davila	Junior	Brandeis High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Maddie Williams	
Alice Volpe	Junior	Bridgeland High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Verena Khalil	
Morgen Durgens	Junior	Clear Springs High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Shannon Mcclellen	
Ashley Richardson	Junior	Clear Springs High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Shannon Mcclellen	
Jaela Auguste	Junior	Grand Oaks High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Morgan Rogers	
Kennedy Jones	Junior	Langham Creek High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Gena Glenn	
Neveah Smith	Junior	Oconnor High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Yamilet Garcia	
Jade Workman	Junior	Permian High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Gillian Herrera	
Aspen Maxwell	Junior	Summer Creek High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Sarah Aguilar	
Skylar Skrabanek	Junior	Tompkins High School	5a-6a Blue	6a	Mary Allison Merrell	

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Vivian Parker	Junior	Aledo High School	5a-6a Red	5a	Claire Gay
Megan Hawkins	Junior	Canyon High School	5a-6a Red	5a	Heather D Sanders
Ava Ash	Junior	Colleyville Heritage High School	5a-6a Red	5a	Joshua Mckinney
Mckenna Brand	Junior	Lovejoy High School	5a-6a Red	5a	Natalie Puckett
Jadyn Livings	Junior	Prestonwood Christian Academy	5a-6a Red	5a	Ryan Mitchell
Savannah Skopal	Junior	Rouse High School	5a-6a Red	5a	Jacob Thompson
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Vandegrift did an admirable job against the Tigers' run game, but Davis still found a way to lead the Tigers' offense and keep them in it all the way until the end, as he tied things up with under two minutes remaining after touching the ball on every play of the final Katy drive.

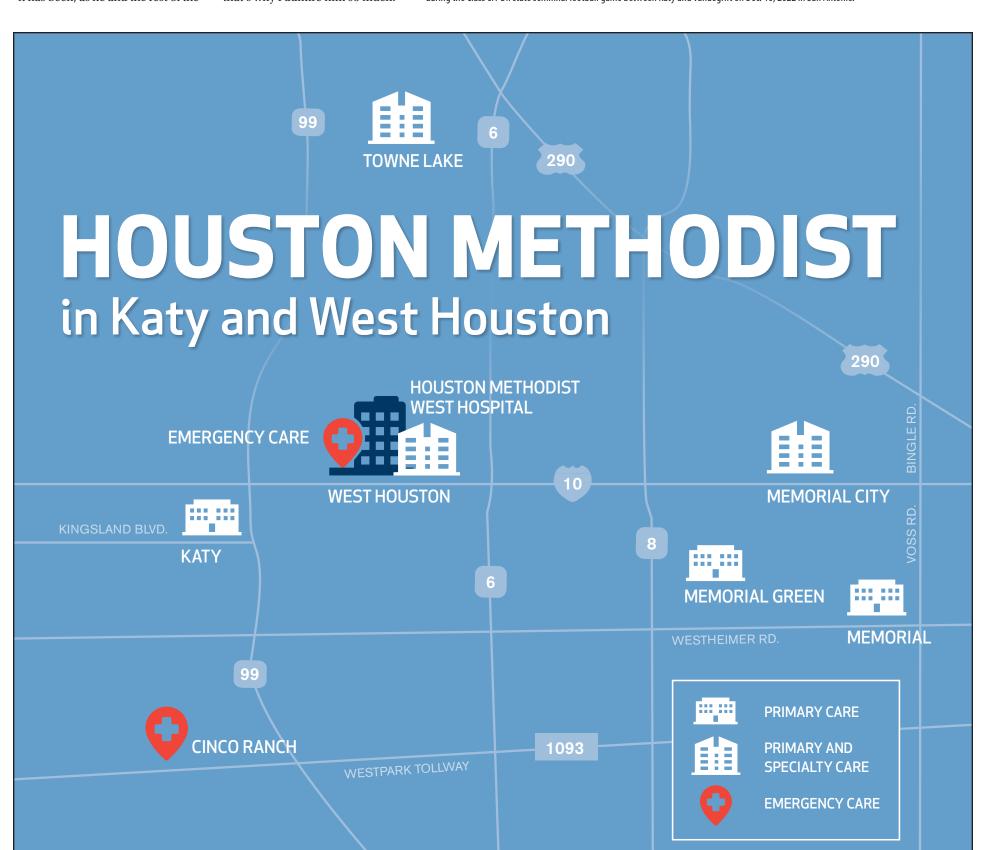
"He gave so much effort tonight," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "I can't say anything but great things about Seth Davis and the effort he put in and the efforts he's given us his whole career. The effort the offensive line put in today too was really good. I'm happy that Seth was able to get that record."

Davis ends his Katy career with 6,691 rushing yards to go with 76 rushing touchdowns and everyone who shared the locker room Davis knows how special of a three years it has been, as he and the rest of the seniors have won a state championship, gone to two state semifinals and exit the program with a 42-3 varsity record from they were sophomores to now.

"He's one of the toughest kids I've ever coached," Joseph said. "He's 170 pounds, but he has so much fight. Anyone who has that much fight in them is a great football player. All of those guys who he's passed — they were great players in their own right. The thing about all of them and Seth included is that they could have had more yards rushing if they wanted to, but they were all unselfish. And that's what Seth is — it was never about him and that's what sets him apart from everyone else. He's never been worried about stats or touchdowns - what he cares about is wins and that's why I admire him so much."



Katy running back Seth Davis (23) breaks a tackle by Vandegrift Vipers junior defensive back Alex Foster (8) to score on a 49-yard touchdown run during the Class 6A-DII state semifinal football game between Katy and Vandegrift on Dec. 10, 2022 in San Antonio.



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