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## Texas Emergency Management reminds Texans to report property damage from severe weather

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

AUSTIN — The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) on April 9th encouraged Texans impacted by last week's severe weather to report damage to homes and businesses by submitting an online damage assessment survey.

"As state emergency response resources remain engaged in the aftermath of severe storms and ongoing flooding in Texas communities, Texans who have experienced property damage are urged share this information through TDEM's self-reported damage survey," said Texas Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. "This information

will help officials identify community resource needs as well as assist in determining the state's eligibility for additional disaster assistance."

Texans can report severe weather and flooding damage to their property using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) damage survey. The iSTAT

damage survey can be filled out in English and Spanish online by visiting [damage.tdem.texas.gov](http://damage.tdem.texas.gov) and clicking on "April 8-Ongoing Severe Weather Event."

Information provided through the iSTAT damage survey helps inform emergency management officials the extent of damage that has occurred and to identify any

immediate resource needs in the impacted areas.

Additionally, the survey details aid officials in determining whether the state meets federal requirements for various forms of disaster assistance.

Reporting damage through the

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## Harris County unveils first LAWPod, aims to revolutionize legal access

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library and the Harris County Public Library (HCPL) held a ribbon cutting for the first-ever LAW (Legal Access Workspace) Pod in Harris County on April 9th at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library, 16719 Clay Rd, Houston.

LAWPod is an initiative launched to address the legal access disparities in Harris County by offering legal resources and virtual assistance to the community at no additional cost, according to a press release from the Harris County Attorney's office.

"This ribbon-cutting ceremony marks a significant milestone in our commitment to enhancing access to justice and empowering individuals with the tools they need to navigate the legal system effectively," said a department spokesperson.

The event was attended by Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Fombonne, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 Policy Advisor Larisa Barreto, Harris County Law Library Director Andre Davison, Harris County Public Library Director Edward Melton and Houston Bar Association President Diana Gomez.

### About the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library

The Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library is a public library that serves the legal information needs of self-represented litigants, legal professionals, the judiciary,

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SUSAN ROVEGNO

NanoTech Materials has spun off from Halliburton Labs and moved its Houston-area headquarters to 21401 Park Row Dr., #360 in Katy where the company will expand its production of climate-resilient construction materials.

## NanoTech Materials' new Katy HQ holds open house and ribbon cutting



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### FROM STAFF REPORTS

NanoTech Materials, Inc. hosted "Scale City," a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new 43,000 square foot facility at 21401 Park Row Dr., #360 in Katy on April 10th, to celebrate their expansion into their new Houston-area headquarters.

"This event is not just a celebration; it's a heartfelt thank you to the city of Houston and

its incredible community for their unwavering support, which has been instrumental in our growth and success," said a company spokesperson in a press release prior to the event.

The Houston-based startup - which originally began in a garage in a neighborhood in Spring - is now spinning out of Halliburton

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### KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board discusses superintendent contract, evaluation at meeting

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

The Board of Trustees for Katy Independent School District met for a work-study session on Monday, April 15th, twice going into closed session — each time for the purpose of discussing and considering the Superintendent Ken Gregorski's annual evaluation and contract, according to the published agenda for the board meeting.

Gregorski has served the district since 2019, after being appointed to the position as Lance Hindt's replacement following allegations of bullying and plagiarism by the former superintendent.

Public comments at Monday's meeting were sandwiched between the two closed sessions. The lone speaker, Tana Weiss, spoke in support of Gregorski and his leadership through the pandemic, Winter Storm Uri and COVID.

No comments were made by the board

following either the first or second closed sessions.

In other action, the board discussed items including consideration of board approval of a contract for the connections of portable buildings at multiple campuses, and the repurposing of collaborative and flex space for classrooms at Robertson Elementary and Taylor High School, in order to accommodate student growth.

Fifteen portable buildings have been identified for relocation from four campuses including Campbell Elementary, West Memorial Elementary, Bethke Elementary, and McDonald Junior High. Campuses receiving the portables include Taylor High, Adams Junior High, Robertson Elementary, Faldyn Elementary and Youngblood Elementary.

Some of the campuses losing the portables

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## NY-based PAC runs ads, endorses two candidates for school board

Candidates deny involvement with 1776 Project PAC

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

An out-of-state political action committee dedicated to "changing education one school district at a time," according to its website, has endorsed two candidates running for the Katy ISD school board, and is running ads on social media in support of one of them.

The 1776 Project PAC, based in Shirley, NY, is funding an ad

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## YMCA of Greater Houston hosts 'Healthy Kids Day' April 20 to inspire families to be active

Free fun-filled interactive activities, demonstrations and more aimed at improving the health and well-being of Houston's kids and families

The YMCA of Greater Houston is welcoming youth and families across Houston to explore health and wellness programs aimed at improving the lives of youth and families at Healthy Kids Day, a free community event hosted at 19 YMCA locations across the Greater Houston area. Healthy Kids Day will take place on April 20 beginning at 10 a.m. Exact timing varies by location.

Participating locations in or near the Katy area include:

- Monty Ballard Family YMCA, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 22807 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, 77494
- Fort Bend Family YMCA, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 4433 Cartwright Road, Missouri City, 77459
- Langham Creek Family YMCA, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 16725 Longenbaugh Drive, Houston, 77095

Sponsored nationally by Peanuts, Healthy Kids Day's mission is to turn fun and play into lifelong memories. The event will showcase opportunities available for youth to stay active, learn leadership and teamwork skills and create lasting relationships. At Healthy Kids Day, children and families can connect and can take part in various interactive activities, demonstrations and more.

The YMCA is dedicated to empowering youth to thrive. Their programs and events inspire kids and families to keep their minds and bodies active. This is crucial, especially during the summer months while children are out of school, said event organizers in a press release.

Families will have three opportunities to engage with Y membership and programs this summer. When you join the YMCA in-person at the Healthy Kids Day event, April membership dues will be waived, Summer Day Camp registration fees will be waived, and families can sign up for two programs and get one program at no cost per family (excluding Summer Day Camp).

For more information regarding Healthy Kids Day, please visit [ymcahouston.org/healthy-kids-day](http://ymcahouston.org/healthy-kids-day) or contact your local YMCA.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Katy Spring Market blooms at the Merrell Center April 20-21

Join the 16th Annual Spring Market at the Katy Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy, for a weekend of shopping with handmade crafts, home decor, jewelry, holiday accessories, children's gifts, clothing boutiques and more. Enjoy the fun while shopping and supporting 130 small businesses. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Concessions will be available onsite and multiple food vendors with snacks and baked goodies. Admission \$5. Tickets are valid for admission both days. For more information, go to [homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com/spring-market-katy](http://homefortheholidaysgiftmarket.com/spring-market-katy).

#### Harris County Master Gardeners sets April and May seminars

Harris County Master Gardeners has announced the following classes to be held in the Katy area in April and May:

- Growing Peppers in Houston Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m. Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd. Houston. Learn more about selecting and caring for pepper plants in Houston. Free and open to the public. [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu)
- Gardening for Beginners Wednesday, May 15, 9 a.m., Peckham Aquatic and Fitness Center HCP4, 5597 Gardenia Lane, Katy. Learn the basics to start and maintain a garden in your yard. Free and open to the public. [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu)
- Raised Bed Gardening Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m. Glazier Senior Ed Center, 16600 Pine Forest Lane, Houston. Learn the tips and tricks for helping your plants thrive in a raised bed garden. Free and open to the public. [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu)

#### Katy Crossing Icehouse invites you to "Take Your Top Off..." on April 28th (relax, it's a car show)

Katy Crossing Icehouse invites all makes and models to "take your top off" on Sunday, April 28th from 1 to 4 p.m. Organizers invite you to "bring those beauties out and put them on display" at the watering hole at Second Street in historic downtown

Katy. Email [Stacy@katycrossing.net](mailto:Stacy@katycrossing.net) to register. And...by the way...it's a car show. No entry fee.

#### HerWell sets 'More than Just a Mom' conference for May 4th

Hey MOMS... Did you know you're more than "just" a mom? Join HerWell for a "More Than a Mom Conference" on May 4th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the offices of Attack Poverty, 1305 Clay Street in Richmond. Hear from a couple of women who became moms who didn't fit the fairytale narrative and yet... found God had a purpose and plan in mind for their lives and motherhood was just a piece of His plan. Panelists include author and speaker Doris Swift, writer and speaker Shari Francois Hicks, and author/speaker B. J. Garret. Register now for the early bird price of \$20 per ticket at [buytickets.at/hooks2crookministries/1172698](http://buytickets.at/hooks2crookministries/1172698). HerWell, a Brookshire-based 501c3 nonprofit, helps survivors of sexual trauma heal mentally, physically, and spiritually.

#### 'Talk Derby To Me' at Christ Clinic's annual fundraiser on May 4th

"Talk Derby To Me" is back for 2024 at Agave Estates! This Kentucky Derby-theme event will take place at 1250 FM 1463 in Katy, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 4th. Organizers have planned the function as an indoor/outdoor event so no matter what the weather - they are prepared! Texas downpours - no problem. Texas heat - no problem. So, ladies, put on your favorite spring dress and dazzling Derby hat; men, don that seersucker suit with fedora and prepare for a good time. Enjoy a silent auction, lawn games, drinks and of course, dinner catered by Anthony's. For tickets and other information, go to [christclinic Katy.org/events/2024/05/04/talk-derby-to-me](http://christclinic Katy.org/events/2024/05/04/talk-derby-to-me).



#### Relax and "UnWINEd" at Nelson Water Gardens' 'Sip & Stroll' on May 4th

Nelson Water Gardens, located at 1502 Katy Fort Bend Road in Katy, will host a "Sip & Stroll" event where you can wander through their gardens while enjoying wine, beer and snacks. The free event will last from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 4th.

#### Coastal Prairie Conservancy hosts 'Pocket Prairie and Great Grow Out' workshop on May 5

Join the Coastal Prairie Conservancy from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 5th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 5373 Franz in Katy for a hands-on pocket prairie and native plant grow-out workshop designed for Communities of Faith. Staff from the Coastal Prairie Conservancy and the Native Prairies Association of Texas will lead participants in lessons on pocket prairie establishment, plant propagation and sourcing, biodiversity surveys, and will explain how their organizations can support your efforts to foster nature on your grounds. Participants will go home with germination trays, soil, and native seeds to grow out for restoration projects. Open to ages 10 and up. In partnership with Interfaith Environmental Network of Texas. For tickets go to <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/u7keap>.

#### Katy Public Library holds free vaccination event on May 11th

Join Harris County Public Health at the Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road in Katy, for a vaccination event. On May 11th, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the healthcare organization will have adult immunizations, child immunizations, COVID-19 vaccines, and flu vaccines. Adults (19 years or older) are eligible with NO health insurance. Children (0-18 years old) are eligible with Medicaid/CHIP or no insurance or if they are Alaskan Native/Native American. Schedule an appointment by calling 832-927-7350 or visit [vacstrac.hctx.net](http://vacstrac.hctx.net) to schedule a COVID immunization appointment. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins are welcome.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They \_\_\_
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Devour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure
- Type of whiskey
- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong
- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier

**CLUES DOWN**

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest
- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person in parts of Asia

- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

## SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

Candidate	County	School District	Place
Cameron Bryan	Tarrant	Carroll ISD	Place 4
Renee Bottom	Tarrant	Carroll ISD	Place 5
Shannon Braun	Tarrant	Grapevine Colleyville	Place 1
Mike Alfred	Tarrant	Grapevine Colleyville	Place 2
Jeff Larson	Galveston / Harris	Clear Creek ISD	Position 4
Melody Fowler	Tarrant	Arlington ISD	Place 2
Larry Mike	Tarrant	Arlington ISD	Place 3
Charles Randlev	Tarrant	Keller ISD	Place 6
Heather Washington	Tarrant	Keller ISD	Place 7
Matt Cone	Harris	Spring Branch ISD	Position 3
Donovan Campbell	Harris / Fort Bend / Waller	Katy ISD	Position 6
David Olson	Harris / Fort Bend / Waller	Katy ISD	Position 7

SOURCE: 1776 PROJECT PAC FACEBOOK PAGE

## PAC

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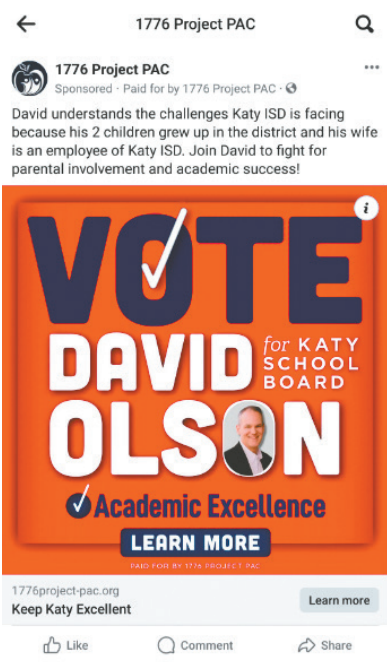
on Facebook supporting David Olson, who is running against incumbent Dawn Champagne for Position 7. The ad appeared in the Katy Times' publisher's Facebook feed on April 12. The organization's website also lists candidates that the group has endorsed in Texas school board races – and includes Olson, as well as Donovan Campbell, who is running for Position 6 against incumbent Rebecca Fox.

The organization's Facebook page declares, "We are a PAC dedicated to electing school board members nationwide committed to abolishing CRT." The PAC's priorities, as listed on its website 1776projectpac.com, include reversing learning loss experienced during the pandemic, transparency about what is being taught in the classroom as well as transparency about how tax dollars are spent, parental rights, school safety and protecting girls' spaces in locker rooms, bathrooms and girls' sports. The group also opposes DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) programs and critical race theory while supporting a model of classical education in the arts and sciences and civics education.

The 1776 Project PAC claims on its website that it is the only national political action committee dedicated to electing conservative school board members. "We have a 62 percent win record, with over 200 successful candidates over the last three election cycles," states the website.

The PAC was founded in 2021 by Ryan James Girdusky, who is a New York native, according to his website ryangirdusky.com/about-me. Since 2007, Ryan has worked in politics, starting out with New York City Councilwoman Helen Sears. He has worked on dozens of political campaigns including Michael Bloomberg for Mayor, Bob Turner for Congress, Liberty for All Super PAC, Bob Holden for City Council, and for the Logan Circle Group. He is also a writer whose work has been featured in nearly a dozen publications, and he has been a guest on television and radio shows.

However, both of the endorsed school board candidates deny association with this PAC. In answers to a candidate questionnaire created by the Katy Area Retired Educators group (KARE) and distributed to attendees at its April 10th meeting as well as through their electronic newsletter, the group asked: "Have you received or been promised campaign funds from any individual or organization (PAC) outside of the Katy area? If so, who are they and do they support or identify with an agenda? What is their purpose? Olson's response: "I am not involved in working with nor raising money through any PAC. Any



SOURCE: SPONSORED AD APPEARING ON FACEBOOK, APRIL 12, 2024

PAC will raise funds and support candidates which align with their core values. Individual donors will do the same for a candidate. As a candidate I have no say in who supports my campaign."

Campbell said in response to the same questionnaire: "As a candidate, I am not involved in actively working with any PAC. I have received money from With Honor, a veteran-founded, veteran-run, non-partisan PAC dedicated to supporting veterans who wish to serve civically. Rye, their CEO and co-founder, served in the Marines at the same time as I, and he's a friend of mine with a strong record of bipartisan public service and high personal integrity. With Honor's mission is to "strengthen democracy by fighting polarization with principled veteran leadership," and, among other things, With Honor has supported efforts to reduce the tax burden on Gold Star families – families who have lost a loved one in military service – as well as efforts to provide more Special Immigrant Visas for translators who served alongside US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. I'm honored that they chose to support me."

Rebecca Fox, the Position 6 incumbent who is running against Campbell said in her response: "I have not received or been promised campaign funds from any PAC outside of the Katy area in any of my campaigns or service to the district." Dawn Champagne, the Position 7 incumbent facing Olson, replied to the questionnaire saying simply: "I have not."

Fox and Champagne are both supported by a local Facebook group called KEEP (Katy Educational Excellence Partners) which has over 580 members, according to data from Facebook.

## LAWPOD

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and county and other governmental officials.

### About the Harris County Attorney's Office

Christian D. Menefee serves as the elected, top civil lawyer for Texas' largest

county. The Harris County Attorney's Office represents the county in all civil matters including lawsuits. Menefee leads an office of 250 attorneys and staff members. He entered office at 32 years old, making him the youngest person and first African American elected as the Harris County Attorney.

## KISD

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have some building additions being built. Taylor High is also repurposing an area outside the cafeteria for classroom space; some offices are also being repurposed. Taylor High is expected to gain 300 students and 10 teachers as a result of an attendance boundary modification and

from population growth resulting from the construction of a new apartment complex in the area.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22 at the Board Room at the district's Education Support Complex at 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy.

## NANOTECH

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ton Labs into the new building. The new facility is a significant milestone for the company as this expansion, facilitated in partnership with Partners Real Estate, signifies a 340% increase in their manufacturing and operational capabilities. The company now employs 18 to 20 workers, company officials said, but declined to share annual revenues.

According to a brief history provided by the company, NanoTech Materials:

- Started as an operation reminiscent of a scene straight out of "Breaking Bad" (minus the illicit activities).

- Pivoted to a three-year stint in Halliburton Labs, where the company worked through multiple certifications, including ISO 9001, and testing capabilities (including setting an egg on fire).

- Is now further scaling to support strong customer demand and solidify its position in the innovation ecosystem in Houston.

- Was supported by one of the largest

independent commercial real estate firms in Texas, Partners Real Estate.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held in the early evening, followed by demos, free food trucks, music, and drinks. Mike Francis, Co-Founder and CEO of NanoTech Materials, was on hand to greet guests.

"Houston, known for its prominence in the oil industry, is witnessing a transformative shift towards sustainability and innovation, particularly within the clean tech sector and NanoTech is a perfect example," said Francis. The venture-backed startup is revolutionizing how the construction industry is approaching climate-resilient construction materials, including fireproofing materials, cool roof coatings, and more, he added.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Francis, who lives in the Kelliwood Estates area of Katy, holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and an MBA from Rice University.

## DAMAGE

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iSTAT tool is a voluntary activity and is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency. It does not guarantee disaster relief assistance. English and Spanish tutorial videos explaining how to fill out iSTAT surveys are available at [damage.tdem.texas.gov](http://damage.tdem.texas.gov).

As the threat of flash flooding and river flooding continues for areas of East Texas keep in mind these flood preparedness and safety tips:

- Know types of flood risk in your area. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center [at-sc.fema.gov/portal/home](http://at-sc.fema.gov/portal/home) for information.

- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provide emergency alerts

at [ready.gov/alerts](http://ready.gov/alerts).

- Build an emergency supply kit. For more information on how to build a kit, visit: [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit).

- Keep important documents in a water-proof container. Create password-protected digital copies.

- Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels.

- Be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas. Never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways, and always observe road barricades placed for your protection. Remember, turn around, don't drown.

For more flood safety tips, visit [ready.gov/floods](http://ready.gov/floods).



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# Katy Times

# Community health workers in Katy help combat care disparities

Bread of Life Academy graduation highlights impact toward health equity in communities across the Greater Houston area

**CONTRIBUTED REPORT**

As April marks National Interprofessional Health Care Month, Bread of Life Academy, a program under the nonprofit Bread of Life Inc. (BOL), hosted a special graduation ceremony on Friday, April 12th, at Bread of Life Inc. in downtown Houston for Community Health Workers (CHWs). The nearly three dozen graduates are fully trained and equipped to begin helping communities in need, at facilities like at Christ Clinic located at 25722 Kingsland Blvd #111, Katy, TX 77494.

CHWs at Christ Clinic help uninsured Katy residents address non-emergency medical needs. They provide non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources to people who are marginalized or stigmatized, experiencing housing instability or homelessness, injecting substances, live with or are at risk of Hepatitis C Virus or Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and are experiencing greater barriers to entering treatment or recovery services.

"Having a Community Health Worker (CHW) at Christ Clinic to serve Katy has been an incredible blessing," said Lara Mautz, Executive Director, Christ Clinic in Katy. "A CHW is a real person that can relate to the people in our community, deepen our relationships, and leverage our connections to improve lives beyond healthcare. These kinds of tailored interventions not only improve outcomes, but display love and humanize the healthcare experience."

Bread of Life Academy is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for underserved individuals in Houston, equipping them with essential skills to enhance their employability in the healthcare sector. The program focuses on training and certifying students as community health workers (CHWs) and phlebotomists, addressing critical shortages in these allied health professions.

"The demand for allied health jobs in Texas has reached unprecedented levels, significantly impacting healthcare accessibility and quality," said Dr. Morgan Rasmus Alfred, Vice President of Education & Director of Bread of Life Academy. "Our graduates play a vital role in bridging this gap, particularly in marginalized communities, where access to healthcare services is often limited."

The graduation ceremony on April 12 celebrated the achievements of 35 students who will receive certificates in phlebotomy and community health work, like Angel Harrison, a dual-certified Community Health Worker and phlebotomy student. "I was homeless and had just lost my job when I enrolled in the programs. When I read up on what a Community Health Worker was, I knew I had to be one because I wanted to be support where I didn't have support. Bread of Life provides me with the skills, tools and knowledge to conquer life's barriers."

The Bread of Life Academy receives support from the Quest Diagnostics Foundation as part of the Quest for Health Equity (Q4HE) initiative. This initiative aims to address health disparities in marginalized communities across the U.S. by providing resources, funding, donated testing services, and education.

In Texas, the shortage of CHWs is a pressing concern, with only 4,139 actively licensed CHWs in the state in 2020, representing a significant increase over the past decade. Despite this growth, Texas still lags behind the national average in CHW per capita ratio, emphasizing the need for programs like Bread of Life Academy.

**ABOUT BREAD OF LIFE INC**

Bread of Life, Inc. is a Houston-based nonprofit organization committed to addressing barriers with compassion and restoring hope in underserved communities. Since its founding in 1992 by Pastors Rudy and Juanita Rasmus, Bread of Life, Inc. has been dedicated to eradicating food insecurity while improving health outcomes across Houston.

## DAR PRESENTS QUILTS OF VALOR



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Eight area veterans were honored for their service with special handmade quilts in patriotic colors, which were awarded to them at the April 9th meeting of the Star of Destiny Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Honorees, who were nominated by community members, included: (left to right): Will Miller/Army, Gerald Powell/Army, Dana Enos/Army Air Corps, Herb Berkowitz/Army, Joshua Allen/Navy, Frank Hawthorne/Coast Guard, Larry Arnold/Navy and Russell Holmes/Coast Guard. The ceremony took place at the VFW Hall, 6202 George Bush Drive in Katy. "The quilts are wrapped around each veteran, not just handed to them," said emcee Laurel Cull, symbolizing the care and respect the NSDAR has for veterans. "Every stitch is done with love and respect." The organization has donated over 300 quilts over the past several years, she said.

## KATY PD HOSTS ANNUAL FISH FRY



Katy Police Department Chief Noe Diaz (left) prepares to serve former city council member Durran Dowdle (far right) at the annual fish fry hosted by the Katy Police Officers Association on April 11. The event, featuring an all-you-can-eat meal of fried catfish, hush puppies, potatoes, green beans, drink and dessert, was held at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy, and drew 541 people and raised about \$21,000 through the auctions for the KPOA, according to early estimates provided by the department.

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MADELEINE SCHEELE

## Scheele earns \$3,000 VFW scholarship

VFW 9182 Auxiliary announced on April 10th that Madeleine Scheele has been awarded a \$3000 scholarship from the organization. Madeleine is a Katy High School senior who will be attending Trinity College.

This scholarship is awarded yearly to a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a veteran or service member. "In the process, we hope that high school seniors become more aware of the sacrifices our veterans and service members have made and give them the honor they deserve," said JoAnne Hays on behalf of the group.

For more information, please contact JoAnne Hays, Youth Chairman, VFW 9182 Auxiliary, 6206 George Bush Dr., or call the VFW post at (281) 391-8387.

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The Lighthouse Church and Ministries pastor receives President's Call to Service Award

Pastor Demond Hammond honored for his history of service to the Houston community

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Lighthouse Church and Ministries (TLHC) announced April 4th that Pastor Demond Hammond, campus pastor of Lighthouse West, would receive the President's Call to Service Award...

Keion Henderson, Founder and Senior Pastor of The Lighthouse Church and Ministries. "Pastor Hammond is a wonderful man of God, and this award is a reflection of his kind heart and commitment to the people of our community."

By the authority of President Joe Biden, AmeriCorps and the Points of Light Foundation oversee the President's Volunteer Service Award program...

A member of TLHC's congregation nominated Hammond for the award with a letter documenting the broad impact of his humanitarian work in Houston since moving to the region in 2013.

"My heart and joy are community-based," Hammond said. "I am the happiest as a servant to others in the Lord's name. It is very humbling to receive this honor..."

Under the tutelage of his stepfather, who ministered at their hometown church in Virginia, Hammond began teaching Sunday School at 12 years old and became a licensed minister when he was 14.

After moving to Houston in 2013, Hammond established a small church in Katy. Through his ministry, he connected with Pastor Henderson, and the two quickly formed a friendship built on their faith and passion for community stewardship through God's word.

As TLHC began to rapidly grow, Pastor Henderson asked Hammond to lead the Church's second satellite campus. The West Campus opened in March 2020; however, restrictions on public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic went into effect just one week after the first service.

Although TLHC remained open virtually for members, Hammond always longed to return to in-person ministry and worship. In March 2022, TLHC moved the West Campus to its current location at 16219 Clay Road in the Bear Creek area.

Now, Hammond ministers to more than 200 people during in-person Sunday services at the campus in addition to serving with Pastor Henderson at the main TLHC campus.

Book signing for Bowles' 'For a Second Chance, Turn the Page' set for April 20th

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

In an era of uncertainty, Stacie Bowles, a Katy-based international best-selling author, invites readers to contemplate a future filled with hope and love for family and friends through her latest work dealing with the foretold Biblical rapture, "For a Second Chance, Turn the Page."

The event promises an afternoon of inspiration, celebration, and memories, said organizers, featuring prominent supporters such as Wally Wood of Wally Wood Ministries as the Emcee, author and speaker Stan Goss of Crowns of Glory Ministries, and real-life character(s) from the book. The festivities will also include an early release of "Last Days" by Bill and Kim Nash, Grammy Award Winning writers and Nashville recording artists.

Guests will be treated to readings from Bowles' transformative work, offering a unique opportunity to delve into themes of faith, redemption, and the power of offering a second chance assuredness as revealed in her book's contemporary setting.

Attendees will also have the chance to obtain a signed copy of the book and explore assorted items designed to support the author's mission of equipping the community for life after the Biblical "catching away."

Bowles says, "I never had plans of becoming an author or writing about the subject of the Biblical rapture. There is a fair amount of controversy about the topic and many of the narratives have left many confused. My journey down this path of discovery has been an awakening for me personally and something that the Christian church should be exploring now more than ever."

Bowles owns Home for the Holidays Gift Markets, which stages craft shows offering a marketplace for gifts, crafts, clothing, merchandise, and food items. Book signing attendees will also have access to the Katy Spring Market tradeshow scheduled at the Merrell Center that day with their free ticket.

For more information about "For a Second Chance, Turn the Page," the book launch, or to learn more about the author's mission and for free ticket reservations, please visit: www.TheRevelation-Generation.com.

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## Miller Career & Technology Center SkillsUSA teams advance to national contest

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Following a rigorous four-day state tournament held in Corpus Christi during the weekend of April 6-7, six Katy ISD students were rewarded with first place honors, securing their participation in the 2024 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

#### First Place Winners in SkillsUSA State Conference

- Dental Assisting: Sebastian Ortiz
- Mechatronics: David Townsend & Muhammad Yousaf
- Robotics & Automation Technology: Alex Hernandez & Patrick Raynal
- Early Childhood Education: London Sewell

"The Miller Career & Technology Center (MCTC) SkillsUSA program has experienced significant growth, and we are excited about the real-world experiences and career-focused opportunities it provides to our students," said Dallas Bergstrom, MCTC Manufacturing Engineering Instructor. "Participating in our SkillsUSA initiative equips students with invaluable networking and leadership development, fostering connections with fellow peers and industry partners, both within our state and nationwide," added Bergstrom.

A total of 127 Katy ISD students recently advanced to the state level to compete against thousands of participants in over 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. The following students were among the top three spots in their respective categories.

#### SkillsUSA State Conference

- Practical Nursing – Second Place: Madison Le
- Additive Manufacturing – Second Place: Guillermo Nieves & Allen Sundia
- Additive Manufacturing – Third Place: David Lopez & Federico Pombo
- Applied Engineering – Third Place: Elise Aagard, Ashlyn Brownell, Diego Hernandez, & Sanjiv Raja
- Building Search – Third Place: Noah Adams, Lana Davis, Ysabelle Hardwood, & Victoria Limon

- Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl – Third Place: Jayden Bryce, Maryam Elsafty, ZuQi Li, Juan Lopez, Vivian Rodriguez, & Aleck Servin
  - Engineering Technology & Design-Third Place: Andrea Arevalo, Laura Bryant, & Mike Macalello
  - Felony Traffic Stop – Third Place: Andrea Pachano & Jack Spriggs
  - Internetworking – Second Place: Patrick Ozorio-Brace
  - Internetworking – Third Place: Ryan Bhuiyan
  - Job Interview – Third Place: Pooja Kalwani
  - Mechatronics – Second Place: Braylen Perkins & Antonio Vazquez Pantoja
  - Medical Terminology – Second Place: Isabel Lopez
  - Dental Assisting – Third Place: Leticia Real
- Every year, SkillsUSA chapters submit activities representing each of the three components: Personal Skills, Workplace Skills, and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. These activities encompass essential elements within each component. Submissions undergo scoring and ranking to determine placements. The Manufacturing Engineering chapter earned Gold in Texas for this award. Currently, winners from each state are being assessed to determine participants for the national competition.

#### SkillsUSA State Conference

- Models of Excellence Chapter - Gold: Paula Churio, Braylen Perkins, & David Townsend

According to its website, the SkillsUSA Championships is the national culmination of a year-long process that begins in local SkillsUSA chapters across the country. Local winners advance to district or regional competitions, testing their skills against competitors from other schools. Those winners advance to state competitions each spring, and state gold medalists earn the right to compete nationally at the SkillsUSA Championships each June. Along with gold, silver and bronze medallions, competitors may earn scholarships, tools of the trade, and even job offers right off the competition floor.

The 2024 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference will take place in Atlanta, Georgia on June 24 -28.



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Students from Royal High School traveled to Corpus Christi in early April to compete at the state level in the SkillsUSA contest.

## Royal ISD SkillsUSA team wins awards at state competition

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Royal SkillsUSA Chapter competed on April 4th-6th at the SkillsUSA State Competition at multiple locations around Corpus Christi, Texas. A grand total of 43 students from Royal ISD captured awards at the competition, where over 6,000 students and over 350 CTE/high schools participated.

The Royal Arts, Audio/Video Production Department competed in Quiz Bowl. Out of 26 teams from 1A-6A schools, Royal was fourth place overall at the state contest, beating many teams in the preliminary rounds and all but three teams in the final quiz round. Team members are Gabriel Velasquez, Layla Thompson, Elisha Glover, Kimberly Pedraza, and Elizabeth Moreland. Gabriel Velasquez, for the first time in the school chapter's history, was a state officer candidate. Although he was not voted to be a state officer finalist -- through many applications, exams, and interviews, he was selected in the top 28 officer candidates. State officers represent some 200,000 total Texas SkillsUSA members across the state.

The Royal Cosmetology Department competed in multiple Cosmetology programs that included both Live Competition and Project Exhibit. The contest included barbering, cosmetology, nail care, day and evening job exhibit, fantasy job exhibit, men's classic hair cutting job exhibit, salon job exhibit and women's color and cut job exhibit, braiding job exhibit, flat nail art job exhibit and 3D nail art job exhibit. State winner for barbering was Kevin Izquierdo, sixth place; cosmetology was Jessica Calvillo, fifth place; and nail care was Alexa Rivas, sixth place.

Day and evening job exhibit Best of Show was won by Xitlaly Larios; first place winners were Lizmar Parra, Annabella Parada; second place winner was Yoselyn Arriaga. Fantasy job exhibit first place winners were Dulce Hernandez, Vilma Martinez, Melody Oviedo, Ariana Anaya, Esteban Carranza, Peyton Fontenot;

second place winners were Marlene Melendez. Women's color and cut first place winner was Jessica Calvillo. Men's classic haircut job exhibit second place winners were Steven Barley and Jaiden Barley. Flat nail art job exhibit first place winner was Maria Marin. 3D nail care job exhibit first place winner was Sarahi Sanchez. Second place winners were Dayrin Aguilar and Natali Nino Gomez. Salon job exhibit second place winner was Sandra Montalvo. Braiding job exhibit first place winners were Aydreanna Stamps and Jackyline Chavez.

Royal High School's Health Science Department excelled at the Health Science SkillsUSA State contests, showcasing their expertise in critical areas such as nurse assisting, CPR, dental assisting, and health knowledge bowl. Competing in both live and project demonstrations, students demonstrated remarkable dedication and skill, culminating in several state-level victories. Isaac Martinez, Danahe Alcanter, Daniel Hernandez, Adam Hernandez, Rebeca Arvizo, Kyla Thomas, Yessica Rodriguez, George Taylor, Ulysses Palacios, Mauricio Perez, Sherissa Pierre, and Kaely Villafana secured first place with superior, perfect scores in their respective categories.

The Royal Welding Department had one state qualifier -- Kevin Weatherford -- competing in the Welding I event, a two-day ALL hands-on state competition, which consisted of a hands-on project followed by an interview portion where he was interviewed and judged for his resume and overall interview presentation. On the second day of his competition, he proceeded to test online in a welding test on metallurgy, general welding, safety, oxyfuel, and several different welding processes.

The Royal Machining Department had one job exhibit entry:

- Best of Show, Miguel Hernandez, 12th grade and Eric Hernandez, 11th grade, machined a chess set made of aluminum round stock and coated with alodine.

## Harmony Public Schools offers free virtual learning

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harmony Public Schools will offer a full virtual learning option to students in Greater Houston and Greater Dallas-Fort Worth this fall. About 240 students attend virtual classes with Harmony Virtual Academy during the Spring 2024 semester.

The Harmony Virtual Academy's team of teachers will be housed in a former Harmony campus that was redesigned for the specific needs of creating an ideal space for virtual instruction for teachers. Located in Houston's historic Braeswood neighborhood, the location was the site of Harmony's first campus in 2000 -- creating a unique nod to both Harmony's history and future.

From there, Harmony educators will connect with scholars from across Texas in both live, synchronous learning and student-led asynchronous lessons. Students also will have access to Harmony's full range of support services, as well as an array of virtual extracurricular activities.

"The biggest difference is you can learn at your own pace," Harmony Virtual Academy student Isaac Garcia said.

Harmony Virtual Academy was launched in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, even after the pandemic's end, families across Texas have found its flexible and personalized approach to learning

made an ideal fit for their families' needs.

For families with children pursuing artistic passions, athletic ambitions, or intensive training schedules, virtual education offers the flexibility to tailor their academic journey around extracurricular pursuits. This allows students to excel academically while nurturing their talents and interests without compromise, said the school in a press release.

Moreover, virtual education serves as a lifeline for families in remote or underserved communities, granting access to high-quality educational resources and specialized instructors that may not be available locally. By transcending geographical boundaries, virtual education ensures that every child, regardless of their location, can access a world-class education that prepares them for success in an increasingly interconnected world, the press release continued.

Harmony Public Schools is a Texas-born, Texas-wide public charter school system with campuses serving PreK-Grade 12 students in 23 cities across the state, including Greater Houston, DFW, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Waco, Lubbock, Odessa, Bryan, Beaumont, and the Rio Grande Valley. The curriculum places a heavy focus on STEM skills, Character Education, project-based learning, and college readiness. Harmony Virtual Academy is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year for both students and team members.

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• Morton Ranch vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
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• Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 6 p.m.  
• Morton Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m.  
• Taylor vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
• Cinco Ranch vs. Bellaire, noon

**Tuesday**  
• Morton Ranch vs. Jordan, 6 p.m.  
• Taylor vs. Katy, 6 p.m.  
• Tompkins vs. Paetow, 6 p.m.  
• Seven Lakes vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.



## SEVEN LAKES OVERCOMES FLOWER MOUND, BECOMES FIRST EVER 6A BOYS TEAM TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK STATE TITLES

## Seven Lakes downs Duncanville to reach state final

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

One game away. The Spartans are one game away from making history, one game away from cementing themselves among the most decorated in UIL soccer history and one game away from a dynasty. Seven Lakes has been on a mission all year — everyone knows what is on the Spartans' minds — they want to repeat as Class 6A state champions and on their search for it, the Spartans have been hunted every step of the way. But Seven Lakes has been undeterred, and they took their next step towards their goal on Friday, beating Duncanville 2-0 in the state semifinals to secure a second straight trip to the state title game. "It's hard to win a state title but it's even harder to defend," said seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "It's

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BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Aidan Morrison walked three steps back, paused, took a deep breath and looked through the wall at his target 30 yards out. It's something Morrison had done hundreds of times, that he had spent hours practicing and honing his craft on, but this was the biggest moment he had ever taken a free kick in. Nothing fazed Morrison in that moment, not the crowd noise, not the

opposing team, not the significance of the chance. Morrison released his breath, ran up to the ball and bang. It sailed through the air, curled around the wall of defenders, went past the goalkeeper and found the lower right hand corner of the net in extra time, giving Seven Lakes a 2-1 lead in the 97th minute of Saturday's Class 6A State Championship as the Spartans went on to beat Flower Mound 2-1 in extra time to secure back-to-back state championships. "I just had to relax," Morrison said. "I know I have the ability and I know that

I'm capable of doing it, but I had to get myself ready. Once I was able to do that I was confident. I knew it was going in. It was just an amazing feeling." Seven Lakes dominated for much of the game, but got forced to extra time from one Flower Mound moment. The Spartans got their first big chance of the match 16 minutes in when Kortay Koc got past the defense and lifted a cross to the back post that SeanCarlos Rivera just missed out on connecting with.

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**TOP** (clockwise from left): Seven Lakes defender Aidan Morrison (10) celebrates with forward Noa Stasic (left) 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. The Seven Lakes Spartans celebrate with students and fans in the stands after winning the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown. Seven Lakes midfielder SeanCarlos Rivera (17) clears the ball with a leaping kick during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

**LEFT:** Seven Lakes forward Noa Stasic (7) shoots the ball and scores during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

## Seven Lakes girls fall to Prosper in state semifinals

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN — Seven Lakes had belief all season. The Spartans had to go through adversity and were tested every step of the way, but they believed they had what it took to get to Georgetown and win. That belief never wavered, but on Friday, things went against the Spartans and despite fighting for 80 minutes, Seven Lakes (19-4-5) fell to Prosper (25-2-2) 3-0 in the Class 6A State Final, ending the Spartans' season after a great run where they went the furthest in the playoffs in over a decade. "They fought for everything this year and went through so much adversity and I'm so proud of them for getting to this point," said Seven Lakes head coach Kaitlyn Eidson. "There were only two or three starters

returning from last year's team and so this year really brought them together and they bonded. This team never stopped fighting." Prosper came out with the wind at their back and had the greater share of possession in the first half. Both teams struggled creating chances, but Prosper struck first, finding the back of the net when Reagan Roberts lifted in a cross that went over the Seven Lakes defense and fell perfectly to Brooklyn Miller, who headed it into the corner of the net. The Eagles continued to bring pressure for the rest of the half, but Seven Lakes was able to hold on and go into the locker room only trailing 1-0. Seven Lakes tried to fight back into the game in the second half, but Prosper kept control of the game and added a second in the 62nd minute on a Roberts left footed

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SCOTT W. COLEMAN

The Seven Lakes Spartans take a moment after receiving their state semifinalist medals following the Class 6A girls state soccer semifinal between Prosper and Seven Lakes on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Prosper won 3-0.



Justice Carlton attacks the basket during Tuesday's game between Seven Lakes and Fort Bend Austin at the M.O. Campbell Center in Aldine.

# Carlton wins District MVP after record-setting senior season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes Justice Carlton earned her second District 19-6A MVP Award in three seasons this week, being named the MVP after helping the Spartans to a district title and regional tournament appearance.

The senior surpassed 2,000 career points in the season, becoming Seven Lakes' all-time leading scorer and also earned honors earlier this year as a McDonalds All-American. She was joined on the superlatives list by two other members of Seven Lakes, with Madison Carlton being named the district's Defensive MVP and Seven Lakes head coach Doug Watson being named the district's coach of the year. Madison Carlton was a force for the Spartans all year on both sides of the ball, while Watson made a big impact in his first year as head coach with Seven Lakes achieving a 30-9 record and going 14-2 in district play.

Cinco Ranch's Aniya Foy was named the district's Offensive Player of the Year after helping the Cougars make the playoffs for the third straight year. The Cougars nearly pulled off the upset of Fort Bend Hightower in the first round of the playoffs, taking the Hurricanes to overtime, but came up just short.

The Newcomer of the Year Award went to Taylor senior Timya Grice. Grice had a very strong year where she helped Tay-

lor reach the playoffs for the first time since 2019. The Mustangs finished with a 28-7 record, going 12-4 in district play and finishing third overall in district.

Tompkins led the way with three picked on the district's first team. Senior guard Gabbie Panter, junior guard Rihanna DeLeon and sophomore guard Sascha Coughran were all named to the first team after helping lead the Falcons to a co-district championship with Seven Lakes. Seven Lakes had two players named to the first team in Shreya Jateganekar and Kimora Lopez and Taylor also had two named to the first team in Grice and Fiapapaitufanua Tamalii Filoialii. Katy had two players named to the first team as well in Nyla Wold and Ashlynn Alexander, as Katy narrowly missed out on making the playoffs, finishing in fifth in district. The first team was rounded out by Jordan's Carlie Lewis, Cinco Ranch's Camille Torrence and Paetow's Naddilee French.

Tompkins again placed the most players on the second team, with Caitlyn D'Addieco, Kate Hopkins and Haylie Panter being named, Seven Lakes had two players named to the second team in Caitlyn Quintero and Gracie Hobin and Taylor also had two players on the second team in Mia Lopez and Kara Hart. The team was rounded out with Katy's Kaysen Miler, Mayde Creek's Faith Idowu, Paetow's Kelis Milam, Cinco Ranch's Kinsley Harding and Morton Ranch's Hollie Sylve.



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



Timya Grice shoots during Friday's game between Seven Lakes and Taylor at the Taylor gym.



AJ Bates sizes up a defender during a game between Seven Lakes and Clements at Wheeler Fieldhouse.

# Bates named district MVP for third straight season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

AJ Bates kept racking up the accomplishments this week.

The Seven Lakes senior was one of the best in the entire state this year and was rewarded for it, being named the District 19-6A MVP for the third straight season — the first boys basketball player to ever accomplish the feat in Katy ISD.

Bates was joined on the superlatives list by his coach and a teammate. Freshman Isaiah Santos was named the district's newcomer of the year while Seven Lakes head coach Shannon Heston was named the district's coach of the year for the third straight season after the Spartans went 36-3, clinched a second straight undefeated district title and got back to the regional tournament for a second straight year.

Mayde Creek sophomore Christian Gibson was named the district MVP of the district after averaging 29 points per game over the course of the season and helping the Rams to a 11-22



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

record and Jordan junior Elijah Black was named the defensive MVP after averaging two steals and two deflections per game while helping the Warriors to a third place finish in district and a regional quarterfinal appearance.

Seven Lakes led the way by placing four players on the district's first team. Joining Bates and Santos were sophomore guard Nasir Price and senior guard Brett Norton. Katy, Jordan and Paetow all placed two players each on the first team all district. The Tigers had Michael Hernandez and Brady Willis named to the team while the Warriors had Black and Jaden Holt put on the first team and Paetow had Ade Onaleye and Princeton Layton named to the first team. For Cinco Ranch,

Prince Jones-Bynum joined the first team while Morton Ranch's Jayden Jones and Mayde Creek's Gibson rounded out first team honors.

Cinco Ranch and Jordan led the second team by placing two players on the district's second team. The Cougars had freshman Dylan Jones-Bynum and junior Kellen LeCronier being named to the team while Jordan had juniors Rayan Fadika and Jude Oluokun named to the team. The other district teams all placed one on the second team. Paetow's Isaiah Bates, Katy's Tomas Belaiter, Mayde Creek's Jamal Chretien, Tompkins' Colton Collins, Seven Lakes' Tillman Jaramillo, Morton Ranch's Corey Johnson and Taylor's Jabari Parker were all named to the second team.



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PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Above: Seven Lakes students and fans cheer after a goal during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown. Left: Seven Lakes defender Aiden Morrison (10) in action during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

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Seven Lakes kept pressing into the second half and found its goal in the 48th minute when a rebound fell to Noa Stasic, who volleyed a laser of a shot past the Flower Mound keeper and into the net.

"Noa just plays for every guy out there," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. He plays for his friends and his second family and you could see it tonight — he gave us every single bit of himself, he's just a special player and such a nuisance for opposing teams. But the biggest thing is he has such love for his teammates out there."

The Spartans nearly found a second just a few minutes later when Kortay Koc got past the defense, but a kick save from the Flower Mound keeper kept the Seven Lakes advantage to one. Seven Lakes continued to press and try and find a second, but Flower Mound got an equalizer against the run of play in the 69th minute when they got a throw in deep in Seven Lakes territory and a long throw found Carter Simpson, who found the net from just outside the 6-yard box.

"We score goals," Krueger said. "That's the one thing we didn't want to give up was a long throw in goal, but when we did everyone just flipped a switch and said 'ok lets go get the winner.'"

Flower Mound tried to get the game to penalties once it went to extra time, but Seven Lakes kept pushing and they got their reward when Koc was fouled in the 97th minute, with Morrison scoring the game winning goal from 30-yards out.



"So much emotion just came through as soon as Aiden scored that goal," Stasic said. "There was no doubt in any of our minds, I walked up to Aiden and he just looked at me and said 'this is going in,' and I just knew. Watching that goal go in was the best feeling."

This Spartans senior class will be one that's sorely missed. It's a senior class that went to three straight state tournaments and won back to back state titles. It's a class that every future team will have the challenge trying to meet the expectations of. But for these seniors this was the defining moment, they helped create a dynasty and they cemented their place in history on Saturday, becoming the first ever Class 6A boys team to win back to back state titles.

"It's unreal, with these guys by my side it just makes it so much better," said Morrison, who was named the games MVP. "They're some of my best friends I have ever made in my whole life. To go out on top is absolutely unreal. It's perfect — that's the only way to put it, perfect."



PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Katy ISD Provides Evaluations for Students with Suspected Disabilities**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Royal ISD is soliciting proposals for Food Service Kitchen Equipment. The complete RFP packet is available on the Royal ISD website at [www.royal-isd.net](http://www.royal-isd.net). Contact Hector Herrera at 281-934-2248 or email at [hherrera@royal-isd.net](mailto:hherrera@royal-isd.net).

Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p.m., May 2, 2024 at the Royal ISD Administration Building located at 3714 FM 359, Pattison, Texas. Opening of proposals will follow at 2:10 p.m., May 2, 2024 in the Board Room. The board has the right to accept or reject any or all parts of the proposal, and to wave any technicalities.

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**NOTICE**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 3.02.203 "IRRIGATION SYSTEMS"; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH ONLY THE CAPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY.**

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A copy of the Order is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/ Richard Jenks  
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Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: concrete trails, sprinkler irrigation, grading, planting, grassing, and landscape maintenance.

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search SWA project name. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, and associated documents for this Project. There is **NO** charge to view or download documents.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES (CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES GENERALES PARA LOS MUNICIPIOS)**

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(A los votantes registrados de Pattison, Texas:)

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**LOCATIONS FOR BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES:**  
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Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 478, will be electronically received, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at the office of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for construction of Jubilee Phase 1 Detention & Internal Reserves Landscape for Harris County Municipal Utility District 477, Harris County, Texas.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: pavements, grading, sprinkler irrigation, planting, grassing, and landscape maintenance.

In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. To join via Zoom call Telephone Number 888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 986 7218 7516 and use Passcode: 304173 or

https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/98672187516?pwd=c2dYV3ljZ01hWCtTalQzSGQ1Wk1NUT09

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Concrete Trails, grading, sprinkler irrigation, planting, grassing, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held by teleconference on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Local Time. To join call Telephone Number 888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 865 974 1255 and use Passcode: 082085 or

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Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search SWA project name. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, and associated documents for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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By submitting a Bid, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed, or agreed to using an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

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The project involves the rehabilitation of approximately 820 L.F. of existing sanitary sewer mains by pipe bursting, man-hole rehabilitation, services reconnections as well as all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

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

- a. Cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank, payable to the City of Katy.
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Bids without such guarantee will not be considered.

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

A Non-Mandatory Virtual Pre-Bid Conference will be held to review the scope of work. The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Information for joining the virtual meeting is given below:

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The project involves striping improvements to be performed for various roadways throughout the City of Katy. The project also includes all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required for the project.

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The project involves pavement repairs at various locations within the City of Katy. The repairs will involve removal and replacement of existing pavement, joint sealant, striping, minor storm sewer repairs, and all labor, materials and equipment required to perform the work.

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# Four Seven Lakes boys, two girls named to All-State Tournament Team



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Flower Mound midfielder Luis Garcia (25) makes a tackle on Seven Lakes defender Aidan Morrison (10) during the Class 6A boys state soccer championship between Seven Lakes and Flower Mound on April 13, 2024 in Georgetown.

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Four members of the Seven Lakes boys team and two members of the Seven Lakes girls team were named to this year's Class 6A State Tournament team after a tremendous season for both teams.

The Spartans took home lots of honors on the boys side after winning the state championship.

Senior midfielder Aidan Morrison was named the championship game MVP after scoring the game winning goal with just two minutes left in extra time of the state final, while striker Noa Stasic clinched a spot after scoring a goal in both the state semifinal and the state final, winger Kortay Koc was named to the team after putting in two dominating performances in two games and goalkeeper Ben Aviles Vera was named to the team after allowing just one run over two games in the state tournament.

On the girls side, Seven Lakes had two players named to the team after falling in the state semifinals after a big effort. Senior midfielder Wagoner Towsen was named to the team after helping lead the Spartans to the state tournament and having a good game in the state semifinals and she was joined by junior right back Kennedy Reed, who made the team after being strong both defending and attacking in the state semifinal.

## CLASS 6A STATE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Conference 6A Girls			
Name	Class	Position	School
Olivia Hess	Jr.	Midfielder	Prosper*
Beya Rosales	Sr.	Defender	Prosper
Brooklyn Miller	Sr.	Forward	Prosper
Isabella Fregoso	Sr.	Forward	Prosper
Cadence Carlson	Jr.	Midfielder	Austin Westlake
AJ Carlson	Jr.	Midfielder	Austin Westlake
Sophia Martin	So.	Goalkeeper	Austin Westlake
Wagoner Towsen	Sr.	Midfielder	Katy Seven Lakes
Kennedy Reed	Jr.	Defender	Katy Seven Lakes
Brinlee Weir	Sr.	Defender	Rockwall
Juliette Rayo	Sr.	Midfielder	Rockwall

Conference 6A Boys			
Name	Class	Position	School
Aidan Morrison	Sr.	Defender	Katy Seven Lakes*
Noa Stasic	Sr.	Forward	Katy Seven Lakes
Kortay Koc	Jr.	Midfielder	Katy Seven Lakes
Benjamin Aviles	Sr.	Goalkeeper	Katy Seven Lakes
Oliver Marrojo	So.	Defender	Lewisville Flower Mound
Landon Deleeuw	Sr.	Forward	Lewisville Flower Mound
Carter Simpson	Sr.	Defender	Lewisville Flower Mound
Emmy Aranda	Sr.	Midfielder	Austin Vandegrift
Aryan Sunder	Sr.	Forward	Austin Vandegrift
Nathanael Zozaya	Sr.	Defender	Duncanville
Ricardo Alvarado	Jr.	Defender	Duncanville

\* Most Valuable Player (MVP)

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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.



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Prosper defender Rhiannon Mahon (5) gets the ball past a fallen Seven Lakes midfielder Chloe Callahan (9) during the Class 6A girls state soccer semifinal between Prosper and Seven Lakes on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Prosper won 3-0.

shot from just inside the 18-yard box. The Eagles added a third in the 74th minute, when Brooklyn Miller headed in a goal off a corner that sealed the game.

"Prosper has such a strong attack because it's all 11 players and they build from the back, even their center backs, they're a huge part of it," Eidson said. "We felt confident in our plan coming in, but it's a credit to Prosper because they found a way. It's a game of 80 minutes, not just moments and they were great today."

For Seven Lakes though, this was an accomplishment. It was a team with just seven seniors and three senior starters. Those senior leaders paved the way and helped a young team get all the way to the state tournament.

"I just hope that we as seniors left behind some good traditions and a legacy of kindness," said senior captain Wagoner Towsen. "We wanted everyone to make the most with this team and no matter if you're a senior or a freshman for you to be welcome. Everyone on this team was so close and I just hope that continues."

The Spartans will bring back a plethora of talent next year, with most of their starters and many impact players coming back. Getting to this point was huge, and they will be striving for the same heights in the future.

"They got to be here and they got to have those experiences," Eidson said. "When the varsity players experience it and then our sub varsity players get to play them in practice and see their friends go to state, it makes them believe they can do it too. It's big for a program, but the biggest thing is I'm just so proud of this group."

## DUNCANVILLE

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hard to keep a team that's already been there from being complacent and to keep battling, but these guys have done a great job of managing expectations and raising their level when it mattered the most. These guys are playing for each other and they want this accomplishment for their seniors. This is great, what more could you want than to still be playing on the last day?"

Seven Lakes piled on the pressure early and created chances, but Duncanville was able to hold the Spartans at bay. Duncanville nearly took the lead in the 28th minute when a strong strike from outside the box forced Ben Aviles Vera into a fingertip save that bounced off the bar, Seven Lakes had just as big of a chance just minutes later, but a header from just a few yards out went wide and both teams stayed scoreless at half.

Seven Lakes kept the pressure going in the second half and broke the deadlock in the 43rd minute when Noa Stasic took a pass from Aidan Morrison and stepped



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Seven Lakes forward Kortay Koc (6) shoots the ball past Duncanville midfielder Eduardo Alaniz (10) during the Class 6A boys state soccer semifinal between Seven Lakes and Duncanville on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Seven Lakes won 2-0.

past a defender on the left side before curling it into the near post from 20-yards out, giving Seven Lakes the lead. The Spartans kept pushing and added a second in the 70th minute, as Daniel Ejer-enwa sent a centered pass into the box after receiving a long pass and Eduardo Davalillo tapped in the game sealing goal.

"We are reaching the level we need to be at and taking everything seriously," Stasic said. "We take

all of them seriously, but sometimes you aren't at your top form. I think we are finally reaching that now that these big games have come around. We want to bring this home and we're all going to give it everything we have."

The Spartans are reaching a new level and a big part of that has to do with Stasic's play. The senior dealt with injuries earlier in the season, but has been everywhere since the regional



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The Seven Lakes Spartans celebrate after a goal scored by forward Noa Stasic (7) during the Class 6A boys state soccer semifinal between Seven Lakes and Duncanville on April 12, 2024 in Georgetown. Seven Lakes won 2-0.

tournament has started, scoring three goals in his last three games and being one of the biggest threats on the field.

"He's just a nuisance

for every team when he's working and pressuring like this," Krueger said. "He's not someone defenders want to deal with, so this is exactly the Noa we need. He's hard

nosed and gritty, but he has exceptional technical ability to back it up. When he's playing like this, it sets the tempo for the rest of those guys behind him."

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