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Katy ISD Board approves call for bond election

FROM STAFF REPORTS

During the Katy ISD July Regular Board meeting on Monday, July 31st, Trustees voted to approve an Order calling for a November schools bond election. The referendum will be reflective of the 2023 bond package recommended by the district's Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC). When Katy ISD voters head to the polls this November, they will see four bond propositions. (See chart at right.)

viewed the projects and costs included in the Community Bond Advisory Committee's recommended bond package. The package includes new facilities to accommodate enrollment growth, and addresses safety, technology, and facility improvements across existing schools," said Victor Perez, Katy ISD Board President. "A November 2023 bond election, if successful, will fund projects that directly impact our students, staff, and learning opportunities across our 75 campuses," added Perez.

signed with a zero-tax rate increase and addresses the district's immediate capital needs through campus and facility projects that include four new schools, upgrades, renovations, and/or additions at existing campuses, safety and security improvements, and a one-to-one (1:1) student to device ratio for grades 3 through 12, among other projects. The additional information about the bond, visit the Katy ISD 2023 Bond webpage.

Katy ISD Bond Propositions

PROPOSITION	ITEMS INCLUDED	COST
Proposition A	4 New Schools, Purchase of School Sites, 26 Renovations & Expansions for Aging Campuses, 84 Safety & Security upgrades, Buses, 62 Building Component Replacements	\$722,992,054
Proposition B	Districtwide Classroom & Campus Technology	\$83,567,360
Proposition C	Districtwide Natatorium (Competition Swimming Pools) Component Replacements	\$4,195,456
Proposition D	Districtwide Campus Athletic Facilities & Rhodes Stadium Repairs	\$29,875,472
TOTAL BOND COST: \$840.6M		

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Panelists for "Success Stories of Quality Developments in Rural Communities" were (left to right) Dan Davis, mayor of the City of Manvel; Russell Bynum, general manager of Hillwood Communities; Byron Hebert, city administrator for the City of Katy; and Brett Walker, president of Parkside Capital. Moderating the session was Alia Vinson, partner at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson.

HGAC to host workshop on economic strategy for 5-county area

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

The Houston-Galveston Area Council, in collaboration with the Gulf Coast Economic Development District is developing a new comprehensive economic development strategy in order to shape the economic growth and development of the region over the next five years. A workshop covering the strategy development for Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton counties will be held on Wednesday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Members Choice Credit Union 18211 Katy Freeway, Houston.

The strategy will ensure that the region's economic goals are aligned and will establish a detailed action plan, allowing the region to compete for federal funding, according to information provided by HGAC. Federal funding, according to HGAC, can benefit the region through:

- Enabling local businesses to secure the necessary funding for their growth and sustainability.
- Providing funds to communities for disaster relief and mitigation.
- Supporting the expansion of education and job training programs at local colleges, universities and vocations school in

Hebert speaks on developer partnerships with cities at West Houston Association

Hebert joins other panelists to discuss successful partnerships between developers and cities

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

City of Katy City Administrator Byron Hebert described "decades of efforts" be-

tween the city and commercial developers at a forum sponsored by the West Houston Association on Friday, July 28. Joining Hebert on the stage were Brett Walker, president of Parkside Capital and developer of Cane Island Parkway; Russell Bynum, general manager for Hillwood Communities in Manvel; and Dan Davis, Manvel mayor.

Hebert cited his 23 years of experience in working with developers and described the key role they play in growth of a city. "They know the pulse of what is happening

now," he said. "Growth is coming - if you don't embrace it, it will run you over."

He described the successful partnership with Walker and Parkside Capital in the development of Cane Island Parkway and subsequently the Cane Island subdivision. Walker explained how the partnership started in 2013 and how his company worked not only with the city of Katy but also with TxDOT the Federal Highway

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Mark your calendar: Texas sales tax holiday is Aug. 11-13

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"As Texans prepare for the back-to-school bell, this is the perfect time to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from blue jeans to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three, I know how these expenses can add up."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$136 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or,
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HOUSTON METHODIST WEST HOSPITAL

Houston Methodist West dishes up kindness at The Ballard House

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Houston Methodist West Hospital dished out kindness as it celebrated its continued partnership with The Ballard House, a prominent community organization that provides temporary housing for individuals traveling to the Katy-West Houston area for medical treatment.

A special event on July 20, 2023, commemorated the hospital's \$20,000 donation to the organization. The donation, to be spread out over five years, sponsors The Ballard's House kitchen, which plays a vital role in creating a sense of comfort and community for its guests. To celebrate, Houston Methodist West provided dinner and hospital staff served

guests of The Ballard House. The event was attended by Wayne Voss, chief executive officer of Houston Methodist West Hospital, David Brown, executive director of The Ballard House and Houston Methodist West leaders and staff. Last year, The Ballard House, provided temporary housing for 100 Houston Methodist patients.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harris County Precinct 4 announces August events at Steve Radack Community Center

August events planned by Precinct 4 for the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston, include:

- Free backpack giveaway, Friday, August 4th, noon to 3 p.m. Brains of Brilliance invites families to this free community event. Children must be present to receive a backpack. First-come, first served, while supplies last.
- HCSO Citizens Police Academy, Thursday, August 10-September 7 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required. Come learn about the many aspects of law enforcement and get a better understanding of how police services are conducted within communities.
- Christus Children's Immunizations Tuesday, August 15 at 9 a.m. Children, from 2 months to 18 years old with no health insurance or who are under-insured on Medicaid, Indian/Native American or Alaskan Native are eligible. Parent or guardians must bring the child's original shot records.
- Free Children's Immunizations, Tuesday, August 22 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Harris Health is providing immunizations for children, from 2 months to 18 years old with no health insurance or who are under-insured on Medicaid, Indian/Native American or Alaskan Native are eligible. Parent or guardians must bring the child's original shot records.
- COVID-19, Flu and Monkeypox vaccinations, Tuesday, August 22 at 10 a.m. Harris County Public Health is offering free vaccinations and boosters for COVID-19, flu and monkeypox. No ID, insurance, or citizenship status is required. To make an appointment, call 832-927-8787. Walk-ins welcome.

Commerce will hold a networking mixer at Breathe Fit on Thursday, August 10th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This event is free to chamber members and \$20.00 for non-members. The chamber's monthly networking breakfast, featuring award-winning singer/songwriter Bill Nash, will be held Friday, August 18th at 7 a.m. at Church on the Rock, 433 Barker Cypress Road, Houston. The breakfast event is \$20.00 for chamber members and \$35.00 for non-members. For more information, call (281) 560-3898 or email info@katychristianchamber.com

Katy Parks Department presents Katy Summer Nights on Aug. 11

The City of Katy Parks Department will hold "Katy Summer Nights" at Woodsland Park, 443 Danover Road, Katy, on August 11th from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring a petting zoo, Euro jumper, snow cones and more. The event is free to the public.

Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce offers annual B.O.B. bowling tournament

Unlike traditional networking events, the B.O.B. bowling tournament is conducted in a relaxed setting, to encourage conversation and connections. The annual gathering will be held at Main Event, 24401 Katy Freeway, Katy, on August 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Sponsorships are available and individuals may bowl for \$75.00. For more information, go to fulshearkaty.com/events.

Katy Christian Ministries to hold 19th annual gala on Sept. 14

Katy Christian Ministries will host its 19th annual gala on September 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 Rd., Richmond. The event features dinner and dancing with music from the Earl Sanders Jr. Band, as well as live and silent auctions. The "Wranglers and Rhinestones" gala has a fund-raising goal of \$135,000.00, which will further the organization's efforts to provide services in the Katy area, including the food pantry, crisis intervention services and voucher program providing basic necessities for those in need.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to kctm.org/gala.

Carnival Games, vendors, cheerleaders highlight Cane Island Back to School Bash

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Cane Island will host the return of its popular Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 12, open to the public from 10 a.m. - noon featuring carnival games, children's activities, vendor market, and performances by the cheer squads of Katy Junior High and Katy High School.

These and other activities will be held in the community's Cane Quarter, 2100 Cane

Island Parkway, just past the community's main entrance and signature Living Arches. The event is open to the public. Admission is free with onsite parking available.

This year's Back to School Bash will feature face painters, inflatables, DJ from 104.1, and cheer performances starting at 11 a.m.

As for the grown-ups, they can browse for unique finds from among 20 market vendors and participate in a silent auction benefiting

Katy-area schools. School supplies also will be available for purchase.

Families can keep cool with famous New Orleans-style snoballs by Texas Sno or they can dine in The Oaks Kitchen & Bar, Cane Island's onsite restaurant.

The community also is home to the onsite Robertson Elementary, part of Katy Independent School District.

For more information, call The Cane Island Welcome Center at (281) 725-6555.

Serene Beans launches first annual bluegrass jam on Aug. 5

A traditional acoustic music jam, featuring old time bluegrass and Celtic music, will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Serene Beans, 5609 Second Street in Katy on August 5th. Free admission.

Katy Christian Chamber of Commerce invites public to August events

The Katy Christian Chamber of

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- 007's creator
- Adult male
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Cloths spread on a coffin
- Breeze through
- Ladyfish genus
- It's good to take them
- Noble-governed territory
- Members of U.S. Navy
- Card game resembling rummy
- Affected by injury
- Member of a Semitic people
- Left
- Woman's cloak
- S. American plant
- Prohibit
- Offense
- Dish soap brand
- Ottoman military commanders
- Ancient Greek City
- Makes unhappy
- Discuss again
- Medical instrument
- Promote
- A beloved carb
- Tag the base runner to get him out
- Prehistoric people
- Large African antelope
- Vehicle
- Georgia rockers
- Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- A major division of geological time
- Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- Plant of the nettle family
- Fit to be sold
- Rather
- Collected
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patella
- Ageless
- Lists of course requirements
- Pokes at
- TV network
- They ___
- Cooking hardware
- U.S. Army title
- Iron-containing compound
- Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- Former French coin
- Electronic countermeasures
- Taxi
- Helps little firms
- Woeful
- Midway between northeast and east
- Glowing
- Tasks which should be done
- An informal body of friends
- Intrinsic nature
- Neural structures
- Brews
- Where ships unload cargo
- Singer
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Southwest Scotland town
- Most worthless parts
- Viscous
- Put to work
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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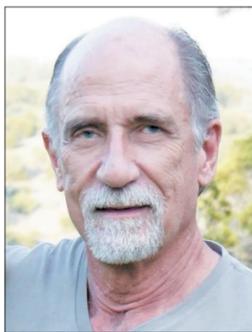
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

TRIBUTES

Gary Kay Rude graduated to Heaven on June 30, 2023, after living a long and creative life filled with music, art, Jesus, and family. He was born in Plainview Texas on March 2, 1950 and it was there he met and fell in love with his wife of over 50 years, Cathy Sue Allen Rude. They were married in Plainview on September 27th, 1971, and went on to tour several universities in Texas and finally graduated from Texas ATM university with a BA in horticulture in 1977. He was a self-employed carpenter in the West Houston, Katy area for many years and helped countless families make their home renovation dreams come true. He was a skilled wood worker and had a keen eye for structural integrity and design. Gary was also a very gifted musician. From playing guitar and writing silly songs for his kids on the front porch to serving in the local church worship ministry for decades, his music inspired people to find the beauty in life and connect with the peace of Jesus. He was an avid photographer and talented digital artist who explored various mediums as he sought to creatively express himself over the years. Gary "Pop" also had a killer sense of humor and when he spoke up, you knew it was going to be something funny or important- so you'd better listen!

In the early 2000's Gary was involved in a unique men's ministry called "Wild at Heart" and poured into the lives of his peers and young men in his community. He also enjoyed life-long friendships from the "Loch Maree days", Bear Creek Community Church, New Covenant and Faith West Church. In most recent years, he was deeply involved in the prayer ministry at his local church, Grace Fellowship, as a



GARY KAY RUDE
1950-2023

Stephen's minister and Prophetic Prayer minister. Gary wanted others to experience the comfort and peace that he had found in his pursuit of Jesus, the Beautiful Man, and made himself available to others to share his authentic experiences and struggles through life with compassion, grace, and gentleness. He was also passionate about the wonder and awe-inspiring word of God as he shared in Prophetic ministry, always being vulnerable and brave to share what he was seeing/hearing. He was so gifted in this. No matter how unusual or "out there," people would comment that Gary could somehow communicate exactly what they needed to hear deep in their hearts.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 52 years, Cathy Allen Rude; daughters Amanda Lauren Hail, Rebekah Carole Vinyard, and Meredith Eve Rude; sons Jordan Taylor Rude, Caleb Daniel Rude, and Jacob Benjamin Rude. Also, sons-in-law Kevin Hail, John Vinyard, and daughters-in-law Ellen Watkins Rude and Samantha Jackson Rude and grandchildren Eliana Claire Hail, Colin Micah Hail, Oliver "Olive" Vinyard, Silas Jackson Rude, Felix Everest Vinyard, Kai Rocket Rude, and Jayden James Rude.

**VADA SUE (CROW)
JORDAN THOMPSON**
1944-2023

Vada Sue (Crow) Jordan Thompson, 78, of Bellville, Texas, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2023, in Katy, Texas.

She was born September 11, 1944, in Hempstead, Texas, the daughter of Russell Nathan and Vada Searcy Phillips Crow. Vada grew up in the Pine Island area, graduating from Waller High School in 1962.

Vada was united in marriage to Gary Jordan in 1963 and was blessed with three children. They settled in Katy until 2000. She was a payroll Tax Manager for a nursing facility for many years. She moved to Orange in 2002. Vada married Herbert Thompson, on May 16, 2003, in Houston, Texas. They continued to call Orange home until her retirement in 2012, when they moved to Bellville.

In her spare time, she enjoyed cake decorating, casino trips with her sister, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Vada volunteered at the First Baptist Church in Orange.

She is survived by her loving husband: Herbert Thompson of Bellville; sister: Georgiana Gilbert of Houston, children: Wayne Jordan and his wife, Sybil, of Bellville, Susan Jordan of Katy, and Ken Jordan and his wife, Stacey, of Katy; grandchildren: Chance and Cheyenne Jordan, John and Ella Curbo; eleven great grandchildren; nieces and nephews: Don and Toni Thompson of Orange, and Tammy and Steve Burdett of Amarillo; and numerous other family members and dear friends.

Vada was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Vada Crow.

Arrangements under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home, 12029 Hwy. 36 South, Bellville, Texas 77418 - (979)865-2424 - www.schmidtfunerals.com

BOND

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Voting Information:

- Early Voting: Monday, October 23, 2023 – Friday, November 3, 2023
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The Katy ISD Board voted 6-1 to call for the election, changing from a 7-0 vote after Trustee Morgan Calhoun interrupted discussion of the district's book review process to use a "point of personal privilege" to change her vote on the bond. The order calling a school building bond election was on the board agenda as part of a 14-item "consent agenda." A consent agenda generally contains items that are non-controversial in nature and do not require discussion, as well as recurring items, and the items are grouped to-

gether to be voted on as a whole without discussion, according to lexology.com. However, Calhoun, in addition to changing her vote, spoke for several minutes, voicing her opposition to the bond and citing the school district's current debt levels and the problem of carrying further debt for the next 30 years.

The board's proposed book review process - board policies EFA and EFB - also passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

The next KISD board meetings are:

- Work study meeting - August 21
- Regular board meeting - August 28

Live and archived videos of the school board meetings may be viewed online at <https://www.katyisd.org/Page/4418>.

HEBERT

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Administration in the 3.5-year process to build the thoroughfare. The interest for Buccree's, he said, added another year to the approval process and resulted in moving the exit in order to accommodate the increased traffic flow.

The presenters also discussed the concerns of developers and of cities in determining appropriate lot sizes for new residential developments. Moderator Alia Vinson of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson said that cities want larger lots with high value homes but that residential developers need smaller lots in order for residential projects to be economically feasible and that consumers need smaller lots which can make homes more affordable. Mayor Davis said that smaller lot sizes increase population

density which in turn puts extra demand on city services such as police, water and roadways. Bynum described how Hillwood Communities had created two MUD districts and helped to create the necessary infrastructure that the city of Manvel didn't have to do.

Vinson also asked the panelists what is driving people to the "rural frontier" in areas such as Katy and Manvel. Hebert said that when he moved to Katy, it was truly rural - he could see pasture land, and that Katy wants to keep that small town charm. But he said that the number one reason people move to the city of Katy is public safety. "As the population moves west, people have come in and captured our city," Hebert said. "They just keep coming."

WORKSHOP

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order to prepare the future workforce.

According to the HGAC website, the workshop is designed for:

- Small-business owners looking to expand.
- School and training program ad-

ministrators connecting students with good, high-paying jobs.

- Economic development professionals in local government

The event is free to attend. To register, go to h-gac.com/go/ceds/flyer.

Mayola Varnam was born on November 21, 1932, in Berwick, Louisiana, to Pierre and Felicia (Blanchard) Lodrigue. She married the love of her life, William Jerry Varnam, on December 26, 1952, in the same town she was born and raised. They had two children from this union; Timothy and Belinda.

She loved her family and loved to dote on her grandchildren. Mayola enjoyed sewing and crafts. Gardening was her favorite pastime. She has lived in the Katy area for the last 20+ years.

Mayola Varnam passed away Monday, July 24, 2023 in Katy, Texas, at the age of 90 years.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 70 years, William J. Varnam; son, Timothy Varnam of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana;



MAYOLA VARNAM
1932 - 2023

grandchildren, Jennifer DiMarco, Dustin Nolting, Heather Varnam and Daniel Nolting; four great grandchildren; sister, Ethel Hedrick of Berwick, Louisiana; numerous other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Belinda Ann Nolting Curry.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, at Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, in Katy, where a rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. on Monday with Deacon Tom D'Andrea reciting. Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Miguel Solorzano, Celebrant. A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2023, at Houston National Cemetery, in Houston.

Funeral services held under the direction of

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MEMORIAL HERMANN

Memorial Hermann hospital adds 40-bed unit to Katy facility

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital recently opened a new 40-bed Intermediate Care Unit as part of the campus' \$167 million expansion.

The addition of this unit brings the hospital's total bed count to 294 beds. Other major projects underway at the hospital, located at 23900 Katy Fwy, Katy, include construction of a third medical plaza, a parking garage

and the expansion of the Emergency Center and OR.

For more information about Memorial Hermann Katy, visit www.memorialhermann.org/locations/katy.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office celebrates promotions

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office recognized the men and women within the department for their commitment to public safety.

The promotions and awards ceremony was held at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, on Thursday, July 6.

Lieutenant William Sparks began with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office in September of 2008 as a deputy assigned to the Patrol Division. From 2009 to 2019, he was an Honor Guard team leader, training officer and assistant commander, and from 2009 to 2022, he was a member of SWAT. On January 13, 2018, Sparks was promoted to Sergeant in Patrol, and on May 22, 2023, he was promoted to Lieutenant of the Detention Division. Lt. William Sparks was pinned by his father, Jimmy Sparks.

After serving four years in the US Army, Lieutenant Taylor Rollins was hired

by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office in February of 2007 as a paid Cadet. Upon graduating from the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, he received the Top Gun Award and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2008, Rollins joined the SWAT team and has continued to serve as a member of SWAT. In 2013, he was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Detention Division. In 2018 Rollins was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division and in 2021, he was assigned back to the Patrol Division. Lt. Rollins was promoted to Lieutenant and is currently working in the Detention Division. Lt. Rollins was pinned by his wife Tabitha Rollins.

Sergeant David Hernandez has been with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for seven years. He began his career with FBC-SO as a correctional officer. While working full-time as a Detention Officer, Hernandez attended the police academy. Upon graduation,

he was assigned to the Patrol Division. Sgt. Hernandez is currently a member of the Honor Guard. Hernandez was pinned by his wife Sandra Hernandez.

Sergeant Zachary Phillips has worked in law enforcement for nearly a decade. He was sponsored to attend the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy in 2017, Class 34. Prior to attending the academy, Phillips began working in the Fort Bend County Detention Division in 2014. Sgt. Phillips attended Sam Houston State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Sgt. Phillips entered law enforcement to help the people of Fort Bend County and continues to look for opportunities to do that every day. Sgt. Phillips was to be pinned by his wife, Carolina Phillips; however due to their son being sick, he was pinned by Sergeant Casey Schmidt.

During the ceremony, various divisions recognized personnel who went

above and beyond within the department. They are: coordinator Michael Kahlenberg, investigator Melissa Tobias, investigator Eli Cisneros, investigators Thomas Cantu and Karlnetta Coleman, sergeant Bernard Baiye, and deputies Zachary Pruitt and Garrot Tackaberry. "Seeing family and friends come together to recognize and celebrate their loved one is a pleasure," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is fortunate to have such dedicated and hardworking individuals serving our community."

Animal Welfare Awareness billboard campaign kicks off in Harris County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Houston PetSet, the local nonprofit organization dedicated to ending Houston's homeless animal crisis, is partnering with the City of Houston and Clear Channel Outdoor to raise awareness of the animal welfare crisis, and the powerful solutions that benefit local communities. Messages that raise awareness about spay and neuter, adoption and animal cruelty will be displayed on area Clear Channel Outdoor billboards including traditional boards and digital units to highlight the partnership between the City of Houston and Houston PetSet.

Two of the billboards are stationed along I-10 in the Katy area:

- I-10 West on the south side, 0.2mi east of FM 359
- I-10 Katy Frwy on the north side, 0.25mi east of FM 1458

Houston is facing a homeless animal crisis - shelters and rescues are at capacity, with fewer residents than ever choosing to adopt. At BARC, the City of Houston's municipal shelter, fewer than 25% of the pets who have come in over the last several months left via adoption.

"While Houston has done much to address the animal welfare crisis, we can do more. Houston spends less per capita on animal control than any other major city - which results in underfunded city services, making the problem worse with each passing year," said Council Member Karla Cisneros. "The City of Houston and Houston PetSet agree that providing accessible spay

and neuter services to city residents is the best way to provide tangible results that can address the crisis."

"This is a crisis we face together. It impacts the quality of life, public health, and public safety of animals and people. Animals on the street suffer greatly; they face hunger, fear, and agitation, and eventually become a risk to people. The number of animals on our streets and in shelters is at an all-time high, which is why the work we do, and the attention to animal welfare are so critical," said Tena Lundquist Faust, Co-President, of Houston PetSet.

"This billboard campaign will be a huge step forward to solving the crisis we all share," said Tama Lundquist, Co-President, of Houston PetSet. "We look forward to working with all of our partners in the animal welfare community, members of Houston City Council and citizens across the City of Houston to help solve this problem we all know is solvable to create a better life for the animals and for the citizens of our great city to help our communities thrive."

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TRIBUTES

Marilyn "Jurajda" Hart of Katy, Texas passed away on July 23, 2023 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elgin Neil Hart; parents, Rose Kubena Jurajda and Adolph Jurajda.

Marilyn is survived by daughter, Lisa Hart Yarbrough and husband, Dr. Michael Yarbrough of Katy, Texas; sons, Jeffrey Hart and wife, Arla of Winchester, Texas, Gregory Hart of Maryville, Tennessee, Bradley Hart and wife Laurie of Georgetown, Texas; grandchildren, Kayla, Kensley and Cayden Hart, Gregory "Neil" Hart, Nichole Barton and Darrell Sledge; great grandchildren, Grey and Matthew Hart, Sophia, Emerson, Brooks and Eleanor Barton, Caleb Stimac, Brenden Downs,



MARILYN 'JURAJDA' HART
1939-2023

and Bryson, Cameron and Dylan Sledge; sisters, Carol J. Kitchen of Austin, Texas and Beatrice A. Heitmann and Edsel Morrow of Katy, Texas.

Marilyn was born on May 3, 1939 in East Bernard, Texas. Marilyn grew up in La Grange, Texas and

graduated from LaGrange High School in 1957. On June 7, 1958, Marilyn married Neil Hart and they moved to Houston, Texas. In 1976, they moved to Katy, Texas where she started working for Katy ISD as secretary for an elementary school principal. She then moved to Katy ISD Administration as an administrative assistant until her retirement.

Marilyn loved rock hunting, collecting Fenton glassware and spending time with family and friends. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren dearly. Marilyn was a great wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will truly be missed.

The family of Marilyn Hart would like to thank the

staff at Carriage Inn Assisted Living for all the years of love and care given to our mom.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 30 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel, 1344 W. Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas. Funeral Service were conducted Monday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service followed at 2:00 p.m. at the Winchester Cemetery in Winchester, Texas.

Pallbearers were Jeffrey Hart, Gregory Hart, Bradley Hart, Dr. Michael Yarbrough, Gregory "Neil" Hart and Jonathan Hart.

Honorary Pallbearers were Darrell Sledge, Dwight Mann, Ray Byrd, Ronnie Sherrill, Edsel Morrow and Henry Pearson.

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SUSAN ROVEGNO

Stan Kitzman, State Representative for House District 85, meets with a constituent in his new offices at the Austin County Courthouse, 1 Main Street, Second Floor, in Bellville during an open house on Wednesday, July 26th. Kitzman's district covers a portion of Waller County including Katy, Brookshire and Pattison and also includes Sealy in Austin County.



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2007. Throughout his life Christopher received loving care from his devoted teachers, instructional aides, therapists, doctors and caregivers. Christopher was a beautiful light who brought joy to his family and all who knew him. His life touched so many in a profound way.

Christopher is survived by Keiko, his mother, his sister Carolyn, her husband Andy and their son Benjamin Andrew Bauerschlag; his uncles William,

R. (Sonia) Davidson, Ken (Victoria) Yamasaki; aunts Alice L. Davidson, Martha J. Warburton, Mariko Yamasaki (Gary Getchell), Mimi Yamasaki, Lili Yamasaki and Amy Yamasaki (Holly R. Fischer) and numerous cousins. Christopher is preceded in death by his brother Benjamin Joseph, his father James, his uncle John C. Davidson, his grandparents The Reverend Canon F. Robert and Constance G. Davidson and Dr. Ken and Marie Yamasaki.

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Katy ISD is Powering Up for Back to School

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Katy ISD is excited to welcome back over 94,000 students on Wednesday, August 16 for the 2023-2024 school year. Prior to the first day of school, Katy ISD encourages parents and students to Power Up for Back to School through the District's online registration system, PowerSchool Enrollment. Enrollment and updates will begin on the following days:

- Friday, July 28 - New Student Online Registration Reopens
 - Tuesday, August 1 - Annual Student Update Opens
- A new student is defined as a K-12 learner



who has never attended a school within Katy ISD, or a previous Katy ISD student who withdrew and is re-enrolling. A current student is any student actively enrolled during the 2022-2023 school year.

For New Students

Before beginning the online registration process for new students, it is recommended

that parents have the following documents ready to upload:

- Proof of Residence: A utility bill (light, water or gas), purchasing paperwork or lease agreement. If a lease agreement or purchasing paperwork is provided at the time of registration, a utility bill must be provided within 30 days of occupancy.
- Official Birth Certificate or Passport of Student

- Government-issued Identification Card of Person Registering Student
- Proof of Immunization
- Report Card or Transcript at Recently Attended School

Registration is very simple and can be completed by clicking the Online Registration icon found on Katy ISD's home page.

For Current Students

Between August 1 and 4, parents/guardians of current Katy ISD students will be notified by email when each child's Annual Student Update form is available. Parents with multiple students will receive an email for each child.

Katy teacher earns 2023 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Humanities Texas is pleased to announce that three Houston area teachers have been named recipients of a Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award.

These recipients are Taylor Kratz (Mayde Creek High School, Katy), Alicia Adkins (Kempner High School, Sugar Land), and Jennifer Siger (Kleb Intermediate School, Klein).

Over 600 teachers from across the state were nominated for the 2023 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Awards. Fifteen teachers were selected as recipients. During the 2023-2024 school year, each winning teacher will receive \$5,000 and an additional \$1,000 for their school to purchase humanities-based instructional materials.

"Our 2023 Outstanding Teaching Award winners represent some of the state's strongest teachers of

the humanities," said Eric Lupfer, Humanities Texas executive director. "Humanities Texas is honored to recognize the vital work they do in the classroom every day."

Humanities Texas presents annual statewide awards to encourage excellence in teaching and recognize Texas classroom teachers who have made exemplary contributions in teaching, curriculum development and extra-curricular programming.



Reduced Katy ISD meal plan applications available

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The 2023-24 application for Katy ISD's free and reduced meal plan is available as of Tuesday, August 1. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals could also receive other benefits, from free band instruments to discounted SAT/ACT fees. For more information, go to <https://www.schoolcafe.com/katyisd>.

Katy ISD introduces SMART Tag technology for school bus riders

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

This school year, a new SMART Tag bus rider ID system will be rolled out across Katy ISD school buses to help monitor the ridership of eligible bus riders. The system will enable parents, bus drivers, and school administrators, to review in real time, when and where a student is picked up or dropped off by a school bus. Student identification (ID) cards for eligible riders will include the SMART Tag ID information. Buses will be equipped with a tablet that

will read each student's ID every time they enter and exit their bus.

Parents and guardians will also have access to the SMART Tag Parent Web Portal — a cloud-based platform that will enable them to monitor their student's ridership and bus route. Parents and guardians of eligible bus riders will receive additional information about the Smart Tag ID system via the email address they have on file with the district. The Smart Tag ID system replaces Katy ISD's Edulog Lite App.



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Royal ISD to host staff convocation Aug. 11

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The team at Royal ISD has scheduled the 2023 Staff Convocation, an annual event to welcome the district's employees back from summer break. The 2023 Convocation will be held on August 11 from 7:45am-11am.

Employees will meet at the Royal High School (RHS) Cafeteria for breakfast and mingling, and the opportunity to meet with local businesses and register for door prizes. A motivational all-staff meeting will follow in the RHS Performing Arts Center.

Backpacks, school supplies available at free event

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Free backpacks with school supplies will be distributed on Friday, August 4th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston, 77084.

The event is being put on by the office of Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones.

Paetow ambassadors give presentation

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Paetow High School AP Ambassadors recently presented to educators from across the nation at the College Board AP Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington.

The PHS AP Ambassadors Program provides support for current AP students and encourages interested students to consider taking AP classes. AP world history teacher, Eric Scholle, and student AP Ambassadors, Isella Castillo and

Jasmine Trinh, presented to attendees how a student-led mentorship program can help boost enrollment in AP classes at their respective schools and help develop leadership skills in their students.

According to the KISD Facebook page, the students received multiple rounds of applause throughout their presentation and were even invited to be guests on the College Board Podcast. To listen to the podcast, visit: <https://apple.co/3rESDES>.

Katy graduate among 200 HPU students recognized for academic excellence

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy area resident Katelynn Turner was named to the President's List at Howard Payne University.

HPU honored 200 students for academic success during the spring 2023 semester. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named

to the President's List, a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List and a 3.5-3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in 12 or more semester credit hours and have no grade of Fail (F), No Grade (NG) or Incomplete Grade (I) for all courses attempted.

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Four Katy ISD athletes named to All-State team

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Four athletes from Katy ISD were named to the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association Class 6A baseball team after a tremendous year for the district where three Katy ISD teams reached the regional quarterfinals.

Logan Sosolik, Lucas Franco, Gavin Rutherford and Nayden Ramirez each earned the honors of all state to lead the district, with Cinco Ranch leading the way with three all-state recipients.

Cinco Ranch's Sosolik was the lone first team recipient from the district, as he was named the top relief pitcher in the state by being named to the first team. Sosolik had seven saves on the year and didn't allow an earned run in any of his 15 appearances, also notching four wins and striking out 26 while only walking seven batters the entire season.

Cinco Ranch's Franco was named to the third team after a terrific sophomore year where he cemented himself as one of the top third basemen in the state. Franco hit .345 on the year, scoring 42 runs, driving in 31 batters, while hitting five home runs, 13 doubles and three triples as he was one of the top offensive players for the Cougars all year. Franco also had a .953 fielding percentage, earning 61 assists and 20 putouts to only four errors on the season.

Cinco added another player in the honorable mention category, with Gavin Rutherford getting the nod as a first baseman. The senior was huge for the Cougars at the plate all year, hitting .325 with 35 RBIs and hitting six home runs, eight doubles and two triples. He also added 31 runs and defensively was very solid at first base, garnering a .972 fielding percentage and recording 185 put outs. The three players helped Cinco Ranch to their best ever season, earning a share of the district championship and reaching the regional semifinals for the first time in school history.



Above: Gavin Rutherford pitches during a regional semifinal game between Cinco Ranch and Pearland at The University of Houston. Right: Logan Sosolik celebrates after hitting a triple during a Regional Quarterfinal game between Cinco Ranch and Ridge Point.

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Ashton Funk blocks a Morton Ranch defender during a game between Tompkins and Morton Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

3 Katy ISD players named to Dave Campbell preseason all-state team

Joseph named preseason coach of the year

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD had three players named to the Class 6A Dave Campbell Texas Football Pre-season All-State Team.

Taylor's Ian Flynt, Tompkins' Ashton Funk and Katy's

Adam Carter were all named to the team, as the three continued to earn honors heading into the season.

Flynt, a senior tight end for Taylor, comes off a season where he caught 1- passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns in a run heavy Taylor offense. Flynt adds more than just his presence in the pass game, as he is a very strong run and pass blocker. Flynt, a Nebraska commit, will be part of a Taylor

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4 Katy ISD athletes named Soccer All-Americans

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes boys soccer team continues to pile in awards after their historic season.

The Spartans were honored with three recipients on the United Soccer Coaches All-American team, a list that only 50 student-athletes from around the United States are named to each year.

Senior striker Hunter Merritt along with junior center midfield-

er Aidan Morrison and junior goalkeeper Ben Aviles Vera were named All-American's after a huge year where the Spartans won their first ever state championship.

The Spartans went on an undefeated streak from the second game of the season all the way through the state championship. The Spartans overcame a late deficit to Cinco Ranch in the regional quarterfinals before easily claiming the Region III title, they then beat Garland Sachse in the state semifinals before beating

Dripping Springs 2-1 in the state final.

Merritt earned the MVP of the state championship game for his efforts and also was named to the

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Kortay Koc dribbles past an opponent during a Region III Class 6A Final between Seven Lakes and Dobie at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

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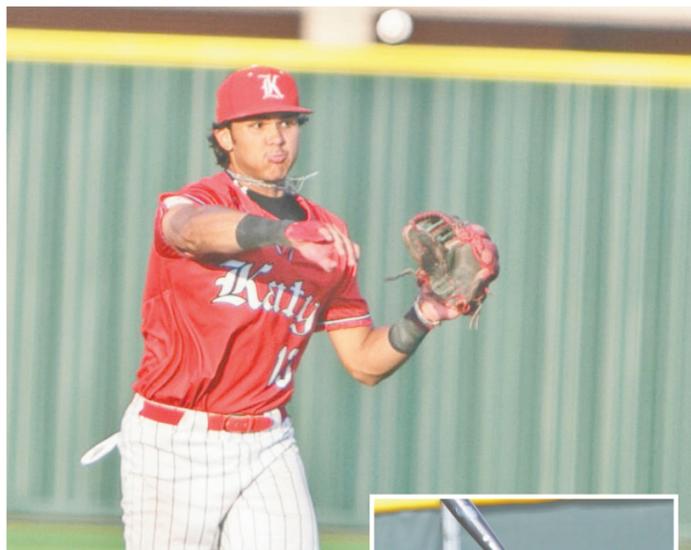
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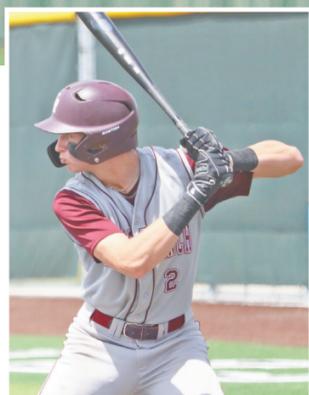
BASEBALL

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Katy had one player named to the team, with Nayden Ramirez earning honorable mention at third base.

Ramirez was a key figure for the Tigers as they went on their deepest playoff run since 2006. In his senior season Ramirez took the reins as the team's leadoff hitter. He also was a very reliable glove at third base, helping Katy to a third place finish in District 19-6A before going on a huge run in the playoffs to make it all the way to the regional final, where they eventually fell to state finalist Pearland.

At right is the full class 6A Blue Bell/TSWA All-State Team.



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Top: Nayden Ramirez throws to first during a Regional Quarterfinal game between Katy and Tompkins at Cy-Springs. Above: Lucas Franco hits during a Regional Quarterfinal game between Cinco Ranch and Ridge Point.

6A Blue Bell/TSWA All-State Team

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers – Mason Green, Cypress Woods, sr.; Jacob Gholston, Flower Mound, sr.; (tie) Travis Sykora, Round Rock, sr.; Nico Partida, Pearland, soph.

Relief pitcher – Logan Sosolik, Katy Cinco Ranch, sr.

Catcher – J.J. Kennett, Ridge Point, sr.

First baseman – Caden Ferraro, Pearland, sr.

Second baseman – (tie) Ashton Beaird, San Antonio Reagan, sr.; Caden Wellmann, Kingwood, jr.

Shortstop – (tie) Micah Kendrick, Rockwall, sr.; Ryne Farber, San Antonio Johnson, sr.

Third baseman – Ethan Farris, Cypress Woods, sr.

Outfielders – Sam Erickson, Flower Mound, jr.; Kendall George, Atascocita, sr.; Landon Cochran, North Forney, jr.

Designated hitter – Adrian Rodriguez, Flower Mound, jr.

Player of the year – (tie) Farris, Cypress Woods; Gholston, Flower Mound

Coach of the year – Danny Wallace, Flower Mound

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers – Ty Zamradnik, Keller, sr.; Jeremiah Arnett, Waco Midway, sr.; Kannon Kemp, Weatherford, sr.

Relief pitcher – Joe Sockwell, Austin Westlake, sr.

Catcher – (tie) Luke Billings, Prosper, soph.; Mac Rose, Rockwall, sr.

First baseman – Zachary Tuxhorn, Clear Lake, soph.

Second baseman – Nick Barber, Dallas Jesuit, sr.

Shortstop – (tie) Jason Flores, Naaman Forest, jr.; Theo Gillen, Austin Westlake, jr.

Third baseman – (tie) Omar Juarez,

Weatherford, sr.; Josh Glaser, Flower Mound, jr.

Outfielders – Braylon Payne, Sugar Land Elkins, jr.; Robert Deal, El Paso Pebble Hills, sr.; (tie) Landon Hutcheson, Frenship, jr.; Stephen Sepulveda, El Paso Americas, sr.

Designated hitter – James Jorgensen, Dallas Jesuit, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Pitchers – Jack Brady, Austin Westlake, jr.; Luke Isett, Dallas Jesuit, sr.; Zack James, Flower Mound, jr.

Relief pitcher – (tie) Robert De La Garza, Eagle Pass, sr.; Will Jordan, Weatherford, jr.

Catcher – Cade Arrambide, Tomball, jr.

First baseman – Barrett Johnson, San Antonio Johnson, sr.

Second baseman – Aidan Coleman, San Antonio Reagan, sr.

Shortstop – Joshua Munoz, Los Fresnos, sr.

Third baseman – Lucas Franco, Katy Cinco Ranch, soph.

Outfielders – Gabriel Saldivar, Fort Worth Paschal, sr.; Brayden Sharp, The Woodlands, sr.; (tie) Brady Sullivan, Cypress Woods, sr.; Dylan Schlaegel, Mansfield Legacy, sr.

Designated hitter – Miguel Bustamante, San Antonio O'Connor, sr.; Gabriel Cook, San Antonio Stevens, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers – Aaron Alba, El Paso Eastlake, sr.; Luke Devasher, Mansfield Legacy, sr.; Nathan DuVall, Austin Westlake, sr.; Cameron Johnson, Waco Midway, jr.; Derek Maples, San Antonio Johnson, jr.; Josh Pelfrey, Kingwood, sr.; Landry Powell, Rockwall Heath, sr.; Brad Pruet, Denton Guyer, sr.; Tyler White,

Southlake Carroll, sr.

Catchers – Easton Andrews, Fort Worth Eaton, sr.; Hudson Hutcheson, Frenship, jr.; Dillon Lopez, San Antonio O'Connor, sr.; Clayton Namken, New Braunfels, soph.

First basemen – Ryan Alaniz, San Antonio Churchill, sr.; Kendall Dove, New Caney, sr.; Brennan Greer, San Antonio Reagan, sr.; Cole Johnson, Lake Travis, sr.; Gavin Rutherford, Katy Cinco Ranch, sr.; Omar Serna, Pasadena Dobie, soph.

Second basemen – Kayson Cunningham, San Antonio Johnson, soph.; Logan Ellifson, The Woodlands, sr.; Mike Saiz, Harker Heights, jr.

Shortstops – Anthony Avalos, Pearland, sr.; Michael Barrera, San Antonio East Central, jr.; Hudson Ellis, Round Rock, jr.; Jaylen Humbles, Arlington Lamar, jr.; Parker Ibrahim, Mansfield Legacy, sr.; Brayden Randle, Rockwall, sr.; Dylan Schlotterback, Lake Travis, sr.; Kutter Gage Webb, San Marcos, jr.; Tristan Russell, Cypress Woods, sr.

Third basemen – Isaac Hernandez, San Antonio O'Connor, sr.; Easton Moomau, El Paso Americas, sr.; Nayden Ramirez, Katy, sr.; Weston Thompson, Rockwall Heath, soph.

Outfielders – Braeden Babb, Austin Westlake, sr.; Kyle Chambers, Cy-Fair, sr.; Aden Howard, Hebron, sr.; Donovan Jordan, Humble Summer Creek, jr.; Boston Lee, Alvin, sr.; Dax Massengale, Clear Springs, sr.; Caden Sorrell, Flower Mound Marcus, sr.; Brett Smajstrla, Pearland, sr.; Ed Small, Austin Anderson, soph.; Jon Torres, Waco Midway, jr.; Grayson Walton, Beaumont West Brook, jr.; Ty Willingham, Naaman Forest, sr.



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DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Above: Aidan Morrison takes a penalty kick during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium. Top left: Ben Bucic headers a ball during Friday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal between Jordan and Paetow at Legacy Stadium. Bottom left: Seven Lakes goalkeeper Ben Aviles Vera (1) punches the ball away during the Class 6A boys state semifinal soccer game between Seven Lakes and Sachse on April 14, 2023 in Georgetown.

SOCCER

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All-District team. Morrison earned the District MVP honors while also being named first team all-state. Morrison had 20 assists and 16 goals on the year while Merritt had 14 goals and 16 assists.

Vera had a huge junior year where he had 16 shutouts and allowed less than half a goal per game during the Spartans' state championship run.

The United Soccer Coaches also released their regional teams, and two more Katy ISD student athletes were named to that list.

Jordan senior center back Ben Bucic and Seven Lakes sophomore winger Kortay Koc made the team as some of the top players around the nation.

Koc had 21 goals and 10 assists on the year, making the all-district and all-state team to earn the honor.

Bucic helped lead Jordan to the regional semifinals during the team's first year in Class 6A. Bucic was named all-district and all-state for his efforts. He will attend Mary Hardin-Baylor after helping the Warriors to a 16-8-3 record in his senior year while spearheading a defense that allowed just over 1.1 goals per game on the year. The Warriors overcame finishing third in district to beat two of the region's top teams in Region III in the area and quarterfinal rounds in Cy-Ridge and Paetow before narrowly falling to Dobie in the regional semifinals.

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FOOTBALL

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offense that brings back five starters. He will be part of a team that is out to prove themselves and have a bounce back season after struggling last year.

Funk, a senior offensive lineman for Tompkins, is one of the top recruits in the entire state. He will lead a very strong offensive line for the Falcons in what might be one of the strongest run games in the area. He was named to the team as an offensive tackle.

Adam Carter was the only player named to the team who is an underclassman. He was one of the biggest special teams assets as a punter and kickoff man and should be even better for a strong Katy team as a junior.

The three were the only Katy ISD players named to the team, but the honors didn't end there for the district.

Katy head coach Gary Joseph was named as the preseason coach of the year, picking up the honors after leading Katy to their third straight state championship game.

Joseph's team went 14-1 for the second consecutive season, only falling to a field goal with no time remaining in the state semifinals to Vandegrift. He has led his team to the state semifinal or further three straight years, including a state championship in 2020 and 2023 looks like it might have another strong season in store for Katy.

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.

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