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Stacy Jacobs, Vice President for Business Development at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, opens the second "Women of Katy" event co-hosted by the chamber and the Katy Business Association. The March 28th gathering took place as a three-topic symposium, held at the Alamo Drafthouse in LaCenterra.

## KACC, KBA unite for second 'Women of Katy' event

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A sold-out crowd packed Theater 6 at Alamo Drafthouse on March 28th, as women entrepreneurs, business owners and corporate executives gathered for the second "Women of Katy" event put on by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the Katy Business Association. This event, in a symposium format, was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the venue at 2707 Commercial Center Blvd Suite K-100, in Katy.

"The goal of this program is to provide real-time resources that you can put into action today," said Katy Area Chamber Vice President of Business Development Stacy Jacobs as she welcomed participants.

After sponsor introductions from KBA President Olivia Martin, the program kicked off with a presentation from Elizabeth Westbrook, a licensed social worker and psychotherapist who works at Here Comes the Sun Counseling in Katy, who advised attendees on "How to Go from Chaos to Calm." Westbrook estimated that about 50 per cent of women struggle with stress; she addressed the challenges faced not only by "single

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# KISD responds to reducing instructional coach positions

BY SUSAN ROVEGNO  
PUBLISHER

Katy ISD is reducing the number of instructional coaches at the district's secondary campuses, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. The decision has not been announced publicly but came to light in social media posts at the end of March, as campus leaders informed existing ICs of this decision on March 21.

Also during the public comment session at the March 25 KISD board meeting, Amy McConnell — a teacher at Cinco Ranch High School — implored the board to reconsider the decision to reduce the number of instructional coordinators in the district.

According to emails obtained by the Katy Times, the number of instructional coordinators at each secondary campus is being reduced from four positions to two, due to budget constraints. The job

description for the remaining IC's is being modified to change the program model from "content-specific" to "instructional non-content specific." The two IC's remaining at secondary campuses will "provide classroom support on instruction/classroom management" and assist all teachers and teams with instructional strategies, per the emails.

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## Janapriya Upscale USA developing mixed-use project in Fulshear

Real estate developer set to break ground in Q3 2024

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Janapriya Upscale USA, a Houston-based real estate developer, announced a new 125,000-square-foot mixed-use development in Fulshear on March 20th, Fulshear Central will feature office condos for

sale, retail, a large greenspace for events, walking trails and more. The development will be located off FM 1093 near the future Westpark Tollway, bringing workspace, retail, dining and entertainment options closer to the residents of Fulshear.

"We're thrilled to bring this development to the growing Fulshear community," said Satya Guduru, Partner and CEO at Janapriya Upscale USA. "This project will create up to 400-500 new job opportunities in the area

and provide a central gathering space for families to work, shop, eat, and enjoy the outdoors."

Janapriya Upscale is working with the city to break ground on the project this summer. The space plans to feature high-end retail tenants. Ahead of the groundbreaking, there will be community events and opportunities for local artists and interior designers to contribute.

To follow and learn more about the project, please visit [fulshearcentral.com](http://fulshearcentral.com).

### About Janapriya Upscale

Janapriya Upscale is a privately-owned real estate firm with its roots in India. We are a subsidiary of a 36-year-old real estate company, Janapriya; which has built over one and half billion square feet and delivered over 26,250+ homes in its lifetime. Their global expansion plan has ushered us to America; the country with eminent potential for growth in real estate. They started their journey in Houston with a commercial project, Katy Parkway Market, and are now expanding to Fulshear with mixed use development project Fulshear Central.

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## Briones launches 'Sidewalks 4 Precinct 4: Delivering Pathways to Progress'

Mayde Creek area to benefit from improvement initiative

FROM STAFF REPORTS

As part of her commitment to walkability, accessibility, and connected communities, Commissioner Lesley Briones

announced on March 20th the launch of Sidewalks 4 Precinct 4: Delivering Pathways to Progress. Under the initiative, Harris County Precinct 4 will invest \$20 million in sidewalk improvements throughout unincorporated Harris County. The project was unveiled at a press conference at Alief

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## Grundfos revolutionizes wastewater management with smart water sensors

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Grundfos, a global leader in water technology and services, announced March 28 the availability of the Metasphere smart sensors for water networks. Adding Metasphere's smart water sensors to the

Grundfos product portfolio fortifies water networks, preventing spills and overflows from the wastewater collection network, which have cost municipalities \$194 billion annually. Metasphere smart water

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## Renowned Phat Eatery chef Alex Au-Yeung succumbs to cancer at 53

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alex Au-Young, the award-winning chef who helped put Katy and Katy Asia Town on the Houston-area culinary map, has died at the age of 53.

The news was announced by the Phat Eatery staff in a Facebook post on March 29 and was widely reported in a number of Houston media outlets.

"Brokenhearted, we share tragic news: After a swift and courageous battle with cancer, our dear friend, mentor and chef, Alex Au-Young, has passed," said

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## Fort Bend County clerk announces April 13th Birth Certificate Event

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

County Clerk Laura Richard will host her second Birth Certificate Event on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the County Clerk's office located at the Travis Building, 301 Jackson Street in Richmond. Birth certificates for individuals born in Texas will be available by request. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

"It is wonderful to once again open my office on a Saturday to provide birth certificate services to those in the public who might not have the time during weekday hours," Clerk Richard said.

The Birth Certificate fees are \$23, and available to qualified applicants with valid identification. Information on fees, forms, and valid identification can be found on the County Clerk's website [www.fbctx.gov/birthcerts](http://www.fbctx.gov/birthcerts).

## Cross Creek West hosts Culinary Crawl Home Tour

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Cross Creek West will have tasty treats for everyone during a Culinary Crawl featuring model homes and local restaurant fare 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

The community's model home park, 4803 Garden Crest Lane in Fulshear, will be the setting for the event with the community's eight professionally decorated model homes open for touring. In each model, a local restaurant will serve up small bites. A DJ will also be there.

"We are so excited to show off our beautiful model homes," said Carrie Roehling, Director of Marketing for Cross Creek West. "We are also thrilled to be supporting local restaurants and offering opportunities for people to try their delicious food."

Participating restaurants include Red River BBQ, Alicia's Mexican Grille, Molina's Cantina, Anthonie's Market Grill, Local Table, Pier 36 Seafood & Oyster Bar, Alchemy Bake Lab and Grammy's Cookie Jar.

Homes in Cross Creek West are priced from the \$350,000s and are situated on 45- to 60-foot homesites.

For more information about the Culinary Crawl, visit [crosscreekwest.com/crawl](http://crosscreekwest.com/crawl).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Belle's Buds to stage pet adoption event at Patsy's Pet Market April 6th

Find that new furry family member at the Belle's Buds Rescue Adoption event taking place on April 6th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be hosted by Patsy's Pet Market, 1644 S. Mason Road in Katy. For more information, go to [facebook.com/patsypetmarket/?locale=en\\_GB](https://facebook.com/patsypetmarket/?locale=en_GB) or call the store at (832) 437-0401.

### Katy Sip N Stroll returns to the ARK by Norris with April 6th fundraiser for Christ Clinic

Katy's premier culinary and wine experience, Sip N Stroll, rolls out the red carpet, wine and great eats on April 6th. The 27th edition of the event will again take place at its host location, The ARK by Norris Event Center, beginning at 5 p.m. Presenting sponsors are Kroger and BMW of West Houston. For tickets or for more information, go to [sipandstroll.com](http://sipandstroll.com).

### City of Katy Parks and Recreation Dept. starts archery clinics on April 7th

Archery clinics are coming to Woodland Community Center, 443 Danover in Katy, beginning April 7th. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, these indoor sessions are perfect for everyone. Andrew from West Houston Archery will guide you through the basics and help you improve your skills. Don't miss this chance to try something fun and new! Only 10 spots are available for each clinic, so sign up now to secure yours. Dates: April 7th, June 2nd, and August 4th. Time: 2 to 4 p.m. Registration: visit [cityofkaty.com/programs](http://cityofkaty.com/programs).

### Cosmic Eclipse Encounter provides eclipse viewing experience on April 8th at Arboretum Park

The Katy Branch of the Harris County Library System, in conjunction with the City of Katy, will host an eclipse viewing party at Arboretum Park, 2046 Katy City Park Road, Katy from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on April 8th. The event will also feature story time and crafts. Eclipse will start at 1:39 p.m. Free eclipse viewing glasses will be provided while supplies last.

### Maud Marks Library to hold used book sale on April 13th

The Friends of Maud Marks Library (FOMML) will be holding the third used book sale of the year at the library, 1815 Westgreen Boulevard, Katy, on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Presale viewing and sales (cash or check only) will be available to members of FOMML on Friday, April 12, from 4 p.m.

until 5:30 p.m. Annual memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10. All funds from the sale are used to support library programs, such as the Summer Reading Program, that are offered to the community. Books (adult or children's, fiction, nonfiction, reference, foreign language, etc.), you would like to donate to the sale are being accepted. Please deposit them, during library hours, in the bins inside the entrance.

### KCM hosting blood drive on April 10th

Katy Christian Ministries will hold a blood drive at its headquarters at 3506 Porter Road, Katy, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 10th. Executive Director Deysi Santos said in her Facebook post that she herself was donating blood in memory of former KCM board member George Puig, who passed away recently following a long battle with cancer. To register, or for more information about the event, go to [commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/381894](http://commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/381894).

### Expand your business networking at a free mixer on April 16th

InHouston Katy Premier Business Professional Networking Mixer meets the second Tuesday of each month at Harris County Smokehouse 222 W Grand Pkwy S, in Katy. Next business mixer is April 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This free "no cover" open mixer will explode your networking efforts. It is pay-it-forward networking or Servant Leadership, and it is what makes the event different and better than any sit-down networking over lunch, says event organizer Newell Cheatham. Bring lots of cards, a smile and a camera.

### It's 'Viva La Chamber' with the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber's Casino Night on April 18th

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of excitement, glamour, and non-stop fun at Viva La Chamber Casino Night! Join us from 6 to 10 p.m. at the fabulous Hemi Hideout, 1172 Wilpitz Road, Brookshire for a night filled with casino games, delicious food, and fantastic company. Step into the world of high rollers and try your luck at the wide range of casino games, including blackjack, roulette, and more. Indulge in mouthwatering bites from the gourmet food stations, and sip on drinks, mingle with fellow guests, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere as you enjoy live entertainment throughout the night. Capture unforgettable moments at our photo booths and strike a pose with friends, Elvis will be in the building! To register, go to [fulshearkatyareachamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/QLmQ8yOL?mode=Attendee](https://fulshearkatyareachamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/QLmQ8yOL?mode=Attendee). A portion of proceeds from the evening will benefit Christ Clinic.

### Katy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts April 20th Chili Cookoff to benefit KISD FFA programs

Come out to the parking lot of American Furniture Warehouse on Saturday, April 20th, for the best chili that local competitors can concoct! The outdoor event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 500 Pin Oak in Katy and will feature vendor booths and other entertainment. Teams are to prepare chili in their assigned team space using propane cookers as a means of cooking. \$5.00 general admission. Proceeds benefit Katy ISD's FFA programs.

### Kingsland Baptist celebrates international culture with third annual International Festival on April 20th

Kingsland Baptist Church will host its third annual International Festival on Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The International Festival is a FREE family friendly, outdoor food festival celebrating the variety of cultures in the Katy-Houston area with delicious international food, dynamic cultural performances, a global artisan market, and fun activities for kids of all ages. Free parking. There is NO admission fee, ticket is not required for admission. Support the local community by shopping the global market and purchasing food directly from restaurants and food trucks. Strollers & wagons are welcome. Service animals only. Kingsland Baptist is located at 20555 Kingsland Blvd. in Katy. Go to the website for more details: [www.kingslandinternationalfestival.com](http://www.kingslandinternationalfestival.com).

### Relay for Life fundraiser set for April 20th at Katy City Park

Relay For Life – said to be the world's largest volunteer-based fundraising event – comes to Katy City Park, 5720 Franz Rd in Katy from 4 to 10 p.m. on April 20th to honor cancer warriors and to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Community members take turns walking around a track lined with luminaria bags. Cheer for local survivors (or participate as a survivor) in the first lap of the day. Caregivers of cancer patients (currently or previously diagnosed) will then be invited to join the Survivors. As it gets dark, the luminaria bags surrounding the track will be illuminated in a memorable luminaria ceremony, a signature element of every Relay For Life event. At nightfall, these homemade paper lanterns, decorated with the names of loved ones, are lit in honor and in memory of a life touched by cancer. The ceremony includes a moment of silence for those lost. For more information, please contact Brenda Martin. [bkmartin0812@gmail.com](mailto:bkmartin0812@gmail.com). 832.455.4500.

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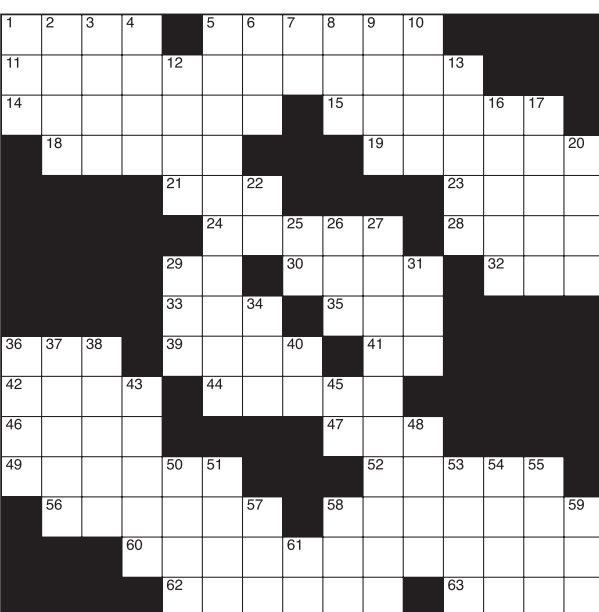
### CLUES ACROSS

1. A minute amount (British)
5. Mystical or magical
11. Shortening
14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. "No Scrubs" trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce light
49. Blood-sucking fly
52. A way to categorize
56. Procrastinates
58. Tall slender tower

60. Where researchers work
62. Office of the Pope
63. Office furnishing

### CLUES DOWN

1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact
37. Doctor \_\_\_: children's book author



38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Northern Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_\_"
54. Northern U.S. lake
55. Marvin and Horsley are two
57. Soak
58. Partner to cheese
59. Expression of disappointment
61. College dorm employee

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

## SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

## CHEF

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the Facebook post. “To us and many of you, Alex was family, and the loss leaves a void that words can’t express. Leading with compassion and an infectious spirit, he was one of the best of us.”

“More comfortable taking care of others than being cared for, Alex chose to keep his diagnosis private, and after initial improvements, his condition recently worsened,” the post continued. “Despite health challenges, he adopted an incredibly positive attitude, still making us laugh while working to expand the restaurant. He dreamed of growing and sharing Phat Eatery, and he was so excited to open in The Woodlands. Our goal now is to honor Alex’s legacy by applying everything he taught us to ensure The Woodlands restaurant is a huge success, just as he envisioned.”

Visitation and services were held at Sugar Land Mortuary, 1818 Eldridge Rd. in Sugar Land on April 1 and 2. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Alex’s honor to Southern Smoke Foundation to support hospitality workers in need.

Opened in 2018 in Katy Asian Town at

23119 Colonial Parkway by Au-Yeung, Phat Eatery features fresh Malaysian street food. The restaurant has earned an enthusiastic following for its freshly prepared menu, relaxed atmosphere and warm hospitality, influenced by Au-Yeung’s upbringing in Hong Kong, his Malaysian heritage and both culture’s rich histories of borrowing from other culinary traditions. Early success and critical acclaim, including as one of Houston Chronicle’s Top 100 Restaurants, led to a restaurant expansion to accommodate twice as many guests. In 2022, Au-Yeung was nominated as a James Beard Awards Semifinalist for Best Chef: Texas and for “Chef of the Year” in CultureMap’s Tastemaker Awards. Phat Eatery was also voted “Best Asian Restaurant” by readers of the Katy Times in the 2022 “Best of Katy” readers’ choice contest.

The restaurant is also in the running for CultureMap’s “Restaurant of the Year,” was named by Eater among “The 38 Essential Houston Restaurants,” and was highlighted by The New York Times as one of “America’s Next Great Restaurants” in the suburbs, according to their website.

## WOMEN

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“moms” but “married single moms” who take on all of the parental duties and of the “sandwich generation” who may be caring for aging parents as well. She also gave pointers on how to run a “mental health friendly” business, which included taking care of yourself, showing up for your employees, covering the expense of therapy for employees, taking “mental health days,” and cultivating a culture of compassion.

In session two of the symposium, a distinguished panel explained how attendees could “level up” through education, mentoring and community resources. Presenters included Beth Johnson, executive director of public relations and community partnerships for the University of Houston at Sugar Land and Katy; Deysi Crespo, executive director of Katy Christian Ministries and professor at the University of Houston; Michelle Ngome, outreach director for Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses; and Sandra Louvier, director at the Center for Entrepreneurship at Houston



Above: Public relations consultant Margaret Laney networks with Becca Speed, owner of Humble Grounds Coffee, prior to the start of the “Women of Katy” symposium held at the Alamo Drafthouse on Thursday, March 28th. Left: Olivia Martin, president of the Katy Business Association, greets a sold-out crowd at the “Women of Katy” meeting at the Alamo Drafthouse on March 28th. KBA co-sponsored the event in partnership with the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

SUSAN ROVEGNO



Community College NW. In moderating the session, Martin cited her own experiences in some of these programs and explained how they had helped her in business.

The last session of the day was facilitated by Alex Lane, owner of LaneMKTG, who gave a plethora of tips on elevating a company’s digital presence through

more effective search engine optimization techniques, social media utilization, and paid digital advertising.

The event also provided the opportunity for networking during lunchtime and between sessions.

The next “Women of Katy” event – which is planned at quarterly intervals – will focus on networking.

## KISD

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The emails further state that the existing IC’s will be employed in the district “in some capacity” and that the move would reduce the number of teaching positions available in the district.

The district’s secondary campuses include ten high schools and 18 junior high schools, including the two new campuses opening in 2024-2025 – Freeman High School and Nelson Junior High.

The district also employs “instructional coordinators” – a position that is often confused with the “instructional coach” job – but the coordinator positions are unaffected by the staffing changes, said the district in an email to the Katy Times.

After McConnell’s comments were referenced in a March 28 Katy Times article about the school board meeting, the district responded directly to the newspaper with an emailed statement.

“The state has not funded public schools’ basic allotment per child since 2019,” said Nick Petito, KISD’s general manager for media relations in an email to the Katy Times.

“Insufficient funding from the state is requiring districts like Katy to make challenging budget decisions that include strategically modifying some program models while prioritizing the retention of all of our teachers and staff within the district.”

“The instructional coach (IC) model will be restructured next school year in a manner that continues to support the needs of all classroom teachers,” continued Petito. “Some current ICs will remain in an IC role, while others will transition into other necessary teaching and learning capacities across campuses and district, be that as a classroom teacher or other instructional support position. Departments and campus administrations began communicating this transition to affected staff earlier this month.”

“The district continues to review program models to ensure every teacher receives the needed professional support, and schools remain in the position to deliver high quality educational experiences across every classroom,” Petito concluded.

## SIDEWALKS

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Family YMCA, 7850 Howell Sugar Land Rd, Houston.

Through this initiative, Precinct 4 will build approximately 50 miles of sidewalks.

The program will create safer paths to schools, efficient routes to hospitals and healthcare providers, walkable shopping destinations, connected parks, and solidify routes where natural footpaths already exist. It will also expand job opportunities by safely connecting residents to bus stops and over 130 businesses.

One project is underway in the Katy area on Mayde Creek along Greenhouse Road and Saums Road. It will add connections to Mayde Park, a church, and Mayde Schools along Saums Road and Greenhouse Road on the south.

Phase 1 of the initiative is projected to be completed by 2025.

The projects were identified by Precinct 4 through a data-driven analysis and from residents at various community engagement events.

## SENSORS

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sensors are used worldwide to prevent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) in wastewater collection and storm sewer systems, including municipalities, real estate developers and homeowner associations (HOAs).

“At Grundfos, we’re proud that Metasphere is part of our family of products and solutions for our wastewater networks. Their product, along with our pumps, gives us much more data, visibility, and predictions into the wastewater networks,” said Steve Davis, Chief Technology Officer of the Water Utility Division at Grundfos. “Our goal is to prevent all spills or overflows from the wastewater network, which can create a public safety issue. With Metasphere technology, we can enable citizens and communities to feel confident that their local utility is doing everything possible to prevent those issues.”

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# Little British cars abound in Katy in April



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## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

April 21-24th the City of Katy will host the North American MGB Register's 2024 Convention and Car Show. What is an MGB you ask? They are small British sports cars with a huge following in the US and around the world. The MGB was manufactured in Abingdon, England from 1962 until 1980 by the MG Car Company. Nearly 500,000 cars were produced with the vast majority being shipped to the U.S.

The organizers are expecting as many as 130 MGB's to be in town for the event. "We plan a week full of technical sessions, country drives, Texas history tours and social events for the attendees," says Ron Redding, event co-coordinator.

The events activities will culminate with a Car Show at the Katy VFW Park, Thursday, April 24, from 9 am to 2 pm. With over 100 cars on

display, the organizers expect to have examples from each year of production. There will be other MG cars on display as well. A highlight will be the MG EX186, a special factory race car intended for the 1961 24 hours of Le Mans. Its technical achievement and classic looks are legendary but due to internal company politics the car never made it to the track. It now resides in Littleton, Colorado. The public is invited to attend the show, there is no charge to walk the grounds and see these beautiful cars.

The North American MGB Register, is the nation's largest, and one of the world's most prestige, clubs dedicated to educating the public and preserving these classic cars. With over 2000 members, the group anticipates that people will be coming from across the U.S. and Canada to attend.

The local host of the event is the Houston MG Car Club which is proud to be able to bring this event

to Katy. Bob Chalker, current president of the Club, noted, "The City of Katy has been a great partner in this event. From the Mayor's Office to the City Council, to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Convention and Tourist Bureau, we have had fantastic support."

The Houston MG Car Club has almost 200 member families who gather several times a month to provide educational opportunities, technical assistance, scenic drives, and social events. "The City of Katy has been a favorite place for the club to meet for many years. It has the perfect combination of meeting places and easy access to the countryside for driving. We are thrilled that we could bring this event to town."

To learn more about the event, or if you are an MG owner or fanatic and would like to register go to NAMGBR.org and page down to MG2024.

## Cinco Ranch branch library hosts unique events in April

### CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Cinco Ranch branch of the Fort Bend County Library System will host three unique events in April - a "blackout poetry workshop for teens, a "plant swap" and a program on modern architecture.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will have a Blackout-Poetry Workshop for Teens on Monday, April 8, from 4 to 5 p.m., in the Conference Classroom of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

Blackout poems can be created using the pages of old books, magazines, or even articles cut from yesterday's newspaper. Using the pages of an existing text and a Sharpie® marker, blackout poets isolate single words or short phrases by completely blacking out unneeded words, leaving the selected words to create lyrical masterpieces.

Since the words for blackout poems are already written on the page, it's up to the blackout poet to bring new meaning and life to these words. Blackout poems can run the gamut from absurd to sublime because the poet can only work with the words that are already there on the page, but the randomness is all part of the fun. A poem may live within the words and lines of any page, just waiting for a poet to discover it.

This Young Adult program is for teens in grades 9 through 12.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), or call the Cinco Ranch

Branch Library (281-395-1311) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734).

In recognition of National Gardening Month, Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will have a "Plant One on Me" Plant Swap on Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Multipurpose Room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

Gardeners are encouraged to bring any whole plants, seeds, or bare-root cuttings/clippings that they would like to swap with others. Be prepared to chat, trade, and learn about new and different plants. No plants for sale - just trade.

This is an excellent way for plant owners to gather and swap plants and to learn about different varieties from other gardeners. Plants brought to the event must be pest-free.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see Fort Bend County Libraries' website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) or call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library (281-395-1311).

Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present a program on "Modern Architecture" on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.

Architecture professor Sheba Akhtar will talk about the evolution of modern architecture. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) or call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library (281-395-1311) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734).

## Texas Select Custom Cutlery event returns to Bellville April 6-7

BY ILENA SZYMANSKI  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

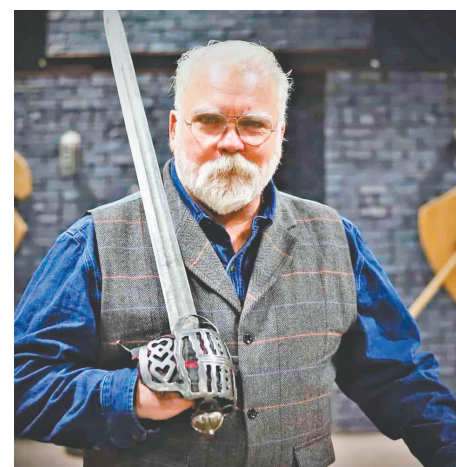
The largest custom knife show in Texas offers more than the opportunity to shop for unique, hand-crafted knives made by over 150 individual exhibiting knifemakers from all across the country. The Texas Select Custom Cutlery Event welcomes two internationally recognized Forged in Fire Judges to the April 6-7 show at the Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville, TX. Historic weapons recreation specialist and Forged in Fire judge David Baker will be presenting for the first time this year. He is bringing some of the swords that he made for the Forged in Fire competition show, and telling the audience about their form and function.

Baker is a world-renowned swordsmith who specializes in recreating some of the world's rarest edged weapons. David is an authority on weapons history and an expert on replicating period-accurate weapons for both museums and films. He judges the weapons' historical accuracy and aesthetic beauty. He is owner of Hollywood Combat Center & Baker Blades. Baker is coming from his home in Virginia, and will be presenting his swords both Saturday and Sunday at 12:30.

Returning to Bellville is ABS Master Smith and Forged in Fire Judge J. Neilson. While most people recognize him as the judge who breaks things on the popular History Channel competition show, Neilson will be working in the fires to demonstrate some lesser known techniques for forging canister Damascus on stage with his apprentice Shelley Jack both Saturday and Sunday. Last year Neilson and Shelley demonstrated the more traditional methods of forging, and are looking forward to sharing some new methods. He is coming to Bellville from his Mountain Hollow Forge in Pennsylvania, and will be forging on stage both Saturday and Sunday at 10:30.

Baker and Neilson have also set aside time to sign autographs and take pictures with the fans each day.

How did the largest custom knife show in Texas evolve in Bellville? In 2015 Cowboy



Forged in Fire judge David Baker will be presenting some of his custom-made swords at the Texas Select Custom Cutlery event in Bellville April 6-7.

Szymanski was invited to compete in the first season of the History Channel's competition "Forged in Fire". Through this experience, he gained new friends in the knifemaking industry. In 2018 he had the idea to invite the competitors from around the state to the Blacksmith Shop in Bellville so that fans of the show could meet them in person and watch them work and hear their stories. That first year he hosted 18 blade-smiths from 5 states at Texas Select from Forged in Fire Event and saw about 2,500 visitors come to the backyard event.

The Texas Select Event benefits the local community in many ways. Each year, Cowboy donates a custom knife to the local BEST Booster Club, which is raffled off to raise money for their scholarship program and summer science camp. To date, the knife raffle has raised \$31,000 in scholarship awards for BHS graduates focused on science studies. Partnering with the Bellville Lions Club to be the primary food/beer vendor for the event keeps those dollars in Bellville benefiting the Lions' charities. And Scout Troop 36 benefits from serving the awards dinner to the knifemakers and selling coffee to the visitors. For more information go to [TexasSelectEvent.com](http://TexasSelectEvent.com).

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# Patti's Patch pocket park to open April 13

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

A variety of native Texas prairie grasses, wildflowers seeds, and 150 bluebonnet plants will make their debut in a new pocket prairie opening at Willow Fork Park this spring. In memory of Patti Rae Porter Hopper, WFDD's legal assistant for more than 20 years.

The hilltop space -- named "Patti's Patch" -- will open April 13 at 9 a.m., with a dedication and unveiling of an interpretive panel on coastal prairies and sustainable landscaping. The highest point in the park also will have two benches for viewing the landscape and lake. "Pocket prairies can help people better understand the benefits of native plantings, such as their adaptability to changing rainfall and heat conditions and reduced need for irrigation," said Neil Stillman, who leads Friends of Willow Fork Park. "We encourage people to visit Patti's Patch not only for the wildflower views but also to

learn more about introducing native Texas plants and wildflowers within their home landscape."

The 45-minute dedication and Texas native plants program starts at 9 a.m. at the pavilion at Willow Fork Park. This is a free family-friendly activity for all ages.

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. Enter the park road across Cinco Ranch Blvd. from Snooze restaurant in La Centerra and drive down to parking next to the walk bridge to the park.

Follow Friends of Willow Fork Park on Facebook to stay up to date on park happenings year-round, including a nature scavenger hunt, nature photography walk, and herb gardening and composting workshops this summer.

### Friends of Willow Fork Park 2024 Program Schedule

All Programs start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted

April 13	"Patti's Patch dedication -- Katy Prairie Plants for Your Yard"
May TBD	"6 Steps to Creating a Backyard Pollinator Garden" Coastal Prairie Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist
May 18	"Wildlife in Katy" -- Brazos Bend State Park Naturalist
June 15	"Nature Scavenger Hunt" - Coastal Prairie Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist
August 3	"Composting for the Home Gardener" - Ft. Bend County Master Gardeners
September 21	"Willow Fork Park Nature Photography Walk", Christa Denning
October TBD	"Caterpillar Races and Petting Zoo / Texas Parks & Wildlife Bio Blitz" Coastal Prairie Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist
October TBD	"KISD High School Plein Air Painting" 8 am - 11 a.m.



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## DUNKIN'S GRAND OPENING



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In celebration of its newest Next Generation restaurant in Katy, the Dunkin' located at 20995 Katy Freeway welcomed guests with a grand opening celebration Saturday, March 30. Local Dunkin' franchisee group HZ Treats hosted an official ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the restaurant's opening. The group -- the second largest franchise for Dunkin' Donuts -- plans to open 10 more locations in the Houston area, one of which will be in Katy, said a company spokesperson.

# Members Choice Credit Union hosts 'Financial Family Fun Fair'

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

To help celebrate financial literacy month in April, Members Choice Credit Union (MCCU) will transform its Katy Freeway branch location into a fun fair for the entire family on Saturday, April 20th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Designed to make learning about personal finance fun and accessible for individuals of all ages, the Financial Family Fun Fair will roll a variety of activities and learning opportunities into an action-packed day, which will include:

- **Lemonade Day Registration:** Learn more and register for Lemonade Day Katy, a program sponsored by MCCU that teaches youth the basics of financial literacy through a free and fun interactive experience. Ask questions, sign up, and grab Lemonade Day swag.
- **Homebuying Seminar:** Are you in the market to buy your first home? Learn valuable insights and tips from Members Choice Mortgage, a turnkey mortgage service from MCCU, during

a homebuyer seminar from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Led by mortgage experts, the seminar will aim to assist first-time homebuyers in making informed decisions about the home buying process, mortgage options, and tips for navigating the real estate market with confidence.

- **Community Blood Drive:** MCCU will partner with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for a community blood drive from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Successfully donate the gift of life and receive a free umbrella from the Blood Center just in time for springtime showers.

- **Community Shred Day and Food Drive:** Need to shred some documents? Stop by during the Financial Family Fun Fair between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and let the MCCU team take them off your hands. While boxing up documents, bring some non-perishable food items to benefit the Katy Christian Ministry's Food Pantry.

- **Financial Literacy Tools:** MCCU will have information about its new

products and Student Saver Checking Account. Discover the benefits and help your child learn the fundamentals of money management.

Throughout the day, attendees can step into the cash machine to win extra dough and boost their financial wellness. They will also be eligible to win various gift cards and enjoy live entertainment for the entire family.

"We are looking forward to hosting the Financial Family Fun Fair as a way for our community to learn about important financial topics in a fun and interactive setting," said Gabriela Puente, director of marketing at MCCU. "Our goal is to empower individuals and families with the knowledge and tools they need to make informed financial decisions and achieve their goals."

Admission to the Financial Family Fun Day is free, and everyone, both members and non-members, is invited to attend.

For more information about MCCU's Financial Family Fun Fair, visit [info.mccu.com/financial-family-fun-fair-24](http://info.mccu.com/financial-family-fun-fair-24).

# Construction underway on second phase of Boardwalk Square apartment homes

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Less than three years after opening its first phase of multifamily residences in the Katy Boardwalk District, Sueba USA has broken ground on its second phase named "Boardwalk Square," which is poised to be the newest luxury, loft-style apartment community in the City of Katy. The project will be located off Kingsland Blvd., within walking distance of the 90-acre Katy Boardwalk District lake and nature preserve, as well as the Katy Mills shopping district.

Boardwalk Square will feature 353 residences comprised of twenty-one open-concept floor plans in studio, one, two and three-bedroom layouts. The project will offer an array of custom interiors befitting a luxury, loft-style apartment home. Apart-

ment unit amenities include nine- to 12-foot ceilings, chef-inspired kitchen with under-mount sink and subway tile backsplash, modern lighting fixtures, stainless steel appliance package, custom kitchen cabinetry with brushed nickel accents, and granite countertops. Plans also include bathrooms with custom-framed mirrors, walk-in closets, designer tile and wood-style flooring, and high efficiency, full sized washers and dryers.

Select plans offer a kitchen island with wine rack and conversational seating, oversized soaking tub/walk-in shower, patio or balcony.

Square footages in the second phase of Boardwalk Lofts will range from 496 - 2,088 square feet.

Community amenities include a five-story structured parking garage, two courtyards, several spaces for

remote and hybrid workers including a co-working lounge with iMac computers, Zoom rooms and a multimedia executive conference center with catering kitchen.

Residents will enjoy a Dog Spa, 24-hour CrossFit-inspired athletic club with interactive cardio equipment, stylish social areas, Starbucks coffee station, ultra-luxe leisure and lap pool with in-water loungers and poolside cabanas, lavish social spa, planned social events, and poolside verandas with outdoor lounge seating, gas grills and TVs.

Boardwalk Square will be adjacent to the Katy Mills shopping district. The project is currently 91-percent leased, according to YardiMatrix and MRI ApartmentData reports. For more information, go to [suebausa.com/property/boardwalk-square](http://suebausa.com/property/boardwalk-square).



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Left to right: Maryam Al Rubae, Anu Akinlade, Nathaniel Hobbs, Gbemi Awolola

# Fine arts students from Calvin Nelms Charter School place at state event

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

It was a great day for the Calvin Nelms Charter School family at the end of March, as Mr. Carey and Mrs. Lowrance took seven theater students and multiple student art pieces to the state capitol in Austin for the state competition for fine arts in charter schools. Results:

### Theater Arts

- Nadia Mesach - 1st for dramatic monologue
- Gbemi Awolola and Nathaniel Hobbs - 2nd for dramatic duet
- Anu Akinlade and Maryam Al-Rubae - 1st for dramatic duet

### Visual Arts

#### Photography

- Christopher Carbajal - 1st Place
- Luis Castillo - 2nd place

#### Black & White Drawing

- Isabella Hernandez - 1st place
- Samantha Flores - 2nd place
- Nick Rivera - 3rd place

#### Color Drawing

- Emma Buford - 2nd place
- Nick Rivera - 3rd place

#### Communication Design

- Nadia Mesach - 1st place
- Hany Abreu - 2nd place
- Samantha Flores - 3rd place



Nadia Mesach

# Katy ISD 2024-25 prekindergarten preregistration coming soon

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy Independent School District Prekindergarten program preregistration for the 2024-2025 school year opens April 1, 2024, for children who qualify and are zoned to the district. Parents of eligible students for the program are encouraged to complete the online preregistration process through Katy ISD's PowerSchool Registration website at [katyisd.org/Domain/3797](http://katyisd.org/Domain/3797), which will become available beginning April 1, 2024.

Prekindergarten classes will be held at the following campuses:

**English Speaking Classes:** Alexander, Bear Creek, Bethke, Bryant, Campbell, Cimarron, Creech, Davidson, Exley, Faldyn, Fielder, Franz, Golbow, Griffin, Hayes, Holland, Hutsell, Jenks, Katy, Kilpatrick, King, Leonard, Mayde Creek, McElwain, McRoberts, Morton Ranch, Nottingham Country, Pattison, Randolph, Rhoads, Robertson, Rylander, Schmalz, Shafer, Stanley, Stephens, Sundown, West Memorial, Williams, Wilson, Winborn, Wolfe, Wolman, WoodCreek, and Youngblood elementary schools.

**Spanish Speaking Classes:** Bear Creek, Campbell, Faldyn, Fielder, Franz, Hutsell, Jenks, King, McElwain, McRoberts, Memorial Parkway, Morton Ranch, Rhoads, Rylander, Schmalz, Stephens, Sundown, West Memorial, Williams, and Wilson elementary schools.

The Katy ISD Prekindergarten program follows the state guidelines set for Pre-K, which focus on oral language development, reading, and math readiness, as well as developing science and social studies knowledge and skills.

Go to the Katy ISD Prekindergarten program link at [katyisd.org/Page/4476](http://katyisd.org/Page/4476) for additional information about eligibility requirements or call the Office of Intervention Programs at 281-237-7062.

# UHV-K hosts 'Jaguar Day' at Katy campus on April 6th

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Join the University of Houston-Victoria at Katy for the next Jaguar Day in Katy open house on April 6th. The event is designed for residents who live in the West Houston and Katy areas and who seek to continue their educational journey toward a bachelor's or master's degree.

The free three-hour session, which will provide information on how UHV-K can help toward those goals, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 6th at the campus at 22400 Grand Circle Blvd., Katy, 77449.

Participants will be able to tour the facility, meet with deans and faculty from the respective colleges and degree programs, learn about the various student services available and listen to sessions with Financial Aid and Admissions. To register, go to [bit.ly/3UBKX2B](http://bit.ly/3UBKX2B).

# Cougar Textbook Access Program saving money, time for UH students

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

It's no secret that textbooks are one of the unforeseen costs contributing to student debt. Nationwide, university students pay approximately \$1,200 annually for the books they need. Add that to tuition, fees, cost of living and other expenses, and they face another financial hurdle on their academic journeys.

The University of Houston, however, has been taking the guesswork out of budgeting for textbooks. Through the Cougar Textbook Access Program (CTAP), UH provides all undergraduate students with the books they need for a flat fee—\$299 for fall and spring and \$180 for summer. Texts and materials are available digitally or via hard copies available in the UH Bookstore.

CTAP has proven convenient for students, but more importantly, it's proven to be a major cost cutting initiative. During this academic year, the program has saved UH students more than \$10 million on their textbooks. "CTAP has removed

the financial stressors and inconveniences that come with the use of virtual textbooks and has allowed me to focus more on learning," said Christian Avalos, a student in UH's C. T. Bauer College of Business.

Aside from savings, the program allows UH students to focus on what's important—their classes.

A breakdown of savings across the UH System (UH-Clear Lake, UH-Downtown, UH-Victoria) from Fall 2023 through Spring 2024 is as follows:

UH	\$10,250,000
UHCL	\$47,000
UHD	\$163,000
UHV	\$212,000
Total	\$10,672,000

"A student once told me that because of costs, they were sometimes forced to wait two weeks into the semester before they could purchase their course materials. CTAP ensures our students don't have to wait for their books. We want to make sure all students start ready to learn," said Emily Messa, UH senior associate vice president for administration.

CTAP is another example of student success initiatives at the University

of Houston. This and other programs are aimed at supporting students' academic performance while helping reduce student debt.

The University of Houston's Katy campus, which is shared with the University of Houston-Victoria at Katy, is located at 22400 Grand Circle Blvd. in Katy.



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# Katy High School's one-act play 'Ghetto' named zone one champions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy High School is the Zone A champion in UIL One-Act Play with its production of Ghetto, according to the March 18th edition of the Katy Tiger eNews.

On top of advancing to the District Contest at Taylor High School on March 22, the following students received individual awards:

- Matthew Vasco and Kameron Ceron- Best Performers
  - Jacqueline Mai- Outstanding Technician
  - Michael Cammack- All Star Cast
  - Adyson Owens- All Star Cast
  - Bethany Willis- Honorable Mention
- A March 29 post on Facebook announced that Katy High School's UIL

One-Act Play production of Ghetto has advanced to the area competition, with the following students also receiving individual awards:

- Michael Cammack- Best Performer
- Emilie Folse- Outstanding Technician
- Matthew Vasco- All Star Cast
- Kameron Ceron- All Star Cast

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# Annual BBQ contest supports Royal FFA ag club

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FM 359 in Pattison.  
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- Limited team space available, so get registered today!  
Proceeds benefit the Royal FFA graduating class of '24 with scholarships. Friday's event will feature bingo and loteria, live music and with tamales available

starting at 5 p.m. and "senior kids cue" at 6, followed by "kids cue" at 6:50 p.m.  
On Saturday the fun begins at 9 a.m. The IBCA BBQ competition will be held, along with CTE competitions, kids activities,

vendors, a raffle and drawing. A live DJ will also provide music, and an award ceremony will be held.  
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# Outstanding Katy teacher receives prestigious award from Humanities Texas

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Humanities Texas announced on March 19th that Taylor Kratz of Katy ISD's Mayde Creek High School in Houston has been selected as one of 15 recipients of a 2023 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award.

Kratz is the recipient of the Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award, which recognizes exemplary K-12 humanities teachers. Humanities Texas presents annual statewide awards to encourage excellence in teaching and recognize Texas classroom teachers who have made exceptional contributions in teaching, curriculum development and extracurricular programming. Over 600 hundred teachers from across the state were nominated for the 2023 Outstanding Teaching Awards.

Congressman Morgan Luttrell and Humanities Texas Executive Director Eric Lupfer present Kratz with her award during a ceremony at Mayde Creek High School on March 27. Kratz will receive a \$5,000 cash award, with an additional \$1,000 for her school to purchase instructional materials.

Kratz, who is in her seventh year in the classroom, teaches U.S. history, including on-level, AP and ESL sections of the course. She finds great passion in making the social studies classroom more accessible to emergent bilingual students and seeks out professional opportunities to share her findings, including at a Region 4 teacher conference.

"By making my classroom accessible to all levels of learners, it creates an environment where students want to learn and are engaged in the lessons because they know they are in a safe environment to learn and make mistakes," said Taylor Kratz. "I am truly honored every day to be able to teach U.S. history to this demographic of students."

"Taylor creates inspiring and engaging lessons that reach the needs of all her learners,



COURTESY OF KATY ISD

Humanities Texas Executive Director Eric Lupfer (left) and Congressman Morgan Luttrell (right) present Taylor Kratz with her award during a ceremony at Mayde Creek High School on March 27.

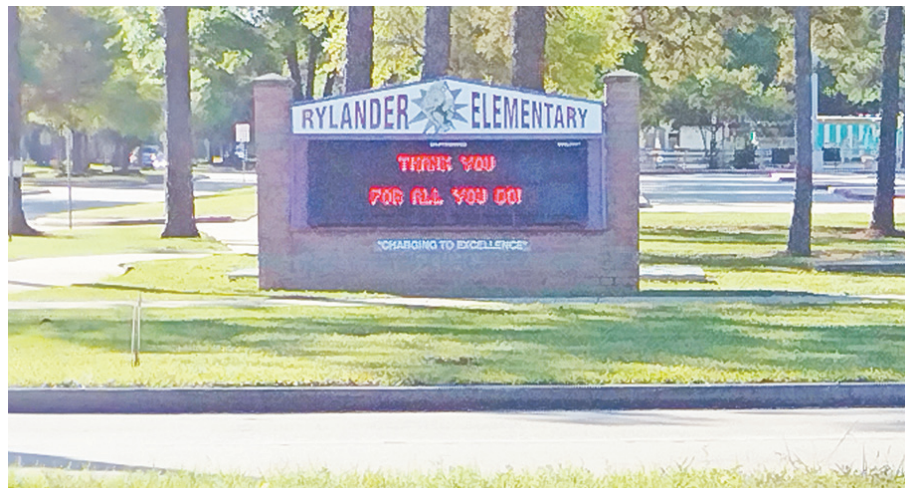
from starting class with a joke or celebration of a silly holiday to varying lesson delivery in strategies that build historical thinking and literacy to impressive technology integration," said Celaina Huckeba, instructional coach at Mayde Creek High School. "She is constantly looking for new ways to help her students be successful as high school students and as learners of the humanities."

"Humanities Texas is pleased to recognize the achievements of Taylor Kratz and Mayde Creek High School," said Humanities Texas Executive Director Eric Lupfer. "Kratz inspires and motivates her students to succeed in the classroom and beyond."

Humanities Texas is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to advance education through programs that improve the quality of classroom teaching, support libraries and museums, and create opportunities for lifelong learning for all Texans.

For a complete list of 2023 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award recipients, visit [www.humanitiestexas.org/education/teacher-awards](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/education/teacher-awards).

## RYLANDER ELEMENTARY MARKS 20 YEARS



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Rylander Elementary School, located at 24831 Westheimer Pkwy in Katy, will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary with a community event on Saturday, April 6th, from 10 to 11 a.m. The Katy ISD school will be unveiling its new mascot and revealing the 20th anniversary tile wall to the community. All former principals and some members from the Rylander family will be in attendance, campus officials said. Planned activities include the opening of the original time capsule and the sealing of a new one. Following the one-hour event, the school carnival will start at 11:30 a.m.

# RHS student advances to state in costume design contest

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Royal ISD announced March 21 that RHS Falcon Kimberly Pedraza was selected as one of 12 students from across the state chosen to represent 4A schools at the state competition May 10-11. Kimberly is the first ever state qualifier in the Theatrical Costume Design contest from Royal ISD.

Royal had also entries in the following subcategories:

- Costume Design:**
  - Kimberly Pedraza
  - Ashley Villatoro
- Hair/Make-up:**
  - Areli Valdez
- Advertising/Marketing:**
  - Gabriel Velasquez

# KISD to 'shine a light' on volunteers at annual recognition event April 23

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Katy ISD will hold its annual salute to volunteers on April 23 at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Lane in Katy. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and is free to attend. Preregistration is required; to RSVP for the event, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVBDM2R>.

The featured speaker will be Mike Van Hoozer, a leadership expert and sports performance coach. According to his website, Van Hoozer is a graduate of Baylor University and a former Senior Executive with Accenture with over 30 years of consulting experience with small and large companies helping to develop high performance individuals, teams, and organizations. In sports, he works as a peak performance coach to high school, college, and professional athletes, coaches, and teams including NBA, NFL, and MLB players including members of the 2005 World

Series' Houston Astros team helping them develop focus, mental toughness, confidence, and improved mental recovery time as well as guiding them through career development and transitions. He also created and leads the "Developing Leaders in Sports and Life" leadership development program for student athletes at Rice University which just completed its 6th year. He also created the Van Hoozer Basketball Academy to help develop leaders on and off the court and prepare players for high school, college, and beyond.

According to the Katy ISD website, Volunteers in Public Schools is by far the largest of the district's Partners in Education programs, bringing community members as well as parents and family members onto every Katy ISD campus for the purpose of supporting both students and staff. Over 22,000 volunteers have donated more than one million hours—the equivalent of ten extra staff members at every campus.

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## Aviles Vera lifts Seven Lakes to third straight regional tournament

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

As the minutes trickled down on Monday and Seven Lakes got closer and closer to a penalty shootout, there was no panic.

The Spartans had been here before and were ready for the situation, and they knew that they had someone they could count on to win the game.

What gave them such confidence was the fact that they had Ben Aviles Vera at keeper. A state champion, all-state, All-American recipient who had stepped up in big moments before.

Aviles Vera was the hero of the match and stepped up when Seven Lakes needed it most, making two saves and scoring the game winning penalty in a penalty shootout as the Spartans overcame an upset bid from Jordan in the regional quarterfinals, winning 4-2 on penalties after it was tied 1-1 at full time.

"I told the guys before they stepped out for penalties, 'we have an All-American goalkeeper that is about to win this game for us,' and I



Ben Aviles Vera celebrates with teammates after scoring the game winning penalty in Monday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Jordan.

See **SOCCER**, page B8

### SOCCER RECAP

## Katy ISD continues success in playoffs

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

### Regional Quarterfinals

Cinco Ranch continued its hot run through the playoffs on Monday, beating Northbrook 2-0 in the regional quarterfinals and clinching a spot in the Region III-6A Tournament.

The Cougars scored one goal in both the first and second half to secure the win, Andres Riera and Ossian Elgstrom scored the goals for Cinco Ranch, with Flynn Suther and Miguel Leite providing the assists. Noah Machart earned a shutout for Cinco Ranch.

The Cougars won their fifth straight and are currently on a nine-game unbeaten streak as they head to the regional tournament for the first time since 2016.

### Area Round

Three teams on the boys side advanced to the regional quarterfinals and two teams on the girls side advanced to the third round. Seven Lakes, Jordan and Cinco Ranch boys all advanced to the regional quarterfinals for the second straight season while the Jordan girls and Seven Lakes girls joined them by advancing in the playoffs.

On the girls side both Jordan and Seven Lakes advanced to the third round with big wins.

The Warriors overcame a tough test against Lamar to get through the second round and reach the regional quarterfinals for the first time in their history. Jordan took the lead in the first half and scored a second in the second half to go two up. Lamar got one goal back but Jordan's defense held the rest of the game to secure the win. The Warriors advance to play Stratford in the regional quarterfinals.

See **RECAP**, page B6

## WEEK OF APRIL 5 SCORES & SCHEDULES

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Scores

##### AREA

- Seven Lakes 3, Spring Woods 0
- Cinco Ranch 3, Jersey Village 0
- Tompkins 1 (7), Northbrook 1 (8)
- Jordan 3, Cy-Ridge 2

##### REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

- Seven Lakes 1 (4), Jordan 1 (2)
- Cinco Ranch 2, Northbrook 0

##### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

#### Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Humble, 5:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Kingwood, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Scores

##### AREA

- Seven Lakes 3, Cy-Fair 0
- Jordan 2, Lamar 1
- Stratford 2, Tompkins 1

##### REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

- Seven Lakes 2, Memorial 0
- Jordan 1 (5), Stratford (4)

#### Friday

##### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- Seven Lakes vs. Pearland, 12:30 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Brazoswood, 2:30 p.m.

### BASEBALL

#### Friday

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

#### Tuesday

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

### SOFTBALL

#### Friday

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

## Jordan tops Stratford in penalty shootout thriller

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan was down to its last chance on Tuesday.

The Warriors battled all the way to a penalty shootout but found themselves on the brink of their season ending, trailing three penalties to two and facing a situation where a Stratford penalty would end the game.

But despite the situation, the Jordan bench was calm and confident and with it do or die, it was a freshman that stepped up in the biggest moment to help save Jordan's season.

Freshman goalkeeper Taylor Thompson saved the game-winning Stratford attempt and Jordan went on to win on penalties 5-4 after full time ended 1-1.

"I've never wanted something so badly. This team, it's special and I wanted to win



Taylor Thompson celebrates after winning Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Jordan and Stratford at Rhodes Stadium.

See **JORDAN**, page B5



Seven Lakes players celebrate after a goal during Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Memorial at Rhodes Stadium.

## Seven Lakes clinches first regional tournament berth in 9 years

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes had been knocking on the door for years.

Year after year the Spartans would push their way into the third round of the playoffs, but fall just short of the regional tournament. The Spartans kept pushing and kept fighting though, and on Monday, the team finally got its reward.



Sienna Marchitello takes a shot during Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Memorial at Rhodes Stadium.

See **SPARTANS**, page B6

## Tompkins falls to Stratford to end season

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins answered every punch thrown at them for 78 minutes.

A young Falcons team went step for step with Stratford on Thursday, matching the District 17-6A champions step for step all night.

Tompkins fought for 80 minutes, but fell just short of keeping their season going, falling 2-1 to the Spartans in the area round to end the Falcons' season despite a very strong effort.

"These girls played one of the

best games they played all year," said Tompkins head coach Jarrett Shipman. "The effort they put in was phenomenal and when things didn't go there way or something happened, they kept fighting and showed the type of team we are. We have a saying, 'tough Falcons win.' We may not have won tonight but they did everything I could have asked and I'm so proud of the effort."

Tompkins struggled to get into the game offensively in the first half, but the Falcons' defense held Stratford off the board and got to halftime with it tied at zero. Once it got there, the

Falcons made a change in formation, changing to a back three and going from a flat midfield to a diamond. It paid dividends and got Tompkins back into the match and the second half was back and forth.

"We didn't feel like we were winning in the midfield and we knew we had to change something," Shipman said. "As soon as we did that, it flipped the field for a little bit. Doing that we shifted to three in the back and that's not an easy thing, but

See **TOMPKINS**, page B7



Jenna Grace Wentland heads a ball away during Thursday's area round game between Tompkins and Stratford at Tully Stadium.

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**Owner's Office:** 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450  
**Project (the Work):** *Galleon Oaks Water Plant Improvements 2024*  
**Project location:** 1609 Galleon Oaks, Katy, TX 77450

**Owner proposes to let a contract** for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by **April 25, 2024 at 2:30 PM**, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference is set for April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed **Electronic** Bids addressed to Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171, Attention Duane Heckmann, President, Board of Directors, will be **electronically** received, until **2 p.m. Local Time, April 17th, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read at SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main St., 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 for "**Elyson Exchange Way North Landscape**" Harris County, Texas" In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Zoom. Join the meeting from your computer at <https://swagroup.zoom.us/j/8408644870?omn=93176792437>.

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

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Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2024

**Bids to be Submitted: 10:00 A.M., Central Time**  
**Bids to be Awarded: 1:30 P.M., Central Time**  
**Monday, April 15, 2024**

**Place and Time of Sale:** The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read bids for the purchase of the \$8,990,000 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") at the designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:30 P.M., Central Time, Monday, April 15, 2024.

**Address of Bids:** Bids for the Bonds may be delivered to the District electronically, by telephone or delivered directly to the District in a sealed envelope, addressed to the "President and Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3," and delivered to the District's Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 118-E, Houston, Texas 77056 prior to 10:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Monday, April 15, 2024, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bidders must submit a signed "Official Bid Form" and a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$179,800 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

**Information:** The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 118-E, Houston, Texas 77056; Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the Bonds will be made only by means of the "Official Notice of Sale," "Preliminary Official Statement," and the "Official Bid Form."

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Little Sakana Katy Inc dba Little Sakana to be located at 23015 Colonial Pkwy A111, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77449. Owners of said corporation are Jenna Hu, Tuan Nguyen, and Abbey Ngo.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit and Late Hours Permit by Hanshin USA, Inc. dba Hanshin Pocha to be located at 1223 Grand West Boulevard Suite B-110, Katy, Harris, Texas 77449. Officers of Corporation are Esther Park - Director and Joanne Kyung Lee - Director.

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Unit #2 (B64)

- (1) General Description of property: Unit is 10' by 10' enclosed and non-climate controlled. Unit contains a chair, two craftsman tool boxes, golf clubs, air compressor, assorted tools, a cooler, a pair of boots, and several other miscellaneous items.
- (2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.
- (3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Sean McClinton.
- (4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494
- (5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on April 20, 2024, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

Unit #1 (B56)

- (1) General Description of property: Unit is 10' by 10' enclosed and non-climate controlled. Unit contains a couch, several wooden shelves, a mobile A/C unit, a tool box, and several other miscellaneous items.
- (2) Lien: This unit is being sold to satisfy a lien owed to Cane Island Storage.
- (3) Owner: The owner of this unit is Jamin Mccoy
- (4) Address: The address of the self-storage facility is 27748 Highway 90, Katy, Tx 77494
- (5) Site/Time: Auction will take place on April 20, 2024, at 11 am and will be hosted on SelfStorageAuction.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien.  
 Sale to be held ONLINE at [Storagetreasures.com](http://Storagetreasures.com)  
 The facility is 8900 Emnora Lane Houston, Texas 77080. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on April 18, 2024, and end at 2:00 pm on April 23, 2024. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Dauren Martinez, Jose Ramirez Cervantes, Raul Santibanez, Juan Garcia, Dereon Washington, Ashley Pena, Shameka Campbell, Wilbur Aguilar.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**Owner:** Mason Creek Utility District  
**Owner's Office:** 847 Dominion, Katy, TX 77450  
**Project (the Work):** Section 6 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation  
**Project location:** Within and near Section 6 of Nottingham Country subdivision, Katy, TX 77450  
**Owner proposes to let a contract** for the Project and seeks bids. Generally, bids must be signed, sealed and physically submitted at Owner's Office by **April 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM**, when they will be opened and publicly read, all in accordance with the Contract Documents, which are: (i) on file at the Owner's Office where all bidders may examine them and get copies; (ii) incorporated herein by reference, including prevailing wages; and (iii) posted on [civcastusa.com](http://civcastusa.com). A pre-bid conference is set for April 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Owner's Office. /s/ Len Forsyth, Project Officer.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to Harris County MUD 364 - Trail Improvements at Coles Crossing, will be received in the office of Halff Associates, Inc. 14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77079 until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read in Suite 160 for the furnishing of material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the Construction of Harris County MUD 364 - Trail Improvements at Coles Crossing. Proposals tendered after closing will be returned unopened. Scope of Project: 1. Demolition of existing asphalt trail, 2. SWPPP, 3. Minor Site Grading and Preparation, 4. Concrete Flatwork, 5. Sod, 6. Site Furnishing, 7. Waterline, 8. Additional Landscaping. Bid documents in digital format will be available via CivCast. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be conducted near the project location, at the Coles Crossing Club House, 13810 Greenwood Manor Dr, Cypress, TX on Thursday, April 11th @ 2:00 p.m. The successful bidder may be required to provide a performance bond, payment bond, and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Notice of General Election

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON MAY 4, 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing **School Board Trustees** to fill the following terms of office.

- Position 6 3-year term currently held by Rebecca Fox
- Position 7 3-year term currently held by Dawn Champagne

Voting on Election Day will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at sites listed on Attachment A.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024 and ending on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the following five locations:

Leonard Merrell Center Room 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Main Early Voting Location)	Seven Lakes High School Gym Lobby 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School PAC Lobby 20700 Kingsland Boulevard Katy, TX 77450
Cinco Ranch High School PAC Lobby 23440 Cinco Ranch Boulevard Katy, TX 77494	Pactow High School PAC Hallway 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493	Morton Ranch High School Gym Lobby 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449

A special **Saturday** early voting by personal appearance will also be held at these same five locations on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Justin R. Graham, Elections Administrator  
 Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex  
 6301 South Stadium Lane  
 Katy, TX 77494

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Applications by mail may also be emailed to [evkisd@katyisd.org](mailto:evkisd@katyisd.org) or faxed to 281-644-1905.

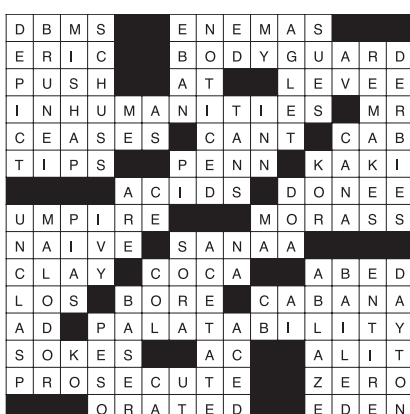
The Administration is hereby authorized to provide notice of this election. A substantial copy of the Order shall serve as proper notice. Notice shall be given by publishing the notice not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the fixed date of the elections (April 13, 2024) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the Board meetings. Additionally, the Notice of Election shall be published at least once, not earlier than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the Election Day, April 4, 2024, nor later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day before Election Day, April 24, 2024, in a newspaper published in the District.

Issued this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

/s/ Victor Perez  
 Victor Perez, President

Katy Independent School District  
 May 4, 2024 School Board Election  
 List of Polling Sites  
 (Election Day)  
 7:00am to 7:00pm

Katy ISD Precinct	County Precinct(s)	Polling Place
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Gym Lobby 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School PAC Lobby 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building Jury Assembly Room 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Competition Gym 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School PAC Lobby 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary LGI Room 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813, 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School Gym Lobby 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123, 1172	Mayde Creek Junior High Main Entrance Hallway 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary Cafeteria 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary Cafeteria 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Jordan High School Gym Lobby 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
13	Fort Bend—1004, 1132, 1133, 1160	Beck Junior High Gym Hallway 5200 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77450



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 Answers

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PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

Jordan celebrates after winning Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Jordan and Stratford at Rhodes Stadium.



Madison Lambert takes a penalty during Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Jordan and Stratford at Rhodes Stadium.

## JORDAN

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it for them," Thompson said. "After what everyone on this team has been through, we deserve this more than anyone. To be able to turn things around like this is amazing and I'm so proud of us."

Thompson made the biggest save of the night in the biggest moment and Stratford went on to miss its next two attempts, while Jordan, who had started the penalty shootout 2-0 down but rallied by making their last five to win the match. But none of that would have mattered if it weren't for Thompson's earlier heroics as well.

The keeper came up with a number of big saves throughout the game and none was bigger than when Stratford had a chance to take the lead with two minutes left in extra time.

The Spartans earned a penalty and had a chance to take late lead and in all likelihood a win, but Thompson guessed the right way and dove on the ball to keep the Warriors in it before adding more heroics in the penalty shootout.

**"This is the best feeling ever. I can't even explain it. We're only going up from here and there's more to come from this team in this season, I know it."**

— TAYLOR THOMPSON, Freshman goalie

"We work on penalties every day and when she had a great day yesterday knocking them down," said Jordan head coach Kevin Lafollett. "She was tremendous. I thought if we could get to penalties, we had a chance and that's because of her and how good she is. The practice paid off and things worked out. It was incredible."

Jordan had to pick and choose its moments all night going up against a Stratford team with lots of

firepower. The Spartans dominated possession, but Jordan limited chances and countered when they were able to. It took a special moment for Stratford to get in front in the 31st minute, with Allison Goodwin finding space just inside the box and lifting a shot into the upper corner of the net, but Jordan found the equalizer in the second half, as Hannah McCurdy found space on a counter and hit a perfect strike over the Stratford goalkeeper to tie it. Stratford piled on pressure in the second half and extra time trying to find a winner, but Jordan defense never gave an inch and even when they did, Thompson came up with big save after big save.

"When we went in at halftime they were kind of down but I told them they played well — we were moving, shifting and cutting down their opportunities," Lafollett said. "Stratford is probably the best team in the region, but we kept them to one really good shot on goal. We needed a smash and grab goal and that's what Hannah gave us — she is that kid, she's hard-nosed. We knew to shoot on their goalie and she did it."

It got to penalties and after the Warriors missed their first two, Grace Robertson converted her attempt to get Jordan on the board. Facing elimination, Lilah Katz and Kayleigh Pino both converted on their spot kicks and Thompson saved Stratford's fourth attempt before Stratford's fifth attempt missed to tie the penalty shootout. McCurdy then made her penalty attempt and Stratford converted as well to keep it tied before Camila Luna gave Jordan back the lead and Stratford's final attempt skied over the bar to secure Jordan's win.

The Warriors advance to play Brazoswood in the regional semifinals 2:30 p.m. Friday as Jordan clinched its first ever regional tournament spot.

"This is the best feeling ever," Thompson said. "This is the best feeling ever. I can't even explain it. We're only going up from here and there's more to come from this team in this season, I know it."

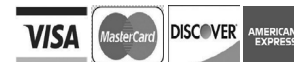


Madison Lambert passes a ball during Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Jordan and Stratford at Rhodes Stadium.

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## Aviso de Elección General

PARA LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE KATY:

POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA QUE SE CELEBRARÁ UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE KATY EL 4 DE MAYO DE 2024 DE ACUERDO CON LA SIGUIENTE ORDEN:

### DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE KATY ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN

Por la presente, se ordena la celebración de una elección el sábado 4 de mayo de 2024 con el propósito de elegir **Síndicos de la Junta Escolar** para cubrir los siguientes términos en los cargos.

Posición 6 Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Rebecca Fox  
Posición 7 Término de 3 años actualmente ocupado por Dawn Champagne

La votación el Día de Elección se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. en los sitios indicados en el Anexo A.

La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo entre semana en el horario de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. a partir del **lunes 22 de abril de 2024** y hasta el **martes 30 de abril de 2024, inclusive**, en los siguientes cinco lugares:

Leonard Merrell Center Sala 143-144 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (Localidad principal de votación anticipada)	Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Boulevard Katy, TX 77450
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Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Boulevard Katy, TX 77494	Paetow High School Corredor de PAC 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493	Morton Ranch High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
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También se llevará a cabo una votación anticipada en persona especial de **sábado** en estos mismos cinco lugares el **sábado 27 de abril de 2024** de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m.

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben enviarse por correo postal a:

Justin R. Graham, Elections Administrator  
Katy I.S.D., Education Support Complex  
6301 South Stadium Lane  
Katy, TX 77494

Las solicitudes de boletas de voto por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre del horario de oficina del martes 23 de abril de 2024. Las solicitudes por correo también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a [evkisd@katyisd.org](mailto:evkisd@katyisd.org) o por fax al 281-644-1905.

Por la presente se autoriza a la Administración a dar aviso de esta elección. Una copia sustancial de la Orden servirá como aviso adecuado. Se dará aviso publicando el aviso no menos de veintinueve (29) días antes de la fecha establecida de las elecciones (13 de abril de 2024) en la cartelera de anuncios utilizada para colocar avisos de las asambleas de la Junta. Además, el Aviso de Elección será publicado al menos una vez, no antes del trigésimo (30.º) día anterior al Día de Elección, el 4 de abril de 2024, ni después del décimo (10.º) día antes del Día de Elección, el 24 de abril de 2024, en un periódico publicado en el Distrito.

Emitida a los 22 días del mes de enero de 2024.

/firma/ Victor Perez  
Victor Perez, Presidente

Adjunto A

### Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy Elección de la Junta Escolar del 4 de mayo de 2024

Lista de sitios de votación  
(Día de Elección)  
7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Precinto de Katy ISD	Precinto(s) del Condado	Lugar de votación
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School Vestíbulo de PAC 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building Sala de reuniones del jurado 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High Gimnasio para competencias 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School Vestíbulo de PAC 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary Sala LGI 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813, 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123, 1172	Mayde Creek Junior High Vestíbulo de la entrada principal 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary Cafetería 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary Cafetería 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Jordan High School Vestíbulo del gimnasio 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
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## 普通選舉通知

茲KATY獨立學區的登記選民：

茲此通知，KATY獨立學區將於2024年5月4日依據下述命令舉行普通選舉：

### KATY獨立學區 選舉命令

茲定於2024年5月4日（週六）舉行選舉，藉此選出學區理事會理事，任期如下。

- 第6席位 3年任期，目前由Rebecca Fox擔任
- 第7席位 3年任期，目前由Dawn Champagne擔任

選舉日投票將在附件A所列地點於上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行。

親自出席的提前投票將於2024年4月22日（週一）至2024年4月30日（週二）期間的每個工作日的上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行，五個選舉地點如下：

Leonard Merrell Center 143-144室 6301 S. Stadium Lane Katy, TX 77494 (主要提前投票地點)	Seven Lakes High School 體育館大堂 9251 S. Fry Road Katy, TX 77494	James E. Taylor High School PAC大堂 20700 Kingsland Boulevard Katy, TX 77450
Cinco Ranch High School PAC大堂 23440 Cinco Ranch Boulevard Katy, TX 77494	Paetow High School PAC走廊 23111 Stockdick School Road Katy, TX 77493	Morton Ranch High School 體育館大堂 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449

上述五個地點另將於2024年4月27日（週六）上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行特別的週六親自出席提前投票。

遞選票申請應寄至：

Justin R. Graham, Elections Administrator  
Katy I. S. D., Education Support Complex  
6301 South Stadium Lane  
Katy, TX 77494

遞選票申請必須在2024年4月23日（週二）辦公結束前寄達。郵遞申請還可通過電子郵件發送至 [vkisd@katyisd.org](mailto:vkisd@katyisd.org) 或傳真至281-644-1905。

此授權行政當局提供本次選舉通知。本命令之實質性副本應當適當的選舉通知。應於固定選舉日（2024年4月13日）的至少二十一(21)天前，在用於張貼理事會會議通知的公告欄上發布選舉通知。此外，應於選舉日前第三十(30)天（2024年4月4日）至第十(10)天（2024年4月24日）之間，在本區發行的報紙上至少刊登一次上述選舉通知。

發布日期：2024年1月22日。

/簽名/ Victor Perez  
Victor Perez, 主席

附件A

### Katy獨立學區 2024年5月4日學區理事會選舉 投票地點名單 (選舉日) 上午7:00至晚上7:00

Katy ISD投票區	縣投票區	投票所
1	Fort Bend—1038, 1142, 1144	Seven Lakes High School 體育館大堂 9251 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77494
2	Fort Bend—1122, 1130, 1145	Cinco Ranch High School PAC大堂 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Katy, TX 77494
3	Fort Bend—1014, 1156 Harris—639 Waller—420	Katy Civic Center 910 Avenue C Katy, TX 77493
4	Harris—119, 121, 331, 624, 991, 1086 Waller—314, 418	Katy Municipal Court Building 陪審團召集室 5432 Franz Rd. Katy, TX 77493
5	Harris—362, 619, 644	Memorial Parkway Junior High 競賽健身房 21203 Highland Knolls Katy, TX 77450
6	Harris—509, 522, 547, 751, 1054, 1111, 1112	Taylor High School PAC大堂 20700 Kingsland Blvd. Katy, TX 77450
7	Harris—95, 461, 711, 860	Maurice Wolfe Elementary LGI室 502 Addicks-Howell Houston, TX 77079
8	Harris—603, 618, 720, 731, 785, 796, 813, 877, 1078, 1102, 1103, 1120	Morton Ranch High School 體育館大堂 21000 Franz Road Katy, TX 77449
9	Harris—463, 521, 589, 879, 992, 1042, 1072, 1123, 1172	Mayde Creek Junior High 主入口走廊 2700 Greenhouse Road Houston, TX 77084
10	Harris—398, 523, 621, 650, 1059	Bear Creek Elementary 自助餐廳 4815 Hickory Downs Houston, TX 77084
11	Harris—400, 772, 802, 899, 1029	Pattison Elementary 自助餐廳 19910 Stonelodge Dr. Katy, TX 77450
12	Fort Bend—1006, 1143, 1146, 1148, 1159	Klein High School 體育館大堂 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr. Fulshear, TX 77441
13	Fort Bend—1004, 1132, 1133, 1160	Beck Junior High 體育館走廊 5200 S. Fry Rd. Katy, TX 77450



TYLER TYRE

Wagoner Towsen makes a pass during Tuesday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Memorial at Rhodes Stadium.

## SPARTANS

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Seven Lakes finally broke through on Tuesday, beating Memorial 2-0 in the regional quarterfinals and clinching a spot in the Region III-6A Tournament for the first time in nine years behind two first half goals and a strong defensive performance.

"It's just crazy and I'm so proud of everyone," said Seven Lakes senior captain Wagoner Towsen. "It's something that we strived for but we knew would be so hard coming into this year. This team has so much heart and that's what got us here — there were changes and growing but we did it and I'm so proud."

Seven Lakes had grown over the course of the season and it's continued into the playoffs. The Spartans got past round one with a 1-0 victory before playing even better in the second round, winning 3-0 before beating Memorial by two goals in the regional quarterfinals, getting back to the regional tournament for the seventh time in school history.

The Spartans came out counter attacking in the first half with the wind in their face, but even without possession, Seven Lakes created chances and got ahead in the 22nd minute, when freshman winger Sienna Marchitello spun past a center back and fired a shot from the left side of the 18-yard box into the bottom of the near post, giving Seven Lakes an early advantage. The Spartans kept pushing even with the lead and got a second in the 38th minute as Madison Holland raced past the left back and took a shot from the right side of the box that snuck under the goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

"It's credit to the players," said Seven Lakes head coach Kaitlyn Eidson. "They stuck with it, they were organized defensively and they took their chances. We executed well and put our chances away and that's exactly how we need to play to get results."

The Spartans came out in the second half and dominated the rest of the game, keeping possession, creating chances and playing strong defense the rest of the way to seal the win. The team got contributions all over, from Carly Drescher making important saves, to the defense stepping up in key moments and the midfield keeping possession and helping out both offensively and defensively.

"This has been a process and some of these players have put in the time and work for years to get to this point," Eidson said. "They committed to the process and never stopped working. I'm really proud of all of them for that, they worked and strived to be here and they made this happen."

The Spartans will play the winner of Atascocita and Pearland in the regional semifinals on Friday. The Spartans are excited for the opportunity to keep going and know they'll be ready no matter who it is that stands in their way.

"We all wanted this so badly," Holland said. "We wanted to get past this round so badly and to keep this season going. Everyone was hyping each other up and making sure we stayed in the game. We just have to do that same thing on Friday and we'll be ready, we're all so excited!"



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Cinco Ranch beat Northbrook to advance to the regional tournament.

## RECAP

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Seven Lakes had a dominating win in the area round, beating Cy-Fair 3-0. The Spartans took a 1-0 lead in the first half and added a second midway through the second half. Chloe Callahan added the final goal with five minutes to play, clinching the win. The Spartans advance to the third round for the fifth straight season and will play Memorial for a chance to get to the regional tournament.

On the boys side, Seven Lakes clinched a spot in the regional quarterfinals for the fifth straight season with a 3-0 win over Spring Woods on Friday. The Spartans were led by Eddie Davalillo, who scored and was named the man of the match for Seven Lakes. The reigning state champions will be up against Jordan in the regional quarters as they try to get back to the regional tournament for the third straight season.

The Cinco Ranch boys continued their hot play, beating Jersey Village 3-0, advancing to the regional quarterfinals for the third time in four seasons. The Cougars won their fourth straight game and improved to 15-3-4 on the season. Cinco will take on Northbrook in the regional quarterfinal round, as they try to get past the point where their season ended last year.

Jordan used two late goals to get past Cy-Ridge in the area round and make it to the regional quarterfinals for the third straight season. The Warriors went up in the first half before Cy-Ridge scored two goals in the second half to take the lead. Jordan answered back though, scoring two goals late to get past Cy-Ridge for the second straight year. Aiden Erol scored two goals in the game and Kaelen Vilarson scored the other while Marcelo Ojeda had two assists. This sets up a matchup between the Warriors and Seven Lakes in the third round. Both teams have made the regional tournament in two straight seasons and will be trying to get back for a third straight year with a win.

Tompkins boys and girls both lost in the area round. For more information on those games, go to [KatyTimes.com/sports](http://KatyTimes.com/sports) and click on the articles for those games.



TYLER TYRE

Makena Zukeran dribbles around a defender during Thursday's area round game between Tompkins and Stratford at Tully Stadium.

## TOMPKINS

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out defense played their butts off tonight and doing that allowed us to do more in midfield."

Both Stratford and Tompkins had chances and the deadlock was broken in the 70th minute when Stratford's Alison Goodwin received a low cross at the top of the 18-yard box and turned, shot and put the ball into the lower right hand corner of the net, giving the Spartans the lead.

Tompkins had an answer almost immediately. The Falcons earned a free kick from 40-yards out and Audrina Johnson stepped up to the ball, struck a beautiful free kick and put it perfectly over the keeper and into the back of the net. Stratford attacked relentlessly in the final minutes after that and eventually Stratford found its way through the Falcons' backline in the 78th minute, as Mary Paul dribbled past a defender, into the box and slotted home the winning goal with two minutes remaining.

"They showed a lot of grit tonight and did everything we could have asked. Our team goal this year was simply just to work hard and support our teammates, that's all we talked about coming into this season. They did both of those things and played so well tonight."

— JARRETT SHIPMAN, Tompkins head coach

so well tonight."

Eight of the 11 starters in the game were underclassman and the Falcons will bring back a plethora of talent next season. But the impact of this year's senior class was a big reason for this year's success.

"The future is very bright and these younger girls are maturing every single day," Shipman said. "We had some great seniors and they led the way but these young girls were the core of everything. They're going to keep growing and we're excited for that — the future is very bright and we are so thankful for everything from this year's seniors as well."



Above: Paula Fuentes dribbles past a defender during Thursday's area round game between Tompkins and Stratford at Tully Stadium. Left: Tompkins head coach Jarrett Shipman talks to his team during Thursday's area round game between Tompkins and Stratford at Tully Stadium. Below: Naomi Medeiros tries to get around a defender during Thursday's area round game between Tompkins and Stratford at Tully Stadium.

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Ban Quản Trị Hành Chánh theo đây được ủy quyền thông báo về cuộc bầu cử này. Một bản sao y của Lệnh này sẽ được coi là thông báo hợp thức. Sẽ thông báo bằng cách niêm yết thông báo trễ nhất là hai mốt (21) ngày trước ngày ấn định cho các cuộc bầu cử (ngày 13 tháng Tư, 2024) trên bảng tin dùng để niêm yết thông báo hợp của Hội Đồng Quản Trị. Ngoài ra, Thông Báo Bầu Cử sẽ được đăng ít nhất một lần, sớm nhất là ngày thứ ba mươi (30) trước Ngày Bầu Cử, 4 tháng Tư, 2024, và trễ nhất là ngày thứ mười (10) trước Ngày Bầu Cử, 24 tháng Tư, 2024, trên một tờ báo được phát hành trong Khu Học Chánh.

Ban hành hôm nay, ngày 22 tháng Một, 2024.

/chữ ký/ Victor Perez  
Victor Perez, Chủ Tịch

Tài Liệu Kèm Theo A

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Braden Lehner tries to shoot past the Northbrook keeper during Friday's area round game between Tompkins and Northbrook at Legacy Stadium.

# Tompkins falls to Northbrook in thrilling penalty shootout

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was neck and neck all night between Tompkins and Northbrook.

The Falcons knew they were in for a tough match against the District 17-6A winners in the second round of the playoffs, but Tompkins was up for the challenge. The Falcons took Northbrook on to the very end, ending full time in a 1-1, but in the end Northbrook came out on top, winning a penalty shootout 7-6 over the Falcons.

"It was an unbelievable effort tonight," said Tompkins head coach Tom Jones. "We started out with a couple guys injured and then we had some guys go down tonight as well, but everyone who went in stepped up. They fought all night — there was 100 minutes played and they were limping, they're pushing, and they did everything they can. They should keep their heads up because they left everything on the field tonight."

It was a hard fought game and neither team could break the deadlock in the first half. Northbrook came out wanting to possess the ball and Tompkins was happy to let them do it, with the Falcons breaking on the counter to create chances. Northbrook broke the tie just a minute into the second half. Anthony Ayala got past the Tompkins defense and slipped it into the back of the net.

Tompkins pushed for the tying goal all second half and almost had it multiple times. But even with misses they weren't deterred and in the 74th minute, the Falcons found the equalizer as Braden Lehner was able to head a corner into the near post corner and tie the game.

"The defense was huge for us today and really helped keep us in the game," Jones said. "They kept everything in front of them, did



Roman Ryabchenko dribbles past a defender during Friday's area round game between Tompkins and Northbrook at Legacy Stadium.

everything we asked them to do and grinded it out. Everyone gave everything they had."

The game went into extra time and both teams continuing to create chances, but neither could find the game winner, with the game ultimately going to penalties and both teams takers did well. Tompkins missed its second penalty and Northbrook missed its fourth. Both teams' penalty makers made the next three, and Tompkins missed its ninth attempt before Northbrook was able to sneak its last penalty past the Tompkins keeper and into the net, as the Falcons were not able to keep the shootout going.

"We knew what they were going to try and come out and do and we wanted to counter off that and we creat-

ed chances doing it," Jones said. "We did a decent job of it, but of course could have done some things better. But in the end, both of the teams played really well and it came down to a bit of luck — it just sadly didn't go our way."

This was a strong senior class for the Falcons that got them back to the area round after a two year absence, but Tompkins will also bring back lots of talented underclassman and they hope to build on this strong year.

"It started all the way last year at the end of the season," Jones said. "They all took on the responsibility and they led the way to this. They had a great season and there's 19 of them and I can't say enough about them. They're an amazing group of men that is going to do some amazing things."



Eloy Ferrer takes a free kick during Friday's area round game between Tompkins and Northbrook at Legacy Stadium.

## SOCCER

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wholeheartedly believed that," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "He's been clutch as can be. It's amazing when you have so many talented field players but then someone who's just as clutch behind them. It gives you layers and I'm so proud of Ben and all of the guys out there."

It was a hard-fought game where both teams took it to each other and had chances to win. Seven Lakes had to overcome an early goal and through regular and extra time both teams continued to create chances and tried to find a winner, with it having to be decided in penalties.

"These guys played for one another and put together such a good performance against a great team," said Jordan head coach Jason Meekins. Both teams had every chance to win the game and I'm just so proud of this group. I love these guys and I appreciate everything they gave. They battled with everything they had tonight."

Jordan jumped on an early chance and took the lead just four minutes into the game when a ball came loose on the right side of Seven Lakes' 18-yard box and it fell to Marcelo Ojeda, who made no mistakes and put it in the back of the net.

The early goal allowed Jordan to play deeper and let Seven Lakes bring the game to them. The Warriors played on the counter-attack and it worked well as they continued to create chances. Seven Lakes dominated possession in the first half but struggled to create chances.

Things shifted as soon as the teams



Daniel Ejerenwa controls a ball during Monday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Jordan.

came out for the second half. Seven Lakes created chances left and right to start the half and it paid off in the 54th minute, when the Spartans earned a free kick from 32-yards out. Aiden Morrison stepped up and lifted a dangerous ball into the area that went over the keepers head and into the back of the net to tie things.

"It was hard because we felt like we were dominating the whole game, but that's soccer sometimes — they got one shot and made a goal out of it," Morrison said. "I was just glad we kept our composure and we trusted ourselves because we knew we would find a way to tie it up eventually."

Seven Lakes kept pouring the pressure on but Jordan answered back with counters. Neither could get a ball in the back of the net for the rest of regulation or in extra time despite the chances and it set up the penalty shootout.

Morrison got Katy off on the right foot, converting his penalty, and Aviles Vera gave the Spartans an early advantage, saving Jordan's first attempt. Both teams had their second attempts saved and both converted on both their third and fourth attempts. Aviles Vera then came up as the fifth penalty taker and sealed the win putting it past the keeper to win it.

"I've always wanted to take a penalty," Aviles Vera said. "I've always asked the coaches if I could take one and tried to show them that I could. They trusted me and I'm just so glad that I scored and was able to celebrate."

With the win, the Spartans advance to the Region III-6A Tournament for the third straight year, as they try to get back to the state tournament.

"The goal all year has been to get back to state and win it," Aviles Vera said. "This is the next step towards that. We just have to rest, prepare ourselves and be ready for everything this weekend."



Beb Aviles Vera celebrates with Sean Carlos Rivera after scoring a game winning penalty during Monday's Region III-6A Quarterfinal between Seven Lakes and Jordan.

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**APPLICATION:** Maple Park Development LLC, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to amend The Major Thoroughfare Plan/Map as noted in the application for Maple Park, Property ID# 40208. The amendment will realign the future route of Royal Road from the center of the subject tract to its southern boundary and will keep Stalknecht Rd in its current configuration instead of introducing a new alignment that deviates from the existing paving. The proposed, unnamed future thoroughfare northwest of Royal Road will end in a T-intersection instead of extending further south through the adjacent properties.

This amendment request, if approved, will affect the applicant's property as well as surrounding tracts to the east, south, and west.

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