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Council cancels May 4 election for city officers

Council members Dan Smith and Gina Hicks running unopposed

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

At the Monday, February 26th

meeting, Katy city council approved 5-0 an ordinance declaring Dan Smith, and Gina Hicks, candidates for Councilmember Ward A and Councilmember Ward B, respectively, unopposed for election to office. The May 4, 2024, Regular City Officers Election is therefore cancelled; and as a result of the passing of the ordinance, the candidates are declared elected. Each

will serve a new three-year term. The swearing in ceremony will be held between May 7th and 15th during the canvassing period, said Mayor Dusty Thiele. Incumbent Dan Smith was elected to Ward A in 2021 and incumbent Gina Hicks was elected to Ward B in 2021. Mobility improvements approved by council included a 5-0 vote on a total of three resolutions

authorizing the mayor to sign agreements for improvements to Rexora Lane, totaling \$182,122.30. Rexora Lane is located in the area southwest of the intersection of Katy Fort Bend Road and Morton Road, in an older part of the city – an area which Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris needed attention. “We’ve been talking about this since Hurricane Harvey,” said Harris. “This is definitely a neces-

sary improvement.” Council also approved 5-0 an ordinance adding stop signs at the northbound and southbound intersections of Cane Island Parkway and Pitts Road, creating a three-way stop sign controlled intersection
In other action, council:
• Approved 5-0 a resolution

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATY ISD

Members from the Memorial Parkway Junior High Varsity Treble and Tenor Bass choirs performed the National Anthem. They received certificates from board Vice President Amy Thieme (left, in black).

Katy ISD board of trustees declines chaplain program

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In a 5-2 vote, the Katy ISD board of trustees voted to decline acceptance of volunteer chaplains or to employ chaplains in the district as counselors. Board Vice President Amy Thieme and trustee Morgan Calhoun, who favor the use of chaplains in schools, opposed the measure.

The resolution approved by the board reads in part: “Katy ISD Board of Trustees declines to adopt a policy authorizing the District to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Chapter 23, Education Code. The Katy ISD Board of Trustees further acknowledges

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Two candidates file for Katy ISD school board positions

Incumbents Fox and Champagne draw opponents

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO
PUBLISHER

Two candidates have filed to run against incumbents Rebecca Fox and Dawn Champagne in the

upcoming May election for Katy ISD Board of Trustee positions. Filing for Position 6 – currently held by Rebecca Fox – is Donovan Campbell III of Houston. Campbell is the CEO of Medbridge, a digital healthcare company. According to his application for a place on the ballot,

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Lucky Katy resident claims \$1 million Powerball prize

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

AUSTIN – A Katy resident claimed a Powerball® prize worth \$1,000,004 for the drawing on January 29th, according to a February 21st press release. The winning ticket was purchased at Cinco Ranch Express, located at 2950 S. Mason Road, in Katy. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

The winning Quick Pick ticket matched all five of the white ball numbers drawn (39-41-43-49-64), but not the red Powerball number (4). The claimant had an additional win of \$4 on the same ticket.

Powerball Grand Prizes currently start at \$20 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the Grand Prize by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. By choosing Power Play® for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-Grand Prize winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times*. A Power

Play Match Five (5+0) prize is set at \$2,000,000 regardless of the Power Play number selected. All other non-Grand Prizes will be multiplied by the Power Play number selected. (*The 10X Power Play multiplier is available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is \$150 million or less.) Drawings are broadcast each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$85 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$32.5 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans’ Assistance.

KATY RODEO AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATY RODEO

The Katy Rodeo awarded two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to Claire Butler of the Taylor High School FFA (left) and Samantha Skinner of the Jordan High School FFA (second from left). Making the presentation were Jim E. Voight, Katy Rodeo President and Carrie Lowery, Katy Rodeo Scholarship Committee Chair.

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KAEDC accepting nominations for Stan Stanley award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Katy Area Economic Development Council is now accepting nominations for the annual Stan C. Stanley “Eagle” Leadership and Economic Development Awards, the organization announced in its February 19th newsletter.

The awards — given in two categories — recognize an outstanding volunteer economic development leader and an elected official leader in the Katy area for the time period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

Contact Susan Dixon at 281-396-2201 or email sdixon@katyedc.org for an application. Form submissions will be accepted until March 29, 2024.

The awards presentation will be made on April 23 at the Katy Area EDC General Assembly Meeting. For more information, go to katyedc.org.

“The namesake of Stan Stanley Elementary School has distinguished himself as a tireless supporter of Katy ISD and the



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAEDC

Stan C. Stanley

Katy community -- relentless in his continuous efforts to make the Katy area a better place to live, work and learn,” according to the information page for Stanley Elementary on the Katy Independent School district’s website.”

The founder of Stanley Signature Products, he served on the Board of Directors of Tradition

Parameters, service and characteristics for consideration (Two Category Awards):

Volunteer

- Must be a volunteer (non-paid position)
- Years of service to the Katy area economic development community
- Service to the community and/or specific economic development agency/activities
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Special achievements
- Ways the nominee exhibits faithful, conscientious, unselfish, and “helpful” service

Elected Official

- Must be an elected official (city, county, special district, etc.)
- Years of service in a public authority capacity and in economic development/community development.
- Activities and service to the jurisdiction and/or in community development/economic development projects.
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Special achievements
- Ways the nominee exhibits faithful, conscientious, unselfish, and “helpful” service

Bank and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, which he chaired in 2001. His efforts to help the area attract major corporate relocations, high-end

businesses and quality growth, led to his involvement in the formation of the Katy Area Economic Development Council in 2003. He served as founding chairman of the KAEDC in 2003-04.

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Wild West Brewfest returns to Katy's Typhoon Texas March 21-23

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Organizers say that the 2024 Wild West Brewfest will be "our biggest Brewfest yet" with over 100 brewers and more than ten wineries featured at the annual event, which is hosted by the Rotary Club of Katy.

The craft beer festival kicks off on March 21st from 6 to 9 p.m. with the "K-Town Throw Down." The official launch party follows on March 22nd from 7 to 10 p.m., with activities continuing on March 23rd from 3 to 8 p.m.

The event will be located at Typhoon Texas, 555 Katy Fort Bend Rd. in Katy with plenty of parking. This year the upgraded Hop House has its own space, in its own tent, with bands and DJ's. "We have moved the event from the old loca-

tion inside the park to its very own structure outside the park," said event chairman David Loesch.

Wild West Brewfest was founded by Katy Rotarians 13 years ago and is a member of the National Brewers Association and The Texas Craft Brewers Guild. The event has been awarded the "#1 Beerfest in North America" for multiple years in a row.

"Most importantly, WWBF was 100% volunteer created, is all-volunteer created, is all-volunteer run and 100% of all net proceeds are given back to the local community in student scholarships and donations to charitable organizations," said Loesch. "Volunteers needed for 2024! Be the coolest person!.....at the coolest event!.....pouring beer! It's like being a ROCK STAR!"

Since its inception, the WWBF

has raised and donated over \$1.25 million to various charities, Loesch said. "Our goal is to hit the \$2 million mark in the next three years. Every dollar of proceeds is given back to the local community, and we are grateful that this year's 10th event was very successful yet again. We set a record for funds raised at our Live Auction, and the Dueling Pianos was a blast!"

The 2023 event, with over 1200 attendees, raised over \$175,000.00, said Loesch, which was used to benefit community organizations. Among the philanthropic endeavors funded by Wild West Brew Fest during the past year were:

- Christ Clinic for Dispensary of Hope - \$12,500 (dispensaryofhope.org)
- Katy ISD FFA - \$12,000 (katy.fanow.org)
- Katy ISD Foundation - \$10,000 (katyisd.org/Education-Foundation)
- Katy Heritage Society - \$6,000 (katyheritagesociety.com)
- Arc of Katy - \$5,000 (thearc-cofkaty.org)
- Ballard House - \$5,000 (theballardhouse.org)
- Keep Katy Beautiful - \$5,000 (keepkatybeautiful.com)
- Operation Turkey - \$5,000 (operationturkey.com)
- YMCA SAW water safety program - \$5,000 (fcymca.org)
- VFW - \$3,500 (vfw.org)
- Christ Clinic Breakfast for a Blessing - \$3,000 (christclinic Katy.org)
- nonPareil Institute Houston - \$3,000 (npusa.org)
- Upbring Krause Children's Center - \$3,000 (upbring.org/tag/krause-childrens-center)
- Elijah Rising - \$2,500 (elijahrising.org)
- Hope Impacts - \$2,500 (hopeimpacts.org)
- Katy Cares - \$2,500 (katicares.org)
- Hospital La Vega - \$2,200
- Boy Scouts - \$1,500 (scouting.org)
- Katy Christian Ministries - \$1,000 (ktcm.org)
- Lone Star Symphonic Band - \$1,000 (lssb.org)
- Read to Me - \$500 (readto-meintl.org)

Additional recipients may be found on the organization's website at wildwestbrewfest.com. Tickets are on sale at wildwestbrewfest.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chess players invited to practice and share tips at Cinco Ranch Library Event March 2nd

Chess players of all ages and skill levels - from beginners to advanced - are invited to practice their strategies and share tips with others at the "Chess Day at Cinco Ranch" event on Saturday, March 2, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, in the Multi-purpose Room at Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy. Learn a new chess move (or two) during this come-and-go event. A limited number of chess sets will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own sets as well. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, see Fort Bend County Libraries' website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), or call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library (281-395-1311) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734).

HCC NW presents President's Speaker Series on March 5th: "Company Ghost Town"

Will manufacturing be conducted in dark buildings by robots? The Company Ghost Town looks at significant forces driving changes. The 30-minute presentation by architect Greg Turner will be followed by a brainstorming workshop where attendees will be asked to imagine concepts and strategies for educating a potentially new workforce. The event will be held Tuesday, March 5th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the HCC Alief Hayes Campus, 2811 Hayes Road in Houston. For more information, please contact public.relations@hccs.edu.

Maud Marks Library to hold second used book sale on March 9th

The Friends of Maud Marks Library (FOMML) will be holding the second used book sale of the year 2024 at the library, 1815 Westgreen Boulevard, Katy, on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Presale viewing and sales (cash or check only) will be available to members of FOMML on Friday, March 8, from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Annual memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10. This month there is a large collection of Clive Cussler novels. All funds earned from the sale are used to support library programs, such as the Summer Reading Program, that are offered to the community. Books (adult or children's, fiction, nonfiction, reference, foreign language, etc.) that you would like to donate to the sale are now being accepted. Please deposit them, during library hours, in the bins inside the entrance.



benefits. Two seminars will be held: Wednesday, March 13th at 5 p.m. at 10707 Corporate Drive Suite 150 in Stafford or Tuesday, March 19th at 1 p.m. at Harris County Smokehouse, 222 W. Grand Parkway S., Katy. For more information, please contact Alana Saboor at asaboor@absihc.com.

City of Katy Parks Department hosts annual spring community campout March 15-16

Pack up your tent and sleeping bags for a night of free family fun including an outdoor movie, children's activities, dinner, s'mores and a light breakfast. It's the annual Spring Community Campout at VFW Park, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy. Registration deadline is March 10th; register at cityofkaty.com/communitycampout.

Free shred day - and coffee and donuts - at First Financial Bank in Fulshear on March 16th

Bring those old paper documents to First Financial Bank, 29818 FM 1093 Suite 100 in Fulshear on Saturday, March 16th. The bank is offering a free "Shred Day" event from 9 a.m. to noon, and will accept paper only. Coffee and donuts will be served. Free.

It's the "Wearin' O' the Green" at the Fulshear Katy Chamber's St. Patrick's Day Shindig on March 16th

The Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, together with Christ Clinic, will host the "Shamrock Shindig" on March 16th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Fulshear Business Park, 29225 FM 1093, Fulshear. Be sure to wear your green to this free family-friendly event which features a children's area, local vendors and food trucks.

Celebrate Fulshear's 200th birthday

In 2024, Fulshear will be 200 years old. The City invites you to join in the party and celebrate this milestone on March 23, 2024. Attendees can expect food trucks, craft vendors, kid-friendly activities, historical display, and a drone show presented by SkyElements. This free public event will be held Saturday, March 23rd from 4-8 PM at Fulshear High School, 9302 Charger Way, Fulshear, just north of FM 1093. For more information, contact aguadalupe@fulsheartexas.gov.

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 - ...-fi (slang)
 - Mottled green and yellow fruit
 - Capable of thinking and expressing oneself clearly
 - Sports broadcaster Eagle
 - Midday
 - Kinsmen
 - Cable network
 - Simpleton
 - Brunch beverage
 - Fed
 - European capital
 - Native inhabitants
 - Mechanical device
 - Rare geese native to Hawaii
 - Bedroom furnishing
 - The products of human creativity
 - Mass transit option
 - Made a mistake
 - Sacred sound symbol
 - Large N. American reindeer
 - Dull and flat
 - Partner to huffing
 - Written works
 - Monetary unit of Serbia
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - Peninsula of southwestern Asia
 - Widely used multiuser OS
 - Aggressive dog
 - Varnished
 - Hindu queen
 - Time units, abbr.
 - Farm animals
 - Capital of Latvia
 - Where golfers begin
 - Takes to civil court
- CLUES DOWN**
- One who graduated
 - An inspired holy person
 - Electronic counter-countermeasures
 - A place to store things
 - Indian instrument
 - Spanish saloon
 - Whole number
 - Not fastened
 - Gives a boost
 - Lounges about
 - Interested in
 - Remove salt
 - Type of sword
 - Naturally occurring solid material
 - Gets involved without being invited
 - Feline
 - Bobby __, NHL champ
 - "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
 - Hawaiian dish
 - Moroccan coastal region
 - Baseball statistic
 - Long period of time
 - Moved earth
 - Central Netherlands city
 - Take stock of
 - Central processing unit
 - Distinctive qualities one generates
 - Getting stuck
 - Loss of bodily movements
 - Veranda
 - Abrupt
 - What cats do
 - Expresses pleasure
 - Type of cheese
 - Professional STEM organization
 - Automatic data processing systems
- Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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

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

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

TRIBUTE



MILDRED MAE MARTEL
1946-2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mildred "Millie" Martel on February 19, 2024.

Her commitment to family formed the core of her existence. A beloved wife of over 50 years to Raymond Martel, a fierce mother to Brian Martel, and a loving grandmother to Liam, Aiden, Nolan, and Kate Martel. Her love extended beyond blood, as she welcomed Brian's wife, Hayley Martel, into her heart as a true daughter.

Born on December 9, 1946, in Baltimore, Maryland where she lived until 1972 when Ray and Millie embraced the spirit of the Lone Star State and moved to Houston, Texas. A significant chapter of their life started in Katy, Texas, living there for nearly four decades before settling in Dallas in 2013. They moved to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in 2021, a suburb of Milwaukee to be near Brian and Hayley and dote on her grandchildren. Everywhere she went she made fast friends and a lasting impression on those around her.

She dedicated herself to teaching special needs children at Katy High School, leaving an enduring impact on the children she taught.

Millie's career was intertwined with Ray's, a two-time National Championship Winning Drag Racer, co-founding Martel Brothers Racing with Ray and his brother Charlie Martel. Their legacy is etched into the history of the drag racing world.

As a member of D.R.A.W. (Drag Racing Association for Women), Millie extended her generosity by sending cards of support to injured racers, showcasing her empathy and caring nature continuing on until just last month.

In the midst of our sorrow, we remember Millie for not only her strength and love but also for her selflessness and generosity.

A memorial service to celebrate Millie's life will be held on Sunday, February 25th, at 12 p.m. CST at Schramka Funeral Home in Brookfield, WI. Please join the family in person or on Facebook Live to view the service at <https://www.facebook.com/SchramkaFuneralHomes/>.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to D.R.A.W. in Millie's honor, <http://www.drawfasthelp.org/donate.html>.

May Millie's soul find eternal peace, and may her memory continue to inspire us all.

COUNCIL

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appointing Johnston A. Dietz as a Regular Member and Jim Davidson and Jeff Mahoney as Alternate Members to The City Planning And Zoning Commission; and Chris Garcia and Tom Polvogt III as Alternate Members to The Zoning Board of Adjustment.

- Approved 5-0 authorizing the Mayor to sign a sponsorship agreement for a mini

mural program with UP Art Studio, LLC for the design and painting of a traffic box mural (intersection of Cane Island Pkwy and Franz Road), as recommended by Keep Katy Beautiful on 01-09-2024.

Albert "Doonie" Thompson was also appointed as an emeritus board member of Keep Katy Beautiful and was recognized for his 30

years of service to the organization. He was a founding board member of KKB in 1993 when the organization was first formed under former mayor Skip Conner.

The next meeting of city council is on March 25th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy. The March 11th meeting has been cancelled, Thiele said.



A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Leslie Briones applauds the distinguished panel at "A Seat at the Table," an event held Saturday, February 24th at the West Houston Institute, 2811 Hayes, Houston. From left to right: Briones, (seated) Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, Judge Audrie Lawton-Evans, Houston City Council Member Tiffany Thomas, Harris County Public Health Director Barbie Robinson, State Representative Alma Allen and Harris County Treasurer Dr. Carla Wyatt. Standing is Precinct 4 Director of Media Relations Syan Rhodes, who moderated the discussion, focusing on how each woman got to her "seat at the table," the women who helped her, and the advice she would give her 20-year-old self. An overflow crowd attended the function.

PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

BOARD

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Campbell is a 10-year resident of Katy ISD. He is the father of five children – the two oldest currently attend Taylor High School, per his campaign website. According to the Med-bridge website, Campbell, who joined the company in 2023, Campbell began his career in the United States Marine Corps, serving for five years as a Ground Intelligence Officer with three combat deployments to the Middle East and Central Asia. Following his service, according to his campaign website, he entered the private sector as an entrepreneur and also helped co-found the nonprofit NextOp, which assists veterans in finding careers.

Rebecca Fox, who currently holds Position 6, has filed for re-election. Fox, whose application lists her occupation as a motivational speaker,



REBECCA FOX



DONOVAN CAMPBELL



DAWN CHAMPAGNE



DAVID OLSEN

has served as a member of the Katy ISD Board of Trustees from 2004-2019 and was elected again in 2021. She has held every officer position, including three times as president of the Board, according to the KISD website. Fox has lived in the district for more than 26 years and has two children who are graduates of Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes High Schools. According to the KISD website, Fox is a long-time volunteer who has served on PTA boards at Hayes Elementary, Creech Elementary,

Beck Junior High and Cinco Ranch High School, where she was named Volunteer of the Year. She has served on district committees such as the Campus Advisory Team, bond committees and rezoning committees. She also served three years as an executive board member of Katy ISD Volunteers in Public Schools. Fox continues to volunteer in schools across the district through KEYS mentoring, teaching Junior Achievement, participating in Promise-to-Read and a variety of other programs.

Running for Position 7 – currently held by Dawn Champagne – is David Joseph Olson, whose application says that he is a chemical engineer who has lived in the district for 15 years. According to his campaign website, Olson's two children have both attended Katy ISD schools and he has been actively involved in their time at Stanley Elementary, Seven Lakes Junior High, Adams Junior High, Seven Lakes High School, and Jordan High School. His wife is an employee of Katy ISD

within the Transportation department.

Dawn Champagne, now the Position 7 trustee, has also filed for re-election. Champagne, who works at Karen's Hallmark, has served on the board since 2018 and is presently board secretary. She has lived in the district for more than 22 years and her three children all graduated from Taylor High School. Per the Katy ISD website, she has held many positions on the boards of the three schools that her children have attended. Most recently, she was the president of the TPA (PTO) at Taylor High School (2016-2018) and the VP of Project Grad 2018 at Taylor High School. She has also been on CAT teams, Bond advisory teams, the 2017 Bond Committee, Katy Leadership (twice), Katy Council of PTA's, and is a KEYS Mentor (2015 to present).

KISD

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COURTESY OF KATY ISD

At Monday night's school board meeting, Cooper Sledge (right), a fifth-grade student at Bryant Elementary, delivered the pledges of allegiance. Board secretary Dawn Champagne (left) presented a certificate of recognition to Cooper.

that it retains the right, in the future, to re-evaluate whether to employ or accept as a volunteer chaplain pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code."

Senate Bill 763 was approved in May 2023 and would allow Texas schools to use safety and security funds to pay for unlicensed religious chaplains to work on campus in mental health roles similar to those of school counselors. Volunteer chaplains would also be allowed in schools.

More than thirty people spoke on the issue during

the public comments period prior to the board's vote. Of those – unlike public commentary in past meetings – 18 favored the use of chaplains in schools while 13 opposed the use of chaplains.

In other action, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the summer work schedule for Katy ISD staff. Starting the week of June 3, Katy ISD will operate on a four-day work week ending the week of July 22, 2024.

With this approval, district offices will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday. District offices will be closed on Friday. Regular work hours will be observed on the days of July 1 - July 5, 2024, with Thursday, July 4 being a holiday.

Katy ISD will return to the regular workweek schedule on Monday, July 29, 2024, with district offices opening at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The next meetings of the Katy ISD board of trustees are scheduled as follows:

- Work study meeting, March 18
- Regular board meeting, March 25

Spring Market

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
March 8-10th, 2024

Join us at the Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds for a fun weekend of shopping with handmade crafts, home decor, jewelry, holiday accessories, children's gifts, clothing boutiques & more!

Grab your girlfriends, mom, or daughter, and come enjoy the fun while shopping and supporting 130 small businesses at our Rosenberg Spring Gift Market.

Shopping Hours

March 8-10th, 2024

General Admission Hours

Friday 12 pm-6 pm | Saturday 10 am-6 pm | Sunday 11 am-4 pm

\$5 Admission, good all days & free parking!

- Tickets can be purchased online at <https://homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.ticketspice.com/spring-market-of-rosenberg> or at the door. Tickets are valid for re-admission all days!
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- Children 12 and under are free • Cash and card are accepted at entrance & booths

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PLANT SALE

Saturday, March 9th

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners host annual Vegetable & Herb Plant Sale

9 a.m. to noon
or until sold out

Come see the abundance of peppers and tomatoes this year!

Sale to be held indoors at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg, TX 77471

All FBMG fundraisers, courses, and events are brought to you by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Fort Bend County

The Oath Foxhole Program supports Carriage Inn veterans

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Veterans at Carriage Inn Katy senior living community were recipients of community outreach efforts provided by the Oath, Inc. organization, a local, faith-based non-profit organization that utilizes various outdoors activities centered around faith, family, and community to improve the quality of life of eligible heroes. The organization's Foxhole Program, which was launched in January of 2024, provides support to senior veterans and their surviving spouses.

Representatives from the program visited Carriage Inn veterans residing at the community to offer conversation, appreciation, and social connection.

Brandon Weed, U.S. Army Paratrooper and Senior Benefits Advisor with Veteran Care Advisors, offers a monthly veterans program at the community and partners with the Oath, Inc. organization and Carriage Inn Activities Director, Thelma Pope, to identify resident veterans who might enjoy personal visits. Visits are brief but provide an opportunity to share

memories of camaraderie and military service or discuss various topics related to veterans and veterans benefits. Resident veterans or spouses of veterans are eligible for visits.

"Our residents feel honored to be acknowledged in this way and enjoy the chance to talk and visit with other veterans who have served in different branches of the military," said Rebecca Borrello, Carriage Inn Sales and Marketing Director. "There is a genuine sense of camaraderie that grows during the visits."

"We are deeply committed to supporting our fellow veterans through the Oath, Inc.," said Weed. "The Foxhole program has been a meaningful endeavor we pursue as volunteers with passion and dedication." To learn more about the Oath, Inc., visit <https://oathinc.org/>. Those looking for more information about senior living at Carriage Inn - Katy can contact the community at 281-392-2800.

Carriage Inn Katy offers independent living, assisted living, and memory care options for older adults to live life to the fullest in

a manner that best suits their interests and desires. The community is located at 1400 Katy-Flewellen Road, Katy, TX. For more information about senior living options and life at Carriage Inn Katy, go to www.cardinalbay.org or contact Tony Rivas at 281-392-2800 or trivas@cardinalbay.org. Locally owned, Carriage Inn is a Cardinal Bay community managed by The Long Hill Company, a subsidiary of United Methodist Homes, a non-profit senior living provider organization with a 150-year history of caring.



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Volunteers from Members Choice Credit Union helped out at the Katy Christian Ministries' food pantry on February 19th.

Members Choice Credit Union hosts employee volunteer day at Katy Christian Ministries

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The entire team at Members Choice Credit Union (MCCU) rolled up its sleeves to participate in an "Employee Volunteer Day" lending a hand at various Katy Christian Ministries (KCM) locations on Monday, February 19, according to a February 22nd press release from the company.

Team members from all MCCU departments helped with a range of activities, largely to support KCM's food pantry and resale store operations. They sorted clothing and food donations, and packed snack and hygiene bags for those in need.

"Since COVID, nonprofit organizations have had a challenging time rebuilding their volunteer corps, so we wanted to collective-

ly do something that would make a significant impact for KCM," said Luke Billeri, president, and CEO of MCCU. "The spirit of teamwork and passion during our volunteer day was truly remarkable. Witnessing our entire organization volunteer together was a reminder about the power of cooperative action - a core principle of credit unions. I encourage everyone to volunteer as a way to support worthy causes and make a difference in our community."

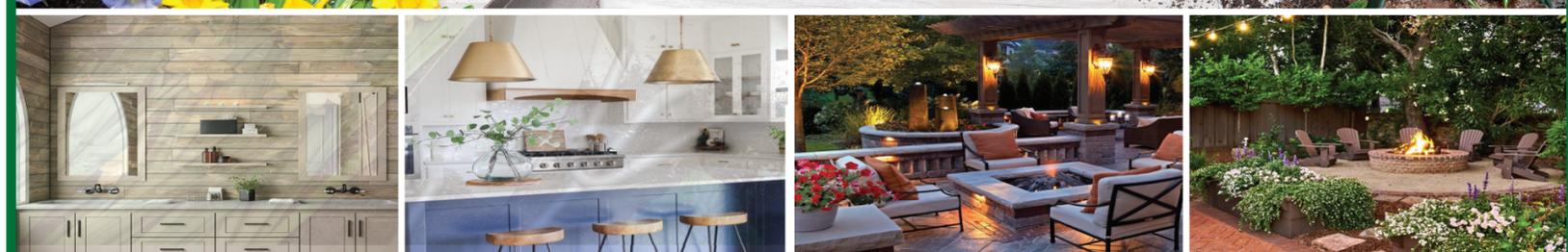
MCCU has supported KCM for several years as part of the Members Choice CARES program, which supports local charities through fundraising and volunteerism.

"In a time of dire need in our community when time, talent and treasure is so valuable to non-profits, it is angels such as

from Members Choice Credit Union that keep us focused in fulfilling our mission. We remain steady to address food insecurity, alleviate economic distress, equip homes, and mental health," said Deysi Crespo, executive director of Katy Christian Ministries.

"We felt the love, care and unconditional support; united in the spirit of making a long-lasting impact for families in need. From sorting and organizing food at our food pantry, to working in the resale stores, to making self-care packs, all was done with contagious joy, positivity and lots of smiles! We couldn't be more grateful for joining forces with us and planting seeds."

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Betty Irene Brown was born at home, in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday December 19, 1936, to Harry Jay Brown and Katherine Ursula (Watson) Brown during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Of Irish descent, both parents were second generation Americans whose families had immigrated from the late 1800's County Cork Ireland, and travelled across Eastern Canada to start a new life in an exciting new prosperous Detroit to make for a better life.

The tenth of 11 children (eight surviving at birth), home life was never easy for Betty. A childhood that was described to reflect a struggling family lifestyle that was supported only by her father's working class earnings as a Detroit Streetcar (and later a new city bus system) Conductor. Interestingly, her childhood home was 'down the street' to what would one day be the source of all that Motown Music that you and I hear, wherever we go today; Berry Gordy's Studio on West Grand Boulevard.

With the new Eisenhower Interstate System surfacing all over of the nation including in Betty's Detroit neighborhood, her family moved from Corktown Detroit to the new



BETTY IRENE BRYAN
1936-2024

suburb of Taylor, for her final childhood years. With a 'stubborn Irish' upbringing, ready and a stubborn determination to move ahead in life, Betty married at an early age, in what would last for about five years. At age 20, Paul was born and a few years later she was a single parent alone in a working-class Downriver Detroit community, Lincoln Park.

In latter 1964, Betty met through mutual friends, the forever love of her life David L. Bryan, a recently widowed father of two young children (Gwendolyn Lois and Keith William). Dave and Betty Bryan were married on June 5, 1965 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Allen Park, Michigan, and new life began for

this 'Brady Bunch' style family in their new home in Romulus, Michigan. By the end of the 1968, Jacalyn Kaye and Lisa Renee' had arrived to complete the Family Home of Dave and Betty Bryan. During her working years, she worked in a dental office and for a publishing company (as a copy press proof reader).

By 1997, after the passing of beloved family members, including Gwen (at age 36), Betty and Dave had their retirement dream home built in Citrus Hills in Citrus County, Florida. Betty was very active entertaining friends and family from all over the country and as well as in her Beloved home parish of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness, Florida (including Cursillo and Daughters of the King). During this chapter in life, they enjoyed retirement from 'the bucket list', including travelling by plane, train, ship or roadway to include places in Europe, England, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, the Australian Continent, Canada and all regions of the US; especially Texas their 'second home'. Attending worship services at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and at the Washington National Cathedral were special moments. Betty and Dave Bryan

celebrated their Golden 50th Wedding Anniversary at Katy's Landry's Seafood Restaurant followed by a bucket list Amtrak rail trip to Hollywood, California. Known always for her clever sharp wit, an extraordinary memory for past events of family and friends, love of games and of game shows (especially Jeopardy!). Mealtime with Dad's cooking topped the charts of quality family time.

Betty and Dave made Katy, Texas their final home in 2017 (he passed in December) to be near family.

Since 2012, Betty has been treated for a form of leukemia through MD Anderson Cancer Center. Betty was a cancer survivor for 12 years, courageous to her last day.

Betty has been Blessed with great friendships with those that she has 'shared the road with' over years, especially the wonderful friends (and staff) at Legacy at Falcon Point Assisted Living! Betty was a generous lady to all that knew her: "Betty is such a nice person. I REALLY like her, OR I loved her faith, it was so strong," (with fondness).

Betty Irene has been preceded in death by her lifelong friend, companion and husband David, parents Harry and Katherine and

daughter Gwen. She is survived by sons Paul (Annie) and Keith (Sandy), and daughters Jacki Wright and Lisa (Larry) Nastal. Also by, grandchildren Thomas, Daniel (Megan), Claire (Steve), Monique, Nathan, Lawrence, Zachary (Emily) and Andrew. Finally, by great grandchildren Brooklyn, Ainsley, Aiden, Noah, Bentley, Archer, Benjamin, Jacob and Abigail Claire.

A Celebration of Life service honoring the life of Betty Irene Bryan occurred at the Legacy at Falcon Point Chapel, 1520 Katy Gap Road, Katy, Texas on Monday, February 26 at 1 p.m., followed by a reception. All are welcome to join this remembrance occasion.

Final burial, the scattering of ashes of David Lawrence and Betty Irene Bryan joined together, will be in the Gulf of Mexico. This will occur at a later date.

The Reverend Mark Wilkinson, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Katy, Texas officiated the memorial service. Vestrywoman and Lay Eucharistic Minister Andrea Smith assisted.

In Betty's memory donations may be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center or for Cursillo Scholarships at the Episcopal Church Diocese of Texas.

Blaque Pearl author will hold book signing

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

On Saturday, March 2, author, screenwriter and actress Tarris Marie will sign her debut novel *Blaque Pearle* beginning at 5 p.m. at Katy Budget Books, located at 870 S. Mason Rd., #101, in Katy.

Blaque Pearle tells the story of an aspiring actress from Compton named Pearle Monalise Brown who resorts to using her beauty and acting skills to swindle money and expensive jewels. She meets a handsome gentleman named Blaque, and together they become passionately entangled in a whirlwind romance as they try to outsmart their enemies.

Blaque Pearle is available in paperback, Kindle and Audible on Amazon, and wherever books are sold.

Marie currently resides in Houston, Texas, with her husband and two children. To learn more about Tarris Marie and Blaque Pearle, visit www.tarrismarie.com.

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New Katy-area Chick-fil-A opens

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A new Chick-fil-A® restaurant began serving the Katy community on Thursday, February 22, serving the fast-growing northwest quadrant of the area. Chick-fil-A, Inc. selected Amanda Baca as the local Owner-Operator of Chick-fil-A Elyson. Chick-fil-A Elyson joins more than 125 other Chick-fil-A restaurants serving the wider Houston market.

Located at 22159 FM 529 Road, Chick-fil-A Elyson will be open for dine-in, carry out and drive-thru from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Guests of Chick-fil-A Elyson can place an order for pickup, dine-in or delivery on the Chick-fil-A® App or online. The new restaurant will also feature Mobile Thru, a fully dedicated lane in the drive-thru where guests can pick up orders placed on the Chick-fil-A App.

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As full-time, hands-on leaders in their restaurants and communities, Chick-fil-A local Owner-Operators proudly reside in the communities in which they serve. In Katy, Baca will be responsible for all day-to-day activities of the business, including employing approximately 80 full- and part-time Team Members, serving Guests and cultivating relationships with local organizations and businesses.

What began as a junior high school tradition of enjoying Chick-fil-A Chicken Biscuits with her mom blossomed into a career for Baca. Bringing several years of restaurant industry experience with her,

Baca began in 2010 as the Executive Director of both Chick-fil-A 59 & Kirby and Chick-fil-A Meyerland Plaza in Houston. Over the next seven years, she learned the ins and outs of the business, met her husband Esteban while working at Chick-fil-A and committed to making opportunities for Team Members. In 2017, Baca was selected as the local Owner-Operator of Chick-fil-A Morton Ranch in Katy, which she will continue to operate alongside the new restaurant. With the opening of this new restaurant, Baca and her family are looking forward to expanding their impact in Katy and continuing to develop this next generation of leaders.

"I've personally experienced and have seen the opportunities that can come from working here, as my husband, mother and two brothers-in-law also work for Chick-fil-A," said Baca. "I want to be known for helping my Team Members and leaders grow, learn and advance their careers to experience that same kind of opportunity."

Caring for the Katy Community

In celebration of the opening, Chick-fil-A, Inc. will donate \$25,000 to Feeding America in honor of the new restaurant. These funds will be distributed to partners in the greater Houston area to aid in the fight against hunger.

In addition, Chick-fil-A Elyson is recognizing 100 local heroes making an impact in the Katy area by providing them with free Chick-fil-A entrees for a year.

Baca's restaurant will plan to partic-

ipate in the Chick-fil-A Shared Table® program, an initiative that redirects surplus food from the restaurant to local soup kitchens, shelters, food banks and nonprofits in need. To date, more than 23 million meals have been created from Chick-fil-A Shared Table donations from nearly 2,000 Chick-fil-A restaurants throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Team Member Investment

Chick-fil-A Operators are committed to hiring, developing and retaining top talent and providing a positive work environment for people of all ages and backgrounds. Team Members have opportunities for flexible work hours and leadership growth, competitive pay and benefits, hands-on training and mentoring and the chance to apply for scholarships to support their continuing education. Passionate about ongoing education opportunities for the community, Baca also established a \$1,000 scholarship open to eligible local high school students.

About Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Chick-fil-A, Inc. is the third largest quick-service restaurant company in the United States, known for its freshly-prepared food, signature hospitality and unique franchise model. More than 200,000 Team Members are employed by independent owner-operators in more than 3,000 restaurants across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

IKEA's new concept store is now open in LaCenterra

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

IKEA U.S. announced that the Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up is now open to the public as of February 28. Opening this new format store, which is the second IKEA location in the area, will allow IKEA U.S. to meet the needs of today's consumers and become more accessible and convenient to the entire Houston market, said the company press release. At the new location, customers can get support from IKEA experts to plan and order home furnishing solutions such as kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms, as well as pick up online purchases.

"As we hit the ground running in 2024, we are excited to continue expanding the IKEA footprint in Houston, TX," said Javier Quiñones, CEO & Chief Sustainability Officer, IKEA U.S. "IKEA Katy is the first of many Plan & order point with Pick-up stores to open this year, and we are thrilled to be expanding this concept to reach consumers across the state of Texas."

Customers can book an appointment and sit down with an IKEA expert while they design, quote and order IKEA products. While customers are unable to take products home on their shopping day, IKEA co-workers will arrange for delivery or schedule orders to be picked up from the convenient Pick-up location on site. With the addition of an IKEA Pick-up point, customers will also be able to collect their online purchases when and where it is convenient for them, supporting both online purchases and those made at the IKEA Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up.

"The brand-new IKEA Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up will allow customers to receive extra support to design their dream homes with the help of an IKEA expert," said Fredrik Rabe, Market Manager, IKEA U.S. "We're so excited to welcome the community and be a good neighbor to the entire Houston metro area!"

The Katy Plan & order point with Pick-up opened February 28, and Houston area residents joined the grand opening celebration with exclusive tours, giveaways, food sampling and more. The new store is located in the LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch shopping center at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Suite G130, Katy, and it joins a large-format IKEA store in Houston.

In addition to opening new Plan & order points in city centers, IKEA U.S. has made significant investments to enhance its e-commerce experience and service offerings, including new IKEA Family benefits, lower priced shipping and delivery, Click & collect, and TaskRabbit assembly services, the company said.

New pickleball concept opens first location in Katy

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Pickle Point LLC announced the launch of its new pickleball concept which is set to become a game changer in the rapidly growing industry, the company said in a February press release. The company's new facility, now under construction, will be located at 23437 Clay Road in Katy.

"Our facility is roughly 30,000 sq. ft. with 20,000 sq ft comprising of eight AI-powered smart indoor courts and 10,000 sq. ft of four outdoor courts with family and pet friendly gazebos where we plan to host food truck events and live music," said Aeta Moin, co-founder

of Pickle Point. "We also have a wellness area which includes the latest trend of cold lounge, hydro massage and sauna. We welcome members and non-members both, and are a unique place to hold corporate and private events."

In addition to providing premium playing conditions such as cushioned well-spaced-out courts and premium lighting, the new concept is focused on providing the next-generation pickleball and wellness experience by incorporating smart courts powered by state-of-the-art AI-based technology as well as a holistic Re-Energize zone designed from the ground up for total wellness.

"Curating the most vibrant pickleball

community is our mission," said the company in a press release. "As a result, the next-generation features are complemented by a number of social activities and amenities to create the most vibrant communities."

According to Moin, the Katy location – the first for the company – is planned to open in the spring of this year, and is set to become the largest indoor and outdoor pickleball facility in the area.

"We have plans to open 15 locations throughout Texas and 500 locations nationwide in the next three years," Moin said.

For invitation to launch events, or for more information, please register at www.picklepointusa.com.

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British International students awarded for their outstanding academic focus

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Two students at The British International School of Houston have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement, the school said in a February 21st press release.

- Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award - Year 12 Fowwaz has received this prestigious award from Cambridge International Education, part of the University of Cambridge, to acknowledge his outstanding performance on the June 2023 Cambridge examinations. The Cambridge awards celebrate

the success of students taking Cambridge examinations around the world. Every year, more than a million students in over 160 countries prepare for their future with an education from Cambridge. Fowwaz received the award for gaining the High Achievement Award in the USA for Cambridge IGCSE Computer Science.

- National Merit Finalist - Year 13 Abdul has advanced to Finalist standing in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by demonstrating through distinguished performance high potential for future academic

accomplishment. Abdul has demonstrated impressive academic excellence. The National Merit Scholarship Program is a United States academic scholarship competition for recognition and university scholarships. Of the 1.5 million applicants who submitted a PSAT score, there are only 7,250 National Merit Scholarship winners. This means students only have a 0.5% chance of becoming a National Merit Scholar, making this one of the most competitive merit-based scholarships.

The school is located at 2203 N. Westgreen in Katy.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HOUSTON

Falcon artists honored at HLS&R Student Art Contest Awards ceremony

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Royal ISD announced February 15th that three Royal High School students were recognized at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Student Art Contest Auction Awards Ceremony, along with their teacher, RHS art instructor Steven Crawley.

- Awards were as follows:
- Gold Medal, Advanced to Auction: Karen Pedraza, RHS
 - Special Merit, Advanced to Auction: Kimberly Pedraza, RHS
 - Special Merit, Advanced to Auction: Sandra Montalvo, RHS

A complete list of all Falcon HLSR art award recipients may be viewed at www.royal-isd.net/article/1445925.

The HLSR art auction will be held on March 10th. The HLSR program provides students, Pre-K through 12th grade, the opportunity to compete in district shows, earn scholarships, travel to summer workshops and display artwork in the Hayloft Gallery during the Rodeo. Schools also have a chance to receive a Super Show award for their outstanding participation. Currently, the School Art Program supports approximately 130 different



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROYAL ISD

Pictured (left to right) are Royal High School art teacher Steven Crawley and students Karen Pedraza, Sandra Montalvo, and Kimberly Pedraza. The students were recently recognized at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's Student Art Contest Auction Awards Ceremony.

school districts, including private and parochial schools, in the Houston area. For more information on HLSR's art programs, go to www.rodeohouston.com/exhibitors-contestants/school-art-contest.

Drones take off at Harmony Public Schools' Katy campus

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harmony School of Excellence - Katy held its annual RADC Drone Competition on February 24th at the school's campus at 22855 Elyson Falls Drive in Katy, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The competition presents an exciting challenge in the form of a game, where students learn how drones work, how they are built and programmed. This year the event drew 34 teams from local ISD's and many districts from out of state.

The Robotics Education Competition Foundation also explains that: "RADC is an exciting challenge presented in the form of a game. Four drones made up of two Alliances fly around the field to score as many points as possible. The object of the game is to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance," adding that "Teams also compete in the Programming Skills Challenge where one drone takes to the sky to score as many points as possible. Additionally, teams are judged on an engineering notebook that shows their understanding of the engineering design process."



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Royal SkillsUSA advancing members to state contest

BY ISAAC MARTINEZ,
ROYAL SKILLSUSA PRESIDENT
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Royal Arts, Audio/Video Production Department competed in multiple A/V contests including Advertising Design, Quiz Bowl, Photography, Customer Service, and Prepared Speech. Gabriel Velasquez came away with the silver medal and was named District Runner-up Champion in Advertising Design for multiple creative designs for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Gabriel also competed in Prepared Speech. The Quiz Bowl team earned the gold medal as District 9 Quiz Bowl Champions. Team members include Layla Thompson, Elisha Glover, Elizabeth Moreland, Kimberly Pedraza, and Gabriel Velasquez. Elizabeth Moreland and Elisha Glover also competed in Photography and earned fourth and fifth places. Elisha Glover also competed in Customer Service and represented Royal SkillsUSA.

The Royal Automotive Depart-

ment competed in SkillsUSA Automotive at San Jacinto Jr. College, but participants did not qualify for State.

The Royal Cosmetology Department competed in multiple Cosmetology programs that included both Live competitions and Project Exhibits. The contest included Barbering, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Quiz Bowl, Day and Evening Job Exhibit, Fantasy Job Exhibit, Men's Classic Hair Cutting Job Exhibit, Braiding Job Exhibit and Women's Color and Cut Job Exhibit, 3D Nail Art Job Exhibit and Flat Nail Art Job Exhibit. District winners headed to State with first and second place winnings for Barbering are Kevin Izquierdo first place; Cosmetology are Jessica Calvillo second place; Esthetics are Alexa Rivas second place, America Palacios third place. Cosmetology Quiz bowl are Yoselyn Arriaga, Esteban Carranza, Jessica Calvillo, Shaelyn Gomez, Sandra Montalvo and Annabella Parada third place; Day and Evening Job Exhibit first place winners Lizmar Parra, Xitlaly Larios, Yoselyn Arria-

ga and Annabella Parada. Fantasy Job Exhibit first place winners Dulce Hernandez, Vilma Martinez, Kristine Ramirez, Ariana Anaya, Marlene Melendez, Melody Oviedo, Esteban Carranza and Peyton Fontenot. Women's Color and Cut first place winner Jessica Calvillo. Men's Classic HairCut Job Exhibit first place winner Steven Barley and Jaiden Wilkins. Braiding, Job Exhibit first place winner Aydreanna Stamps and Jackyline Chavez. 3D Nails Job Exhibit first place winners Sarahi Mendoza Sanchez, Dayrin Aguilar and Natali Gomez-Nino; Flat Nail Art Job Exhibit first place winner Maria Marin. Salon Job Exhibit first place winner Sandra Montalvo.

The Royal Health Science Department competed in multiple Health Science SkillsUSA contests during February, including medical terminology, exhibition of technical Health Science Skills, medical math, dental assisting, nurse assisting, basic healthcare skills, and health knowledge bowl.

Health Knowledge Bowl took home the silver medal. The team of four students were Danahe Alcantar, Daniel Hernandez, Issac Martinez, and Kyla Thomas. District Winners headed to state for Medical Math placing first are Monica Hernandez and third place Ulysses Palacios. Isaac Martinez took home silver for Nurse Assisting and George Taylor brought back the bronze medal for basic health care skills. With dental assisting Sherissa Pierre placed silver and Daniel Hernandez brought back the bronze medal. Superior Perfect score district winners headed to state for Health Science Display Panel are Danahe Alcantar, Rebeca Arvizo, Adam Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Monica Hernandez, Isaac Martinez, Ulysses Palacios, Mauricio Perez, Sherissa Pierre, Yessica Rodriguez, George Taylor, and Kyla Thomas, and Kaelly Villfana.

The Royal Welding Department competed in the hands-on welding competition as well as entering a project into the Welding Sculpture

category. The hands-on students were James Oviedo and Jairo Marquez for the welding category and Kevin Weatherford and Jose Vega for the welding 1 category. Kevin Weatherford received first place in the welding 1 category and will be advancing to the state level contest, representing Royal. Jose Vega entered a project into the welding sculpture category and earned third place overall.

The Royal Machining Department had four Job Exhibit entries, with one of them earning a Superior Rating and qualifying to compete at the State Level in Corpus Christi. Superior Rating, Miguel Hernandez- 12th grade and brother Eric Hernandez 11th grade machined an Aluminum Chess Set. A second project presented by Alex Castillo - 11th grade came short of points and earned a State Very Good Rating. Miguel Hernandez -12th grade won First Place District Champion on Leadership & Skills. He is a State Qualified and will be competing in Corpus Christi at the State Conference.

Katy ISD launches ECG screening initiative

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD) announced a significant turnout for its first physical of the year in a February 21st press release, reporting that 65 cheerleaders chose to participate in the optional electrocardiogram (ECG) screening. This milestone event marks a crucial step forward in proactive healthcare initiatives within the district, district officials said in the press release.

The ECG screenings were conducted by Katy ISD nurses on-site at Legacy Stadium during the University Interscholastic League (UIL) physicals.

"We are thrilled to see such a positive response from our student-athletes and their families regarding the optional ECG screenings," stated Lance Carter, Executive Director of Athletics at Katy ISD. "This initiative reflects our ongoing dedication to prioritize the health and safety of our



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students, and we believe that early detection through ECG screenings can play a vital role in ensuring their overall well-being."

The introduction of ECG screenings builds upon Katy ISD's proactive approach to healthcare, following the recent acquisition of ten state-of-the-art ECG devices through a donation from AETNA.

"We are grateful for AETNA's support that has enabled us to implement these critical healthcare initia-

tives," said Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management at Katy ISD. "The overwhelming participation in the ECG screenings emphasizes the importance of early detection in safeguarding the cardiac health of our students and staff."

All Katy ISD health plan participants and their qualified dependents who are enrolled in the District's Health Plan will have access to the ECG service. The next date for UIL physicals for students is April 30.

The relevance of this initiative is profound, the district said. Callie Marie Mitchell, a 16-year-old student and cheerleader at Morton Ranch High School, passed away in August 2023 from an undetected heart issue. Her parents, Scott and Michelle Donahue, have been instrumental as advocates, encouraging students, parents and guardians to take part in this optional service by getting screened, the district said.

KATY CHAMBER PRESENTS DONATION TO FFA CHAPTERS



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Bill Lacy of Independent Financial Mortgage (center) presents a check for \$10,000.00 to Katy ISD FFA Chapters to the nine FFA chapter presidents, on behalf of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The funds, raised through the Chamber's annual Chili Cookoff specifically to benefit KISD FFA, were presented on Saturday, February 17th at the buyers' luncheon. The 2024 cookoff, which Lacy chairs, has been rescheduled for April 20th at the parking lot of American Furniture Warehouse. For more information, go to business.katychamber.com/chamber-calendar.



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Buzzer beater lifts Seven Lakes to 2nd straight regional tourney

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes' last shot was one they had practiced all week.

The Spartans knew they would have to deal with going against an undefeated Clements team in the regional quarterfinals. And that was a team with size everywhere. Seven Lakes practiced all week preparing for it and even brought in Rohan Burns, a 6'11 senior on the track and field team that had been a part of the Spartans' basketball program until this year, to help players get practice shooting over taller defenders.

All of that made a difference for Seven Lakes down the stretch of Tuesday's game and provided them



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Above: Seven Lakes players celebrate after Tillman Jaramillo's game winning shot during Tuesday's game between Seven Lakes and Clements at Wheeler Fieldhouse. Left: Isaiah Santos shoots over a defender during Tuesday's game between Seven Lakes and Clements at Wheeler Fieldhouse.

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Seven Lakes comeback falls short in regional semifinal loss to Summer Creek

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes fought for every second on Friday.

No matter the odds, no matter what was in front of them, the Spartans fought and clawed their way to stay in their Region III-6A Semifinal, trying to overcome a strong Summer Creek team.

But in the end, the Spartans ran out of time and a strong comeback bid fell just short, with Seven Lakes' season coming to an end with a 52-47 loss at the Campbell Center in Aldine.

"I knew we wouldn't give up," said Seven Lakes head coach Doug Watson. "This team doesn't have an ounce of give up. They did such a great job of coming back when the odds were stacked against them tonight. Even when Summer Creek was up double digits, these girls never gave up and they be-



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Madison Carlton pump fakes during Friday's Region III-6A Semifinal between Seven Lakes and Summer Creek at the Campbell Center in Aldine.

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PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Jordan falls in hard fought regional quarterfinal

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan's season came to an end in the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday, as the Warriors lost 39-38 to Bellaire in a game that came down to the final seconds.

It was the second straight sea-

son where the Warriors advanced to the third round and they played a very good game against a strong team. Bellaire jumped out to a 15-9 lead after one quarter, but Jordan trimmed that deficit to 21-18 at half. The Warriors tied tings up early in the third, but Bellaire went back ahead 32-27 at the end of the

third quarter.

Bellaire led by six with 4:29 left in the game but Jordan scored five straight points to make it a one point game. After Bellaire made free throws to make it a 3-point game, Jaden Holt got fouled on a three-

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WEEK OF MARCH 1

SCORES & SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CLASS 6A REGION III SEMIFINAL

- Summer Creek 52, Seven Lakes 47

BOYS BASKETBALL

AREA

- Seven Lakes 58, Cy-Creek 57 OT
- Jordan 55, Cy-Fair 40

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

- Seven Lakes 54, Clements 52
- Bellaire 39, Jordan 38

CLASS 6A REGION III SEMIFINAL

Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Beaumont United, 6 p.m. at the Campbell Center

SOFTBALL

Thursday

- Katy vs. Brazoswood, 10 a.m.
- Taylor vs. Dobie, 10:30 a.m.
- Paetow vs. Tomball Memorial, 11 a.m.
- Katy vs. Deer Park, noon
- Taylor vs. Lamar Consolidated, 12:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Oak Ridge, 3 p.m.

Friday

- Paetow vs. Willis, 11 a.m.
- Paetow vs. Klein Collins, 3 p.m.
- Katy vs. Jordan, 6:15 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6:15 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday

- Paetow vs. Cy-Springs, 9 a.m.
- Taylor vs. Fulshear, 10 a.m.
- Paetow vs. Cy-Falls, 11 a.m.
- Katy vs. Lovejoy, noon
- Taylor vs. Foster, 2 p.m.
- Katy vs. Barbers Hill, 4 p.m.

Tuesday

- Paetow vs. Katy, 6:15 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 6:15 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Taylor, 6:15 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 6:15 p.m.

BASEBALL

Thursday

- Tompkins vs. Montgomery, 9 a.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Cy-Park, 12:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Tomball Memorial, 12:30 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Clear Creek, 1 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Santa Fe, 2 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Strake Jesuit, 2 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Fair, 3 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Pasadena Memorial, 3 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. A&M Consolidated, 3 p.m.
- Katy vs. Westside, 3:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Cy-Springs, 3:45 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Fulshear, 4:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Fort Bend Bush, 4:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Baytown Lee, 6 p.m.
- Katy vs. Clear Springs, 6 p.m.

Friday

- Morton Ranch vs. Manvel, 11:15 a.m.
- Taylor vs. Shadow Creek, 11:30 a.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. A&M Consolidated, 12:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Whitehouse, 12:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Cy-Fair, 3 p.m.
- Katy vs. Friendswood, 3:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Lamar, 4 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Randle, 4 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Park, 5:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Clear Falls, 6 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Clear Lake, 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Seven Lakes vs. Langham Creek, 10 a.m.
- Paetow vs. Foster, 10 a.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Galena Park, 10 a.m.
- Katy vs. Clear Creek, 10:30 a.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Tomball Memorial, 12:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Lamar Consolidated, 3 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cy-Lakes, 3 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Bryan, 4:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. St. Johns, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Episcopal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- Tompkins vs. Katy, 6 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.

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Above: Sutton Hull throws to first base during Friday's game between Katy and Ridge Point at the Katy baseball field. Below: Aiden Barrientes pitches during Friday's game between Katy and Ridge Point at the Katy baseball field.



Above: Aiden Schipper hits during Friday's game between Katy and Ridge Point at the Katy baseball field. Right: AJ Atkinson hits during Friday's game between Katy and Ridge Point at the Katy baseball field.



Katy ready to meet big expectations

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy has been waiting for a chance to get back out on the field since last year.

The Tigers enjoyed a plethora of success last year, going further into the playoffs than they had in decades and leaning on an experienced core with the team's youngsters stepping up along the way.

But that wasn't what was on the mind of the Tigers' players over the offseason. They wanted to get back at it and get the sour taste out of their mouth after falling in last year's Region III-6A Final to Pearland.

"It's so great getting back out here with the guys," said senior second baseman Sutton Hull. "Last season was amazing, but it ended on such a low note and we've just been looking forward to getting out here all offseason, we want to find our groove."

The team has big aspirations this season. They've taken steps forward each of the past two years, making it to the regional semifinals in 2022 before battling their way all the way to the regional final this year. The goal for this season is to find their way back there and then make it to Round Rock for the state tournament, and if any team has a roster that can do it, it's Katy.

The Tigers have as much if not more pitching talent than anyone in the state. There's the junior duo of TCU commits leading the way in Cade Nelson and Aiden Barrientos, who both had big performances in last year's playoffs, while Aaron Brashear, a senior Weatherford College commit, will be a big part of the rotation and Connor Udland, a junior University of Houston commit, just adds to the Tigers depth on the mound. Katy has the defense to back it up as well, with a number of players that are fundamentally sound in the field.

"It's a dream come true as a coach," said Katy head coach Wes Hearne. "I don't know if I'll ever coach a pitching staff like

this again. We have a lot of good arms and they're fantastic, we just have to be able to hit, because if you score a couple of runs with them it should be okay."

The hitting is where the Tigers have things to work on. Katy opened the season against Ridge Point on Friday and were held scoreless in a loss. The team knows they have to keep the ball out of the air and focus on making solid contact and moving runners over to be successful. The game against a Ridge Point team that is always solid year in and year out showed the Tigers what they need to be working on and Katy knows where it needs to focus to continue to improve.

"We have to get the offense going — we know exactly what we have with the pitching but the offensive side is where we have to keep growing and getting better," Hull said. "I'm not worried because I know we have the skill and talent to do it — we're just inexperienced right now. We're going to use this tournament to get our rhythm going at the plate and we're all confident heading into district."

Hull has provided leadership for the team after a number of seniors graduated last year and has had a lot of help from others that return with varsity leadership including AJ Atkinson, Brashear and Cade Nelson, who was named a team captain even as a junior. The Tigers will have tests early on in the year, starting district with back-to-back games against Tompkins, but they are ready for the challenge and excited at the chance to prove themselves as a team.

"We know where we look good and we know where we have to work and keep getting better — that's what's good about playing such a strong team early on," Hearne said. "It's a young team and there's going to be some growing pains. But these guys are going get to work and there's no panic. We just have to keep grinding and be ready for district."

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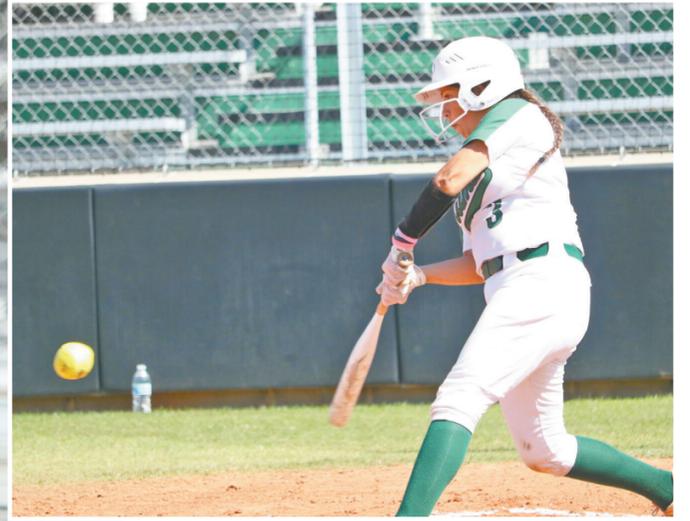
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Left: Savannah Henningson hits during a bi-district round game between Cinco Ranch and Fort Bend Travis at the Cinco Ranch softball field. Above: Kaitlyn Flores hits during a District 19-6A game between Cinco Ranch and Mayde Creek at the Mayde Creek softball field.

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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Katy, Taylor, Mayde Creek stay perfect

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy, Taylor and Mayde Creek kept up their perfect starts to district on Tuesday with wins while Cinco Ranch earned its first district win of the season to round out the night of play.

Sharrock, Lerma lead Taylor past Seven Lakes

Taylor dominated on Tuesday in an 11-1 win over Seven Lakes, moving to 2-0 in district in the process and 6-2 on the season.

The Mustangs were led by Alyssa Sharrock and Kaelyn Lerma, who combined for four hits and five RBIs on the night while Ari Hughes had a dominant showing on the mound, pitching five innings and striking out eight while allowing five hits and one run in the win.

Taylor came out strong from the beginning and didn't slow down. Izzy Allen started the scoring in the top of the first with an RBI double and Kaelyn Wentzler doubled the lead shortly after with an RBI double of her own. Sharrock then smacked a 3-run homer before a run on an error gave Taylor a 6-0 lead after the first inning. Taylor added two more in the second inning scoring on a passed ball and a sacrifice fly before capping their scoring off in the third inning, as Lerma hit a solo home run and Hughes hit an RBI single to make it 11-0. Seven Lakes got a run in the third inning when Sarah Petree hit an RBI double, but that was all the Spartans could get across on the day, with the game coming to an end in five innings via run rule.

Seven Lakes was led by Abigail Nichols, who had two hits in the game and Petree, who had an RBI. Ryma Chakraborty was on the mound for the Spartans and allowed nine earned runs over five innings while striking out one and walking six. Seven Lakes fell to 0-1 in district play with the loss.

Katy run rules Morton Ranch

Katy run ruled Morton Ranch on Tuesday, coming out on fire at the plate and on the mound in a 16-0 win that only went for three



Katelyn Wentzler hits during a play in game between Taylor and Seven Lakes last year at the Jordan softball field.

innings, as Katy improved to 8-0 on the year and 2-0 in district play.

Cameryn Harrison had another dominant display on the mound. The senior struck out eight batters over three innings, not allowing a hit or a run while walking one batter in the win. On the offensive side she added two RBIs, tied for the team lead in the game with Paige Schulze and Paige Stall.

Hailey Gore got the scoring started in the bottom of the first inning with a single to drive in a run before coming around to score on a wild pitch. Katy got another run off an error before Montgomery Henderson stole home for a fourth run and Ella-Kate Smith hit a triple to score another. Brooke Fechner finished the scoring in the inning with an RBI single. Hailey Gore added one more run in the second inning when a runner came across to score on her triple before Katy finished things off with a huge third inning. Schulze started the inning with an RBI single and Katy got two more off an error. Harrison drove in a run off a single before Emily Budd hit a sacrifice fly and Stall ended the game on a two-run single.

Katy ended the night with 11 hits and no errors in the win. Morton Ranch dropped to 0-2 in district with the loss.

Late surge leads Cinco Ranch past Tompkins for first district win

Cinco Ranch used a four run sixth inning to beat Tompkins 7-5 and earn the Cougars their first district win of the season.

The Cougars had strong days from Aubrey Ramirez and Ossie, who both had two RBIs, while Faith Piper added two hits to help lead the team. Savannah Henningson pitched a complete game for the Cougars, allowing five runs on four hits while striking out five and walking three.

Tompkins took the first lead of the game in the top of the first inning, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Leah Gershman and doubling that lead with a run on a passed ball. Ramirez tied things up in the bottom of the first though on a two-run homer to get

Cinco Ranch on the board.

Things stayed that way until the top of the fifth inning, when Tompkins retook the lead on a wild pitch and then stretched that lead to two runs when Lex Cebreiro hit an RBI single. Cinco Ranch trimmed the lead to one in the bottom of the inning off a Ossie Cooper inside the park home run before exploding to take the lead in the sixth inning. The bottom of the sixth inning started off with two straight outs for Cinco but Piper got things going with a single to start the rally. Madison Rosario then stepped up and tied the game on a double and Cinco took the lead on the next at bat off an error. Lindsey DeLeon closed out the inning with a two-run triple as the Cougars went up 7-4. Tompkins got one run back in the top of the seventh when Leah Gershman drove in a run on a double but weren't able to manage any more as Cinco clinched the win.

Gershman was the top performer for Tompkins offensively with two RBIs while Cebreiro added one, Samantha Crumrin started the game on the mound for the Falcons and allowed four earned runs on 10 hits while striking out four and walking five. With the loss, Tompkins fell to 0-2 in district play.

Mayde Creek stays perfect in district with big win over Paetow

Mayde Creek got its second win of district play this year with a 10-3 win, improving to a 3-5 record this season to go with a 2-0 record in district.

Kaitlyn Flores was a huge part of that win, leading the team with four RBIs on three hits, while Shy'Lynn Brown pitched a complete game, allowing three runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking four.

The Rams jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first, getting two runners on with walks before Flores came to the plate and hit a 2-run single. Mayde Creek added three more in the second inning. Brown came to the plate and belted a 2-run double and Flores drove another in on a single, making it 5-0. The Panthers battled back in the bottom of the fourth and got their first run across when Lea Avila hit an RBI single, which Liliana Rodriguez followed up with an RBI single of her own. Alicia Briones then got a third run across for the Panthers with a bases loaded walk.

Things stayed that way until the sixth inning, when the Rams were able to put away the game. Mayde Creek got one across in the inning on a bases loaded walk and Flores then came to the plate and got three runs across on another single, making it 9-3 in favor

of Mayde Creek. The Rams then capped things off in the top of the seventh, getting a final run on a single from Eva Tyler.

Paetow was led by Briones and Rodriguez, who both had one RBI in the game. Jiselle Lopez started on the mound and went 5.2 innings and allowed seven earned runs on nine hits, striking out six and walking seven in the process. Paetow dropped its first game of the season and now sits at 7-1 with a 1-1 record in district.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the **City of Katy** will be received at the City of Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, attention Becky L. McGrew, City Secretary; for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the **Town Park Subdivision Street Improvements Project, until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024.** Bids will, immediately thereafter, be publicly opened and read aloud in the City of Katy Council Chambers. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project involves asphalt pavement repairs in the Town Park Subdivision, including milling the existing asphalt pavement surface, performing full depth repairs at various locations, and installing a new asphalt driving surface on all the streets within the Town Park Subdivision. The project also includes replacing existing pavement markings, and all labor, materials and equipment required to perform the work.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of total bid amount, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute the required bonds within ten days after notice of award. At the option of the bidder, the guarantee may be one of the following:

- Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the **City of Katy.**
- Negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value).
- Bid bond from a surety company listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570, such bid bond being within the maximum amount specified for such company in that publication.

Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

Award of this contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive responsible bid and references. The right is reserved as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner. Owner reserves the right to award the contract at any time within ninety (90) days after bid opening.

A **Non-Mandatory Virtual Pre-Bid Conference** will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.**

Information for joining the virtual meeting is given below:

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A Complete set of the bidding documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com. There is no cost to view or download the plans. Sets of hard copies of Bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents. Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

Notice to Bidders

Brookshire-Katy Drainage District ("Owner") requests competitive sealed proposals (bids) for the construction of a new Administrative Building located at 1111 Kenney Street (on the north-west corner of Fourth Street and Kenney Street) in the City of Brookshire, Texas.

Bid Due Date:
Monday, March 25, 2024, at 2:30pm (Bids submitted after 2:30pm will not be accepted). Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately after the specified closing time, but not awarded at that time. Interested parties may attend.

Bid will be received at the following Location:
Brookshire-Katy Drainage District
1111 Kenney Street
Brookshire, Texas 77423

Pre-Bid Conference:
A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 2:30pm at the:
Brookshire-Katy Drainage District
1111 Kenney Street
Brookshire, Texas 77423

Scope of Work:
The Project consists of construction of the following:

New free-standing 6,368 square foot Administration Building and associated site infrastructure upgrades to support the new building including, but not limited to selective demolition, paved parking and drives, on-site utilities, and detention pond.

Evaluation Criteria:
The contract will be awarded to the most qualified General Contractor based on the bidder who provides the best value for the Owner (Brookshire-Katy Drainage District). In determining the best value for the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District, the agency may consider the following weighted criteria:

- (1) the purchase price (30%);
- (2) the reputation of the bidder (15%);
- (3) the quality of the bidder's goods or services (10%);
- (4) the extent to which the goods or services meet the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District's needs (10%);
- (5) the bidder's past relationship with the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District (5%);
- (6) the impact on the ability of the Brookshire-Katy Drainage District to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically under-utilized businesses and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities (5%);
- (7) the total long-term cost to the municipality to acquire the bidder's goods or services (5%); and
- (8) the completeness of the bid (20%).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive irregularities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the Bid, the Owner (Brookshire-Katy Drainage District) reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject the Bid. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 90 calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Bid and Bond Requirements:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, the "bid security", in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds and Guaranty on the forms provided within five days after the Notice to Proceed is received by the General Contractor. Bid sureties will be returned to all but the three lowest acceptable bidders the day of opening the Bids, and the remaining bid sureties will be returned after execution of the Contract.

The successful bidder must furnish Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds on the forms furnished with the Bid, in the amounts of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, from a surety company acceptable to the Owner. A completed Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties must accompany the bid.

Attention: Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908, unless you are a publicly traded entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of same, you must be able to provide Brookshire-Katy Drainage District with printed and signed copies of a completed disclosure of interested parties form (Form 1295) and a certificate of filing at the time of the District's execution of the contract. Failure to do so will result in the District's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>.

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

Bid Documents:
Plans and specifications will be available on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the CivCastUSA website <https://www.civcastusa.com>. Bidders must register on the website in order to view or download plans and specifications for this project. There is no charge to register and view or download the documents.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal. Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 is accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for concrete pavement work located at Fire Station 3. The Proposal is due no later than Tuesday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Martinez Architects, LP 900 Rockmead, Suite 250, Kingwood, TX 77339. The Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal will be utilized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code and Ch. 2269, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code. For additional information regarding this project, please contact Mr. Ricardo Martinez (ricardom@martinez-architects.com, 281-800-1023). Request for Proposals may be reviewed or requested from Martinez Architects, made available from Associated General Contractors, McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, Virtual Builders Exchange.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Planning And Zoning Commission Will Conduct A Public Hearing At Their Special Meeting And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing At Their Regular Meeting To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, March 25, 2024

The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Amending The City Of Katy Zoning Ordinance No. 621; Establishing A Special Use Permit That Allows, A Special Use, To-Wit: Religious Institution In A "C-1" Commercial District At 5038 East Fifth Street; Providing For An Effective Date; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed electronic bids will be received electronically received on the CivCastUSA Website (www.CivCastUSA.com) until **2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, March 7, 2024**, and then an Apparent Low Bidders will be automatically generated and posted online for **Construction of Water, Sanitary and Paving Improvements for Lakeview Section 5** for Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 34A (CI Job No. 2020046-PH2-DS-109). The Site of the work is Northeast of the intersection of FM 362 and Hebert Rd, in Waller County, Texas. A voluntary pre-bid conference call will be held at **2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, February 29, 2024**. All prospective bidders are invited to attend by calling 210-926-0892 and use the Conference ID: 625 257 908#. Bidding documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at the CivCastUSA Website. Reproduction charges will apply according to CivCastUSA rates.

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Katy ISD debuts logo, mascot for Freeman High School

STAFF REPORT

Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD) unveiled the new logo and mascot for Freeman High School, the district's latest addition, which is set to open its doors in August. Approved as part of the 2021 Bond package, the Freeman High School Golden Eagles will be the 10th high school in Katy ISD.

The logo was designed through collaboration with students, faculty, and community members, with the logo hoping to reflect the school's desire to foster a vibrant and spirited environment where every student and staff member can thrive.

"We are incredibly excited to reveal the new logo and mascot for Freeman High School," said Gina Cobb, Principal of Freeman High School. "As we define our core values, we will be guided by the characteristics of the Golden Eagle. We can't wait to see our students, staff and the community unite as we embark on this exciting journey together."

The unveiling of Freeman High School's logo and mascot signals a significant milestone in the school's journey towards opening.

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Panel speakers Lance Carter, Ruben Martinez, Ben Rolens and Kevin Tabor talk to the audience during the Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Activities Safety and Security Forum.

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Interscholastic Events: Creating a Culture of Safety

Lance Carter, Executive Director of Athletics
Ruben Martinez, Emergency Management
Ben Rolens, General Manager of Facilities, P
Kevin Tabor, Deputy Chief of Police, Katy ISD

Katy ISD hosts forum on safety, security in athletics and after-school activities

STAFF REPORT

Recently Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD) hosted the National Interscholastic Athletics and After-school Activities Safety and Security Forum, held in collaboration with the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4).

The primary objective of the forum was to address critical safety and security challenges facing interscholastic athletics and after-school activities, providing a platform for the exchange of best practices.

The forum garnered widespread participation, attracting superintendents, principals, athletic administrators, school resource officers, emergency managers, and first responders from various regions across the state. Over a span of 48 hours, these leaders engaged in constructive small-group discussions and exercises, benefiting from the expertise of esteemed speakers and panelists.

Welcoming those in attendance was Katy ISD Superintendent, Dr. Ken Gregorski, who emphasized the importance of this valuable training, stating, "As both a spectator and the leader of a district supporting facilities and venues hosting large-scale events, I am grateful for the time and training you are engaging in that contributes to the safety of our communities."

The forum's agenda covered topics including emergency preparedness, effective management



Panelists listen during the Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Activities Safety and Security Forum.

of fan behavior, hosting officials, addressing extreme weather and climate risks, and fostering a culture of safety. Attendees had the unique opportunity to learn from subject-matter experts, fostering a collaborative environment where attendees could share their knowledge.

Katy ISD's Executive Director of Athletics, Lance Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Ruben Martinez, General Manager of Facilities, Ben Rolens, and Deputy Chief of Police, Kevin Tabor, covered the forum's first topic – Creating a Culture of Safety. Their expertise and insights set the tone for a forum dedicated to enhancing safety standards in interscholastic and after-school activities.

"Katy ISD is proud to host this year's NCS4 forum, an event that creates a collaborative environment where we can exchange ideas and best practices," said Lance Carter, Executive Director of Athletics at Katy ISD. "Through engaging discussions and shared expertise, this forum provides an exceptional platform for learning and progress as we strive to provide our communities with a safe and welcoming environment at athletics and after-school events."

The remainder of the forum included a range of safety topics covered by a variety of panelists and speakers that included:

- Dr. Stacey A. Hall, Executive Director at NCS4
- Jonathan Ruffin, Training



Katy ISD Superintendent Ken Gregorski welcomes attendees to the Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Activities Safety and Security Forum.

Manager at NCS4

- Daniel Ward, Director of Training and Exercise at NCS4
- Dr. Kevin Kloesel, Event Safety Meteorologist at the University of Oklahoma
- John Petrone, Senior Managing Director at Petrone Risk
- Dana M. Pappas, Director of Officiating Services at the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)
- Dena Scott, Director of Athletics at Fort Bend ISD
- Gary Stevens, Director of Student Activities at Thornton Academy
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The audience watches during the Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Activities Safety and Security Forum.

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Katy ISD places four on Class 6A All-State first team



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Ryan Hall celebrates after scoring a touchdown during a game between Jordan and Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD had four players placed on the first team of the Class 6A Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association's All State Team and 12 overall in a strong year for the district on the all state team.

Tompkins led the way for the district with five all-state picks while Katy had three named to the team and both Taylor and Morton Ranch placed two on the team.

Wyatt Young and Ashton Funk were placed on the first team for Tompkins. Young was the District 19-6A MVP this year after rushing for 936 yards and 11 touchdowns while passing for 524 more to go with six touchdowns through the air. Young was named to the first team as the all-purpose player while Funk, who helped the Falcons to a second place finish in district, was named as a tackle.

The two were joined on the first team by Morton Ranch's Ryan Hall, who was named to the first team as a fullback. Hall had 1204 yards on the year to go with 10 touchdowns on the ground.

Katy's Chase Johnsey was named third team all state as a fullback. Johnsey had 240 yards on the ground with six touchdowns to go with 17 receptions for 212 yards and two touchdowns on the year. Taylor's Cyrus Reyes was also named to the third team after helping the Mustangs finish third in district and reach the playoffs during his senior season.

There were six more players from Katy ISD who were named honorable mentions. Tompkins had Caleb Blocker in the team as a running back while Rhys Phillips was named to it as a tight end and William Duncan earned honorable mention honors as a kicker. Ashton Coker gained the honorable mention honors for Taylor while Morton Ranch's Dean Ford and Katy's Adam Carter rounded out the team as linebacker and punter.

Willis quarterback DJ Lagway and DeSoto defensive lineman Keylan Abrams were named co-players of the year for Class 6A.

Following is the full Class 6A Blue Bell/TSWA All-State Team.

FIRST TEAM

Offense:

Quarterback – D.J. Lagway, Willis, 6-2, 225, sr.
Running backs – Taji Atkins, Spring Westfield, 5-9, 185, sr.; Lloyd Avant, Summer Creek, 5-11, 195, sr.; Caden Durham, Duncanville, 5-9, 195, sr.
Fullback – Ryan Hall, Katy Morton Ranch, 5-11, 205, sr.
Wide receivers – Dakorien Moore, Duncanville, 5-11, 175, jr.; Alex Green, Hutto, 6-0, 188, sr.; Jalen Cooper, Cibolo Steele, 6-3, 170, jr.; Daylon Singleton, DeSoto, 5-11, 165, jr.
Tight end – Kordell Rodgers, Summer Creek, sr.
Tackles – Blake Frazier, Vandegrift, 6-6, 270, sr.; (tie) Ashton Funk, Katy Tompkins, 6-6, 300, sr.; Ellis Davis, Prosper, 6-7, 270, sr.
Guards – Nate Kibble, Atascocita, 6-3, 315, sr.; Ronnell McLain, DeSoto, 6-4, 310, sr.
Center – Coen Echols, Katy, 6-3, 295, sr.
All purpose – Wyatt Young, Katy Tompkins, 6-1, 200, sr.
Place-kicker – Noah McGough, Dallas Jesuit, 6-0, 177, jr.

Defense

Linemen – Keylan Abrams, DeSoto, 6-2, 205, jr.; Alex January, Duncanville, 6-5, 320, sr.; Joseph Jonah-Ajonye, Oak Ridge, sr.; Colin Simmons, Duncanville, 6-3, 225, sr.
Linebackers – Justin Williams, Oak Ridge, 6-2, 205, sr.; Xavier Atkins, Summer Creek, 6-1, 200, sr.; Brandon Booker, DeSoto, 6-1, 205, sr.; Cayden Clayton, The Woodlands, 5-10, 185, sr.
Secondary – Dontae Carter, Cibolo Steele, 6-2, 175, sr.; Peyton Morgan, Pflugerville Weiss, 6-1, 175, sr.; Braylon Conley, Atascocita 6-0, 170, sr.; Athen Dominguez, Midland, 6-1, 180, sr.
Punter – Jonathan Dimas, Westfield, 5-10, 185, sr.
Kick returner – Chris Boykins, Houston Lamar, 5-10, 180, sr.
Offensive player of the year – Lagway, Willis
Defensive player of the year – Abrams, DeSoto
Coach of the year – Claude Mathis, DeSoto

SECOND TEAM

Offense

Quarterback – Darius "DJ" Bailey, DeSoto, 5-11, 210, sr.
Running backs – Deonte Dean, Lake Highlands, 6-2, 210, sr.; Brennan Carroll, San Antonio Roosevelt, 5-8, 180, sr.; (tie) Ashton Emory, Rockwall, 5-11, 190, sr.; Jeremy Payne, Fort Bend Hightower, 5-10, 175, sr.
Fullback – Titus Pettaway, Manor, 6-1, 220, sr.
Wide receivers – Jermaine Bishop, Willis, 5-11, 150, soph.; Chase Campbell, Frenship, 5-11, 170, soph.; Ivan Carreon, Odessa, 6-6, 205, sr.; Christian Saldana, Laredo United, 6-1, 170, sr.
Tight end – Jewlyen Thomas Roberts, Richardson Pearce, 6-4, 235, sr.
Tackles – Lucas Barrientes, Midland Legacy, 6-4, 276, sr.; (tie) Harrison Moore, Southlake Carroll, 6-3, 260, sr.; Jacob Ponton, Dripping Springs, 6-7, 270, sr.
Guards – Jared Risinger, Austin Westlake, 6-2, 310, jr. (tie) Byron Washington, DeSoto, 6-8, 400, jr.; Gavin Espinoza, New Braunfels, 6-0, 295, sr.
Center – (tie) Koltin Sieracki, The Woodlands, 6-3, 295, sr. Bennett Wilkin, Austin Westlake, 6-0, 245, jr.
All purpose – Kadyn Leon, Lake Travis, 6-0, 170, sr.
Place-kicker – (tie) Spencer Barnett, Austin Westlake, 5-8, 160, sr.; Cooper Crawford, Roysie City, 5-10, 175, sr.

Defense

Linemen – K'mard Kimble, C.E. King, 6-1, 290, sr.; Dustan Mark, Southlake Carroll, 6-2, 225, sr.; Jacob King, Cibolo Steele, 6-1, 245, sr.; Kaleb Walker, Summer Creek, 6-4, 215, sr.
Linebackers – Brooks Gallagher, Tyler Legacy,

5-11, 200, sr.; Jackson Waid, Clear Falls, 6-0, 210, sr.; Elliott Schaper, Austin Westlake, 6-2, 210, jr. Johnny Crawford, Stratford, 6-1, 200, sr.

Secondary – Devin Sanchez, North Shore, 6-2, 170, jr.; Ashton Hampton, Pearland, 6-0, 165, sr.; Rodney Bimage Jr., Dickinson, 6-1, 180, sr.; (tie) Eli Bowen, Denton Guyer, 5-9, 165, sr.; Xavier Filsaime, McKinney, 6-1, 180, sr.

Punter – Paul Herrera, El Paso Eastlake, 5-10, 175, sr.

Kick returner – Christopher Barnes, North Shore, 5-8, 155, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Offense

Quarterback – (tie) Kaleb Bailey, Galena Park North Shore, 6-1, 195, jr.; Marcos Davila, Midland Legacy, 6-3, 225, sr.

Running backs – Damien Johnson, Midland Legacy, 5-10, 170, sr.; Fabian Garcia, San Benito, 5-7, 175, sr.; Davis Penn, Southlake Carroll, 5-10, 185, soph.

Fullback – Chase Johnsey, Katy, 5-11, 195, sr.
Wide receivers – Ashton Bethel-Roman, Ridge Point, 6-2, 170, sr.; Kalliq Lockett, Garland Sachse, 6-2, 185, jr.; Leyton Stone, Frenship, 6-2, 170, jr.; Tristen Brown, Houston Lamar, 5-10, 175, sr.

Tight end – Jack Van Dorselaer, Southlake Carroll, 6-5, 230, jr.

Tackles – Michael Uini, Copperas Cove, 6-8, 330, sr.; (tie) Gibson Pyle, Klein Cain, 6-5, 300, sr.; Makai Saina, Arlington Martin, 6-4, 290, sr.

Guards – Preston Honeycutt, Hutto, 6-4, 255, sr.; James Kerney, Harker Heights 6-0, 260, soph.

Center – Tyler Mercer, Prosper, 6-4, 280, sr.
All purpose – Jason Love, San Antonio Brennan, 5-10, 185, sr.

Place-kicker – Kyle Lemmerman, Southlake Carroll, 6-2, 210, sr.

Defense

Linemen – Landon Rink, Cy-Fair, 6-3, 280, jr. Zion Taylor, Shadow Creek, 6-1, 230, sr.; Zina Urmeozulu, Allen, 6-4, 235, sr.; (tie) Tristan Johnson, LD Bell, 6-3, 260, sr.; Abdon Mata, Cibolo Steele, 6-3, 240, sr.

Linebackers – Dillon Dixon, North Shore, 6-0, 215, sr.; Walker DiHarce, San Antonio Johnson, 6-2, 220, sr.; Cooper Kounse, San Antonio Churchill, 5-11, 195, sr.; Eze Osondu, Byron Nelson, 6-3, 205, sr.

Secondary – Ty Hawkins, SA Johnson, 6-1, 200, jr.; Tyren Polley, Duncanville, 6-0, 180, jr.; Ashton Williams, Byron Nelson, 5-11, 180, sr.; (tie) Judson Crockett, Austin Westlake, 6-1, 175, sr.; Cyrus Reyes, Katy Taylor, 6-1, 190, sr.

Punter – Walter Kilgore, Clear Lake, 6-2, 170, sr.
Kick returner – Miles Coleman, Austin Vandegrift, 5-6, 155, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Offense

Quarterbacks – Deuce Adams, Vandegrift, 6-2, 175, sr.; Zion Brown, 6-0, 181, Atascocita, sr.; Austin Carlisle, Ridge Point, 5-11, 185, jr.; Atzel Chavez Jr., Laredo United, 6-2, 180, sr.; Will Hammond, Hutto, 6-2, 200, sr.; Hudson Hutcheson, Frenship, 6-0, 175, sr.; Chris Jimerson, North Crowley, 5-10, 170, jr.; Graham Knowles, Southlake Carroll, 6-7, 215, sr.; Mabrey Mettauer, The Woodlands, 6-5, 225, sr.; Evan Minjares, El Paso Eastwood, 6-1, 205, sr.; Trey Owens, Cy-Fair, 6-5, 240, sr.; Tom Von Grote, Byron Nelson, 6-2.5, 215, sr.

Running backs – Caleb Blocker, Katy Tompkins, 5-10, 200, sr.; D'Andre Hardeman Jr., North Shore, 5-8, 180, jr.; Justin Howard, Houston Lamar, 5-10, 165, sr.; Tucker James, Byron Nelson, 6-0, 180, jr.; Lorenn Johnson, SA Johnson, 5-10, 180, jr.; Jake Kayser, Austin Westlake, 5-8, 175, sr.; Elijah McCoy, Midland, 5-8, 180, jr.; LaDamion McDowell, Pearland, 5-7, 160, sr.; Ulysses Melendez, Edinburg North, 6-0, 170, sr.; Cole Pryor, SA Reagan, 5-9, 175, jr.; Gael Rodriguez, Laredo Alexander, 5-7, 175, jr.

Ashton Searl, North Crowley, 6-0, 185, sr.; Demani Stewart, Round Rock Westwood, 5-10, 218, sr.; Jack Robert Tyndall, Dripping Springs, 5-10, 200, jr.

Wide receivers – Christopher Barnes, North Shore, sr.; Patrick Bridges, Pearland, 6-2, 180, sr.; Owen Carter, Cy-Fair, 6-3, 195, sr.; Miles Coleman, Austin Vandegrift, 5-6, 155, sr.; Vincent Jones, C.E. King, sr.; Alek Leven, Laredo United, 6-1, 180, jr.; Kyle Koch, Dripping Springs, 6-2, 190, sr.; Chris Stewart, Shadow Creek, 6-0, 175, soph.

Tight ends – Rhys Phillips, Katy Tompkins, 6-3, 235, sr.; Sam Self, Lake Travis, 6-2, 225, sr.; Jase Skoglund, Vandegrift, 6-5, 235, sr.; Nicholas Townsend, Dekaney, 6-3, 210, jr.

Tackles – Colter Alberding, Allen, 6-3, 295, jr.; Ray/Quan Bell, Westfield, 6-4, 305, sr.; Samir Camacho, Cypress Falls, 6-5, 300, sr.; Miguel Carrizales, SA Harlan, 6-3, 230, sr.; Braden Ellison, El Paso Eastwood, 6-2, 265, sr.; Michael Fasusi, Lewisville, 6-5, 315, jr.; Jose Gonzalez, Laredo United, 6-2, 230, sr.; Willie Goodacre, Denton Guyer, 6-5, 310, sr.; Ryan Hughes, The Woodlands, 6-7, 300, sr.; Tyler Knappe, Austin Westlake, 6-4, 285, sr.; Tyler Murray, SA Brandeis, 6-5, 285, sr.; Deven Nixon, Cibolo Steele, 6-4, 270, sr.; John Turntine III, North Crowley, 6-5, 275, soph.; Cameron Walker, SA Brennan, 6-5, 275, sr.; Ory Williams, San Marcos, 6-8, 310, sr.

Guards – Aaron Carranza, Laredo Alexander, 6-1, 290, jr.; Briley Brown, SA O'Connor, 6-3, 275, sr.; Mac Evans, Drippings Springs, 6-3, 270, sr.; Jerald Mays, Pflugerville Weiss, 6-4, 280, soph.

Place-kickers – James Satterfield, Waco Midway, 5-10, 160, sr.; William Duncan, Katy Tompkins, 6-3, 230, sr.; Sam Keltner, Keller, 5-11, 180, sr.; Jonathan Soto, North Shore, 5-8, 185, jr.

Defense

Linemen – Josef Aganbi, Lake Travis, 6-4, 235, sr.; Jorge Alvarado, Laredo Alexander, 6-2, 195, sr.; Ja/Marcus Anderson, Dickinson, 6-1, 245, sr.; Nicholas B. Cavallo, George Ranch, 6-3, 245, sr.; Mac Evans, Drippings Springs, 6-3, 270, sr.; Ashton Coker, Katy Taylor, 6-2, 290, sr.; Ke/Maurrie Davis, North Crowley, sr.; Kyran Duhon, Summer Creek, 6-3, 250, sr.; Dallion Ellis, Fort Bend Hightower, 5-10, 300, sr.; Lowote Jurkin, Pflugerville Weiss, sr.; Nathan Marsh, Allen, 5-10, 260, sr.; Jacoven Julian, Byron Nelson, 6-3, 210, jr.; Armstrong Nnodim, Mesquite Horn, sr.; Chad Otutu, Pflugerville Weiss, 6-2, 290, sr.; Dacorien Thompson, North Crowley, 6-2, 250, sr.

Linebackers – Kariel Anderson-Dale, Harker Heights, 5-9, 210, sr.; Kannon Clendenin, Waco Midway, 5-9, 200, sr.; Sean DeVault, Garland Sachse, 6-2, 220, jr.; Dean Ford, Katy Morton Ranch, 6-1, 220, sr.; Eric Garza, Southlake Carroll, 6-0, 205, sr.; Jerry Jackson, Waxahachie, 6-2, 200, sr.; Drew King, Allen, 5-8, 185, sr.; Luca Picucci, Dripping Springs, 6-2, 200, sr.; Kameron Reddic, Fort Bend Hightower, 6-1, 205, sr.; Isaiah Rico, Edinburg North, 5-11, 200, sr.

Devon Robinson, San Benito, 6-0, 195, jr.; Esus Robledo, Midland Legacy, 6-1, 208, sr.; Elijah Walton, San Antonio Harlan, 6-2, 200, sr.

Secondary – Chris Boykins, Houston Lamar, 5-10, 180, sr.; Jaylen Carter, Summer Creek, 6-0, 195, sr.; Myles Davis, Converse Judson, 6-1, 190, sr.; Nicholas Gonzalez, Edinburg High, 5-8, sr.; Kameron Green, McNeil, 6-4, 204, sr.; Brandon Hernandez, San Benito, 5-7, 165, sr.; Aidan Jones, Austin Vandegrift, 5-11, 182, jr.; David Kabongo, Byron Nelson, 6-1, 185, sr.; David Moore, North Crowley, sr.; Kade Phillips, Fort Bend Hightower, 6-3, 185, jr.; Dion Tovar, SA Brennan, sr.; Jayven Villasenor, Laredo United, 5-9, 170, sr.; Carson Williams, Spring Westfield, 5-11, 170, sr.

Punters – Adam Carter, Katy, 6-1, 250, jr.; Ty Duchoquette, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, sr.; Cade King, Keller, 5-0, 175, sr.; Adrian Popps, Austin Anderson, 6-1, 195, sr.; Scott Starzyk, The Woodlands, 5-10, 170, jr.; Kaden Turner, Schertz Clemens, sr., 6-2, 195

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lieved. We just ran out of time in the end.”
Summer Creek immediately jumped out to the lead in the first quarter, hitting two threes within the first minute of the game. The Bulldogs pushed that lead to 10-2 and didn’t let up, leading 16-6 at the end of the first.
The Spartans battled back in the second quarter and trimmed the Summer Creek lead to six midway through, but Summer Creek answered with some late buckets to still lead 24-17 heading into the half.
“They are really long and they get hands in passing lanes and that makes it difficult to get the ball where we have been getting it all year,” Watson said. “It took us a little bit of time to adjust to that and eventually we did but we weren’t able to get it all the way back.”
The Spartans kept fighting, and kept trimming the lead but every time it would get to single digits the Bulldogs would have an answer. The Spartans trimmed the lead to 36-29 at

the end of the third with a late Madison Carlton jumper and kept pushing in the fourth, Seven Lakes got it down to three with under a minute remaining in the game, but in the end Summer Creek made its free throws that it had to and closed it out.
It was the end of a historic season for the Spartans where they made it back to the regional tournament and demonstrated tons of resiliency, going on a huge 22-game win streak that stretched from December to the regional semifinals.
“I’m incredibly proud of what these girls did this year — they bought in, they went on a huge winning streak and they got us back here to the regional tournament. They’re a very special group and it was awesome to see them come together as a team and play for each other.”
Seven Lakes will lose a number of seniors to graduation after this year and like any program will need its younger players to step up. But

that is what Watson knows any great team has to have, and the players that will come back next year are ready for the challenge.
“That’s how you become a good program,” Watson said. “The spring and summer is when basketball players are made and we talk to our girls about that. We are going to hit this off-season hard and hopefully this will be the standard that we try to strive for because all of us want to be a part of regional tournaments and state tournaments. That is going to be our goal.”
Region III-6A Semifinal
Points: (SL) Justice Carlton 31, Shreya Jategaonkar 12, Madison Carlton 2, Lenore Hudspeth 2; (SC) Kennedy Simpson 20, Zachara Perkins 15, Janiya Murphy 6, Mychie White 4, Taiya Kikunga 4, MychMariah Brown 3;
Halftime: Summer Creek 24-17; Records: (SL) 30-9; (SC) 34-3



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES
The Seven Lakes bench celebrates during Friday’s Region III-6A Semifinal between Seven Lakes and Summer Creek at the Campbell Center in Aldine.

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with exactly what they needed. On the last possession of the game, Seven Lakes ended up in a broken play and Tillman Jaramillo had a chance to drive to the hoop — the problem was there was a 7-footer in his way. But Jaramillo calmly got into the lane and released a floater that went over the outstretched arms of Clements and into the basket, securing Seven Lakes a 54-52 win and a spot in the Region III-6A Tournament.
“I was just waiting in the corner waiting for the ball if it came to me,” Jaramillo said. “I knew I had to be patient and when the ball came to me I drove and tried to make a read. Things opened up and I’m just glad I made it. I wasn’t looking to score but the clock was running down and the opportunity came to me.”
It was an intense and back and forth game all night that was only separated by the tiniest of margins and came down to who had the ball last. But it started out with Seven Lakes having to overcome an early hole after they went down 15-5 in the first quarter. The Spartans trimmed it to a 17-10 deficit by the end of the quarter and then came out dominant in the second quarter. The Spartans got to the foul line and locked down on defense taking the lead late on in the half, closing the half on a 20-9 run and leading 32-30 heading into the locker room.



DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES
AJ Bates gets to the basket during Tuesday’s game between Seven Lakes and Clements at Wheeler Fieldhouse.

“It’s who we are, even when these guys find themselves down they don’t quit and they don’t give up,” said Seven Lakes head coach Shannon Heston. “We knew we had to make it our pace and we knew Clements is an incredible basketball team. If we allowed them to play at their pace, they might have been unbeatable. We changed it though and we put pressure on them offensively and defensively. It did just enough tonight to give us a chance to win.”
Things tightened up in the second half and the two teams traded leads with neither being able to gain any distance on the other. The Spartans had a two-point lead at the end of the third and increased that to six in the fourth quarter, but Clements came charging back to tie things up with two minutes remaining. From there it was the role players that made the difference for Seven Lakes. Christian Follis gave the Spartans the lead back on a 3-pointer with 39 seconds remaining and then, after Clements tied things with 30 seconds remaining, it was Jaramillo that had the ball fall to his hands on a broken play and he left no doubt, sinking the floater for the win over two defenders.
“We know that we can look down the bench and everyone there can make a play,” said senior point guard AJ Bates. “Our sixth man, our seventh man, they are going to come in and make an impact and be better than a lot of other teams. When it was needed those guys stepped up. Christian was huge, Tillman made plays, Sean (Williams) did great defensively — we know those guys are going to come in and make plays. Everyone on the team showed what they could do.”
Nasir Price had 16 points for the Spartans to lead the way, while Isaiah Santos had 12 and AJ Bates had 11, both Jaramillo and Follis added six points.

Class 6A Regional Quarterfinals
SEVEN LAKES 54, CLEMENTS 52
Points: (SL) Nasir Price 16, Isaiah Santos 12, AJ Bates 11, Tillman Jaramillo 6, Christian Follis 6, Brett Norton 3; (C) Divine Ogochukwu 25, Aziz Olajuwon 10, Bryce Matthews 8, Nedom Chiadika 4, Josh Clark 3, Keshav Vijaykumar 2;
Halftime: Seven Lakes 32-30; 3-Pointers (SL) Price 3, Follis 2; (C) Ogochukwu 4, Olajuwon 2, Matthews 2; Records: (SL) 36-2, (C) 32-1;

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point attempt, Holt went to the line and hit two of three attempts, trimming the deficit to one. The Warriors had a final chance with 1.8 seconds left and down by one point, but Jordan’s inbound pass was stolen, and Bellaire was able to run out the final second as the Warriors ran out of time.
Jaden Holt led Jordan with 16 points, while Rayan Fadika had 15 points, Jude Oluodun had four points, Jonah Folsie had three points and both Elijah Black and Landon Kjar had two points a piece.
Jordan ended the season with a 29-9 record and had a strong playoffs where they beat second seeded Fort Bend Elkins and district winner Cy-Fair.



TYLER TYRE
Elijah Black shoots a layup during a game between Paetow and Jordan at the Paetow gym.

Jordan, Seven Lakes advance to regional quarterfinals
Seven Lakes and Jordan both advanced to the third round of the playoffs on Friday, with the Spartans surviving a scare from Cy-Creek and Jordan pulling away from Cy-Fair with a very strong second half.
Seven Lakes was taken to the brink, but overcame Cy-Creek in the second round, winning 58-57 in overtime and advancing to the regional quarterfinals for the second straight season. Cy-Creek took a 16-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and continued to lead through the first half, leading 25-21 after two quarters. The Spartans got back into things in the second, but still trailed by four

at the end of the third quarter before forcing overtime with the game tied at 50 after four quarters. The Spartans took their final lead on an AJ Bates field goal with seconds left remaining in overtime and they held on by blocking a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.
Jordan was strong throughout in its win over Cy-Fair, taking care of business against a district winner with a 55-40 win. The Warriors led 17-14 after the first quarter and went into the half with a 26-24 lead, before pulling away in the second half and winning by 15. The Warriors also clinched their second straight appearance in the regional quarterfinals.

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Kassie O'Brien blocks the ball during a match between Cinco Ranch and Cy-Fair at the Merrell Center. TYLER TYRE

O'Brien takes home GHVCA Setter of the Year honors

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Kassie O'Brien headlined this year's Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association Postseason Awards, being named the setter of the year for the greater Houston area after helping Cinco Ranch to a state final appearance and a District 19-6A title.

O'Brien was joined in the specialty awards by her head coach, Danielle Wells, who won Co-Coach of the year honors for leading Cinco Ranch to a 38-6

record while going undefeated in district play and claiming a Region III-6A Title.

Wells shared the coach of the year honors with Grand Oaks head coach Morgan Rodgers. Grand Oaks won the state title this year and were rewarded with team of the year as well as Jaela Auguste winning player of the year and Halle Thompson winning hitter of the year.

Katy ISD was represented throughout the post season team. Cinco Ranch recipients included Emily Killam, Makenna Loo and Gabi Martinez as well

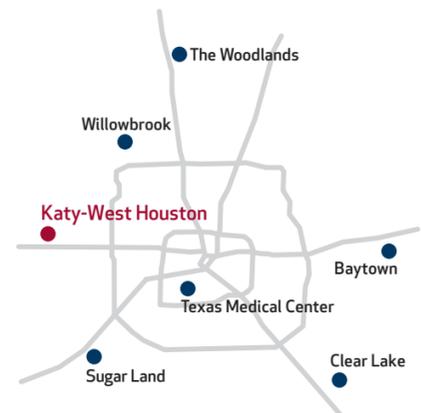
as O'Brien, Jordan placed Leah Hoss on the team, Katy placed Montgomery Henderson on the team while Taylor had Vanessa Eregie get named to the team. Seven Lakes had four members named to the team in Sameena Burns, Megan Chapman, Simone Romriell and Temi Sam-Olibale and Tompkins placed two on the team in Erica Dellesky and Callie Funk. Honorable mentions included Jordan's Ella Koch and Abby O'Shay, Katy's Kennedy Pike and Tompkins' Caelyn Dumas, Brooklynn Marrell and Christin Cowart.



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