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Mature trees at the historic Robertson-Motherall home at 5518 Fifth Street in Kay lie in pieces after being destroyed by Hurricane Beryl's strong winds. This home was built sometime between 1900 and 1910 by Frank Hart for Andrew Kendall Robertson.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

## Hurricane doesn't keep City Council from meeting

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

It was business as usual for the Katy City Council, despite a category one hurricane moving through the area earlier in the day on Monday, July 8. A quorum was present, although Councilmember Dan Smith was absent.

Council held three public hearings for requested zoning changes:

- Approved a request by DNJ Houston Investment Partners I LTD, ET AL for inclusion of 5.803 acres in the City of Katy's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The property at 27735 Katy Freeway is the site of Vanguard Truck Centers which opened the 38,000 square foot full-service Volvo and Mack Trucks location on April 2, 2018.
- Denied a request for a zoning change from "R-1" single family to "C-1" commercial

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## Beryl barrels through Katy area

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hurricane Beryl moved through the greater Katy area on July 8 as a category 1 hurricane, bringing over eight inches of rain and strong winds with gusts up to 75 mph. The storm made landfall near Matagorda Bay at about 4 a.m. Monday, and winds and rain reached the Katy area around 7 a.m., lasting until early afternoon. The intense winds damaged trees and created debris across the region while drainage systems were challenged by the rainfall. Beryl was downgraded to a tropical storm around 11 a.m.

The City of Katy issued various alerts throughout the day Monday, ranging from flood advisories and flash flood warnings to updates on trash pickup and city office closures and notification that the meeting of city council would take place as scheduled.

The recent storm also caused widespread power outages across the region, with over 2 million CenterPoint customers without power

See **STORM**, page A3



Drainage ditches outside the Katy Masonic Lodge at 3158 Katy Hockley Rd in Katy were nearly full late Monday following rainfall brought by Hurricane Beryl. The water did cover portions of Katy Hockley Road but slowly receded late Monday and early Tuesday.

## KISD sustains state financial transparency recognition

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD has once again earned recognition for its financial management, earning a Transparency Star designation in Traditional Finances from the Data Analysis and Transparency Division of the Texas Comptroller's Public Account Office, the district announced in a June 27 press release.

"Our internal departments work diligently to steward our taxpayers' dollars with the utmost integrity and to keep the public informed of how money is being allocated and spent," said Ken Gregorski, Katy ISD's superintendent of schools. "We appreciate the state's continued recognition of our school

See **KISD**, page A3

## Harris County opens cooling centers for residents

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In response to Hurricane Beryl, Commissioner Lesley Briones will open three Harris County Precinct 4 community centers as places of refuge for any resident in need, according to a July 8 press release from the Harris County Precinct 4 office.

Two of the three locations are in the greater Katy area:

- Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road, Houston
- Weekly Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Road, Cypress

The centers were opened effective July 9; hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more in-

formation call the Community Assistance Division at 832-927-4444 or visit [cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Community-Centers](http://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Community-Centers).

Due to the continued extreme heat, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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## Fort Bend County Fair entertainment lineup announced

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo announced its 2024 entertainment lineup in a June 27 press release. Ten musical artists will perform and bring their diverse talents to the Fair during the BBQ cookoff weekend and the Fair's 10-day run. From September 20 to October 6, artists representing the Texas Music scene, Traditional Country, and the Tejano genre will take the stage.

"Our entertainment lineup is packed with talent. We have artists making their debuts and a few returning to our Fair, but it provides music for all to enjoy," said Alicia Casias, 2024 President of Fort Bend County Fair.

For BBQ cookoff weekend on September 20 and 21, the Fair will fire up more than the grills. Coming in hot on Friday, September 20, will be David Lee Garza and Los Musicales. The pride of Poteet, Texas, will bring his progressive Conjunto and



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR

Red - A Taylor Swift Tribute Band will take over the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds at 4310 Highway 36 in Rosenberg on Wednesday, October 2.

distinctive Tejano music vibes. On Saturday, September 21, Braxton Keith will return to the Fair with his captivating honky-tonk storytelling.

Opening weekend is a lineup

of headliners making their fair debuts. Kicking off our Fair on Friday, September 27, is Drake Milligan, best known for portraying Elvis Presley on the CMT series Sun Records. The Fort Worth native is on a busy tour, performing everywhere from Canada to the United Kingdom. On Saturday, September 28, Del Rio's favorite son, William Beckmann, will be demonstrating his unique sound in a timeless baritone that will keep his vast fan base wanting more. On Sunday, September 29, De Parranda — known for its high-energy shows and cumbia sounds — will be in concert.

Attention all Swifties! On Wednesday, October 2. Red - A Taylor Swift Tribute Band is taking over the fairgrounds, along with friendship bracelets and shimmer. When seeing RED live, expect an unbelievable concert experience with the allegiance of fans singing and dancing along to favorite Taylor songs. "This is

an exciting first for our Fair. To be able to host a Taylor takeover, we look forward to this Swiftie experience," said Casias.

Zach Top will bring his trend-setting talents and old-school country vibe to the Fair on Thursday, October 3. This year, On Friday, October 4, Jason Boland & The Stragglers will take the stage. For 25 years, Boland has dazzled audiences as one of the leading ambassadors of the Oklahoma and Texas music movements. Randall King will return as a headliner on Saturday, October 5. The proud son of a truck driver, King is setting the standard on the country music scene with his honky-tonk sets.

To close out the Fair on Sunday, October 6, is a fair favorite Rick Trevino. Rick's lustrous career has spanned several decades, and he has charted fourteen singles.

All concerts are included in the ticket price and are on sale at [fortbendcountyfair.com](http://fortbendcountyfair.com).

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# Live owls to visit library for children’s summer event

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Children in grades 4-8 will have an opportunity to learn all about owls at a special program, “Creative Connections: All About Owls,” on Thursday, July 18, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd, Katy.

Mary Anne Morris, Director of Wild Bird Adventures, will talk about the sights, sounds, and natural history of these nocturnal hunters. Those attending will have an opportunity to see live owls during the presentation. Morris has been educating the public about

native-bird conservation for more than 30 years.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Cinco Ranch Branch Library. Proceeds from the Friends of the Library book sales and annual membership dues help to underwrite the costs of special programming and various cultural events at the library.

For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://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).



PHOTO COURTESY CINCO RANCH BRANCH LIBRARY

Mary Anne Morris, Director of Wild Bird Adventures, will talk about the sights, sounds, and natural history of owls on July 18 at 3 p.m. at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd, Katy.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Katy Pride hosts Espresso Yourself coffee meet-up on July 12

Join Katy Pride for a casual coffee meet up at an LGBTQ-affirming Katy business, Coffee Fellows at 3329 Grand Parkway, Katy, to meet other LGBTQ+ community members and allies. Grab a coffee, tea, pastry, or whatever suits your fancy, and make new connections or even get some work done. Enjoy a safe space of community and allyship! For more information, go to [katypride.org/](http://katypride.org/) events.

### Support The Arc of Katy by shopping at Kendra Scott on July 13

The Kendra Scott location in LaCenterra, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. D130 in Katy, is supporting The Arc of Katy through “Shop for the Good” as a way of giving back to the community. From 1 to 3 p.m. on July 13, mention The Arc of Katy and 20 percent of your purchase will benefit that organization.

### Clean up your car help the Jordan High School Cheer program on July 13

Dirty car? Mark your calendar – the Jordan High School Cheerleaders are hosting their annual car wash on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shafer Elementary campus in Katy. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from your favorite Jordan High School cheerleader. For more information, go to [facebook.com/JHSwarriorcheer](https://facebook.com/JHSwarriorcheer).

### Rap with Raptors at Willow Fork Park on July 20

On Saturday July 20, at 9 a.m., you will have a chance to Get Enraptured with Raptors.

Take a journey into the world of raptors from eagles to owls and falcons to vultures where you will learn all about the important role raptors play in the natural environment and why it is so important to conserve them and their habitats. This program is presented by Wild Bird Adventures with live raptors and has been a family favorite program. The one-hour program starts at 9 a.m. at the pavilion at Willow Fork Park.

Willow Fork Park was developed by Willow Fork Drainage District in collaboration with Katy ISD and is located at the northwest corner of 99/Grand Parkway and Cinco Ranch Blvd., north of Cinco Ranch High School.

# Libraries offer online exploration of far reaches of history via Infobase resources

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Explore the far corners of history with Fort Bend County Libraries’ collection of online resources by Infobase. From ancient and medieval times through modern world history, these resources offer a portal through time for students, educators, and researchers who wish to delve deeply into the events, cultures, people, and places that shaped the course of history around the world.

The Infobase History resources cover four distinct areas: African-American History, American History, Ancient and Medieval History, and Modern World History. All four of the

digital collections are fully cross-searchable.

History researchers get online access to thousands of subject entries, biographies, primary sources, videos and slideshows, images, timelines, and maps/graphs. These comprehensive resources offer authoritative, award-winning content with a user-friendly interface for desktop or mobile devices.

A demonstration of this free online resource will take place at Fort Bend County Libraries’ Cinco Ranch Branch Library on Thursday, July 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Computer Lab of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd

in Katy. The demonstration is free and open to the public. To register for a demonstration, visit Fort Bend County Libraries’ website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us)), click on “Classes & Events,” select the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, and find the program on the date indicated. For more information, call FBCL’s Communications Office (281-633-4734) or the Cinco Ranch Branch Library (281-395-1311).

With a Fort Bend County Libraries (FBCL) card, access to this resource is free anytime, anywhere, with any computer or device with an Internet connection, by visiting [www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us).



### Fulshear 1824 Festival celebrates history on July 13

Join Fulshear Historical Association for this FREE EVENT as they celebrate the bicentennial of Fulshear’s land grant with San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site. See where it all took place in 1824! Learn about the town of Fulshear and the surrounding area from history organizations across the region as the group explores the connections between local and state history. See the Fulshear artifacts featured in the onsite exhibit and enjoy games, tours, re-enactments, and more! Festivities will be held July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the town of San Felipe, 220 2nd St, San Felipe, TX 77473.

### Fussell Center offers trip – and lunch – aboard the Southern Empress Paddlewheeler on July 20

Travel with the Fussell Senior Center to cruise and lunch on the Southern Empress Paddlewheeler on July 20. Built in 1983, the 131-foot replica of a sternwheeler river boat stands as one of Lake Conroe’s most recognizable icons, showcasing the rich history and charm of a bygone era. Contact Pat at the Fussell Senior Center, 5370 E. Fifth Street in Katy or call 281-391-4837 to check on ticket availability and pricing for the trip.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**CLUES ACROSS**

- A group of sheep
- Of she
- This (Spanish)
- A type of sorcery
- A team’s best pitcher
- Port in southern Japan
- Makes very happy
- Trigonometric unit of measurement
- From a distance
- Winged nut
- Consumed
- “Heat” director
- In all places
- Made improvements to
- St. \_\_\_ Girl: brand of beer
- A type of “seat”
- Wood
- A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- Approval
- Basics
- Where judges sit
- W. African religion
- Commentators
- Having many different functions
- Member of a Semitic people
- Flightless, fast-running bird
- After the seventh
- Small N. Zealand tree
- Health care pro (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

- Garden tools
- Early Syrian kingdom
- 500 sheets of paper
- Information
- Beloved comic strip character
- Distinct form of a plant
- Replenishment
- Semitransparent glassy substance
- Expedition to observe animals
- One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- Obtain in return for labor
- Inheritable genetically
- One who rescues
- Doctor of Education
- Liberal arts
- Shock treatment
- Disfigure
- When you hope to get there
- Peacock network
- Part of (abbr.)

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Playground mainstay
- Expressing relief
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Fishing net
- Beer
- Tooth caregiver
- Japanese beverage

**CLUES DOWN**

- The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- Saturated
- Not just “play”
- Former CIA
- Reduced to a sloping edge
- Restricted the development of
- Sciences degree
- Sea eagles
- Joint
- Sailing boat
- Respiratory organs
- Guitarists use them
- Disco act: Bee \_\_\_
- First Chinese dynasty
- Intentionally lose
- Muslim people of China

Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.

## SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week’s edition.

## COUNCIL

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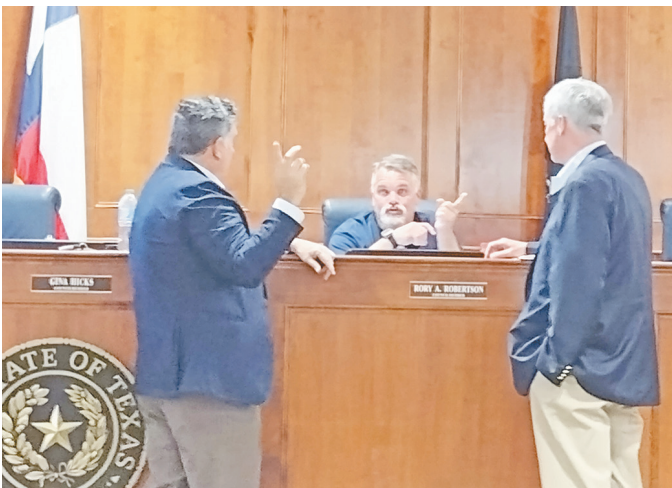
for a 2.63 acre property located in the Firethorne/Spring Green area. Four area residents spoke against the change during public comments, stating that the property is completely surrounded by homes and that the commercial site would worsen traffic and endanger children at nearby school bus stops. The site was said to be planned for use as an ABA therapy center.

- Denied a request for vacating a portion of right-of-way at the intersection of T Street and Sanford Street.

Councilmember Janet Corte, who said that she drove the area prior to the meeting, said that the city should maintain control of the property since it is used for drainage for the neighborhood. Councilmember Rory Robertson said that he saw no advantage to the city in giving up the property.

In other actions, council:

- Heard a presentation of the annual comprehensive financial report by City Auditor



Katy Chief of Police Noe Diaz (left) visits with Councilmember Rory Robertson (center) and Mayor Dusty Thiele (right) at council chambers in City Hall, 901 Avenue C in Katy, prior to Monday night's council meeting. The trio discussed challenges that Hurricane Beryl created for the city and the steps that were being taken to resolve those issues.

Lupe Garcia of Whitely Penn, LLP, Houston, covering the city's fiscal year 2023. The report showed that the city leaders were "good stewards of taxpayer dollars," Garcia said.

- Authorized the mayor to sign a retail buyers order in an

amount up to \$55,000.00 for purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado truck and uplift kit from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc. The vehicle, designated for use by the Katy Fire Department, is funded by dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act



Councilmember Gina Hicks commended the City of Katy's emergency response team for their quick actions after a child was reported underwater at a July 4 pool party. The two-year-old child was saved and is now doing fine "because minutes matter," Hicks said. She also saluted Katy's fire, police and public works departments for their work prior to, during and after Hurricane Beryl, and other council members and the mayor echoed those praises at Monday night's city council meeting.

grant funds.

The next meeting of city council will be July 22 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy.

## STORM

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late Monday, according to CenterPoint data reported by broadcast outlets in the Houston area. As part of the Katy ISD's ongoing partnership efforts with local agencies serving the Katy community, Katy ISD coordinated with CenterPoint Energy to open up Rhodes and Legacy Stadium parking lots as a staging area for the CenterPoint trucks and crews supporting area response needs.

"We wanted you to be aware of this in case there were any concerns regarding the activity in the Katy ISD stadium parking lots this week," said a district spokesperson in a July 9 press release.

Many neighborhoods in the Katy area remained without power as of press time on Tuesday. The retail center in the 500 block of S. Fry Road, where a Target store and a Randall's Supermarket are located, was completely closed early Tuesday. Residents in the Cinco Ranch area reported that traffic signals in their area were not working.

Internet service was also spotty following the storm. Fidium Fiber issued this statement on Facebook on Monday: "Our Emergency Operations Center is deploying generators and backup power where feasible to restore services. If your service has been impacted, please visit our Support page <https://bit.ly/4eT157w> for troubleshooting tips." The statement also gave the customer service number as 1-844-968-7224 and advised that call wait times were longer than usual.

## COOLING

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(HCOHSEM) has activated its Heat Plan, the office said in a June 26 press release.

Residents can find cooling centers at various Harris County Public Library (HCPL) branches throughout the county. Locations in the greater Katy include:

- Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek, 16719 Clay Road, Houston 77084 (832) 927-5590. Email: [bc@hcpl.net](mailto:bc@hcpl.net).
- Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road, Katy 77493 (281) 391-3509. Email: [kt@hcpl.net](mailto:kt@hcpl.net).
- Maud Smith Marks Branch Library, 1815 Westgreen Boulevard, Katy 77450 (832) 927-7860. Email: [mm@hcpl.net](mailto:mm@hcpl.net).

For a complete list of cooling center locations, hours, and information, go to [stormmaps.arcgis.com/stories/c2bd3a645a404df-49732881307c18c1e](https://stormmaps.arcgis.com/stories/c2bd3a645a404df-49732881307c18c1e).

Days and hours of operation may vary daily by location.

### TIPS FOR STAYING COOL

HCOHSEM urges all residents to take simple steps to keep themselves safe throughout the rest of the summer season. Exposure to extreme heat can cause heat stroke, exhaustion, and even death. Heat-related illnesses are preventable.

- Stay in air conditioning as much as possible. Shopping malls, libraries, and other public indoor spaces are great places to go to beat the heat when needed.
- Wear light-colored, lightweight, and loose-fitting clothing.
- If you must be outdoors, STAY HYDRATED and avoid heavy labor and other physical activities. Take frequent breaks.
- NEVER leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. Temperatures rise quickly and can reach deadly levels in minutes.

Common symptoms of heat-related sickness include headaches, dizziness, nausea, and loss of consciousness. Seek medical care or call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness.

Additional information on heat-related illness and other summer safety tips available are available at [www.ReadyHarris.org](http://www.ReadyHarris.org). Stay informed by signing up for Ready Harris Alerts at [member.everbridge.net/index/892807736729064#/signup](http://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736729064#/signup).



## KISD

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district's efforts."

As part of its review, the state ensures that the district provides financial information, including budgets, reports and summaries, to the public in clear and easily accessible formats.

The Transparency Stars program launched in March 2016 to recognize Texas cities, counties, school districts and special purpose districts that work toward greater government transparency. The Comptroller's Office routinely updates its list of Transparency Star awardees as entities are evaluated throughout the fiscal year. Visit the Comptroller's Transparency Stars website at [comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/local/stars/to](http://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/local/stars/to) to learn more about the program, including specific guidelines and how to apply.

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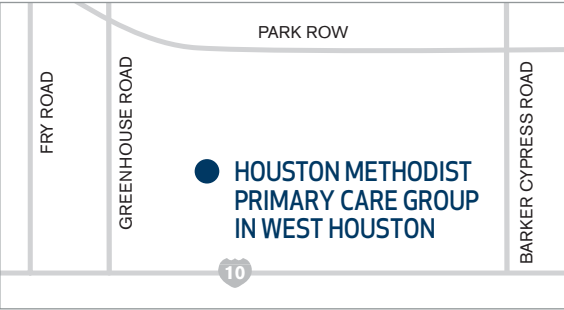
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# AlignLife of Katy collects items for Manna House

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

AlignLife of Katy is collecting items for Manna House – a ministry of the Titus community – during July. Manna House is a nonprofit addiction recovery home and program based on the 12 steps of recovery and addiction counseling.

“We are honored to support the residents at Manna House through our Thanksgiving in July initiative,” said AlignLife of Katy owner and chiropractor Dr. Adam Martinez. “The annual drive means we can help those most in need in our community. As a wellness provider, we believe we must help as many people as possible in

whatever way best serves them at this time.” AlignLife of Katy will collect canned goods, bath towels, washcloths, soap, shaving cream, pillows, bedding (single bed sheets), and blankets. It is the first time AlignLife of Katy has participated in the Thanksgiving in July drive. The

company held a drive for Katy Christian Ministries in December last year. “We are thankful for the support of our patients, friends, and family,” said Dr. Adam. “Manna House is a worthwhile cause. The charity takes in men and provides housing for those who are struggling with alcohol and drugs. We

appreciate all they do.” Please drop items at AlignLife of Katy at 23543 Kingsland Boulevard #300, Katy, during office hours. The office is open Monday to Friday. For more information about AlignLife of Katy, call 281 572 0120 or visit <https://alignlife.com/locations/katy-tx-chiropractor/>.

## Suspect arrested on animal cruelty charges



PENGFEI JI

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On June 28, 2024, Fort Bend Precinct 1 Constable deputies responded to an urgent veterinarian clinic in Cinco Ranch to the report of an injured animal. Investigation determined that during an argument with his wife at his residence in Richmond,

the suspect allegedly caused injuries to her Teacup Pomeranian. Video shows the suspect grabbing the dog by the rear legs and swinging the dog over his head, slamming the dog into a doghouse several times and then discarding the animal into the yard. The dog was pronounced dead at the veterinarian office.

Pengfei Ji, 31 years old, was taken into custody by Precinct 1 deputies for third degree felony Cruelty to Animals and booked into the Fort Bend County Jail. “This just leaves me speechless,” said Constable Chad Norvell. “I’m glad we were able to put him in jail and that he’ll face justice for his horrendous actions.”

## Nehls announces ‘Congressional App Challenge’ submissions open

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Congressman Troy Nehls, who represents Texas House District 22 in the U.S. Congress, announced in his June and July e-newsletters that his office is hosting the 2024 Congressional App Challenge, a competition designed to encourage student participation in computer science and coding. Students are encouraged to register online and submit their app by October 24, 2024. The Congressional App Challenge is open to all middle and high school students in the 22nd Congressional District of Texas. Students entering the competition must submit their app to CongressionalAppChallenge.us during the Competition Submission Period through Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 12 P.M. Eastern Time. The winner from the 22nd Congressional District, chosen by a panel of expert judges, will be featured on CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The winning app will also be eligible to be on display in the U.S. Capitol, honoring the winners from across the country. For more information, please visit the official Congressional App Challenge website at congressionalappchallenge.us or email StudentSupport@CongressionalAppChallenge.us, or email Nehl’s office at TX22AppChallenge@mail.house.gov.

## HistoryMaker Homes adds 35 homes in Katy Lakes

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

HistoryMaker Homes, a fully integrated, diversified real estate business with more than 75 years of expertise, announced on May 30 the addition of 35 new homes for sale in the Katy Lakes community located in the fast-growing area of Katy near FM 529. “We’re excited to continue growing our presence in Katy and offer new homes in the established Katy Lakes community, which includes a variety of premium amenities and access to top-rated schools,” said Nelson Mitchell, president and CEO of HistoryMaker. “As we continue our expansion throughout Greater Houston, we can’t think of a better place to do it than Katy, one of the area’s fastest-growing locations for new homebuyers.” HistoryMaker’s new 35 single-family homes at Katy Lakes feature 50- and 60-foot lot options with three-car garages and a choice



PHOTO BY SUSAN ROVEGNO

of ten floor plans ranging from approximately 2,000 to 4,000 square feet. Prices begin at \$350,000, and HistoryMaker’s new homes will maximize functional space and feature flex options that include game rooms, home offices, loft areas and media rooms. All new homes will have smart features like optimized hard-wired connectivity, electronic door locks and Wi-Fi garage door openers and thermostats.

Additionally, residents at Katy Lakes will have access to a variety of amenities today’s homebuyers require, including a recreation center, play area, junior Olympic pool, children’s pool, splash pad and pavilion. HistoryMaker’s homes are convenient to schools within the city’s top-ranked school district, including McElwain Elementary School, Stockdick Junior High School and Paetow

High School. Learn more about Katy Lakes and all HistoryMaker Homes communities at [www.historymaker.com](http://www.historymaker.com).

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Above: Graydon Rochelle (far right) was officially installed as the new president for the Rotary Club of Katy at Rotary International’s District 5890 installation dinner on June 21 at the Rice Hotel in Houston. Formed in 1946, the Rotary Club of Katy has a diverse membership of almost 100 business and professional men and women and meets each Thursday at noon at The Club at Falcon Point, 24503 Falcon Point Drive in Katy. Left: Karen Kurt of Katy performed the national anthem at Rotary International’s District 5890 installation dinner on June 21 at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

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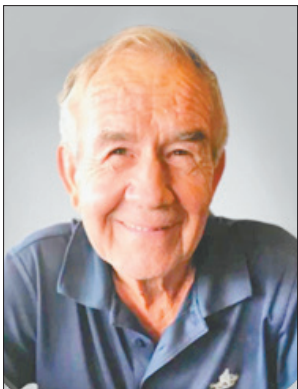
TRIBUTE

Othel George Sanford, Jr. was born on January 4, 1945, in Kingsville, Texas, and passed away peacefully on June 15, 2024, in Mason, Ohio. He was 79 years old.

A long time Katy resident, Othel moved to Katy, Texas, during his freshman year of high school. He played football while in high school and was forever a Katy Tiger fan. After graduating from Katy High School (Class of 1963), he joined the Army and trained at Fort Knox as a turret mechanic. He served his country honorably in Korea from 1966 to 1968. Upon discharge from the Army, Othel returned to Katy where he married and raised his three girls.

Othel had a lifelong passion for automobiles. In his younger years, he loved racing cars, and later, he channeled his passion into a successful business, operating Sanford's Automotive in Katy, Texas for over 40 years. As he built the business, Othel worked at Cameron Iron Works and taught small engine classes at Katy High School. Othel used his talents to generously help countless friends and fellow Christians over the years.

During his teenage years, Othel and his



**OTHEL GEORGE SANFORD JR.**  
1945-2024

family worshiped with the Christians at the Spring Branch Church of Christ. He remained a dedicated member of the Fry Road Church of Christ before attending services at the Cy-Fair Church of Christ with daughter Heather.

Othel was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2019 and was able to remain in the home of his daughter Heather with support from loving caregivers Gayle Westmoreland and Lucy Painter. Later, Othel moved to a memory care facility in Ohio near daughters Amy and Sarah where he enjoyed regular visits from his grandchildren.

Othel was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Irene Sanford; father, Othel George Sanford Sr;

and sisters, Barbara Freeman and Sandra Jackson.

He is survived by three loving daughters: Amy Hammond of Mason, Ohio, Heather Bergman of Cypress, Texas, and Sarah Lyon of Blanchester, Ohio; cherished grandchildren: Noah Hammond, Jonah Hammond, Mark Bergman, Sophie Lyon, and Parker Lyon; great-grandson Oliver Bergman; brother Gary Sanford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

A visitation was held on Monday, July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9 in the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel located at 1344 West Grand Parkway South Katy, Texas 77494.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>, or Suncrest Hospice, 9050 Centre Pointe Dr, Ste 100, West Chester, OH 45069.

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Student secures scholarship with  
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FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Katy teen whose WhatsApp community helped her secure a full-ride college scholarship will become the first person in her family to attend college.

In her pursuit of higher education, Melanie Haro-Cortes found support through the nonprofit Seeds of Fortune, an organization that helps young women from diverse backgrounds access higher education. Leveraging the power of WhatsApp Communities, she connected with peers across Texas in the program who share similar backgrounds, and through this community gained access to information about financial aid, college prep support, and more.

Haro-Cortes is a recent graduate from Morton Ranch High School, who will be attending Claremont Mckenna College on a scholarship, majoring in economics with a finance sequence. She was a member of Seeds of Fortune's 2024 class, participating in their Innovation Research Program.

"As an eager and curious rising high school senior, I



**MELANIE HARO-CORTES**

yearned to participate in greater enlightening experiences - the motivation that led me towards Seeds of Fortune through extensive research on Scholarships.com," said Haro-Cortes.

"I applied for the Seeds of Fortune ambassador board to further spread the organization's vast opportunity," Haro-Cortes said. "Seeds of Fortune played an

influential role throughout my senior year, helping me maintain a balance between my additional extracurricular involvements in multiple honors societies, community service, Future Business Leaders of America, and an internship. As a recent graduate from Morton Ranch High School, I will now be attending Claremont Mckenna College on a scholarship. I aspire to discover more new involvements, complete research in a foreign country, and continue spreading professional, educational, and financial knowledge amongst more young women. In the future, I ultimately aspire to attend law school to become a lawyer."

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# 5 KISD orchestra ensembles named to state honors list

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Katy ISD’s fine arts students continue to garner outside acclaim, with five ensembles placing in the 2025 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Honor Orchestra finals, according to a June 26 press release from the district. Leading the way, Tompkins High School’s Full Honor Orches-

tra, led by Matthew Porter and Stephen Bond, earned first place in the high school division. Seven Lakes High School’s Symphony Orchestra, led by Desiree Overree, John Mays and Sean Carlton, earned third place, and Jordan High School’s Symphony Orchestra, led by Kyle Davis and Daniel Galloway, earned fifth place.

In the junior high school division, Beckendorff Junior High’s Honor Orchestra, led by Amy Williams, earned third place in the String category. Cinco Ranch Junior High’s Symphony Orchestra, led by Laura Vu, Rachelle Isaacson, Lisa James, Barbara Jones and Cole Blount, earned sixth place in the Full Orchestra division. “I am extremely proud that

Katy ISD has five ensembles represented among the 2025 honor orchestra state finalists,” said Damon Archer, Executive Director of Fine Arts. “Our students and educators have achieved the highest honor possible for Texas high school orchestral programs and continue to set a high bar for musical excellence.” Each year, junior high and high

school orchestra programs are invited to participate in the TMEA Honor Orchestra selection process. To be considered, programs submit recorded performances that advance through several rounds of judging. The first-place finalists will perform during the 2025 TMEA Clinic and Convention, scheduled for February 12-15 in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. James M. Jacobs (left), Medical Director of Your Total Foot Care Specialist, presents a \$1,500.00 scholarship to Ashlyn McGuire of Jordan High School.



Dr. James M. Jacobs (left), Medical Director of Your Total Foot Care Specialist, presents a \$1,500.00 scholarship to Hunter Ondrush from Katy High School.

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## Your Total Foot Care Specialist announces “Stepping Into the Future” scholarship winners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dr. James M. Jacobs with Your Total Foot Care Specialist announced on June 25 the two winners of the “Stepping into the Future” scholarship program. This scholarship program was established fourteen years ago to support outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to their academic studies and a passion for making a positive impact in their communities, said a spokesperson. “After carefully reviewing numerous applicants, we are thrilled to announce Ashlyn McGuire from Jordan High School and Hunter Ondrush from Katy High School as the recipients of the ‘Stepping Into the Future’ scholarship,” said Dr. Jacobs, Medical Director of Your Total Foot Care Specialist. “We are incredibly impressed by the caliber of applicants we received, and we have no doubt that these two individuals will go on to do amazing things. Congratulations to both winners, and best of

luck in your future endeavors.” For more information about Your Total Foot Care Specialist and its commitment to supporting education and community initiatives, please visit [katyfootcare.com](http://katyfootcare.com).

### About the Stepping Into the Future Scholarship

The “Stepping into the Future” scholarship program is open to seniors graduating with an unweighted GPA ranging from 2.5 to 3.7. It has been made available to Katy ISD seniors by Your Total Foot Care Specialist for over 13 years.

### About Your Total Foot Care Specialist

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## Beckendorff Jr. High, Seven Lakes High represent district and state at National Science Competition

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD announced on June 10 that Beckendorff Junior High placed third in the middle school division of the 2024 Science Olympiad, held May 24-25 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The district was also represented by Seven Lakes High School, which finished 12th in the high school division.

Beckendorff is no stranger to the competitions, placing within the top 10 nationally each year over the last dozen years, and in 2014, the team earned first place in the middle school division.

This year’s contest included 120 junior high and high school teams from across the country. Only four teams advanced to the national competition from Texas, and Katy ISD remained dominant this year, sending two of the state’s four teams. “We are so proud of the teams at Beckendorff and Seven Lakes for their continued participation in the Science Olympiad,” said Joan Otten, Director of Gifted and Talented & Advanced Academic Studies. “Out of more than 7,000 teams that begin competition each year across the nation, these students and coaches regularly advance to be among the very best.”

The Science Olympiad, one of the nation’s most prestigious science, technology, engineering and math-

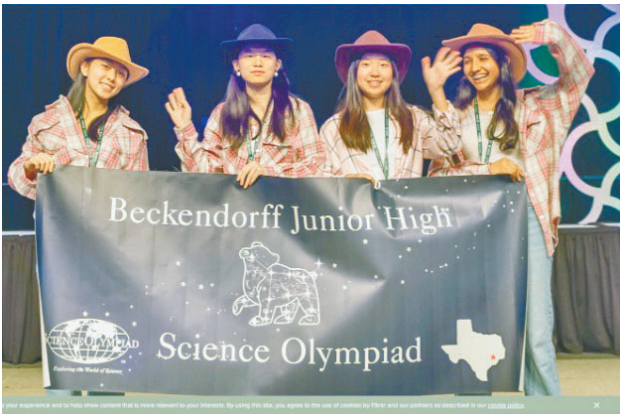


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ematic (STEM) competition, is comprised of more than 20 individual events, testing students’ knowledge of life sciences, computer science, anatomy and health, astronomy and other science fields. Visit [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org) to learn more.

Beckendorff Junior High’s team results include:

- 5th Place in Agricultural Science
- 2nd Place in Anatomy and Physiology
- 4th Place in Crime Busters
- 1st Place in Disease Detectives
- 1st Place in Dynamic Planet
- 7th Place in Ecology
- 3rd Place in Experimental Design
- 3rd Place in Fast Facts
- 10th Place in Flight
- 2nd Place in Forestry
- 1st Place in Fossils
- 2nd Place in Meteorology
- 5th Place in Microbe Mission

- 1st Place in Road Scholar
- 8th Place in Roller Coaster
- 7th Place in Solar Power
- 10th Place in Wheeled Vehicle
- 8th Place in Wind Power
- 3rd Place in Write It Do It

- Seven Lakes High School’s team results include:
- 2nd Place in Agricultural Science
- 6th Place in Air Trajectory
- 4th Place in Anatomy and Physiology
- 9th Place in Astronomy
- 6th Place in Codebusters
- 2nd Place in Detector Building
- 4th Place in Ecology
- 7th Place in Fermi Questions
- 10th Place in Forestry
- 2nd Place in Microbe Mission
- 4th Place in Solar Power
- 8th Place in Wind Power

## Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program now open for applications

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) is now open for application, according to the July 2 newsletter from the office of State Representative Mike Schofield who represents District 132 which includes a large portion of the Katy area.

The scholarship is designed to financially assist high school graduates who are working toward completing a baccalaureate degree and a current member of one of the branches of the armed forces; or are in the process of becoming a commissioned officer of any of the branches of the armed forces including:

- Texas Army National Guard
- Texas Air National Guard
- Texas State Guard
- United States Coast Guard
- United States Merchant Marine

The recipients of the TASSP will receive the lesser amount of either \$15,000 or “an amount not to exceed the student’s cost of attendance less the total amount a student will earn for that academic year for being under contract with one of the branches of the armed services of the United States” (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Student Loans).

Each year the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas have the privilege of appointing two students, and every Texas State House Representative and Texas State Senator may appoint one

student, the newsletter said. The student must meet two of the following requirements:

- Be on track to graduate high school in a Distinguished Achievement Program or International Baccalaureate program.
- Maintain a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Be ranked in the top third of the students’ high school graduating class.
- Achieve an SAT score of 1070 or ACT score of 23.

“Our office requests all applications to be submitted by July 31, 2024,” said the newsletter. More information about the application requirements and process can be found at [hhloans.com](http://hhloans.com) or [aggie.tamu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/texas-armed-services-scholarship](http://aggie.tamu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/texas-armed-services-scholarship). “We look forward to honoring a student from State House District 132 with this scholarship,” said Schofield. Please submit your scholarship applications to:

Attention:  
State House Representative Mike Schofield, District 132  
PO Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768

or to the District Address:  
22910 Colonial Parkway, Suite 1001  
Katy TX 77449

For more information, please email: [mike.schofield@house.texas.gov](mailto:mike.schofield@house.texas.gov).



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# Full Katy ISD football schedule announced

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD released its full football schedule for 2024, including all nine high school varsity programs in what will be another exciting year in District 19-6A.

There are matchups that will excite fans from the first week to the last week of the season, both in the first two weeks of the non-district schedule and with rivalries within Katy ISD in the district schedule.

Coming off a district title and area round appearance, Katy will start its season against two playoff teams, traveling to take on Dekaney in week one before taking on Atascocita at Legacy Stadium in week two in what will be a very fun match-up. It's the third year in a row Katy will play Atascocita. The first go-round Katy won 35-28 and last year Atascocita came out on top in another one score game with Katy falling 42-34. Big matchups in district for the Tigers include a week four matchup against Cinco Ranch

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Clockwise from top left: Andrew Marsh stiff arms a defender during a game between Jordan and Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium. Wyatt Young hurdles a defender during a game between Tompkins and Mayde Creek at Rhodes Stadium. Trey Williams runs the ball during a game between Tompkins and Mayde Creek at Rhodes Stadium. Tremayne Hill runs downfield during an area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress. Jeremy McCullough makes a catch during a game between Tompkins and Taylor at Legacy Stadium.

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FILE PHOTO

Katy's Kailey Wyckoff #13 slides safely into second base during the first inning of the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy High School.

## Katy grad Wyckoff transfers to University of Arkansas

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Katy to Arkansas pipeline got even stronger last week, as another former Tiger joined the Razorbacks' softball team with Kailey Wyckoff transferring and joining a duo of incoming freshman from the Tigers.

Wyckoff has cemented herself as one of the best young players in college softball over the past two years and she will be joining one of the strongest teams in the nation in Arkansas,

which is bringing in the fifth-ranked recruiting class in the nation according to Extra Inning Softball.

Wyckoff was the Big 12 Freshman of the Year and a Second-Team All-Big 12 selection in 2023 and was even better this season. In her sophomore season, Wyckoff hit .407 with 12 doubles, seven home runs and 35 RBIs, which earned her First-Team All-Big 12 honors. Her batting average was the best among Texas Tech players

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## Seven Lakes finishes second in the state in Lone Star Cup

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes achieved its highest ever finish in the UIL Lone Star Cup and the highest ever finish of any school in Katy ISD history, finishing second in all of Class 6A with 93

points gained during the 2023-24 school year.

The Spartans not only achieved the highest ranking ever by a Katy ISD school, they were also the highest ranking Class 6A school from the

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Seven Lakes defender Eduardo Davalillo (4) celebrates after scoring a goal during the Class 6A boys state soccer semifinal between Seven Lakes and Duncanville on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Seven Lakes won 2-0.

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# Katy’s Connor Udland named district MVP

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy’s Connor Udland was named the District 19-6A MVP on Tuesday, putting a strong ending note to the season for one of the best juniors in the Houston area after a terrific season.

The junior pitcher and first baseman helped lead Katy to the second seed out of district and a tie for the best record in Katy ISD. He became the Tigers’ ace throughout the year and was instrumental in the team’s success. He was joined on the superlatives list by sophomore teammate Ashten Ballew, who was named the district’s co-newcomer of the year. The shortstop cemented himself as Katy’s leadoff hitter throughout the season and helped the Tigers reach the third round of the playoffs.

Ballew shared the co-newcomer of the year honors with Tompkins’ Nic Piazza. The sophomore outfielder and first baseman firmly put himself in the Falcons’ starting lineup this year and helped Tompkins secure a playoff berth and a second-round appearance, chipping in with both his bat and his glove in a good year for Tompkins.

Cinco Ranch led the way on the District 19-6A first team, placing six players on the first team after clinching a district title and going three rounds deep in the playoffs.

Sophomore catcher Dylan Muniz was named the first team catcher, while Zach Franco took first team honors at first base, Brock DeYoung took first team honors at shortstop and Lucas Franco was named to the first team at third base. Josh Morelli was named to the first team as a starting pitcher and Thomas Guy made the first team as a relief pitcher. Katy followed with four players named to the first team. Sutton Hull was named as a second baseman, AJ Atkinson was named to the team as an outfielder, Cade Nelson earned first team honors as a starting pitcher and Arvey Huerta was named to the team as a relief pitcher.

Taylor, which finished fourth in district and reached the bi-district round, placed three on the first team. Carlos Cardozo was named to the first team as an outfielder, Bryce Krenek earned first team honors as a starting pitcher in his sophomore year and Christian Jaquay was named to the first team as a relief pitcher.

Tompkins placed two on the first team in Gavin Brewer at designated hitter and Hudson Melaerts at starting pitcher. Paetow also placed two on the first team in utility player Victor Salazar and outfielder Maddox Prentice. Seven Lakes placed one on the first team in outfielder Carter Nannini and Jordan also had one player named to the first team in relief pitcher Eddie Buroz.

For the second team, Jordan’s Nolan Dusek was named the catcher, Jordan’s Luis Vera made the team at first base,



Ashten Ballew hits during a game between Katy and Ridge Point at the Katy baseball field.

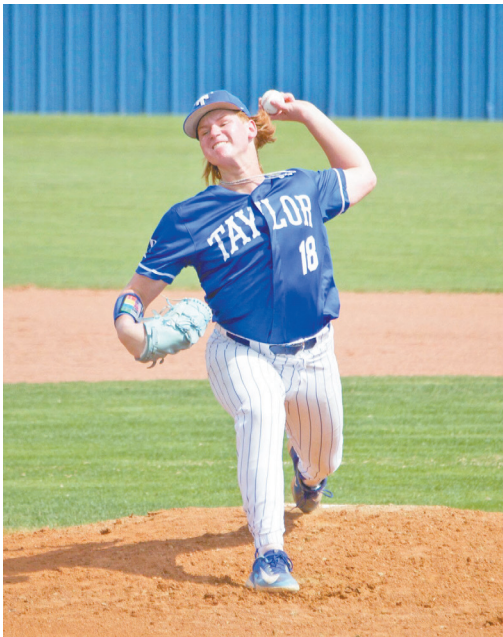
Cinco Ranch’s Karsten Kleiweg and Seven Lakes were both named the second baseman of the second team, Taylor’s Chase Marshall made the team as a shortstop and Tompkins’ Ian Palacios rounded out the infield at third base. Mayde Creek’s BJ Lumkins, Taylor’s Zach Larsen, Seven Lakes’ Max Greathosue and Tompkins’ Cooper Markle were named to the team as outfielders, Cinco Ranch’s Luis Gomez made the team as the designated hitter and the position players were rounded out by Morton Ranch’s Isaac Cantu and Taylor’s Alex Satterfeld were named to the team as utility players.

Six starting pitchers were named to the second team, led by Katy’s Aaron Brashear while Jordan’s Thomas Eugate, Morton Ranch’s Zane Heiliger, Cinco Ranch’s Ethan Muniz, Seven Lakes’ James Levin and Paetow’s Camden Phillips also earned the honors. At relief pitcher, Seven Lakes’ Collin Mills, Jordan’s Owen Wendt, Jordan’s Sam Coraspe and Paetow’s Jacob Rivera were named to the team.

Paetow led the honorable mentions with five selections; Elijah Chisam, Matthew Scott, Charles Radley, Yarel Delgado and Adniel Quieles Torres were named to the team. Cinco Ranch placed four on honorable mention in Drew Tureau, Paul Acosta, Connor Ficarra and Brayden Hodge and Tompkins also placed four on honorable mention in Braden Foor, Ryan Ratajczak, Aidan Corey and Chase Simon. Katy had three named honorable mentions, Jeremy Mazariegos, Carlos Morales and Blake Davila and Jordan also had three named honorable mentions in Bobby Richardson, Juan Diego Ortigoza and Cole Keppler. Seven Lakes had three selections in Christian Villamizar, Tyler Berra and Riley Sherowski. Mayde Creek had two named honorable mentions, Drew Desormeaux and Noah Villegas. Morton Ranch also placed two in Kelvin Malone Jr. and Jerry Gutierrez. Taylor rounded out the team with two more selections as honorable mentions in Pete Dworaczyk and Davidenko Rodriguez.

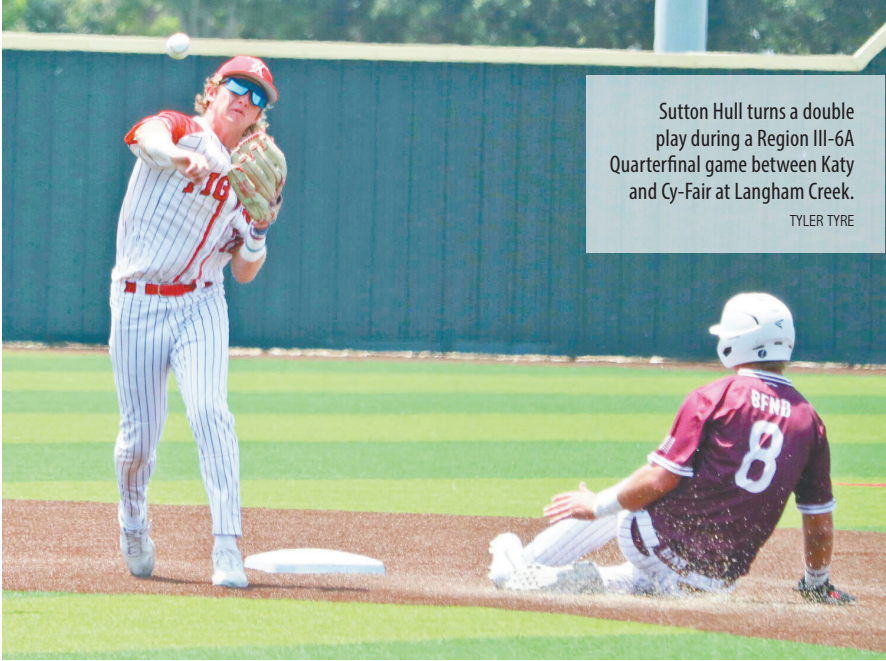


Connor Udland pitches during a game between Katy and Taylor at the Katy baseball field.

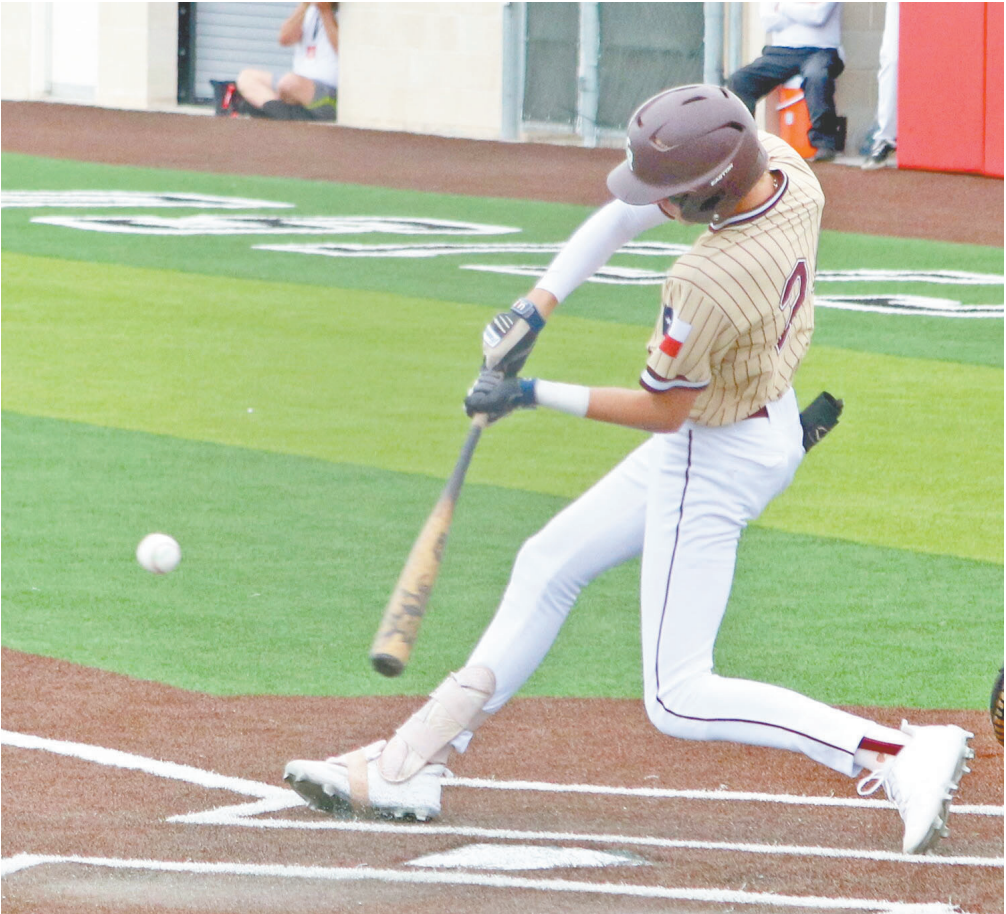


TYLER TYRE

Above left: Bryce Krenek pitches during a game between Taylor and Seven Lakes at the Taylor baseball field. Above right: Lucas Franco makes a throw to first base during a game between Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes at the Seven Lakes baseball field. Below: Zach Franco hits during an area round game between Cinco Ranch and Stratford at Cy-Lakes.



Sutton Hull turns a double play during a Region III-6A Quarterfinal game between Katy and Cy-Fair at Langham Creek.





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## 2024 KATY ISD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<b>Week 1</b> <b>Aug. 29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jordan at Cy-Creek, 6:30 p.m., Pridgeon Stadium</li></ul> <b>Aug. 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paetow vs. Langham Creek, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Katy at Dickinson, 7 p.m. at Sam Vitanza Stadium</li><li>Morton Ranch at Aldine Nimitz, 7 p.m. at Thorn Stadium</li><li>Seven Lakes at Memorial, 7 p.m. at Tully Stadium</li><li>Tompkins at Cy-Ranch, 7 p.m. at the Berry Center</li><li>Mayde Creek vs. Fort Bend Travis, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Aug. 31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taylor vs. Cy-Woods, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Cinco Ranch vs. The Woodlands, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Sept. 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seven Lakes at Richmond Foster, 7 p.m. at Traylor Stadium</li><li>Paetow at Spring Dekaney, 7 p.m. at Planet Ford Stadium</li></ul> <b>Sept. 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Katy vs. Atascocita, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Taylor at Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m. at Mercer Stadium</li><li>Jordan vs. Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m. at Hall Stadium</li><li>Cinco Ranch at Tomball, 7 p.m. at Tomball ISD Stadium</li><li>Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Sept. 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morton Ranch vs. Magnolia West, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Mayde Creek vs. Fort Bend Austin, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 3</b> <b>Sept. 13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tompkins vs. Jordan, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Mayde Creek vs. Taylor, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Sept. 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morton Ranch vs. Katy, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Cinco Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 4</b> <b>Sept. 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jordan vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium (<i>Jordan Homecoming</i>)</li><li>Paetow vs. Tompkins, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Sept. 20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:30 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium (<i>Katy Homecoming</i>)</li></ul>	<b>Week 5</b> <b>Sept. 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Taylor vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium (<i>Taylor Homecoming</i>)</li></ul> <b>Sept. 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mayde Creek vs. Paetow, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium (<i>Mayde Creek Homecoming</i>)</li></ul>	<b>Week 6</b> <b>Oct. 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paetow vs. Morton Ranch, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Tompkins vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium (<i>Tompkins Homecoming</i>)</li></ul> <b>Oct. 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Taylor vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 7</b> <b>Oct. 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Katy vs. Taylor, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Oct. 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morton Ranch vs. Tompkins, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 8</b> <b>Oct. 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tompkins vs. Cinco Ranch, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Mayde Creek vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Oct. 18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium (<i>Paetow Homecoming</i>)</li><li>Jordan vs. Katy, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 9</b> <b>Oct. 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taylor vs. Jordan, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Katy vs. Paetow, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Oct. 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium (<i>Cinco Ranch Homecoming</i>)</li><li>Seven Lakes vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 10</b> <b>Oct. 31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium (<i>Seven Lakes Homecoming</i>)</li><li>Morton Ranch vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Nov. 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tompkins vs. Katy, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Paetow vs. Taylor, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>	<b>Week 11</b> <b>Nov. 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Taylor vs. Tompkins, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Jordan vs. Paetow, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul> <b>Nov. 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Katy vs. Mayde Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium</li><li>Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium</li></ul>
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Katy fans cheer during an area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at the Berry Center in Cypress.

## SCHEDULE

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and a week 10 matchup when Katy plays Tompkins as the Tigers look to repeat as district champs.

Tompkins will also start against two playoff teams from last year, with the Falcons' non-district schedule starting with Cy-Ranch and Bridgeland. Other big games for Tompkins include a district opener against Jordan, and late season matchups against Cinco Ranch and Katy that could help decide playoff positioning.

Taylor will open against Cy-Woods for the third straight season before playing Fort Bend Bush. The Mustangs, who finished third in district last year, will face important district matchups early, starting off district against Mayde Creek and Morton Ranch before playing Cinco Ranch and Seven Lakes next.

Jordan, the fourth-place finisher last year, will go up against Cy-Creek and Fort Bend Travis in non-district and go up against

Tompkins in its district opener, also facing Mayde Creek and Morton Ranch early on.

Cinco Ranch will get The Woodlands and Tomball in its first two games, Morton Ranch will play Aldine Nimitz and Magnolia West to open the year, Mayde Creek opens against Fort Bend Travis and Fort Bend Austin, Paetow starts the season against Langham Creek and Seven Lakes will play Memorial and Foster in the first two weeks of the season.



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Seven Lakes forward Sienna Marchitello (24) moves the ball during the Class 6A girls state soccer semifinal between Prosper and Seven Lakes on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Prosper won 3-0.

## LONE STAR

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entire Houston area, beating out the Woodlands, which was the only other Houston area school in the top 10.

The Lone Star Cup award is given to one school in each classification, honoring the best overall athletic and academic programs from Class 1A-6A. Each school's composite score includes their standing in the following UIL events: Academics; Baseball; Basketball; Congress; Cross Country; Film; Football; Golf; Marching Band; Mariachi; Military March Band; One Act Play; Robotics BEST; Robotics FIRST; Soccer; Softball; Spirit; Swimming & Diving; Team Tennis; Tennis; Theatrical Design; Track & Field; Volleyball; and Wrestling.

"Texas is filled with outstanding academic and athletic talent," said Katy ISD Athletic Director Lance Carter. It is great to know that Seven Lakes is ranked among the best overall schools."

Seven Lakes top points came from boys' and girls' soccer. In boys' soccer the Spartans earned 18 points after winning a state title and the girls soccer program added 14 points by making the state semifinal. The boys' basketball program added 10 points by reaching the regional semifinals and the girls basketball program added eight points by also reaching the regional semifinals. Volleyball also made a huge impact, as the team reached the regional final and added 10 points. Seven Lakes also earned 10 points from the state academic meet.

This is the third straight year that the Spartans have finished in the top 10 of the Lone Star Cup and second

straight year in the top five as they have moved up each of the past three years. In 2022, Seven Lakes finished ninth overall and fifth last year. The Spartans' previous highest finish ever was fourth overall in 2015.

Southlake Carroll won the Cup, finishing first with 111 points. Allen came in third place overall, while the Woodlands came in fourth and Westlake rounded out the top five.

Cinco Ranch was the second highest ranked Katy ISD school, coming in a tie for 32nd. The Cougars earned 16 points from volleyball, where the team reached the state title game and earned 10 points from boys' soccer after a regional final appearance. Cinco also earned six points from softball and eight points from baseball after both reached the third round of the playoffs.

Tompkins came in a tie for 35th in Class 6A. Volleyball earned six points and Tompkins earned four points from boys' cross country, girls' basketball, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, baseball and softball.

Jordan came in a tie for 51st and got 10 points from girls' soccer, also earning six points from boys' soccer and boys' basketball.

Katy had a tie for 75th overall and were led by 12 points from softball after a regional final appearance, also earning six points from baseball and six points from football.

Taylor finished tied for 162nd, with their top points getter being four from softball. Paetow finished tied for 233rd, earning two points from boys' basketball. Morton Ranch finished tied for 243rd, earning one point from robotics.



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Seven Lakes players celebrate after Tillman Jaramillo's game winning shot during a game between Seven Lakes and Clements at Wheeler Fieldhouse.



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PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on July 24th at 9:00am at the Waller County Joe Kuciemba Annex, 425 FM 1488 Hempstead, Texas 77445.

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TRACK & FIELD

# Keys, Jackson-Bray named Super Elite Team MVPs

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Katy ISD student athletes were named MVPs of the Class 6A Track and Field Super Elite Teams, with Tompkins' Jayden Keys being named the boys' MVP and London Jackson-Bray being named the MVP of the girls' team.

Keys, a Tompkins graduate capped off his high school career at the state meet in May, winning the Athlete of the Meet Award by taking gold in the long jump and 300-meter hurdles, while coming in second in the 110-meter hurdles. Katy's Jackson-Bray finished second in the 100-meter dash, also coming in fifth in the 200-meter dash at the girls' state meet to help earn the girls' MVP.

On the boys' side, Katy's Adam Carter, Mayde Creek's Elijah Ferguson, Jordan's James Ledbetter and Tompkins' Jhase McMillan were named to the boys super elite team.

Carter earned a silver medal at the state meet, while Ferguson came in third in the 400-meter dash, Ledbetter came in second in the 300-meter hurdles and Jhase McMillan medaled with a third place finish in the 200-meter dash.

For the girls, Katy's Elizabeth Brooks was the only other Katy ISD student-athlete named to the team with Jackson-Bray. Brooks came in fourth place in the 800-meter run at the state meet.

The Texas High School Coaches Association Super Elite Teams consist of high school players nominated by current members of the THSCA and the players must meet the award criteria to be nominated. The award recognizes student athletes across the state for their exemplary athletic achievement in their respective sport.

Right: Elijah Ferguson of Mayde Creek (2884) competes in the Class 6A boys 400-meter dash at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in Austin. Ferguson finished third with a time of 47.10 seconds. Far right: Elizabeth Brooks of Katy High School (1627) runs in the Class 6A 800-meter run during the UIL State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 13, 2023 in Austin.

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Above: Jayden Keys of Tompkins (2894) clears the final hurdle in the Class 6A boys 300-meter hurdles at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in Austin. Keys won the race with a time of 36.28 seconds. Left: London Jackson-Bray of Katy (1642) competes in the Class 6A girls 200-meter dash at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in Austin. Far left: Jhase McMillan of Tompkins (2895) runs the anchor leg of the Class 6A boys 800-meter relay at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in Austin.

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# 3 Katy ISD student-athletes compete in TGCA All-Star Volleyball Game

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Three volleyball players from Katy ISD competed in last week's Class 5A-6A TGCA All-Star Volleyball Game, representing District 19-6A and Katy ISD after a strong year for the school district.

Tompkins' Brooklyn Merrell, Seven Lakes' Heidi Wingate and Cinco Ranch's Kassie O'Brien were all named to the Blue Team of the All-Star Game and led the team to a three sets to none win in Arlington. All three will be entering their senior year this fall.

O'Brien was named Co-District 19-6A MVP in her junior year last season at Cinco Ranch and finished the year with 1385 assists, 388 digs, 137 kills, 22 blocks and 25 aces as the Cougars' setter while helping her team reach the Class 6A state final after an undefeated district championship.

Wingate had a great season in her junior year at Seven Lakes, helping the Spartans reach the Region III-6A Final. She finished the season with 194 kills, 21 blocks, 54 digs, seven assists and one ace.

Merrell helped lead the Falcons to a second-place finish in district and a third round appearance in the playoffs. She had 496 digs, 134 assists, 102 aces and six kills on the season to help lead Tompkins, being named the district's defensive player of the year in the process as all three had great years last year to earn spots on the team.

Tompkins' Brooklynn Merrell digs a ball during a match between Seven Lakes and Tompkins at the Merrell Center.

TYLER TYRE



Kassie O'Brien, Heidi Wingate and Brooklynn Merrell pose for a photo during the TGCA All-Star Game.



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Steven Poss and Caitlin Rolens were named TGCA Soccer Coaches of the Year.

## Two Katy ISD coaches earn TGCA Soccer Coach of the Year honors

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Katy ISD Coaches and coaches from the Seven Lakes tree earned big honors last week, being named coaches of the year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association for their work this past year in soccer.

Seven Lakes assistant coach Steven Poss was named the TGA's Sub Varsity Coach of the Year and Seven Lakes Junior High's Caitlin Rolens was named the TGCA's Middle School Coach of the Year.

Poss came to Seven Lakes in 2021 and has been instrumental in getting players ready to play at the varsity level and helping Seven Lakes head coach

Kaitlyn Eidson and the varsity program to success.

Poss, a graduate of Mayde Creek, was the head coach at Klein Cain for four years before coming to Seven Lakes and since he has gotten to the Spartans the varsity program has won three straight district titles and reached at least the third round of the playoffs every year, with their best year coming this year, when the Spartans went all the way to the Class 6A State Semifinals.

Rolens has led a junior high program that has consistently been one of the best in Houston and sent strong talent to the high school level and both were rewarded for their contributions to Texas soccer.

## WYCKOFF

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and she also led the team with 15 multi-hit games and had a streak of 24 games of reaching base while playing catcher, first base, left field and right field.

At Katy, Wyckoff was part of the 2019 state championship team and was also an all state and District 19-6A MVP recipient.

She joins a team that will have two Katy Tigers joining this summer. Cameryn Harrison and Ashtyn Reichardt both signed national letters of intent to play for Arkansas in the spring as both will join what should be a formidable team. Harrison is ranked the No. 6 pitcher and No. 8 overall player in the 2024 recruiting class, and Reichardt is ranked as the No. 22 player in the nation for the class of 2024.

Arkansas finished 37-18 last season with a 14-10 record in SEC play. The Razorbacks made the NCAA Tournament, but weren't able to win the regional in Fayetteville.

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