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## Rylander's Heard named Elementary Principal the of Year

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Rylander Elementary School Principal Tanya Heard has been named Elementary Principal of the Year by Texas PTA, as part of the organization's 2024 Outstanding Educators of the Year recognition. The announcement came in a June 5 press release from Katy ISD.

Heard was nominated by Leslie Buckmaster, a Rylander fourth-grade teacher, who shared that Heard nurtures an open school culture, engages and communicates well with parents and attends PTA events.

"I'm honored to have the Texas PTA leaders recognize all of the hard work Rylander's school community does for every single student that walks through the door," said Heard. "This recognition is not just for me but for our amazing staff, parents and PTA whose focus is truly on kids every day."

Heard and the other honorees will be recognized at the Texas PTA's annual conference, LAUNCH, held this year in Grapevine, Texas, July 19-21.

Texas PTA is one of the largest state PTA organizations in the nation, with nearly 500,000 members and 100 years of history. Visit [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org) to learn more.

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# School board hears need for attendance boundary changes

Board also debates retention bonus for classroom teachers, studies discipline management plan

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

The Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School

District met Monday, June 17 at the Education Support Complex, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy, for a work-study meeting, hearing a report on the need for attendance

boundary modifications for the 2025-2026 school year, and discussing an updated discipline management plan for the coming 2024-2025 school year. Board members also discussed a possible "retention bonus" for classroom teachers for inclusion in the 2024-2025 district compensation plan.

Ted Vierling, chief operations officer of Katy ISD, along with

Kris Pool, who is the chief data analyst for PASA (Population and Survey Analysts), presented enrollment projections which demonstrated rapid growth in elementary students in the north-west quadrant of the district. The area under study for elementary school attendance boundary modifications is currently served

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SUSAN ROVEGNO

Panelists Kathleen Anzivino of Houston Community College, Jay Neal of the University of Houston-Katy and Bob Glenn of the University of Houston-Victoria at Katy listen as moderator State Representative Mike Schofield poses a question at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce's annual program on higher education. The presentation was held June 13 at the University of Houston's Katy campus at 22400 Grand Circle Blvd. in Katy.

## Katy area chamber hosts summit on higher education

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

Local institutions of higher learning face significant challenges in managing funding, providing adequate facilities, maintaining enrollment and delivering students who are "workplace ready," education leaders told attendees at the June 13 meeting of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon, which was held at the University of Houston's Katy campus at 22400 Grand Circle Blvd. in Katy,

featured panelists from three of Katy's colleges – Houston Community College, the University of Houston-Katy and the University of Houston-Victoria at Katy.

The program was moderated by State Representative Mike Schofield, whose district includes much of the greater Katy area.

Jay Neal, Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for University of Houston at Sugar Land and University of Houston at Katy, spoke first, telling the crowded room that "We need a larger building with

a larger multipurpose room," noting that UHK and UHVK share the space and that enrollment continues to grow. He cited an increase in student headcount, increase in semester hours and the growing demand for space for student club activities as growth indicators. Neal said that he has been asked about the possibility of adding dormitories at the Katy campus, which presently only serves commuters. "We need to add a living room before we add a

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## Commissioners Court approves plan to deal with overcrowding at animal shelter

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers's plan to address overcrowding at the county's shelter was approved unanimously by the Commissioners Court on Tuesday, June 11, his office announced in a press release.

The animal adoption incentive program will focus on encouraging local residents to adopt 250 dogs and 75 cats into loving homes by providing a year's sup-

ply of pet food and medication for adopting animals from the County animal shelter.

The Fort Bend County Animal Shelter is currently limiting the intake of stray animals because it is well over capacity.

"I don't like simply warehousing animals in cramped conditions for extended periods. Let's prioritize finding loving homes for these dogs and cats," Meyers said. "Motivating potential pet owners by offering essentials like food and medicine

is far more economical than investing millions to build larger shelters to warehouse more animals."

Fort Bend's shelter isn't alone in grappling with capacity challenges. Nationwide, animal rescues and adoption agencies are witnessing a surge in surrendered pets, pushing many facilities beyond capacity. In search of solutions, Meyers met with and received input from local animal

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## Fulshear chamber rebrands

The organization will be known as Fulshear Regional Chamber 'FOR' Commerce

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce announced its rebranding as the Fulshear Regional Chamber for Commerce at its monthly membership breakfast at Parkway Fellowship, 27043 FM 1093, Richmond, on June 12.

"This change reflects our commitment to better representing our mission and vision as we continue to grow and serve our community," said President and CEO Don McCoy. "As part of this rebranding, we have also updated our website and contact information. Our new website is now [www.FulshearRegional.com](http://www.FulshearRegional.com)."

For general inquiries, send emails to [Contact@FulshearRegional.com](mailto:Contact@FulshearRegional.com). Additionally, the email addresses for our Chamber Team members have been updated as follows:

- Don McCoy / President / CEO: [Don@FulshearRegional.com](mailto:Don@FulshearRegional.com)
- Rachel Durham / Vice President: [Rachel@FulshearRegional.com](mailto:Rachel@FulshearRegional.com)
- Thao Lam / Director of Engagement: [Thao@FulshearRegional.com](mailto:Thao@FulshearRegional.com)

The chamber's phone number remains 832-600-3221.

"We look forward to you embracing our new brand as we continue to foster economic growth, support local businesses, and enhance the quality of life in our region," McCoy said.

"The Fulshear Regional Chamber for Commerce remains dedicated to providing exceptional service and resources to our members and the community."

For more information, please visit the new website at [www.FulshearRegional.com](http://www.FulshearRegional.com) or email [Contact@FulshearRegional.com](mailto:Contact@FulshearRegional.com).



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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS



SUSAN ROVEGNO  
Cruel reminders of the realities of slavery were on display at the Juneteenth celebration on Danover Street in Katy on Saturday, June 15th. Items included collars, cuffs, nooses, chains, and posters advertising rewards for runaway slaves. Inset: The first of two Juneteenth celebrations took place in Katy on Saturday, June 15, in the green space adjacent to Antioch Baptist Church, 655 Danover Street. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs and live music.

Indivisible Katy Huddle  
hosts presentation on  
Dobbs decision impact

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Indivisible Katy Huddle is hosting an event focusing on the Dobbs decision's second 'anniversary.' On June 24, 2024, the Dobbs decision — a Supreme Court decision which overruled Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood, ending nationwide constitutional protection of abortion care — will be two years old. Indivisible Katy Huddle will host an event that day from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cinco Ranch Library (2620 Commercial Center, Katy, featuring Kylie McNaught, MSW, Director of Public Affairs, TX Planned Parenthood, who will speak about "Two Years Post Dobbs: It was never just about abortion." All are welcome to attend but an RSVP is requested at indivisiblekatyhuddle@gmail.com

The presentation will include the following topics:

- How the Dobbs decision has affected Planned Parenthood's ability to continue providing healthcare services:
- State attacks that have affected our services
- Louisiana law making mife/miso controlled substances
- Patient navigation
- What can we do now?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Maud Marks Library book sale  
is June 29th

The Friends of Maud Marks Library (FOMML) will be holding the fourth used book sale of the year 2024 at the library, 1815 West-green Boulevard, Katy, on Saturday, June 29 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, June 28, 2024 from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Annual memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10. All funds earned from the sale are used to support library programs, such as the Summer Reading Program which is currently being 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.

Learn Bridge 101 at Fussell  
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fourth Thursdays and poker on  
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You too can learn to play bridge! Concepts taught at the Fussell Senior Center's "Bridge 101" class include rules, bidding and strategy. Come for lessons at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to the center at 5370 E. Fifth Street in Katy. The center also hosts a fun, stress-free, no money needed dealer's choice poker game at 12:30 p.m. each Friday.

Katy Elks Lodge presents 'The  
Man of Many Voices' for June  
21 dinner and show

Katy Elks Lodge #2628 will host a three-hour community event on Friday, June 21, at 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road in Katy. Enjoy dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a performance by Colin Dexter – "The Man of Many Voices" – at 7:30 p.m. You'll be convinced that you are in the presence of Roy Orbison, Hank Williams, Elvia and George Jones – and more! Tickets may be purchased online for \$20.00 plus \$2.00 online fee at katyelks.org/

tickets. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Meet with the Katy Senior  
Caregiver Support Group on  
Tuesday, June 25 at the Fussell  
Senior Center

Enjoy a light lunch at noon on June 25 as you network with other caregivers at the Senior Caregiver Support Group at the Fussell Senior Center, 5370 E. Fifth Street, Katy. Discussion topics include caregiver burnout, home stressors, educational opportunities, stress management, supportive resources, engagement activities, estate planning and more. Call 281-391-4847 with questions.

Senior citizens invited to  
'Senior Night Out' on June 26  
at El Asador

The Fussell Senior Center invites area seniors to join the monthly "Senior Night Out" at 5:30 p.m. on June 26 for a meal at El Asador, 3750 S. Mason Road in Katy. No advance signup or membership is required. For questions call 281-391-4837.

The Ballard House and Keller  
Williams Premier Realty host  
'Shred Fest' and donation drive  
on June 29

The second annual community "Shred Fest" will take place at 22762 Westheimer Parkway Suite 420, Katy, from 9 a.m. to noon on June 29th. The free event is hosted by The Ballard House and Keller Williams Premier Realty. Save time, your money and the environment by disposing of your paper properly. Bring your financial documents, personal identification, medical records, legal documents, utility bills, employment documents, receipts and invoices, expired credit cards, junk mail and anything with a signature to be destroyed on site. No metal, paper clips or staples or plastic bags or anything else that will jam the shredder. Bring your donations for The Ballard House, which offers short term housing to those traveling to the Houston area

for medical care – items needed include travel-sized toiletries, cleaning supplies, coffee, cases of water, and pantry items.

Start your Independence Day  
festivities with auctions and  
lunch at the VFW Post  
at 10 a.m. on July 4

Join the Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Number 9182 for its annual Fourth of July celebration, featuring a live and silent auction in addition to a tasty lunch of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, cookies, cake, soda and water. A preview of the live auction items begins at 10 a.m., followed by the silent auction, and the program is scheduled to start at 11:15 a.m. with remarks from the outgoing and incoming post commanders. VFW Auxiliary essay winner Madelein Scheele will also speak. Lunch, priced at \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children aged 7 to 12 (children 6 and under are free) begins at 11:45 a.m. All activities take place at 6206 George Bush Drive in Katy.

Celebrate 'Liberty on the  
Brazos' on July 4 starting at  
6 p.m. at Abe & Lizzie Daily  
Park in Simonton

The Fulshear Regional Chamber For Commerce, along with Houston Methodist West Hospital and Christ Clinic, will stage a free public event on Independence Day at Daily Park, 4026 Nails Road in Simonton, from 6 to 10 p.m. The festivities include live music from The Highwaymen, food trucks and children's area and vendor booths. And YES – there will be fireworks. For more information, go to the chamber website at fulshearkaty.com.

City of Katy hosts 'Freedom  
Fest' at Typhoon Texas  
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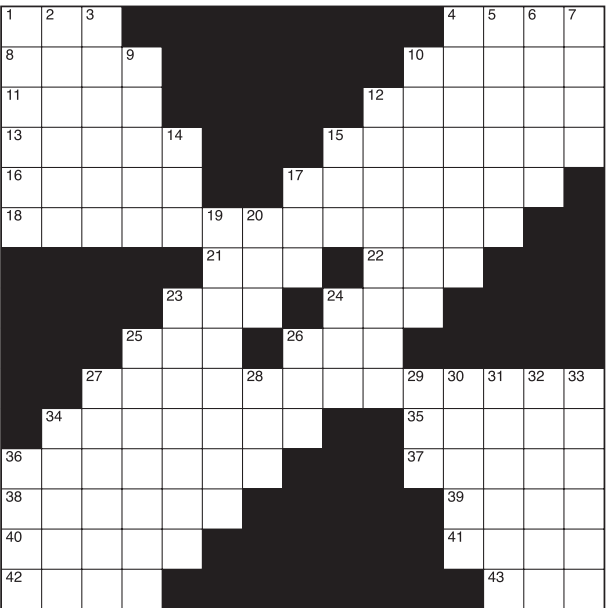
CLUES ACROSS

- Engine additive
- A hearty laugh
- Restrain
- Dried coconut kernels
- Nefarious
- Elderly
- Central part of a church building
- Throw into confusion
- Intestinal
- Qualities of being religious
- Live up to a standard
- Seize
- Go quickly
- Automated teller machine
- Bowling necessity
- One point east of due south
- Japanese honorific
- A way to induce sleep
- Makes cash register rolls
- A city in S Louisiana
- Make more cheerful
- Manicurist

- Consents
- Network of nerves
- Mocking smile
- It covers the body
- Partner to pans
- Perform in a play

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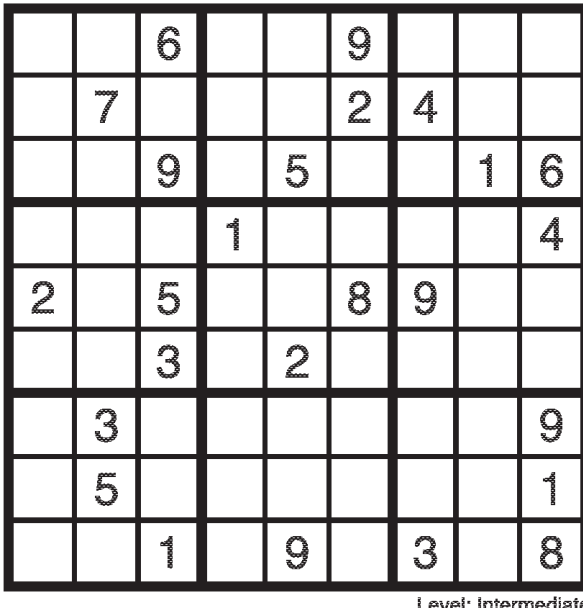
- Beautiful
- Polynesian island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Self-governing Netherlands territory
- Shared one's view
- Tailless amphibians
- Charge passengers must pay
- Sound sheep make
- Known for sure
- Filled with unexpressed anger
- Student (abbr.)
- Criticize
- Gathering place
- Informal alliances
- One's mother (British)



- Landholder
- Peter's last name
- Parties
- Title of respect
- Red wine
- Pearl Jam's debut (abbr.)
- Frosts
- Cry of joy
- Induces vomiting
- Mother or father
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EDUCATION

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bedroom,” he said. UH-Katy serves the students who are college-ready and the students who don’t want to go away to college, he said. The school, which currently offers programs in nursing and engineering, is looking at adding accounting, management information services, supply chain management, biology and health care leadership programs, among others. He also wants to partner with a local hospital for clinical space, to increase enrollment among nursing students. “We’ve had amazing support from Katy stakeholders,” he said.

Neal, as well as the other panelists, said that about 20 per cent of people in the greater Katy region have some college but no degree, and those are the students that all three institutions want to target for future enrollment growth.

Kathleen Anzivino, HCC’s college operations affairs officer for HCC Northwest, described the change in the state funding formula for community colleges, which was mandated by House Bill 8 in 2023, and the challenges it presents to those institutions. Compared to the previous “butts in seats” model, she said that the new complicated formula is now “performance-based” and rewards colleges for awarding degrees, certificates, and other “credentials of value.” State funds make up between 15 and 18 percent of HCC’s budget, she said. Like UH-Katy, HCC’s Katy campus is hurting for space, especially for offices and classrooms, she said. “Every one of our classrooms is full.”

Bob Glenn, president of the University of Houston-Victoria, described his school’s Katy campus as a “pathway” institution with its student body comprised of 70 per cent women, 70 per cent minority and 65 per cent first generation college students – and that half of their students graduate without college debt. “We help students get to the future they seek for themselves,” he said. He said that the school would always be an upper division school offering junior- and senior-level classes, and that they would continue to partner with HCC for freshman and sophomore level classes. He praised the school’s education programs which creates teachers and principals.

During the “Q&A” portion of the program, Schofield asked each leader about future campus and course planning. Anzivino described the new partnership with Sam Houston State University for a new agri-science program; she also responded that HCC was pausing from building and was filling up the space they have, while working on the “credentials of value” in partnership with local industry. Neal echoed the need for additional space to accommodate program growth at UHK and Glenn said that UHV-K was working with its main campus for more space for programs such as those nursing and engineering. “We are always

looking for new programs that are needed in the area,” he said.

Schofield asked each panelist to describe the issue of the looming “enrollment cliff,” which is affecting many colleges and universities in the northeast and midwestern sections of the country. The term refers to the idea that due to changing demographics, colleges and universities across the U.S. will see a dramatic decline in enrollment starting in 2025. UH-K’s Neal said that the trend is leading some institutions in the northeast and Midwest to cannibalize each others’ students, but said that Texas would not likely be affected, due to the state’s continued population growth. He again referred to the local population with only “some college” and said that his school wants to help “upskill them.” The key, he said, is to have strong local partnerships with employers who can help direct curriculum, making it current and relevant to the workplace. Glenn concurred that Texas won’t see a drop in college enrollment. Anzivino added that “the key is meeting students where they are at,” and that includes upskilling and additional “credentialling” programs.

The panelists were asked about the common needs in preparing their students for the workforce. Anzivino gave a “shout out” to Katy ISD for getting students to HCC’s Katy campus. Neal said that the students he encounters at UHK are different from when he started 22 years ago, and employers tell him that today’s students are lacking in “soft skills” – specifically, the ability to make eye contact, to shake hands, to communicate and to dress professionally. Glenn also stressed the need for basic communication skills.

Panelists also discussed the opportunities and challenges presented by the advent of artificial intelligence. Glenn said that UHV-K uses AI to streamline the enrollment process and that the school has applications that help catch students who are using AI to “cheat” and to write their papers. Anzivino said that HCC was utilizing AI for enhanced teaching tools and that AI could change the way that course content is delivered to students. She said that the school is also using AI on the app side for emergency preparedness. “It won’t replace people, except those who don’t know how to use AI,” she said. HCC has added a bachelor’s program in AI, she said.

Schofield called the education summit the first of a series of events in the Katy Chamber’s “summer of learning,” encouraging chamber members to attend the forthcoming economic summit on June 28 which is co-hosted by the Katy Economic Development Council, the annual “State of the Schools” program on August 8 and the annual Congressional update on August 21. For more information on those programs, go to katychamber.com.



Lisa Lister-Browne (left) is approached by a Katy ISD security officer after she was asked to stop speaking during the public comments portion of Monday night’s school board meeting. Board president Victor Perez told Lister-Browne that, while she had signed up to speak on the budget, she was off topic and instructed that her microphone be turned off. Board members (left to right) Morgan Calhoun, board Vice President Amy Thieme and board President Perez are shown leaving the dais to go into closed session; Superintendent Ken Gregorski remains seated on the dais.

SUSAN ROVEGNO

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by Robertson Elementary, Youngblood Elementary and Faldyn Elementary and will soon have two new schools yet to be named. Robertson Elementary opened in 2022 while both Faldyn Elementary and Youngblood Elementary opened in 2023. All three schools – each of which was built to accommodate 1030 students – are projected to be well over their enrollment capacity by 2027 – Roberts at 202%, Faldyn at 148%, and Youngblood at 234%.

Elementary school 47, located in Elyson, will draw its students entirely from the area now served by Youngblood Elementary, while elementary school 48, in the south Sunterra area, will pull students from Faldyn Elementary. Each of these new schools will have a larger capacity at 1230 students. Vierling said that, due to continued rapid growth projected for the area, that another attendance boundary modification would probably be needed in another two to three years.

Families that could be impacted by the proposed attendance boundary modifications, as well as the general public, will be informed of opportunities to provide input, which will include an electronic survey, email, written correspondence, and by telephone, Vierling said. The results of the survey will be presented at the September 2024 board meeting, and final approval of the proposed attendance boundary modifications is expected at the October 2024 board meeting.

The board also discussed changes to the Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct for the 2024-2025 school year. Presenter Sherri Ashorn, KISD SHARS & Discipline Administrator, said that the biggest piece of the plan was the

new guidelines for telecommunications devices which include mobile phones, smart watches and similar devices, along with ear buds and other accessories. For elementary schools, devices are to be turned off and not visible, while at secondary campuses the devices are not to be in use in classrooms during instructional periods. The proposed plan also includes a consideration for implementing an on-campus consequence for first-time users of tobacco-based e-cigarettes on campus. Ashorn said a high volume of students had been referred to DAP for these offenses but that DAP seats needed to be reserved for more violent offenders.

Brian Schuss, chief human resources officer, presented the proposed compensation plan for the 2024-2025 school year. In addition to the previously approved three per cent midpoint raises for all KISD staff, the plan includes a new starting salary for teachers at \$64,130 and new pay grades for food service personnel, who will have a starting salary of \$14.25 per hour. Schuss also presented a plan which would provide a one-time lump sum payment for classroom teachers based on benchmark years of service. The proposed plan, which originated from the board’s teacher retention committee, would provide a lump sum payment of varying levels for teachers with five, ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years of service on the teacher hiring scale, recognizing their entire service in education (inside or outside Katy ISD).

The two models presented by Schuss would recognize either \$50.00 per year of service or \$100.00 per year of service and would affect about 1100 of the district’s approximately 7000 classroom teachers this year.

The first option would cost the district about \$770,000 and the second option would be about \$1.5 million in expense. Board members debated the amounts and benchmarks of the model. Trustees Dawn Champagne and Rebecca Fox did not see the need for the five-year benchmark, stating that five years did not constitute longevity and that an amount of \$250.00 was not an amount significant enough to affect retention. Vice President Amy Thieme said that she wished the district could do more but that the district, which is in a deficit, did not have the money. Fox asked for more input from teachers, requesting that a survey be conducted before a decision is made; Superintendent Ken Gregorski asked that the approval of the compensation plan not be held up and that a placeholder could be approved for the plan while the specifics were being developed.

During the public comment period before the board went into closed session, Lisa Lister-Browne, who has previously addressed the board on several occasions during the past year, was the lone speaker. Lister-Browne had signed up to speak on the budget agenda item; however, at 45 seconds into her remarks, she was stopped by board president Perez who said that she was off topic and who instructed that her microphone be turned off. Board member Rebecca Fox asked that Lister-Browne be allowed to finish her remarks, but Perez declined. Lister-Browne continued to speak, and Perez called for security to remove her, saying that she was disrupting the meeting. As security officers approached, Lister-Browne left the podium without further incident.

The next meeting of the board of trustees is June 24.

SHELTER

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welfare leaders, local entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders. He also studied national trends and discovered much of the problem is based on economic conditions.

“Inflation is hitting hard, dissuading people from adopting pets and, in some unfortunate cases, leading them to surrender their animals to shelters,” Meyers said. “The community’s economic struggles directly impact our animal shelter and people’s pets.

Coordination of the programs’ details is underway. Meyers Office and Fort Bend County Animal Services will announce when the program is operational.



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# Ignite Medical Resorts expands in Texas

Chicago-based luxury brand acquires VibraLife of Katy

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Ignite Medical Resorts® has acquired VibraLife of Katy and is expanding its unique model of luxury and rapid rehabilitation into Texas, the company announced in a recent press release.

Ignite, which specializes in short-term rehabilitation and nursing care, offers varied clinical specialty programs and enhanced services in a five-star medical resort environment termed LuxeRehab™. The company's dedicated team of in-house therapists use the latest technology to create customized rehab plans, helping people get back on their feet as quickly as possible.

VibraLife of Katy will now be known as Ignite Medical Resorts and will be Ignite's fifth resort in the Lone Star state. "We're excited to bring LuxeRehab to Katy and to grow in Texas our vision of offering top-tier hospitality and care to our guests and an unmatched culture for our employees," said Tim Fields, CEO and co-founder of Ignite Medical Resorts. "We look forward to working with the Katy team to make this resort the preferred place to go after a hospital stay or surgical procedure and the preferred place to work."

VibraLife of Katy was built just over four years ago and features beautiful amenities, décor and private rooms. Ignite will help add enhancements including clinical and therapeutic technological advancements, robotics equipment and a LuxeCafe, proudly brewing Starbucks coffee.

With the acquisition, Ignite now operates 22 resort locations across seven states and employs over 3,500 people. The organization's positive employee culture and relentless focus on hospitality and clinical care are key to creating an environment of recuperation, Fields said. "Our goal is to help our guests quickly get their spark back and return home to their loved ones," Fields said. "We look forward to bringing our enhanced environment of engaged employee culture, a hospitality-centered focus and superior rehabilitative nursing and therapy care to Katy Texas."

**About Ignite Medical Resorts**

Ignite Medical Resorts operates 22 locations in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Texas, and Indiana. The organization's model of LuxeRehab™ combines luxury and rapid rehabilitation, coupling the amenities and décor of a fine hotel with clinical programming for orthopedics, stroke, cardiac and respiratory care. Learn more at IgniteMedicalResorts.com.

## BROOKSHIRE KATY DRAINAGE DISTRICT GROUNDBREAKING



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Members of the board and staff members for the Brookshire Katy Drainage district pose at the organization's June 17 groundbreaking for their new administration building at 1111 Kenney in Brookshire. "This has been a project for close to 20 years, but now is the right time," said BKDD general manager Stan Kitman. The 6,368 square-foot facility – which Kitman said will be built without debt -- is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2025, according to representatives of Commercial Construction & Maintenance, Inc., which is building the project. The Brookshire Katy Drainage District handles over 70 miles of channels in the area and has an annual budget of over \$4 million, over \$7 billion in valuations, still maintaining a tax rate of 6 cents.

## CenterPoint Energy Foundation joins Coastal Prairie Conservancy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Coastal Prairie Conservancy and the CenterPoint Energy Foundation continue to work together to conserve vital coastal prairie in southeast Texas. With a \$75,000.00 grant from the CenterPoint Energy Foundation, Coastal Prairie Conservancy will further its mission of conservation and community outreach through the completion of priority conservation projects and the continuation of education and outreach programming, said a joint statement from the two organizations.

Representatives of both organizations recently gathered at the Indiangrass Preserve in Waller, where they walked the beautiful Ann Hamilton Trail and enjoyed the sights and sounds of spring on the prairie.

"CenterPoint Energy is proud to support the Coastal Prairie Conservancy in conserving coastal prairie

for current and future generations," said CenterPoint Energy's Geoffrey Castro.

Mary Anne Piacentini, President and Chief Executive Officer for Coastal Prairie Conservancy, noted that prairie and wetlands conservation is important for the wildlife in the area, providing rich habitat for resident and migratory waterfowl, as well as a haven for individuals and families to enjoy nature. "Thanks to the generous support of the CenterPoint Energy Foundation, we can amplify our conservation and outreach efforts on the Katy Prairie Preserve near Houston," she said.

About the Coastal Prairie Conservancy: The Coastal Prairie Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust formed in 1992 to conserve the coastal prairie for people and wildlife before it disappears. CPC is a nationally accredited, community supported nonprofit and a registered 501(c)(3) organization which has conserved

more than 31,000 acres of coastal prairie in nine Texas counties, including a large, protected area called the Katy Prairie Preserve. To learn more, visit coastal-prairieconservancy.org.

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Officials from CenterPoint Energy Foundation present a \$75,000.00 check to the Coastal Prairie Conservancy at Indian Grass Preserve in Waller in late May.

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Rev. Boyd Vincent Baker, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, peacefully passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in Richmond, Texas.

He was born on July 11, 1926, in Woodbury, Iowa to the late Fred and Lavina (Bales) Baker.

Boyd served his country honorably as a member of the US Navy during WWII.

He lived a full and rich life devoted to his family, faith, and community.

After the war, at the age of 16, Boyd saw what was later to be the love of his life, while singing on a stage in front of a very large audience. Among all those



REV. BOYD VINCENT BAKER  
1926-2024

people he saw Emily Rose, who was later to become his wife. They shared 74 years of marriage until Emily passed away on July 16, 2023.

Boyd was always a man of faith and lived a life to exemplify that faith in God. He felt a strong calling to serve God in a greater and more meaningful way, at which time he entered SMU Perkins School of Theology.

With three young children to support and care for; the responsibilities were heavy for both Boyd and Emily. Meeting with the Bishop at the time; Boyd confirmed to the Bishop that he wanted to go into the ministry, with Emily voicing a resounding, "AND I WILL FOLLOW AND SUPPORT HIM."

After graduating and becoming an ordained minister of the Methodist church, he served numerous appoint-

ments throughout East Texas, South Texas and Greater Houston Texas where he shared his love, compassion and empathy to all those he met and served throughout the remainder of his life.

In the 1990s, Boyd and Emily moved to Katy, Texas, where they became cherished member of the community. Boyd was an active member of the Katy Lions Club and served as Pastor Emeritus at Grace Fellowship Church, where he inspired many with his wisdom and compassion.

He had a zest for life and enjoyed singing and dancing with Emily Rose. He was passionate reader with a deep love for history. Above

all, Boyd cherished his family and loved spending time with his five children whom he is survived by Larry Boyd Baker and his spouse, Jerry of East Bernard; Gary Baker and his spouse, Bong Narvas of Houston; Ronald Lynn Baker of Katy; Emily Anne (Baker) Wingate and her spouse, Michael of Richmond; and Laura Lee Baker of Katy; nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren along with many other relatives and friends.

His legacy of love, faith and service will live on through them and all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Grace

Fellowship Church, 2655 S. Mason Rd. Katy, Texas, with Pastor Cindi Lomax officiating. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Covenant House of Houston, Texas, at [www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-shelters/houston-texas](http://www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-shelters/houston-texas) in Boyd's memory.

Boyd will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever be a guiding light to his family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

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GLORIA JEAN  
(BORMAN) KOEHN  
1936-2024

Gloria Jean (Borman) Koehn, 87, of Weimar, Texas went to be with the Lord on June 16, 2024, in Schulenburg, Texas.

She was born on October 23, 1936, in Brenham, Texas, the daughter of Alfred and Paula (Duerr) Borman.

Gloria grew up on a farm near Welcome community. She graduated from Bellville High School in 1955 and Blinn Jr College in 1957. Early on, she worked for American General Life; then soon after she met the love of her life, Elton Dale Koehn, and they were

united in marriage on May 20, 1961, in Welcome, Texas. They lived in Houston for several years, raised their family in Katy, and have lived in Weimar for the past 30 years. During this time, they traveled to many places all over the world.

Dancing was one of Gloria's favorite past-times. She always said she would rather dance than eat. She loved gardening and keeping a tidy yard filled with beautiful flowers. She loved her chickens and they loved her. You would often find one sitting on her

lap. Most of all she loved spending quality time with her family; Christmas time was her favorite. Gloria was very active in her community throughout her life, especially with Trinity Church in New Bielau where she served tirelessly.

She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Paula Borman, brothers Robert (Buddy) Borman of San Antonio and Roger Borman of Welcome, grandson Ethan Dean Koehn, and daughter-in-law Patricia Koehn both of Weimar.

She is survived by her husband Elton Dale Koehn; sons Rory Koehn of Weimar and Troy Koehn (Rhonda) of Katy; grandchildren Jordan Koehn of Alvin, Hunter Koehn (Lana) of San Marcos, Garrison Koehn of Weimar, and Kennedy Koehn of Weimar; great-granddaughter Olivia Koehn of San Marcos, and one nephew Stuart Borman of San Antonio.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus, Texas. Funeral service will be

Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church in New Bielau, Texas, with Pastor Glen Schoeneberg officiating. Burial will follow in New Bielau Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Garrison Koehn, Hunter Koehn, Jim Dodson, Allen Bellamy, Bob Henneke, and Kyle Thames.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Patricia Koehn Scholarship Fund. Mail donations to Trinity Church, 1985 South FM 155, Weimar, TX 78962.

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Faith Swanson is a 2020 graduate of Katy High School and a fourth-generation Tiger She is part of the Freeman family for whom the new Katy ISD new high school is named.

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# Katy head coach Gary Joseph will be featured on cover of Dave Campbell's Texas Football

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy head football coach Gary Joseph will grace the cover of the most prestigious magazine in Texas high school sports this summer. He and his son, Jeff Joseph, who is the head football coach at Port Neches-Groves, were chosen as the centerfold for this year's Dave Campbell Texas Football magazine.

The honor comes off the back of Jeff Joseph leading Port Neches-Groves to a state title last season while Gary Joseph has numerous accolades throughout his career in coaching. Gary, ever the humble man, was surprised he was chosen.

"There's a lot more people more deserving than myself," Gary Joseph said to Dave Campbell's Texas Football. "Jeff, he needs to be on there because it was a great deal they had this year winning the state championship. But for us at Katy, it's about the next one."

Gary Joseph has one of the most successful resumes in high school football around the nation. Over his 20 years as a head coach at Katy, Joseph has compiled a record of 265-26, winning five state titles, making the playoffs in all 20 of his seasons as a head coach and winning district in 18 of his 20 seasons. His most recent state title came in 2020.

Jeff Joseph has quickly made an impact and a name for himself at Port Neches-Grove, making it to the state title game his first season before winning a state title this past season. Overall, Jeff Joseph has a record of 28-4 over his two years at PNG.

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Gary Joseph celebrates after a touchdown during a game between Katy and Tompkins at Rhodes Stadium.



Tompkins celebrates after winning a Class 6A State Semifinal between Tompkins and Keller at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland. Jordan celebrates after winning a Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Jordan and Stratford at Rhodes Stadium.

PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

# UIL announces split playoffs for major team sports

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

There's going to be double the state champions in quite a few of Texas High School sports starting next year.

The University Interscholastic

League's Legislative Council passed a proposal on Tuesday that will change the postseason of a large number of team sports. Starting in this upcoming school year, there will be a split in divisions for volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball that will create two state championship

brackets in the playoffs for every classification.

The playoff structure will be the same as it is for Class 6A football playoffs. For Katy ISD, all teams will compete in District 19-6A, at the start of

See **SPLIT**, page B5

# Royal qualifies for state 7-on-7 for first time in history



BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in school history, Royal is heading to the state 7-on-7 tournament.

Royal qualified on Friday for the state tournament at the Hardin-Jefferson State Qualifying Tournament, overcoming both a tough group and a tough opponent in the state qualifying round to make it to College Station for the first time.

It was a big day for Royal, the Falcons went undefeated with a 4-0 record against stiff competition.

The Falcons started in Pool B

Royal qualified for the state 7-on-7 tournament at the Hardin-Jefferson State Qualifying Tournament..

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of the tournament, beating Liberty 20-6, beating Silsbee 19-13 and overcoming Huffman-Hargrave 25-20 to make it to the state qualifying round.

Once there with a chance at state, Royal upped their level. The Falcons beat Hardin-Jefferson 25-13 to clinch their spot at state.

It's a huge accomplishment for Royal and the first ever time the Falcons have qualified for state 7-on-7, which has been running since 1998.

Royal will compete in Division II at the tournament which will be held at Veterans Park in College Station. The Falcons will play June 27 in pool play and June 28 in the Championship Bracket. There will be no entry fee for spectators but be sure to bring water, a lawn chair and sunblock to beat the heat.

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# Katy native to compete at 2024 Warrior Games



Katy native Steven Flemming will compete for the Navy at the 2024 Warrior Games.

BY ALYSSA ROSS  
NAVY INSTALLATIONS COMMAND

A native of Katy and resident of Brookshire will join more than 250 seriously wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans at the Department of Defense (DOD) Warrior Games Challenge June 21-30, 2024, at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida.

Navy Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Steve Flemming will be competing against athletes representing the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and U.S. Special Operations Command. During the 10 days of competition, Flemming will compete in archery, cycling, shooting, swimming and wheelchair basketball.

Hosted by U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command (TRADOC) the DOD organizes an annual premiere and elite adaptive-sports competition, the Warrior Games. This year is the 14th Anniversary, highlighting the exceptional physical skills and mental toughness of seriously wounded, ill, and injured active-duty and veteran service members. Though there are medals distributed during Warrior Games, the competition most highly celebrates personal tenacity, perseverance, and the triumph of the spirit.

Flemming served 18 years in the Navy, the majority of his time with Marine Corps operating forces. He's served in instructor duty, combat operations, Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC), and other op-

**"I have found the adaptive sports program to be incredibly beneficial for my own recovery, but also a useful platform and tool to support others who are in their own fights."**

—STEVE FLEMMING,  
Navy Master Chief Hospital Corpsman

erational capacities throughout his career. A true leader, he's been most inspired by seeing his teams grow and improve their own capabilities.

In 2018, Flemming was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), but cleared to continue serving. In 2023, he was diagnosed with pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer. Flemming and his family have been adjusting to his new normal, and they have been a great support structure for him. In the Navy's adaptive sports program through Navy Wounded Warrior, Flemming could reconnect with the team environment that he loved.

"I have found the adaptive sports program to be incredibly beneficial for my own recovery, but also a useful platform and tool to support others who are in their own fights," said Flemming.



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Seven Lakes won Pool D and were tournament semifinalists at the Tompkins State 7-on-7 qualifying tournament.

## Seven Lakes, Jordan fall just short of state 7-on-7

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes and Jordan both came within a game of qualifying for this month's State 7-on-7 tournament at the Tompkins State Qualifying Tournament. Both making it to the qualifying round but being unable to win in their final game with both falling in the qualifying finals.

Seven Lakes started the day with a 27-0 win over Tompkins JV in pool play and also beat Lamar 29-20 before falling to Cy-Springs 15-14, making it out of the pool stage before coming up just short against Randle in the state qualifying round, losing 35-27.

Jordan was dominant in pool play to make it to the state qualifying round. The Warriors beat Waller 20-12 before beating Mayde Creek 26-12 and Alief Taylor 18-14. Jordan came even closer than Seven Lakes in the state qualifying round, losing

22-20 to Strake Jesuit in an extremely close game.

Tompkins, which had already qualified for state, went undefeated as hosts. The varsity program earned a 27-6 win over Klein, also beating Hightower 32-28, Strake Jesuit 21-0 and Cy-Springs 25-19. to Langham Creek.

Cinco Ranch also kept up its winning ways after qualifying for the state tournament. The Cougars beat Taylor 27-13 and Randle 27-0, but lost to 24-19 to go 2-1 on the day.

Mayde Creek and Taylor also competed at the Tompkins State Qualifying Tournament. The Rams took a 25-0 win over Alief Taylor and lost 26-7 to Jordan and 20-19 in a battle against Waller in pool play. Taylor lost three games, 27-13 to Cinco Ranch, 32-12 against Randle and 20-6 against Langham Creek as both the Rams and Mustangs were unable to advance to the state qualifying round.





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Above: Seven Lakes midfielder Kortay Koc (6) works against Flower Mound midfielder Luis García (25) during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown. Right: Seven Lakes goalkeeper Benjamin Aviles (1) during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

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Noah Machart clears a ball during a Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch at Legacy Stadium.



TYLER TYRE

Cinco Ranch celebrates after Adrian Correa scored a goal during a Region III-6A Semifinal between Cinco Ranch and Kingwood in Deer Park.



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Seven Lakes defender Aidan Morrison (10) celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal in the second overtime period of the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

# Morrison named District MVP for second straight season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Aidan Morrison kept the accolades going, as the senior midfielder was named the District 19-6A MVP for the second straight season.

Morrison had a big senior year and capped it off by winning MVP of the Class 6A State Tournament game, leading the Spartans to a win in the process. He was joined by two other Spartans on the superlatives list of the district awards, with junior forward Kortay Koc being named the districts forward of the year and goalkeeper Ben Aviles Vera being named the goalie of the season. Aviles Vera had a huge year, giving up just 16 goals all season while Koc became the Spartans all-time leading goal scorer and helped the Spartans score 113 goals on the year while they went on to win their second straight state championship.

Jordan had two players named to the superlatives list, Marcelo Ojeda earned midfielder of the year honors and Kaelen Vilarson was named the district's co-newcomer of the year. The duo helped the Warriors clinch a playoff spot for the third straight year and also get to the third round of the playoffs, where the Warriors took eventual state champs Seven Lakes to penalties.

Cinco Ranch capped off the superlatives list with two athletes of their own. Ossian Elgstrom was named the district's defensive player of the year, while Adrian Correa was named co-newcomer of the year. Both had great seasons, with Elgstrom helping Cinco only concede 26 goals on the year and Correa helping the Cougars score 60 times on the season as Cinco made a run all the way to the Region III-6A final.

Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch led the way on the district's first team, with both pacing four on it. Seven Lakes put Daniel Ejerenwa, Noa Stasic, Sean Carlos Rivera and Noah Peterson on the first team, while Cinco Ranch had Noah Machart, Ronan Ochsner, Tomek



TYLER TYRE

Marcelo Ojeda celebrates after scoring the game winning goal during a match between Jordan and Cy-Ridge at the Spring Woods football field.

Rusak and Andres Riera named to the first team. Jordan and Tompkins had three named to the first team. Jordan with Ryan Armijo, Chris Segura and Aiden Erol being placed first team, while Tompkins' Roman Ryabchenko, Adetola Fasade and Brayden Lehner joined them on the first team. Paetow placed Cesar Garcia and Roberto Sepulveda on the first team, Taylor had Jamison Lilley and Isaac Morales on the first team and Katy's Leo Sanches, Mayde Creek's Danie Solorio and Morton Ranch's Walter Josue Valencia rounded out the first team.

Seven Lakes again led the way on the second team. Diego Flamenco, Fernando Lao, Jack Robertson and Josh Taylor were all named second team all-district. Tompkins placed three on the second team, in Ryan Sharma, Alonson Basterra and Eloy Ferrer and Cinco joined with three on the second team in Miguel Leitte, Sebastian Cobuan and Carter Moring. Jordan placed Elijah Betancourt and Sebastian Arrieta

on the second team, Katy placed Eli McDaniel and Angelo Barbieri on the second team, Mayde Creek placed Ray Martinez and Santiago Cardenas on the second team, Morton Ranch had Rogel Avila-Navarro and Manuel Munoz-Albano on the second team, Paetow placed Dionizy Gonzalez and Azael Ochoa on the second team and Taylor had Owen Helly and Jordan Aaney make the second team.

Each team had two players named honorable mentions. Cinco Ranch's Santiago Sar and Flynn Suther, Jordan's Dylan Hout and Owen Rodgers, Katy's John Rodriguez and Anthony Ayodele, Mayde Creek's Carlos Rosales and Isaac Guerra, Morton Ranch's Wyatt Martinez and Joel Herrera Zometa, Paetow's Brady Wade and Nathan Anwana, Seven Lakes' Jesus Duque and Sam Harpole, Taylor's Jean Esaona and Matthew Swaney and Tompkins' Jacob Robisch and Rohan Anano were all honorable mentions.

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the playoffs in each sport the two schools with highest enrollment will be sorted into Class 6A-Division I and the two schools with the lowest enrollment will be sorted into Class 6A-Division II. These will be two separate playoff and state championship brackets. This will affect every classification except for Class 1A volleyball, baseball and softball.

The change will likely impact the regional tournaments in these sports as well as eliminate one round of the playoffs, either the area or regional quarterfinal round. In past years in volleyball, basketball and soccer, the regional semifinals and finals were held on consecutive days but that will likely not be the case under the new format.

It will also alter state tournaments. For Class 2A-6A there will likely only be the state championship game played at the state tournament, not the state semifinals and state finals like it has been in previous years, which will eliminate some chances to compete in the state tournament despite there being more state champions overall.

UIL officials believe the two-division format will help promote competitiveness in divisions across the state and will give more opportunities for schools that wouldn't have had a chance in the old format to win state champions. It will make smaller gaps between schools in the playoffs and try to emulate the success that the UIL has had with football playoffs and state championship games.

The UIL has considered the change since they made two divisions for football but felt this was the right time to move forward with the proposal. One big reason the legislative council went with the split once postseason begins instead of the beginning of the season was so district play would not be interrupted and there would not be any additional travel added to district play.

While the division split was the biggest news from the UIL Legislative Council there were more proposals considered. The committee authorized staff to study a proposal to add a shot clock. A survey shows that the majority of basketball coaches in Texas support implementing a shot clock but UIL Athletic Director Ray Zepeda said it probably would not be able to be implemented until 2026-27.



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Cinco Ranch celebrates after Adrian Correa scored a goal during a Region III-6A Semifinal between Cinco Ranch and Kingwood in Deer Park.



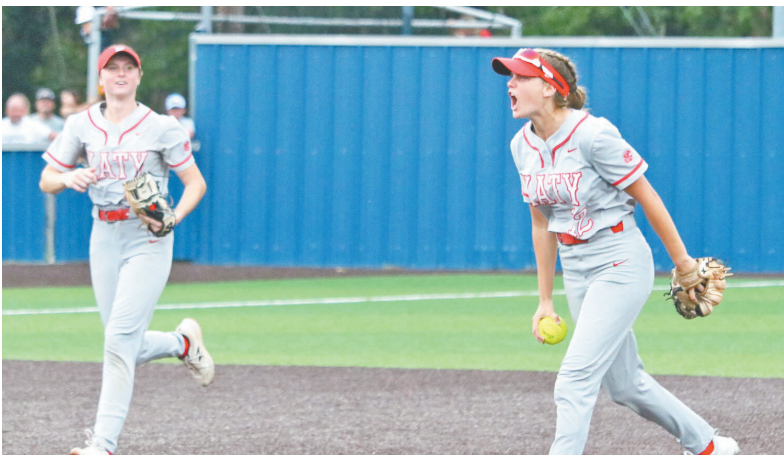
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Andrew Hilton celebrates after hitting a double during a Regional Final between Katy and Pearland at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

The UIL also authorized staff to monitor proposals that would add lacrosse as a sanctioned activity and that would remove Charter and STEM schools from the traditional classification system.

They rejected or took

no action on a number of proposals, including placing mileage limitations on first round playoff games for football, allowing college students to volunteer as a coach, changing the run rule in softball and adding a mercy rule in soccer. They also



Avery Porter reacts after tagging a runner out on second to end an inning during a Region III-6A Final game between Katy and Kingwood at the Kingwood softball field.

TYLER TYRE

took no action or rejected adding ice hockey, disc golf, boys volleyball, archery, 3A and below soccer and girls flag football as sanctioned activities or competitions.

The UIL also announced that their executive director, Dr. Charles Breithaupt, would retire following the 2024-25 school year. Breithaupt has been with the UIL since 1992 and has been the UIL's executive director since 2009. He was previously a basketball coach for nearly 20 years before joining the UIL and is in the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame, the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

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Port Neches-Groves head coach Jeff Joseph (center) talks with his team during a timeout in the Class 5A Division II football state championship game between South Oak Cliff and Port Neches-Groves in Arlington, Texas, on Dec. 16, 2022.

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**JOSEPH**  
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“I just want him to be successful,” Gary Joseph said. “In the state championship game this year I just watched the team and how they handled situations. That’s the great thing about Jeff is no situation is too big for him.”

The story is focused on Gary and Jeff’s father-son bond and what was passed down to them from Gary’s late father Eddie Joseph, who coached at Wharton before becoming the Texas High School Football Coaches Association Executive Director. Gary and Jeff are the only active father-son duo to have both won state championships and only the third ever to do it in Texas High School Football history.

“He (Gary) has meant so

much to me and my football career and my football life,” Jeff Joseph told Dave Campbell’s Texas Football. “To playing for him in high school to working for him as a coach and now relying as him as a mentor in my first couple years as a head coach. It means everything to me. He’s been such a huge influence not just to me but to so many coaches around the state.”

While PNG finished last year as state champions of Class 5A-Division II, Katy suffered its earliest playoff exit since 2001, falling to Cy-Fair 28-21 in overtime of the area round and ended the season with a 10-2 record. That is well on the Tigers’ minds as summer strength and conditioning continues and we

inch closer to two-a-days that will start in the beginning of August.

The Dave Campbell’s Texas Football Magazine will also have a college cover, which will feature Texas A&M and former Bridgeland quarterback Connor Wegman and University of Texas and former Southlake Carroll quarterback Quinn Ewers.

“You grow up reading this magazine and with being a coaches kid it was always something you looked forward to every summer,” Jeff Joseph said. “Reading through all the teams at every level and all the stories it was one of my favorite things. So to hear they were interested in doing a story on the both of us was crazy.”

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