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## Trustee candidates share points at forum

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school board candidates expressed their opposition to STAAR testing and support for teacher pay increases Thursday at a forum sponsored by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and Raise Your Hand Texas.

The event was held at the chamber offices, 814 E. Ave. G. Justin Burdine, a former Fort Bend Independent School District trustee, served as moderator. Raise Your Hand Texas is an education public

policy group. Earlier this month Raise Your Hand joined with the district to ensure that district priorities would be a part of legislative discussion.

Two separate forums were held, the first for the position 1 candidates, the second for the position 2 candidates. The position 2 candidates were sequestered so as not to hear the responses from the position 1 candidates.

In the position 1 race, incumbent Duke Keller, an attorney, is seeking his second term. He has drawn four challengers. All

are seeking their first term on the board. Saki Krishnamurthy is an engineer and executive. Eliz Markowitz is an educator. Victor Perez is retired. Cicely Taylor is an educator.

In the position 2 race, incumbent Lance Redmon, who works in building material sales, is seeking his second term. He has drawn two challengers. Bonnie Anderson is an IT manager who is making her second bid for office. Patricia Haggard is a stay-at-home parent who is making her first bid for office.

All candidates but Krishnamur-

thy attended the forum.

Regarding the STAAR test, Anderson said kids are "so nervous they throw up" before they have to take the test, and said the state has spent millions to administer it.

Redmon said the test does not provide an accurate representation of student achievement and there are other ways to assess that. Haggard said why there must be some sort of accountability system, the district needs a ratings system that does not come from the test.

Among the position 1 candidates, Taylor said the district

needed some method that puts an emphasis on growth versus achievement. Keller said lower test scores could affect the local economy. Perez described the test as a "absolute sham" that was coordinated between school districts and the TEA.

Teacher pay and retention are issues facing school districts across the nation. Keller said the district has given pay increases of late but agreed that more must be done.

Markowitz said teachers were

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## ON THE MOVE

Hodges reflects on Houston Community College's upcoming move to new facility

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Next month, Houston Community College's Katy operation will move from its longtime location at 1550 Foxlake Dr. to a new, 24-acre tract of land at 22910 Colonial Pkwy.

Zach Hodges, president of Houston Community College's Katy campus, reflected on the growth of the Katy operation Tuesday morning at the Katy Area Economic Development Council meeting. He said the meeting was one of the last such meetings to be held at the soon-to-be former campus.

Hodges has a unique perspective on HCC's role in Katy's growth. He has been president of the college for the past 27 years. He said HCC's involvement in Katy began in 1978-79, when he met with the then-Katy High School principal to create a dual-credit program for the students there.

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Zach Hodges, president of Houston Community College's Katy campus, speaks at the Katy Area Economic Development Council Tuesday morning at the college.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER



## Katy-area voters to cast ballots in two elections on May 7

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy-area voters are preparing to cast their ballots for two Katy Independent School District Board of Trustee seats in the May 7 election. But they, like voters across the state, will also be asked to vote in a separate state election to decide whether to adopt two proposed constitutional amendments.

The proposed amendments, written by State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, deal with local property taxes. Proposition 1 is to benefit individuals with an over age 65 or disabled exemption on their homestead. Proposition 2 is to increase the homestead exemption by \$15,000.

Typically, state constitutional amendments requiring voter approval are on the November general election ballot. But a Bettencourt staff member said last week that extended legislative special sessions kept the propositions from receiving the needed approval in time for placement on the November ballot. As a result, they are on the next ballot, which is May 7.

In a statement describing the propositions, Bettencourt said many voters have found the ballot language to be confusing.

"I want to clarify what these amendments actually do," Bettencourt said. "Homeowners over the age of 65 will see their freeze values for school taxes actually decline, a.k.a., ISD property tax bills if Proposition 1 passes. Also, if passed, Proposition 2 will lower independent school district property tax bills by increasing the homestead exemption that will save money for the 5.6 million homesteads in the state of Texas."

For more information about state voter registration, visit the website [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov).

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Texas state senator, R-Houston

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## Sales tax holiday for emergency supplies slated for this weekend

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State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday and ends at midnight on Monday.

"Whether it's fires, freezing temperatures or tornadoes, severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations."

The comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save more than \$1.5 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

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## BRIEFS

### Fussell Senior Center celebration

The Katy Fussell Senior Center is celebrating its 10th anniversary and invites the public to join the festivities. The event is set for 1-4 p.m. Friday at the center, 5370 E. 5th St.

According to the city website, the Senior Services Department coordinates activities and programs to serve older Americans and others. For more information, call 281-391-4837.

### Cross Creek Ranch hosts art market and home tour

Paintings, ceramics, woodwork, jewelry and other items created by local artists and artisans will be on display during the Cross Creek Ranch Art Market & Home Tour.

The event is free and set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23.

Art lovers can visit the Cross Creek Ranch Welcome Center, 6450 Cross Creek Bend Lane, to browse the works by artists from the First Saturday Arts Market and Market at Sawyer Yards.

Attendees will also enjoy music, giant art photo opportunities, face painters, balloon artists and caricature artists. Cuisine from food trucks — including Pak Man and Mary Had a Little Party — will be available for purchase.

“We have partnered with First Saturday Arts Market and Market at Sawyer Yards to showcase local artists several times in the past,” Rob Bamford, Cross Creek Ranch general manager, said. “What makes the art market unique is that all the art and handcrafted items exhibited are original creations. Attendees are sure to find a one-of-a-kind piece to wear or display in their home.”

All 15 of the community's professionally decorated model homes will be open for touring. Each home boasts the latest home décor trends.

“We think our builders’ model



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

The Rotary Club of Katy made a donation to the Katy Independent School District Future Farmers of America Thursday. Pictured from left to right are Kellie Sissom, Nick Schrader, Sarah Martin, David Laird, Ashlee Laird, George Yeiter, Rocky Blair, Dusty Thiele and Ralph Brock.

homes are works of art,” Bamford said. “Each is unique. You won’t find any two homes decorated the same way. If you are looking for ideas, you definitely want to look them over.”

### H-GAC reminds residents to be aware of their rights under Fair Housing Act

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) recognizes April as Fair Housing Month and reminds homebuyers and renters to be aware of their rights under the Fair Housing Act.

National Fair Housing Month celebrates the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing because of race or color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. President Lyndon Johnson signed the act into law on April 11, 1968 as part of the larger Civil Rights Act of 1968. The Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act) applies to rental properties, properties for sale and mortgage lending.

According to the Fair Housing Act, real estate advertisements may not exclude anyone protected under the law. Sellers or landlords should make homes available, negotiate prices and provide the

same services for everyone listed in the Fair Housing Act. Also, mortgage lenders are required to follow the law when making loans, setting repayment terms, and appraising property. Fair housing rights ensure people can exercise their right to fair housing without threats, coercion, or intimidation.

In 2020, H-GAC developed the Regional Housing Plan to support local governments in the 13-county region in providing a range of housing options that will sustain the needs of the residents they serve. For more information, visit the website [h-gac.com/regional-housing-coordination](http://h-gac.com/regional-housing-coordination).

### Fort Bend County judge accepting applicants for youth leadership program

Fort Bend County Judge KP George invites high school and college-age students to apply to his nine-month youth leadership program. Students must be residents of Fort Bend County to be eligible.

The program supports young people who are interested in local issues, seeking to form connections with peers from across the county, inspire community involvement and build leadership skills.

Students will be paired with community, business and county leaders from various fields and interact with their mentor on a wide variety of topics, including leadership, the environment, mental health, law enforcement, emergency response, economic development, recycling, healthcare and more.

“It is our duty as community, business, and government leaders to serve as mentors for our young people, especially those who express an interest in leadership,” George said. “This program empowers young people to explore



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

The Rotary Club of Katy made a donation to Cimmaron Elementary School Thursday. Pictured from left to right are Kellie Sissom, Alexa Hibler, Lindsey Chase, Carol Levin, DeeDee Gonzalez and Rocky Blair.

real issues that are impacting their communities. Participants will have an opportunity to expand their critical thinking and understanding of advocacy and develop the skills needed to advocate for change.”

The first three months of the program include weekly meetings which will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays. For the remainder of the program, meetings will be held from 6-7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Application deadline is April 27. Fifty students will be selected on May 11, based on qualifications, experience, and an interest in advocacy. To apply, visit [fortbend-countytx.gov/government/departments/commissioners-court/county-judge/2022-youth-leadership-program](http://fortbend-countytx.gov/government/departments/commissioners-court/county-judge/2022-youth-leadership-program).

For more information, email [fbcc.judge@fbctx.gov](mailto:fbcc.judge@fbctx.gov) or call Vanessa McKeethan at 281-633-7769.

### Waller County commissioners approve establishment of “No Thru Trucks” signs on selected roads

The Waller County Commissioners Court Wednesday approved the establishment of “No Thru Trucks” signs on selected county roads.

Signs are on the following streets:

- Baethe Road, from FM 362 to Penick Road.
- Berry Lane, from Penick Road to Mathis Road.
- Betka Road, from FM 362 to Penick Road.
- Hoover Lane, from FM 362 to Penick Road.
- Mathis Road, from Berry Road to the Harris County line.
- Penick Road, from Hebert Road to the Waller City limits.

### Jordan Ranch hosts splash bash

Naomi's Grace, a local nonprofit whose mission is to reduce the number of pediatric drownings, is hosting a splash bash.

The free event is set for 9 a.m. to noon on May 21 at the community's Sunset Farm at 30270 Jordan Crossing Blvd. The theme for the event is water fun and water safety. The day includes a water slide, snow cones, water activities, artisanal market and more. A DJ will spin tunes and food trucks will have items for purchase. For more information, visit [jordanranchtexas.org](http://jordanranchtexas.org).

### Katy Heritage Society holds photo contest

The Katy Heritage Society is holding a photo contest in which it seeks up to three photographs of something representing the society and its mission. Photographs can be buildings, nature, or landscape view.

The society said its mission is to further the educational and cultural development of the community by preserving, restoring, and displaying historical landmarks, natural beauty, documents, and other objects distinctive of Katy and adjacent areas.

Photographs must be original photographs, taken within the last 12 months only and must be taken within the Katy city limits. Changes to photographs using software is permitted.

Katy Heritage Society reserves the right to use any submitted photographs in upcoming digital and print marketing and materials.

The winner receives a 12-month photography license (new or extended on current license), photo featured on the society's social media, and a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant or shop.

Submit entries to [katyheritagesociety@outlook.com](mailto:katyheritagesociety@outlook.com).



An art lover checks out a painting for sale at the Cross Creek Ranch Art Market and Home Tour. This year's event is set for Saturday. CROSS CREEK RANCH

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. A woman of refinement
7. Body part
10. One who imitates
12. Tropical Asian starlings
13. A type of delivery
14. W. Australian capital
15. Many wombs
16. Wings
17. Expression of amusement
18. Brews
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
21. Mild expression
22. Solitary
27. Distance to top
28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
34. Begrudged
36. Popular sports league
37. Autonomous republic of Russia
38. Double-headed drum
39. Type of light bulb
40. Czech River
41. Male servants (Span.)
44. Previously
45. Minor
48. Metrical foot

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Inspiration
2. Resembling wings
3. Form of Persian
4. Consumed
5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
6. Sea eagle
7. Jaguarundis
8. Poker stake
9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
10. South American nation
11. A colorless, odorless gas
12. Disturbance
14. Artist's tool
17. Polish peninsula
18. Ottoman military leaders
20. Bird-like dinosaur
23. Drinking glass
24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother
26. To do it is human
29. Atomic #10
30. Used to write
31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear

32. Adversaries
35. Have already done
36. One of conspicuous wealth
38. It flies over sporting vents
40. Geological times
41. Net

42. Musical phrase
43. Chadic dialect
44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
45. Lizard genus
46. Woman of the church
47. Having ten

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



Katy position 1 trustee candidates Cicely Taylor, Victor Perez, Eliz Markowitz, and Duke Keller. Debate moderator Justin Burdine is at right.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

## FORUM

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afraid of speaking up, but wanted to teach. She said 50% of first-year teachers drop out of the profession. Perez said the problem was that Katy pays its teachers less than surrounding school districts.

When it comes to recruiting teachers, Taylor said the district must become innovative in its recruitment practices to attract more teachers. She called for alumni engagement, where the district would reach out to former students looking to enter the teaching profession, enticing them to return home to Katy.

Among the position 2 candidates, Redmon, like Keller, spoke of the recent pay increases to teachers. Anderson said the district was top-heavy with management, and money should be reallocated towards more teacher pay. She said the district recently gave Superintendent Ken Gregorski a sizable raise.

Haggard, reiterating what Perez said earlier, said Katy pays its teachers less than surrounding school districts. As for retention, Haggard said that hiring teachers with experience is ideal but not realistic given the circumstances.

"It's not an attractive position coming out of the pandemic," Haggard said.



Raise Your Hand Texas advocacy director Robert Long poses with Katy position 2 trustee candidates Bonnie Anderson, Patricia Haggard, and Lance Redmon.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

## MOVE

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In those days, he said, Katy High School was the only high school in Katy. Today, Katy has nine high schools.

Yet while the campus is moving, some things will remain the same, such as HCC's partnership with the University of Houston. The new HCC campus will be across the street from the new University of Houston System campus in Katy. This partnership will enable students to spend their first two years at HCC, and then finish their studies at either the University of Houston main campus or the University of Houston-Victoria.

Such partnerships, Hodges said, enable students to "start in Katy and finish in Katy."

HCC has partnered with other programs as well. The Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academy at HCC enables students to pursue their engineering studies at less cost than if they were to spend all their time at the Texas A&M campus. According to literature provided by Chevron and the two colleges, a student could save as much as \$4,500 a semester in tuition and fees compared to taking 15 credit hours at College Station, leading to a savings of \$18,000 over two years.

HCC is also partnering with the University of Texas-Tyler for an associate of science and engineering science degree. In this program, students would earn their

degree at HCC, and then transferred to UT-Tyler's Houston Engineering Center, located on the HCC Alief campus. There, they would complete a four-year engineering degree in Houston.

The new Katy campus has room for two additional buildings, Hodges said. Yet while the program offerings are growing to meet the needs of a diverse and growing student body, Hodges joked that his new office will be 60% smaller than the one he now occupies. This can be problematic, he joked, when you have 27 years' worth of stuff in that office.

The new campus will be officially opened with a May 6 ribbon cutting.

## ELECTIONS

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two challengers. Bonnie Anderson is an IT manager who is making her second bid for office. Patricia Haggard is a stay-at-home parent who is making her first bid for office.

April 25 is the first day to vote early in person. May 3 is the last day to vote early in person.

Katy city voters would typically have an election in May, but the only position that was open, the mayoralty, is uncontested. Dusty Thiele, an insurance executive and former council member, will take the oath of office May 13. He will succeed Bill Hastings, who is retiring after one term in office.

The state and school board elections are not to be confused with the May 24 party primary runoff for both the Texas Democratic and Republican parties.

The runoffs enable Democrats and Republicans to decide their nominees for statewide office. Here's a listing of the contested runoffs.

### Lieutenant governor

- Democratic: Michelle Beckley vs. Mike Collier

### Attorney general

- Democratic: Rochelle Garza vs. Joe Jaworski
- Republican: George P. Bush vs. Ken Paxton

### Land Commissioner

- Democratic: Jay Kleberg vs. Sandra-grace Martinez
- Republican: Dawn Buckingham vs. Tim Westley

### Comptroller

- Democratic: Janet T. Dudding vs. Angel Luis Vega

### Railroad Commissioner

- Republican: Wayne Christian vs. Sarah Stogner

## PREPARE

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- Household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75.
- Hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300.
- Portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Several over-the-counter self-care items, such as antibacterial hand sanitizer, soap, spray and wipes, are always exempt from sales tax if they are labeled with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.

Purchases that do not qualify include:

- Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles.
- Camping stoves and camping supplies.
- Chainsaws.
- Plywood.
- Extension ladders and stepladder.
- Tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the comptroller's website, a shortened link for which is <https://bit.ly/37nHyhL>.

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## Early retirement: Threat or menace?

**“B**ut I’ll keep workin’/ As long as my two hands are fit to use...” – Merle Haggard

I haven’t run away and joined the circus, but I am nearing the age when a financial safety net admittedly has the allure of the Sirens of Greek mythology.

Yes, before long, yours truly could conceivably abandon the rat race and apply for early Social Security benefits.

I would have to adjust to the reduced income very delicately. If I restricted my “riotous” lifestyle any further, it would be six feet under

But who am I kidding? I am reasonably healthy and hope to stick with my day job for another five to seven years. Why jettison a job you lo...a job you lo...let’s be friends, job!

I’m no quitter. Other than part-time positions, I have never voluntarily left a place of employment. (Or have I? Things are still murky about that stint at Concussions R Us.)

It’s not for me to question the judgment of those who do retire at the earliest opportunity. Many make an honest assessment of their genetic predisposition before they accept reduced benefits. (“Gimme the money! Considering Mom’s side of the family, there’s a 98 percent probability that I will hock up a lung and die at age 64.”) Oh, the hijinks that must ensue when you get half a dozen of these sunshine boys meeting for coffee at McDonald’s every morning!

Honestly, I do not begrudge my peers the chance to travel, spoil grandchildren or take up low-impact puttering. More power to them if they have worked hard for decades and choose to “take the money and...hobble.”

I simply realize that there’s more to retirement than fishing trips and sleeping until noon. Remaining gainfully employed gives you the perfect excuse for dodging endless requests. (“I’d love to straighten that picture frame for you, Ma; but, hey, those pencils aren’t going to sharpen themselves!”)

When I teased about early retirement, my wife lovingly presented me with a stack of books. Great! A nostalgic feast of lazily re-reading the complete World Book Encyclopedia! No, wait – it’s a bound collection of “honey do” lists! (“Hey, boss – any prospects for



**DANNY TYREE**  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

**I realize I am just kicking the can down the road, but I am not in a hurry to join the “fixed-income rant” brigade. I don’t want to be known for muttering things such as “Back in my day, Fonzie had to ski through five miles of snow before he could jump the shark.”**

25-hour workdays this week?”)

Speaking of my wife, I think couples appreciate their “together time” more when most of the week means commuting and laboring. Quality over quantity. Familiarity breeds contempt. There’s a fine line between “Precious and few are the moments we two can share” and “Hit the road, Jack, and don’t you come back no more no more no more...”

I realize I am just kicking the can down the road, but I am not in a hurry to join the “fixed-income rant” brigade. I don’t want to be known for muttering things such as “Back in my day, Fonzie had to ski through five miles of snow before he could jump the shark.” No, sirree, Bob! (Oops. Not okay, Boomer.)

Yes, I’ll keep on keeping my nose to the grindstone. (Hey, free exfoliation!) I have my inspirations. After thousands of years, the Sirens haven’t given up. I just saw one in front of an auto parts store beating up an inflatable dancing tube man for his job.

Ooo! That had to hurt! Hey, I’m suddenly having a flashback to when I got caught raiding the office refrigerator at Concussions R Us. Never saw the fruitcake coming until it was too late!

*Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page “Tyree’s Tyrades.”*



## Appreciating the regular old flu

**I** recommend the seasonal flu — but please allow me to explain.

About a week ago, I felt suddenly rundown and weak. I just wanted to lie down.

I thought nothing of it at the time. My family is facing some difficulties at the moment, difficulties we all must face now and again — and all of us are getting beat down.

But it wasn’t just fatigue. Was it the big C, I wondered? Nope.

I’d never tested positive for having COVID-19. Did that dreaded virus finally find a way to feast on my blessed good health? Nope.

It turned out to be just a regular flu — but there was nothing regular about it.

A particularly nasty and highly contagious bug that’s spreading rapidly around my region, it turned out to be the worst case of flu I ever recall having in my life.

With the intense national — and global — focus on a deadly “novel coronavirus” these past three years, it’s easy to forget how deadly the regular flu is.

According to the CDC, which has always had a hard time pinning down the exact numbers, the flu has been killing anywhere from 17,000 to 97,000 Americans every year since 2012.

Healthline says the flu has caused at least “3.5 million flu illnesses, 34,000 hospitalizations, and 2,000 deaths” in the U.S. this season.

And I was among its victims. I went to the ER to make sure it



**TOM PURCELL**  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

**From now on I do not want to waste one fraction of a single second discussing politics on social media, but I do want to spend as much time as possible with my mom and dad as long as we have them to enjoy.**

was the bug causing my issues, and that my heart and fundamentals were sound — and I am very lucky they were (and are).

Then I returned home and commenced immediately lying in the same spot without moving — no food, nothing — for the next four days.

My teeth itched. I felt like a piano was sitting on my chest. The nausea would not relent.

It was one of the best weeks of my life.

It’s a challenge all too common in affluent America: you can easily lose sight of how good you have it until you are reminded how bad things can get.

I recall filling my truck up for \$40 a tank not long ago — and now it costs \$70 a tank.

All I can think of as I stand there pumping is how hard I worked the prior few years and how I was able put a nice little buffer in my savings account to prepare for a rainy day.

Now I think of the 1% return my savings account is paying against the 8.4% inflation rate from last month — and the 9.6% rate it is going to be this month — and I realize how much I took for granted the low-low inflation rate we’ve been enjoying for several decades.

Having good health taken from you suddenly — but temporarily in my case, thankfully — makes me want to focus my energy on important matters, not trivial ones.

From now on I do not want to waste one fraction of a single second discussing politics on social media, but I do want to spend as much time as possible with my mom and dad as long as we have them to enjoy.

Every time I see them now — and I wasn’t able to do so at all the past week — I ask them a new question about their lives and other family members.

They are a fountain of wisdom and I want to capture as much of their experience and knowledge as I can while they are still able to share it.

And now you know why I recommend the seasonal flu!

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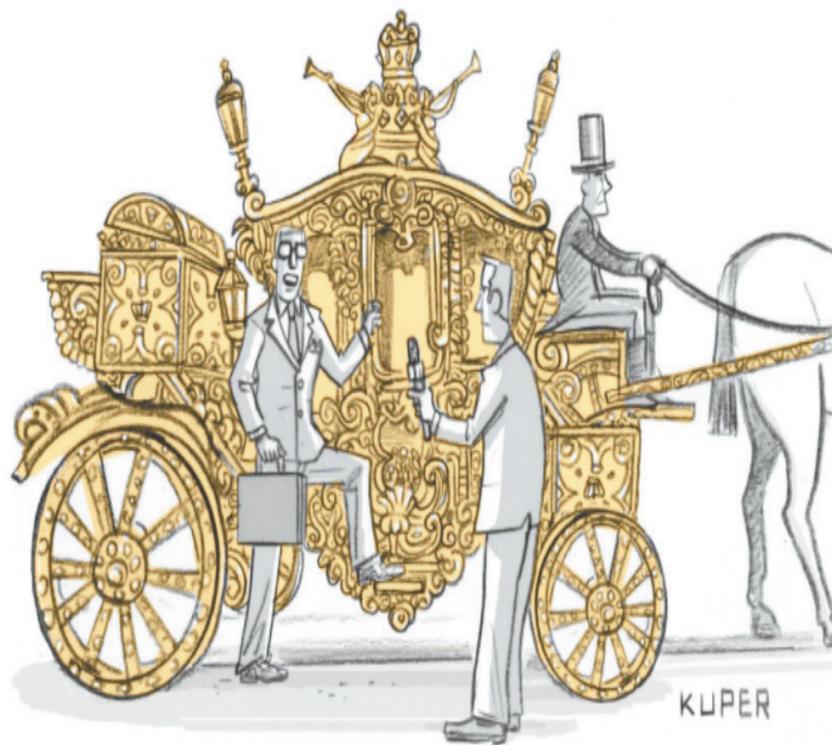
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*“It’s with a heavy heart I’m stepping down as CEO.”*

## TRIBUTES

Susan Rose Orr was born to Henry Harper and Rose Henry Harper on January 20, 1947, in Greenville, Mississippi. After attending elementary and high school in Greenville, Susan graduated from high school in 1965.

In 1968, while attending Delta State University, she met and married Henry David (Dave) Orr in August of that year. After graduating from DSU in 1970, she and Dave moved to New Orleans, LA, where Dave's job with Shell Oil Company carried them. His career carried them from New Orleans to Midland, TX, and Houston, TX.

Susan's teaching career spanned almost 30 years across the following venues: she taught Language Arts at Katy High School in Katy,



**SUSAN ROSE ORR**  
1947-2022

TX.; Houston Community College in Houston, TX; Franklin High School in Franklin, TN.; Midland 9th grade in Midland TX, as well as high school at Brookshire Royal High School in Brookshire, TX.

Suzie's students won hundreds of writing and

speaking awards (National and International) over her career. The Tennessee Legislature and Governor honored her for her teaching accomplishments as "Tennessee's Ambassador of Goodwill". Additionally, a day was designated as "Suzie Orr Day" in January of her retirement year in Tennessee.

Susan is survived by her husband, Henry David Orr; son, Michael Orr; sister, Alice Harper McGarrity and grandsons, Braxton and Jon Maikel. She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Harper and mother Rose Henry; and son, Greg Orr.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, in Katy. Funeral

services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Grace Anglican Church, in Katy, with The Rev. Robert H. "Bob" Henson officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Suzie may be made to her educational sorority, Mu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa to fund scholarships for future educators (a scholarship program Suzie strongly supported, including serving on the scholarship committee).

Donations may be mailed to: Marion Latham, Treasurer, 717 Oneida Avenue, Nashville, TN 37027.

Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home 1508 East Avenue ~ Katy, Texas 77493 ~ (281) 391-2424

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Katy Mills Mall, 5000 Katy Mills Circle, is celebrating Earth Week with events focused on sustainability, recycling, donations and more.

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In addition, Katy Mills is teaming up with Give Back Box, offering guests the ability to give back to those in need. Customers will be able to reuse any cardboard box by filling it up with gently used clothing, shoes and accessories, printing a free, prepaid shipping label and the donations will then be sent to a local charity.

### Maud Smith Marks Library Used Book Sale set for April 30

The Friends of the Maud Marks Library will be holding their monthly used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 30 at the library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd. Proceeds support library programs offered to the community.



**PAMELA SUE HIGHTOWER**

Pamela Sue Hightower, 65, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away on April 7th, 2022 after a fulfilling life of family, friends and love.

Pamela was predeceased by her parents, Betty and Joe Collins. She is survived by her two brothers, Gary and Greg, her two children Eric and Elissa, and three grandchildren Rook, Princely and Collins. Services will be held at Cornerstone Church 3333 E 41st St, Tulsa, OK 74135 at 3 p.m. on April 23rd.



**CLYDE DEAN WEHUNT**  
1927-2022

Clyde Dean Wehunt passed from this life on April 12, 2022, following a brief illness. He passed peacefully, surrounded by family members. Clyde was born in Sandusky Alabama, near Birmingham, on Sep 18, 1927. Please see his detailed obituary at [www.advantagehoustonfunerals.com](http://www.advantagehoustonfunerals.com), tab "Recent Obituaries."



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# Pattison plans household waste collection day for April 30

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

The City of Pattison is holding its second annual household waste collection day from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 30 at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department, 2950 FM 359, in Pattison.

Mayor Joe Garcia said the event is funded by a grant from the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

“Last year, we collected over 23,000 pounds of used tires, over 10,000 pounds of hazardous/non-hazardous paints, over 100 containers of pesticides, over 55 gallons of used oil and over 900 pounds of low-great electronics from over 130 participants,” Garcia said. “Around 40 volunteers supported our event last year.” Garcia said this year the city plans to increase the volume of hazardous waste and used tire collections.

—Mayor Joe Garcia

Those making donations are asked to submit products in their original containers. Containers should be properly sealed and closed. No mixing or consolidating products. Products are to be transported in the trunk or bed of one’s vehicle. Those making donations are asked to remain in their vehicles, follow CDC guidelines and allow staff to remove the products from their vehicles.

- Items accepted for donation include:
- Passenger, light truck, and 18-wheeler off-the-rim tires.
  - Electronics such as gaming devices, phones, radios, laptop/desktop computers, keyboards, desktop printers, scanners and DVD players.
  - Household chemicals and cleaners.
  - Residential products labeled caution, warning or poison.
  - Aerosols.
  - Camp stove propane bottles.
  - Fluorescent light bulbs.
  - Paints, stains and varnishes—limit of 25 gallons per household.
  - Household batteries.
  - Used auto oil, filters, anti-freeze, transmission and brake fluid.
  - Pool, lawn and garden chemicals.

The city said it reserved the right to refuse a particular item or items, but listed specific items that will be refused. These items are:

- Industrial, commercial or business waste.
- CRT monitors, TVs, floor standing copiers, printers and shredders.
- Water or fire damaged electronic equipment.
- Electronic equipment previously stored outdoors.
- Tractor/agricultural tires, or tires contaminated with dirt, leaves or other debris.
- Dioxins.
- Containers greater than five gallons.
- Explosives, ammunition or radioactive waste (smoke alarms).
- Medical or pharmaceutical items.
- Large gas or propane cylinders.
- Trash.

Recyclables can be taken to the Waller County Recycling Center. For more information about the recycling center, visit [co.waller.tx.us/page/recycling](http://co.waller.tx.us/page/recycling).



TxDOT US 90 Improvement Project TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A Texas Department of Transportation map shows the proposed US 90 improvement project between Katy and Brookshire.

# TXDOT continues to seek input for US 90 improvement project

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Department of Transportation continues to seek public feedback on its proposed US 90 improvement project between Brookshire and Katy.

The department on Thursday afternoon held a virtual and public hearing on the project. Comments are still being sought, and can be provided by phone, comment card, email, or regular mail.

The project runs for about 10 miles from I-10 to FM 1463, with an existing right-of-way 100 feet wide. The road now has one lane in each direction, with eight-foot-wide shoulders and an open and closed drainage system.

Department officials have said US 90 must be expanded to improve mobility, particularly as the Katy and Brookshire areas continue their rapid growth. Officials have also said that crash rates on this segment of US 90 are higher than the average crash rates on similar roadways. The higher crash rates result in potentially

**SUBMITTING INPUT TO TXDOT**

The public has several ways it can submit input to the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the US 90 Improvement Project.

- Comment card: Download the comment card from the project website, [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov). Use the keyword search “US 90 from I-10.”
- Email: Email the comment card to [hou-plowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:hou-plowebmail@txdot.gov).
- Regular mail: Mail the comment card to TxDOT Houston District, Attn: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386.
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unsafe travel conditions and reduced mobility. The department’s proposal calls

for a 120-foot right of way between Donigan Road and Koomey Road, and between Kenny Street and FM 1463. This proposal calls for four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction. It calls for 18-foot-wide raised median with openings, and a closed drainage system.

Under the proposal, the road would have a 12-foot-wide shared use path on the north side, and a 10-foot-wide shared use path on the south side.

The proposal calls for a 100-foot right of way between Koomey Road and Kenny Street is a 100-foot right-of-way. The proposal calls for four 11-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction. It calls for a 14-foot-wide center left turn lane, and a closed drainage system.

Under the proposal, the road would have a 12-foot-wide shared use path on the north side, and a 13-foot-wide shared use path on the south side. It would also feature a 10-foot-wide parallel parking lane.

The project has no start date because the funding has not been settled.

# Texas Children’s Hospital Ukrainian Support Donation Drive Raises \$50,000 on first day

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Texas Children’s Hospital announced Monday the launch of a Ukrainian Support Donation Drive, running from Monday through Saturday.

On the initial day of the

drive, the nation’s largest children’s hospital received \$25,000 in monetary donations to provide aid to Ukrainian refugees. Shannon Wallace and her husband Mark A. Wallace, who serves as president and CEO of Texas Children’s Hospital, committed to matching the first \$25,000 raised, reaching the milestone of \$50,000 on the first day.

“It is our humanitarian obligation to step up and assist the women and children fleeing from Ukraine,” Shannon Wallace said. “Please join Mark and me in proving that indeed, everything is bigger and better in Texas.”

Monetary donations will be collected through Saturday. The public can participate by going to the

Texas Children’s donation website [texaschildrens.org/ukrainendonations](http://texaschildrens.org/ukrainendonations).

In addition to financial contributions, Texas Children’s volunteers and staff are collecting new, unopened, high-demand hygiene items through Texas Children’s Hospital’s convenient drive-thru donation locations. The public can visit [www.texaschildrens.org/ukraine](http://www.texaschildrens.org/ukraine) to see items needed.

Volunteers and employees will collect donations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Saturday, at the hospital’s West Campus at the Outpatient Entrance 18200 Katy Fwy.

They will also collect donations at Texas Children’s Hospital Texas Medical Center (Feigin Center Circle Drive, 1102 Bates Ave.,

in Houston), and Texas Children’s Hospital The Woodlands (private drive between the courtyard and parking garage).

Community members can also donate in person via drop-boxes located at Texas Children’s Pediatrics and Urgent Care locations in Houston, Austin and College Station.

“As part of Texas Children’s longstanding commitment to global health and the Ukrainian families devastated by this war, Shannon and I join our compassionate community in doing all we can to help the women and children fleeing from Ukraine,” Mark A. Wallace said. “We urge not only our employees, but all Texans to support this effort.”



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## BRIEFS

### Seven Lakes Junior High earns national distinction

For the third time, Seven Lakes Junior High has been designated as a Texas School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Seven Lakes joins approximately 50 other campuses across Texas with this distinction and honor. The school will be recognized at the National Forum Schools to Watch Conference, set for June 23-25 in Washington, D.C.

Seven Lakes was selected for its academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational structures and processes. In addition, the school is known to have a strong leadership team, which includes teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction as well as a shared commitment toward assessment and accountability for continuous improvement.

"Receiving the National Schools to Watch designation for the third time is an honor for our junior high Spartan family," Kristin Harper, Seven Lakes principal, said. "Our dedicated staff, students and parents have come together in a collaborative effort to ensure that this school is at a high-performing level. Every day we strive to set the example for our learners on the importance of dreaming big and doing big. We are proud to know that other campuses and school districts across the country are looking at us as an example."

The Schools to Watch selection process is based on a written application that requires schools to show how they met certain established criteria. Schools were then visited by state teams, which observed classrooms, students' work and interviewed administrators and teachers among other observation mechanisms. Schools are recognized for a three-year period, and at the end of the third year, they must demonstrate progress on specific goals to be redesignated.

### Miller Career & Technology Center SkillsUSA teams head to national competition

After a competitive four-day state tournament in Corpus Christi last weekend, three Katy ISD students won first place and earned a spot in the 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

First place winners in the SkillsUSA state conference are:

- Mechatronics: Emiliano Grajales-Mora, a junior at Tompkins High School, and Daniel Fernandez, a junior at Tompkins High School.

- Culinary Arts: Brayden Henry, a junior at Tompkins High School.

"The Miller Career & Technology Center (MCTC) SkillsUSA program has grown tremendously over the past three years, expanding to include Criminal Justice, Information Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Manufacturing Engineering chapters. Students enroll in MCTC courses to gain real-world experiences and career-focused opportunities," Dallas Bergstrom, MCTC manufacturing engineering instructor, said. "In addition to competing, members of our SkillsUSA program gain valuable networking and leadership skills with like-minded peers across the state and/or nation."

Fifty-three Katy ISD students recently advanced to state to compete against thousands of participants in over 100 occupational and leadership skill areas. The following students were among the Top 5 spots, some of which also earned scholarships in their respective categories.

- Mechatronics - Second Place: Kamalika Bose, a senior at Tompkins High School.

- Robotics and Automation - Third Place and \$1,500 Scholarship Winner: Aden Watson, a senior at Katy High School, and Philip Homburger, a junior at Taylor High.

- Engineering Technology Design - Third Place: Seth Windham, a senior at Tompkins High; Levend Karayaka, a senior at Taylor High, and Andrew Simmons, a senior at



Students from the Miller Career and Technology Center show off their work at the SkillsUSA state conference in Corpus Christi.



Brayden Henry, a junior at Tompkins High School, was a first-place winner in the Culinary Arts competition at the SkillsUSA State Conference in Corpus Christi.

Tompkins High.

- Computerized Numerical Control Milling - Third Place and \$1,500 Scholarship Winner: Daniel Fernandez, a junior at Tompkins High.

- Computerized Numerical Control Turning - Third Place and \$1,500 Scholarship Winner: Nicolas Ahmed, a senior at Mayde Creek High.

- Applied Engineering - Fourth Place: Alan Mendoza-Estrada, a junior at Seven Lakes High; Dayanna Perez, a junior at Mayde Creek High; Logan King, a junior at Katy High, and Mitchell Gorodetsky, a junior at Taylor High.

- Commercial Baking - Fifth Place: Lauren Witte, a senior at Cinco Ranch High.

SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills, along with technical skills grounded in academics. The goal of SkillsUSA is to empower students to succeed at work and in life while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of industry positions go unfilled.

The 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skill Conference will take place June 20-24 in Atlanta.

### Cinco Ranch High School students compete at state leadership conference

Members of the Cinco Ranch High School Future Business Leaders of America competed and placed at the recent FBLA State Leadership Conference.

Students who placed in the top four in their competition are now eligible to compete in the FBLA National Leadership Conference this summer in Chicago. Students participating include:

- Janice Zhang, 1st place, Intro to Business Procedures
- Christine Onianwa, 1st place, Intro to Financial Math
- Gavin Wang, 1st place, Intro to Information Technology
- Sarah Chung, 1st place, Personal Finance; 1st place, Free Enterprise
- Emma Donaldson, 1st place, Future Business Leader; 2nd place, Local Chapter Business Report, \$500 Scholarship and Texas Who's Who Award
- Melody Pol, 1st place, Scrapbook; 4th place, Graphic Design
- Jerry Zhou, 2nd place, Intro to Business Communications
- Bao Vu, 2nd place, Intro to FBLA
- Ashley Chung, 2nd place, Public Service Announcement
- Rahul Rajulu, 2nd place, Supply Chain Management; elected Texas FBLA State Secretary
- Lizzy Gurch, 2nd place, UX Design
- Riya Chalke, 3rd place, Business Plan
- Anabelen Pons, 3rd place, Business Plan
- Nicholas Hartono, 3rd place, Intro to

Business Concepts

- Kayla Eshelman, 4th place, Accounting
- Janette Phan, 4th place, Business Communications

- Alani Souder, 4th place, Entrepreneurship
- Lillian Jauregui, 2nd place, Copyright & Fair Use; 4th place, Graphic Design
- Grace Zhang, 4th place, Graphic Design
- Suman Cherukupally, 4th place, Intro to FBLA

- Simon Beyene, 4th place, Intro to Information Technology

- Rishabh Chowdhury, 4th place, Marketing

- Gurpreet Singh, 4th place, Marketing
- Janice Wong, 4th place, Personal Finance

- Natalie Pham, 4th place, Website Design

- Alice Zheng, 1st place, Battle of the Chapters; 2nd place, Local Chapter Business Report; 4th place, Job Interview; recipient of a \$1,000 Scholarship and the Texas Who's Who Award

- Alejandra Lugo, 5th place, Business Ethics

- Alana Koshikawa, 5th place, Cyber Security

- Tiffany Kim, 1st place, Battle of the Chapters

- Hannah Mneney, 1st place, Battle of the Chapters

- Claire Kim, 1st place, Business Etiquette
- Ari George, 2nd place, Business Etiquette

- Helen Lu, 2nd place, Social Media, recipient of \$500 Scholarship

- Sean Rooney, 3rd place, Social Media

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Emiliano Grajales-Mora, a junior at Tompkins High School, and Daniel Fernandez, a junior at Tompkins High School, were first-place winners in the Mechatronics competition at the SkillsUSA State Conference in Corpus Christi.

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# Katy Sip N Stroll, benefiting Ballard House, set for Saturday

## CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The 23rd annual Katy Sip N Stroll, a culinary and wine community event, is set for Saturday.

The event is set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the ARK by Norris, 21402 Merchants Way. VIP admission begins at 5 p.m.

Parking will not be permitted in the ARK by Norris parking lot as that is the event grounds. Guests are asked not to park in the GEICO corporate parking lot next door, or risk being towed. A complimentary shuttle service running along Merchants Way will take guests from their parking spot to the event grounds.

Sip N Stroll is filled with a wide range of culinary creations, wine displays with industry experts, craft beer, live music on two stages, a Spirits Patio and engaging exhibitor experiences. It features over 125 displays, with guests canvassing the grounds enjoying wine tasting displays, dozens of craft beer selections, and delicious culinary offerings from 35+ area restaurants, chefs and caterers. A judging team of classically-trained chefs will judge the entries competing for the annual Premier Culinary Awards.

The event features two live music stages. Katy's own award-winning singer/songwriter Kristen Hart will be singing on the American Furniture Warehouse Back Lot Music Stage. Shang and Byron's 2-Man Band will be singing on the Aruba Tourism Party Stage.

Ballard House manager Kathy Alt said described the Ballard House as a symbol of the warm and welcoming spirit of Katy's community.

"The need for housing assistance has exploded the last couple of years," Alt said. "Now is a critical time to support Cinco Charities as we are daily answering the need from West Houston's growing medical community by providing patients and

their families free lodging and other services so they can concentrate on receiving their treatment."

The Katy Sip N Stroll is one of Cinco Charities' major fundraising events to support the operating costs of The Ballard House, which provides temporary housing for individuals and their families who are hospitalized or receiving treatment for a serious medical condition.

Constance and Clifton McDerby, the event's co-founders, said their hearts are dedicated to The Ballard House, which is why they created the event.

"Today our commitment is just as strong now as it was from the start," the McDerbys said. "We invite you to raise a glass, meet a new friend, share a laugh and take it all in while serving the needs of guests of The Ballard House."

Sip N Stroll sponsors include Keller Williams and Kroger as co-presenting sponsors, Alexander Valley Vineyards, American Furniture Warehouse, Bahamas Tourism, Constellation Brands, evamor water, Freixenet-Mionetto USA, Hess Persson Estates, Infinium Brands, One Life Chiropractic, Primeway Federal Credit Union, Renewal By Andersen, SpeedPro Imaging The Woodlands, The ARK by Norris and The Wine Group.

In-kind partners include ACME Party & Tent, All About Katy, Genesis Photographers, Infiniti Graphics, JPL Entertainment, Katy Times, Smile with Kelley Sweet-Deliciously Stylish Photography, Swoon Magazine, and Wilcox Media & Marketing.

Sponsorship opportunities and restaurant registrations are still available.

Tickets are \$65 (general) and \$95 (VIP Lounge). Attendance is limited and tickets are all-inclusive. To purchase tickets, visit the website sipandstroll.com.

## ROYAL ISD BRIEFS

### 2022 Royal FFA Parade award recipients

Judges at the Royal FFA Parade announced winners in a number of categories following the recent parade. The parade theme was "Get Your Kicks on Route 66 with the Royal FFA." Royal High School senior Alexis Ibarra created the logo.

Award recipients include:

#### Classic Cars/Antique

#### Tractors

- 1st place, Mike & Peggy Diezi
- 2nd place, Darrell Branch
- 3rd place, John Nolan

#### Adult Individual

- 1st place, Cesar Pena, Jr.
- 2nd place, Keith Woods
- 3rd place, DJ Rumples-tiltskin

#### RISD School Groups

- 1st place, Royal ECC
- 2nd place, Royal Elementary
- 3rd place, Royal STEM Academy

#### Youth Group

- 1st place, St. Paul Zion Baptist Church
- 2nd place, Brookshire Youth Sports League

#### Commercial

- 1st place, Pink Cadillac - Jackie Craver
- 2nd place, South Texas Barn
- 3rd place, City of Brookshire

#### Wagons

- 1st place, Brazos River Riders
- 2nd place, Brookshire Bonafide

#### Junior Horse Riders

- 1st place, Avery Vance
- 2nd place, Asher & Hayden Butera
- 3rd place, MJ & Ja Carson

#### Senior Horse Riders

- 1st place, Theodore Josey, Jr.
- 2nd place, Sally Hackemack
- 3rd place, Kurt Klausmeyer

Friends of FFA won first place in adult groups. Brazos River Riders won first place in riding groups. The Royal Marching Sound Machine won first place in bands. Brookshire Youth Sports League won best of theme.

Charles and Carol Swize, and Willie Ivy, served as grand



The Royal Quiz Bowl Team recently competed at the SkillsUSA state competition in Corpus Christi.

marshals.

Parade committee members include Kenna and Clayton Harwell, Stephanie and Brandon Hein, Brian and Tammy Diezi, Merle and Karen Stockman, Laura and Eric Gudelman, Debbie Baker, Judy Branch, Chrystal Josey, Dawn Edwards, Melanie Holt, Angie Ibarra and Mary Ann Jordan.

AllTex Welding Supply, Inc. was parade sponsor. Nick Gonzales served as parade announcer.

### Royal Falcon All-District Soccer Recognitions

The Royal Falcon girls' soccer team finished fifth place in district play, just barely missing playoffs for the second consecutive year.

These players were chosen for all-district teams and awards.

Deysi Rivera was named district utility player of the year. Other honors include:

- First Team All-District: Deysi Rivera and Lizbeth Diaz.
- Second Team All-District: Elizabeth Jimenez, Maria Paredes and Katelyn Rodriguez.
- Honorable Mention: Camila Quinones, Janet Quintero, and Natali Gomez.

### Royal Quiz Bowl Team places seventh at state competition

The Royal Quiz Bowl team placed seventh at the recent SkillsUSA state competition in Corpus Christi.

Falcon competitors were Melanie Alanis, Alexis Ibarra, Ricardo Lopez, Alondra Melendez, and Layla Thompson.

Royal's team of five competed against some 180+ students. Royal advanced out of the preliminary rounds to the final round where they competed against nine other teams from around the state.

### Royal fifth grader takes top honors at Texas rodeos for Red Brangus

Royal STEM fifth grader Presley Jacob received top honors at the three major Texas livestock shows this year. Presley won the following:

- Houston Livestock Show Champion Red Brangus
- Austin Rodeo Champion Red Brangus
- San Antonio Champion Red Brangus

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## Seven Lakes' historic season ends in state semis



BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN — Seven Lakes set all kind of school records this season. The Spartans won a third straight district title, the first time the school had achieved such a feat. They got past the regional semifinal, a first for the program. Then they won in the regional final and clinched a state tournament berth for the first time in school history. "This whole season was an amazing feeling," said senior left back Ty Koc. "I've been with this program for four years and this is by far just the most connected I've ever felt to a team. Being a part of Seven Lakes for so long, it just grows on you and I love all of these guys

so much." But all seasons have to come to an end, and for the Spartans, that end came Friday, as they fell 3-2 to Plano in the state semifinals at Birkelbach Field in Georgetown. Seven Lakes came out early and dominated possession in the first half, but the Wildcats got three goals in 22 minutes during the second half to pull away and end the Spartans' season. "In that span of 20 minutes, we couldn't string two or three passes together," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Krueger. "There was constant pressure on the back line. When you face a team like this that likes to play long balls into the box, it sets yourself for failure when you can't pressure them like you should." Seven Lakes came out with a promising start, holding possession and trying to create chances early, but Plano worked itself back into things, working hard on the counter attack and breaking

PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Seven Lakes forward Daniel Ejerenwa (11) heads the ball toward goal while working against Plano midfielder Cristian Cifuentes (24) during the Class 6A boys state semifinal between Katy Seven Lakes and Plano on April 15, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.

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## Katy clinches district title

### Tigers beat Taylor 10-0 for win

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy has continued to improve all season. The Tigers have made strides in every area from the start of the season to now in the tail end of the district schedule. With pitching, defense, hitting and baserunning hitting their stride. That was on full display Tuesday, as Katy beat Taylor in a District 19-6A matchup 10-0, run ruling the Mustangs (14-8, 5-7) in a matchup that clinched an outright district title for the Tigers. "We've really learned how to gel together and learned very quickly that we are a tough team," said se-

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Jordan midfielder Sam Paterson (20), goalkeeper Elijah Betancourt (1) and midfielder Greg Hein (24) leave the field after a 1-0 loss to Dripping Springs in the Class 5A boys state semifinal on April 14, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

## Jordan's run ends in state semifinal, but journey for group just beginning

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR



Jordan forward Hani Taan (11) heads the ball during the Class 5A boys state semifinal between Dripping Springs and Katy Jordan on April 14, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.

GEORGETOWN— Jordan wasn't supposed to be here. That's what everyone said. The expectations for the Warriors in their first year of varsity play weren't high from the outside. People didn't expect them to make the playoffs, then make a run there, then make it all the way to the Class 5A state tournament.

But here they were, in Georgetown, taking a 25-3 Dripping Springs team that made it to last year's Region IV Final to the brink and giving the Tigers everything they had. But in the end, the Warriors effort fell just short, as Jordan (18-6-2) fell 1-0 to Dripping Springs, bringing their season to an end in the state semifinals. "We knew coming into the night that Dripping Springs was going to be a great team," said Jordan head coach Jason Meekins. "Their record speaks for itself and their film speaks for itself. They had some dynamite players over there that we knew were going to

be important. But sometimes when you just give up one yard, it can be a goal and make all the difference." The Warriors fought the entire night, keeping things scoreless for 70 minutes and battling defensively against a very aggressive Dripping Springs team before giving up a 71st minute goal that made all the difference. "I'm just proud of these guys, said sophomore goalkeeper Elijah Betancourt. "We stuck together and never gave up. We just did everything we could and even if we lost, we're a family and we're there for each other." Jordan came out firing on all cylinders, creating chances in attacks for the first few minutes of the match. But Dripping Springs got itself back into the game very quickly, putting Jordan on the back foot with a high press and creating havoc with the Jordan back line, leading to a number of chances. Dripping Springs got a huge

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### WEEK OF APRIL 22

## SCORES & SCHEDULES

### GOLF

#### Thursday

• Class 6A Region III Tournament, Eagle Point Golf Course

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Thursday

• Class 5A and Class 6A Area meets at Paetow

### BASEBALL

#### Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Cinco Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Jordan vs. A&M Consolidated, 7 p.m.
- Katy at Morton Ranch, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 6 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia West, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Milby, noon
- Seven Lakes vs. Bridgeland, 2 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

#### Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Jordan at Rudder 6:30 p.m.
- Katy at Morton Ranch, 6:15 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 6:15 p.m.



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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

# Seven Lakes walks off over Tompkins, Taylor tops Cinco

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes earned a key victory over Tompkins with a walk-off 4-3 victory that brought the Spartans within half a game of the two seed in District 19-6A.

Amy Abke once again led the way for the Spartans, as the junior pitched a complete game in the win, not allowing an earned run on four hits while striking out 11 to get the Spartans the key victory.

Tompkins got ahead early, as a run came across on an error. Seven Lakes didn't get on the board until the third inning, but when they did it was in a big way. After getting two singles in the inning, Abke came to the plate and launched a home run to center to drive in three and give the Spartans the lead.

The Falcons got two runs back in the fifth inning as Tauryn Alexander drove in a run on a sacrifice fly and Kennedy Bourque tied things on a steal of home.

Things remained tied until the bottom of the seventh. Makinzie Stuttz singled to start the inning and was thrown out trying to get to home on an error that allowed Ashley Abel to reach second base. Emma Wingate singled and Tompkins made a throwing error, allowing Abel to round third and score the game-winning run.

## Taylor earns win over Cinco

Kaelyn Lerma pitched a strong game to lead Taylor past Cinco Ranch, as she allowed just three earned runs on 10 hits while striking out four to earn a complete game victory.

Katherine Brunner was huge at the plate for Taylor, going 2-3 and driving in three runs while hitting a home run. Bethany Fan, Ari Hughes and Sophie Jenkins each drove in a run.

For Cinco Ranch, Shelby Hodge went 3-3 at the plate with 2 RBIs and a home run, while Amanda Croteau and Gissel Morales each drove in a run.

Taylor jumped out to an early lead by driving two in in the first inning and then the two teams traded runs in the third. Cinco scored two runs in the fourth to tie things before Taylor took the lead back in the bottom in the inning with one run. Cinco tied it again in the fifth inning before Taylor scored two in the sixth and pitched a scoreless seventh to seal things.

## Mayde Creek beats Morton Ranch

Mayde Creek earned a 10-5 win over Morton Ranch with a big performance from Alyssa Gonzales.

Gonzales pitched a complete game on the mound, allowing five earned runs on nine hits while striking out six and walking one while going 2-4 at the plate with an RBI and two runs scored.

Offensively, Alexa Ruiz was the big bat, as she went 2-3 with 4 RBIs, including hitting a home run. Mackenzie Paredo also drove in a run to help the Rams to the win.

For Morton Ranch, Lee Avila and Madison Burciaga both drove in two runs while Nicole Gallegos drove in one.

Mayde Creek led from the get go, as the Rams scored one in the top of the first and then scored three more in the third. Morton Ranch answered with two in the bottom of the inning, but Mayde Creek scored four in the fifth to create distance. The Rams then scored four in the fifth, and even though Morton Ranch responded with two runs of their own, Mayde Creek scored two in the sixth to seal the game. Morton Ranch scored one in the seventh but was unable to come back.

## Jordan can't hang around in loss to College Station

Jordan got two runs but couldn't keep up



Seven Lakes' Emily Johnson reaches base safely during a District 19-6A playoff play-in game against Mayde Creek last year.

in an 8-2 loss to College Station.

Madeline Williams started on the mound for Jordan but was pulled after two innings. She struck out one while allowing three earned runs on five hits.

Both teams were held scoreless in the first inning before College Station all but sealed it in the second, scoring seven runs and getting five hits in the inning to take a huge lead. College Station would then score an eighth in the fourth inning.

Jordan was held scoreless until the seventh inning, when they scored two runs. Aislyn Duhon led off the inning with a single before Williams hit a double to put two runners in scoring position. Morgan Eisenberger then hit a sacrifice grounder before Williams came around to score on a wild pitch. Jordan was unable to get another run but will have positives to take into their next game.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12

### Katy dominates Cinco

Cameryn Harrison led the way for the Tigers in a 13-2 victory over Cinco Ranch.

The sophomore allowed two runs over seven innings on three hits while striking out nine, as Katy continued to keep their distance as the top seed in the district with the win, as they have cemented themselves at the standings heading into the home stretch of district play.

Offensively, the Tigers caught fire early, scoring five runs in the first three innings before closing things out with seven runs over the final two innings.

Harrison was the big bat on the offensive side of things as well, going 3-5 at the plate with three RBIs while Kailey Wyckoff, Paige Schulze and Hailey Gore all had two RBIs on the night.

### Tompkins strolls to win over Morton Ranch

Tompkins' offense came alive early in a 13-3 run rule win over Mayde Creek.

The Falcons did it though on the back of Samantha Crumrin's pitching, as she went five innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, striking out two and walking one in her outing. Morton Ranch got a two run homer in the top of the first inning, but Tompkins answered right back, as Morgan Brown hit an RBI single to trim the lead to one in the bottom of the inning.

Tompkins then took the lead in the second. Madison Besselman tied things on a homer to lead off the inning, and Meagan Brown hit an RBI double, as the Falcons went ahead. Blakely Haynie then hit a two run double and Tayden Alexander hit a one run double as Tompkins led 6-2 after two innings.

The Falcons weren't done there. Tauryn Alexander drove in another run to start the third before Haynie hit an RBI single and Tayden Alexander hit a two run double.

Morton Ranch came back with one run in the top of the fourth, but Tompkins all but closed things out in the bottom of the inning, as Meagan Brown hit an RBI single, Tauryn Alexander hit a sacrifice fly and Morgan Brown hit an RBI single making it 13-3. Tompkins then pitched a clean fifth inning to seal the win.

### Taylor wins high scoring contest against Mayde Creek

Taylor went ahead early and never trailed against Mayde Creek, while holding off a seventh inning run to secure the win.

Kaelyn Lerma earned the win, pitching a complete game and allowing one earned run

over the course of the seven innings while striking out three and walking two to go with allowing eight hits.

Taylor got three runs in the first inning, as Izzie Allen hit a two run triple before she scored on a passed ball. Mayde Creek got a run back in the bottom of the inning on a homerun, but the Rams couldn't get anything else on the board early.

Taylor increased its lead in the third inning. Sophie Jenkins hit an RBI triple and Allen then drove in another run on a double to make it 5-1 Mustangs. Mayde Creek though answered back with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Mustangs scored once more in the fourth, getting one run on a Katelyn Wentzler solo homerun, and then Taylor pretty much put things away in the top of the sixth. Lerma drove in a run on a triple and then scored on a sacrifice fly from Beth Fan, before Katherine Brunner hit a homerun to cap things off.

Mayde Creek got a three run double in the bottom of the seventh, but that was all — the Rams couldn't complete the comeback.

### Paetow drops close matchup to A&M Consolidated

Paetow played well and stayed in it to the end, but ultimately fell 9-7 to A&M Consolidated.

Jade Catherwood started on the mound for the Panthers and pitched a complete game, giving up four earned runs on 10 hits while striking out and walking four each.

A&M Consolidated got one run in the top of the first, before Paetow took the lead in the bottom of the inning. Shy'Lynn Brown hit an RBI single before Peyton Luna hit a sacrifice grounder to make it 2-1 Panthers.

Consolidated retook the lead with two runs in the top of the second but Paetow once again came back to tie things in the bottom of the inning, as Sade Guerra scored on a passed ball.

Two more runs came in from the Tigers in the top of the inning as they went back into the lead, before Paetow trimmed that to one run on a Brown sacrifice grounder, before Consolidated got another run in the top of the fourth.

Paetow trimmed the lead to one run once again in the bottom of the fifth, Mia Galarza reached on a fielders choice and then came around to score on an error that allowed Luna to reach base. But everytime Paetow scored, Consolidated had the answer, and they got one more run in the top of the sixth.

Paetow tied things in the top of the seventh. Two runners reached base and then Galarza came to the plate and drove both in on an RBI double, but a strikeout ended the inning and ended Paetow's chances of taking the lead in the inning.

And Consolidated ended things in the seventh, scoring two runs before holding Paetow without a run in the bottom of the inning to seal the loss for the Panthers.

### Jordan falls to Brenham

Jordan dropped a game to Brenham 11-0, as the Warriors fell behind in the first two innings and couldn't stay in it.

Brenham scored three runs in the fourth, one run in the second and three runs in the third before being held scoreless in the fourth and fifth. But Brenham came back with four runs in the sixth to clinch the run rule win.

Jordan had three hits on the night, coming from Cady Bowyer, Madeline Williams and Megan Anton, while Anton also added a stolen base to her tally.

Jordan combined to give up 13 hits on the day while their pitchers struck out one and walked four. The Jordan defense committed four errors to Brenham's zero.

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# LaViolette hits for cycle in win over Morton Ranch

## Katy holds off Cinco Ranch, Paetow tops Jordan

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins scored at least four runs in each of their four innings on offense as the Falcons put together a 23-0 run rule win over Morton Ranch.

Jace LaViolette was the story of the night, as the senior A&M signee hit for the cycle, going 4-4 at the plate with 6 RBIs and four runs scored.

While the offense was the story, Tompkins' pitching was exceptional as well. Trevor Esparza got the win, throwing two innings and striking out three while walking one on one hit, and the Tompkins pitching staff put together a two-hit shutout.

Tompkins scored four runs in the first inning. Jack Little, Adam Benavidez and Cash Russell all drove in runs while LaViolette got his easy part of the cycle, the single, out of the way. The Falcons then brought in six in the second inning, highlighted by an RBI double by LaViolette and an RBI double by Russell. LaViolette then homered in the third before coming back to the plate and hitting a triple to complete his cycle in just three innings, as Tompkins led 18-0.

The Falcons then closed things out with a bases loaded walk, bases loaded hit by pitch, an RBI single from Michael DeBattista, and a Solomon Rotberg RBI single as Tompkins waltzed to the win.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

### Katy holds off Cinco Ranch

Katy got out to an early lead and was able to hold on for a 4-2 win over Cinco Ranch, earning a big victory in District 19-6A play.

Lucas Moore once again was in the middle of things for the Tigers, as the junior pitcher allowed just one earned run on seven hits over 6.2 innings, while striking out seven and walking three to earn the victory.

Neither team scored in the first before the Katy offense made its presence felt in the second inning. A walk started the inning, and Cinco Ranch was able to get two quick strikeouts after that, but Cameron Stukenborg followed that up with a home run to get the Tigers on the board, and Graham Laxton then came around to score on an error to make things 3-0.

Katy and Cinco traded scoreless innings from there until the top of the fifth. Parker Kidwell led off with a single for the Tigers, and after advancing to third base, Cole Kaase drove Kidwell in with a single.

Cinco fought back and tried to get back into the game. In the bottom of the sixth, Ethan Muniz hit a triple to lead off the inning, and Charlie Atkinson drove him in on a single. Gavin Rutherford followed that up with another single, but Katy got a line out and a double play to escape the inning without further damage.

Then in the seventh, Muniz drove in a run on a single, trimming the lead to two. But Brayden Powers came in and struck out the last batter of the game to secure



Jace LaViolette hits during a game between Tompkins and San Antonio Reagan at the Tompkins baseball field.

the win and get a save.

Zach Royse took the loss for Cinco, throwing five innings and allowing three earned runs on six hits while striking out and walking six as well.

### Wolf leads Taylor over Mayde Creek

Blake Wolf was huge for Taylor and led the Mustangs to a 3-1 win over Mayde Creek to keep the team in third place in the District 19-6A standings.

Wolf allowed just one unearned run over 5.2 innings on one hit while striking out nine and walking four to earn the win.

Mayde Creek took the lead in the second inning, when after getting two runners on, Alan Elliott hit a single to drive in one.

Taylor kept pushing and eventually found its breakthrough in the fourth inning, as Jared Schaeffer hit an RBI single and Camden Champness drove in a run on a double.

Nathaniel Lopez then came around to score on an error, giving the Mustangs all the cushion they'd need.

Things remained scoreless the rest of the way, as the Mustangs came away with the win.

### Paetow shuts out Jordan

Anthony Diaz wasn't interested in letting Jordan hang around against Paetow.

The pitcher didn't allow a single run in a complete game shutout, allowing just three hits in the game while striking out 12.

Paetow got on the board in the second inning, as Tyler Silves hit a sacrifice fly, and the Panthers doubled that lead in the third, when Brandon Campos scored on a wild pitch.

Garrett Smith hit a homerun in the fifth, making it 3-0 Paetow, before the offense really started to come alive for the Panthers in the sixth.

After three runners reached base to start the inning, Daniel Oviedo-Barela hit an RBI single followed up by a bases loaded walk and an Ashton Sweet two RBI double. Paul Gerke then came to the plate and hit an RBI single to make it 9-0 Paetow.

The Panthers then closed things out with a Prieto RBI single, a Barela bases loaded walk, Sweet sacrifice fly, Gerke RBI single and a Gabriel Velasquez RBI triple in the top of the seventh to clinch the win.

**THURSDAY**

### Tompkins early offense leads to win over Seven Lakes

Tompkins rode hot pitching and an early offensive explosion to easily beat Seven Lakes 12-3.

Solomon Rotberg earned the win for the Falcons, going 1.2 innings and allowing two runs on one hit while striking out two and walking five. Despite Rotberg's struggles, the Falcons earned the win behind strong relief pitching to go with the offense.

It didn't take long for Tompkins to get their first run, as Cash Russell led off the game with a single and Jace LaViolette then came to the plate and hit an RBI double. After another single and a walk, Landon West hit a two RBI single. Jack Little then made it a 4-0 game in the top of the second with an RBI double.

Ethan Van Horn trimmed Tompkins' lead to two in the bottom of the inning, as he hit a two-run homerun to get the Spartans on the board, but Tompkins immediately responded.

In the top of the third, the Falcons got two runners on and got their fifth run of the game when Ivan Gomez reached on a bunt and drove in a run doing so. Two more runs came around to score on an error before Little drove in two more on a single.

Things stayed that way until the

top of the sixth, when Ty Dagley took things into his own hands. Dagley drove in a run to start the scoring in the innings, and then Dagley stole second, then third, before setting his sights on home and stealing the base to make the game 10-2 in the Falcons' favor. Tompkins then capped things off in the top of the seventh, as the Falcons scored off an error and Adam Benavidez drove in a run on a sacrifice grounder.

Carlos Michinaux got an RBI in the bottom of the seventh on a single, but that was all the Spartans could muster before three outs ended the game.

Trevor Esparza was huge for the Falcons, coming on in relief and pitching 4.2 innings without allowing a run on two hits and striking out five to just one walk.

### Taylor holds on for win over Cinco

Taylor fell behind but used a huge sixth inning to top Cinco Ranch, holding on despite a dangerous seventh inning from the Cougars.

Jared Schaeffer started the game for Taylor and went five innings, giving up three earned runs on four hits while striking out four and walking one.

Cinco slowly gained and extended their lead until Taylor's comeback. In the second inning, Bryce DeYoung hit an RBI single to get the Cougars on the board, and Blake Hansen doubled that lead in the third with an RBI single to left field.

Ethan Muniz made it 3-0 Cinco in the third, hitting an RBI single after a runner reached on an error earlier in the inning, and Connor Ficarra scored in the fifth to give the Cougars another run.

But the sixth inning was where things fell apart for the Cougars. After two singles and a walk, loading the bases to start the inning, Chase Marshall walked to score a

run and Yianni Stellakis was hit by a pitch, trimming the Cinco lead to two with no outs.

Taylor then got another run on a Camden Champness walk and the Mustangs took the lead when Adam Fitzgerald hit a two RBI single. Champness then stole home and Brett Dolejsi hit an RBI single to make things 7-4 for Taylor.

Cinco attempted to come back and came close to tying things. After two walks with one out in the top of the seventh, Cinco scored on an error after a fly out, and Ficarra scored on a wild pitch with two outs before Ryan Mullan sealed things with a strikeout, earning a save for his efforts.

### Mayde Creek earns win over Morton Ranch

Mayde Creek earned a 5-2 win over Morton Ranch, led by a huge performance on the mound by Marcus Rodriguez.

Rodriguez held the Mavericks at bay all day, pitching a complete game and allowing just two earned runs on seven hits, while striking out 13 to no walks on 101 pitches.

Joseph Romero was huge at the plate for Mayde Creek, going 1-1 with a home run, two runs scored and three walks. Brandon Lumkins, Alan Elliott and Nick Paul also drove in runs, while Jason Hinojosa went 2-3 while scoring a run.

### Paetow earns second straight win over Jordan

For the second time in a week, Paetow scored a shutout win over Jordan, topping the Warriors 9-0.

Alvin Velasquez had a great performance on the mound, pitching a complete game shutout and allowing just four hits while striking out five and walking one.

Paetow jumped ahead and did all the damage the Panthers would need in the first inning. After two singles and a walk loaded the bases, Garrett Smith hit an RBI single to give the Panthers the lead and Josh Prieto doubled it with a sacrifice fly. Daniel Oviedo-Barela then hit a home run, driving in three more runs before Paul Gerke hit an RBI double, giving Paetow a 6-0 lead after the top of the first.

Things stayed that way until the fourth, when Gabriel Valsquez hit a solo homerun and Smith hit an RBI double before Prieto drove in another run on a single to do the rest of the damage for the Panthers.

Jordan had four hits on the night, with Aidan McHugh, Braden Franklin, Connor Carmichael and Zandre Van Der Walt all collecting one hit each.

### Katy tops Atascocita

Katy won a 13-8 game against Atascocita in non-district action.

Four pitchers combined for the win for Katy, with a combined six earned runs on 10 hits while striking out nine and walking seven.

Katy took an early lead, scoring six in the first inning before scoring two in the third, two in the fourth and three in the fifth to secure the win.

Atascocita scored two in the first, three in the third, two in the fourth and one in the sixth in a good offensive night, but they were unable to keep up with the Tigers.

Brady Englett led the way on offense, going 3-4 at the plate with three RBIs, while Caleb Koger and Dominic Melchor both had two

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A **NON-MANDATORY pre-bid** conference will be held online on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Below is the website and call in information:

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**INVITATION TO WATER PLANT CONTRACTORS**

**OWNER:** Prairie Legacy Partners, Inc. on behalf of Waller County MUD 34  
**PROJECT NAME:** Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase II)  
**PRE-BID:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
**BID OPENING:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM

**Project:** Construction of the Phase II design of the proposed Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant. The project site is located approximately one mile north of the intersection of Hebert Road and FM 362 Road in Waller, Texas 77484.

**Obtaining the Bidding Documents:** Drawings, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com), search **Waller County MUD 34 Water Plant (Phase II)**.

**Pre-Bid Conference:** A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at **10:00 AM on Thursday April 28, 2022** at the WaterEngineers, Inc. office, 17230 Huffmeister Road, Suite A, Cypress, Texas 77429. **Attendance at the pre-bid is encouraged, but not mandatory.**

**Bid Opening:** Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to "Prairie Legacy Partners, Inc. on behalf of Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 34" will be received at the office of WaterEngineers, Inc. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 2:00 PM**.

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 5% of the total Bid amount from an FDIC insured bank or surety company licensed to issue bid bonds in the State of Texas must accompany each bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for the full amount of the contract. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Owner's judgment will be most advantageous and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Willow Fork Drainage District

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NORI)**

AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 51286

**APPLICATION** Alleyton Resource Company, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Registration No. 51286, for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants, which would authorize continued operation of two Concrete Batch Plants located at 28333 Farm-to-Market Road 529, Katy, Waller County, Texas 77493. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.872114&lng=-95.862875&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 1, 2022. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Waller County Library-Hempstead Branch, 2331 11th Street, Hempstead, Waller County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after the final newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to consider in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800 687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Alleyton Resource Company, LLC, P.O. Box 80, Thompsons, Texas 77481-0080 or by calling Mrs. Melissa Fitts, Westward Environmental, Inc., Vice President, at (830) 249-8284.

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) by Brett's Restaurants, LLC dba Brett's BBQ Shop, to be located at 25220 Kingsland Boulevard Ste 100, Katy, Harris County, Texas. Officers of this company are Managing Member Brett Jackson and Managing Member Jacqueline Herrera.

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## April 14 Puzzle Answers

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### NOTICE

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings At Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

**CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**  
6:30 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2022

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct Hearings At Their Regular Meetings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas Amending The City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance By Amending The Zoning Map To Zone Approximately 6.7 Acres Of Land In The H&TCRR CO Survey, A-1711, Section 43, Block 2, Tracts: 5A, 5E, 5J, 5J-1, 5J-2, 5C, 5H, 5M, 5D, 5F-2, 5G, 5F, 5F-1, 5B, and 5H-1, In Harris County As "R-1" Single-Family District. Amending The City Of Katy's Comprehensive Plan To Conform To The Zoning Classifications Set Forth In This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists.

### NOTICE

The Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The City of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing On **Tuesday, May 3, 2022, At 1:00 P.M.** In Council Chambers At Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas, On Docket No. 2022-02, The Application Of **Venkatachalam & Lakshmi Krishnan**, Present Owner, Under Section 22.5-3 Of The Zoning Ordinance. Address Of The Lot To Be Affected: **2706 Cranbrook Terrace Ln**, In The "R-1" Single-Family District. Property Description: Avalon At Spring Green Sec 3, Block 2, Lot 2, Fort Bend County, Texas.

It Is A Request For A Variance To The Platted Side Yard Building Setback Of Seven And A Half (7.5') Feet For The Placement Of A Pergola.

David Minze, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
May 11, 2022, 9:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM,  
WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the authority of Chapter 251.152, Transportation Code, to consider the establishment of Controlled Intersections and the installation of Stop Signs at the following roads:

- North Franklin at Mikeska Road
- South Franklin at Hamilton Road
- Pattison Road at Morrison Road (All way stop)

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.

### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Brian T. Geier PE., will be received until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 28, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 6330 West Loop South, Suite 150, Bellaire, Texas 77401 for "Construction of Drainage & Paving Facilities in Stockdick Road Sec No. 4 & 5 for Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 4, Harris and Waller County, Texas".

In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams, the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 593-513-986# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Construction of Drainage and Paving Facilities in Stockdick Road Section 4 & 5.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 394-832-218# when prompted.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com) search Stockdick Road Sec 4 & 5 Paving and Drainage. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2371 Electronic Bidding rules and all electronic Bids and Bids Securities must be submitted through [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

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

HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 4

### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be received, until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 28, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 1575 Sawdust Road, Suite 400, The Woodlands, Texas 77380 for "Construction of Paving Facilities in Sunterra Section 22 for Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 37, Waller County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 514-349-759# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Paving Facilities in Sunterra Section 22

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 476-502-087# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is **NON-MANDATORY**.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com): search Sunterra Section 22 Paving. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com). Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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

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### Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 is accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for Fire Station 4 Renovations. The Proposal is due no later than Tuesday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Martinez Architects, LP 900 Rockmead, Suite 250, Kingwood, TX 77339. The Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal will be utilized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code and Ch. 2269, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code. For additional information regarding this project, please contact Mr. Ricardo Martinez ([ricardom@martinez-architects.com](mailto:ricardom@martinez-architects.com), 281-346-7371). Request for Proposals may be reviewed or requested from Martinez Architects, made available from Associated General Contractors, McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, Virtual Builders Exchange. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 22855 Franz Rd, Katy, Tx 77449 on April 25th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Electronic Bids, addressed to Jones & Carter, Inc., attention Travis Miller, PE, will be electronically received until 10:30 a.m. local time, May 5th, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of Water, Sanitary, and Drainage, in Sunterra Section 36 for Astro Sunterra LP. on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas."

**The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.**

**Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large public gatherings are not permitted by law. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 727072372# when prompted.**

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on April 28th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. **The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 605578095# when prompted.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**TO: THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO RESIDE IN FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 AND THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED BY THE DISTRICT:**

The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 has issued an Order calling for an election to be held on May 7, 2022 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, at which election all eligible voters residing within the boundaries of FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 and the area to be annexed by the District will be entitled to vote on the following:

**Expansion of District Territory -- Texas Health and Safety Code § 775.051**

FOR Adding to Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 the area of land that is generally described as Falcon Point Subdivision and Falcon Landing Subdivision to the territory to be annexed.

AGAINST

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES:** Qualified voters residing in FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 and in the territory to be added above, may vote in the appropriate polling place designated for the election. The consolidated county election precincts and the respective Election Day polling places are described in Attachment 1, below.

**Early voting**

Early voting shall be conducted by JOHN OLDHAM, the Early Voting Clerk, from April 25, 2022 through May 3, 2022. The consolidated county election precincts and the respective Early Voting polling places are described in Attachment 2, below.

The Early Voting Clerk's official mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469. The phone number for the Early Voting Clerk is (281) 341-8670. The email address for the Early Voting Clerk is [vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov). The internet website for the Early Voting Clerk is [www.fortbendvotes.org](http://www.fortbendvotes.org). The location of the main early voting place is 4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. The ballot applications must be received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than April 26, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

By: /s/ Tom Raia, President

ATTEST: By: /s/ Daryl Brister, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1  
(Election Day Vote Centers)  
(Centros de votación del día de las elecciones)

COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE (LUGAR DE VOTACION DEL CONDADO)	ADDRESS (DIRECCION)	CITY (CIUDAD)	ZIP (CODIGO POSTAL)
Aki Prof Development Center	6361 S. Stadium Ln	KATY	77494
Beasley City Hall	319 S. 3rd St	BEASLEY	77417
Beckendorf Jr High	8200 South Fry Rd	KATY	77494
Bowie Middle School	700 Plantation Dr	RICHMOND	77406
Brazos Bend Baptist Church	22311 FM 762 Rd	NEEDVILLE	77461
Briarchase Missionary Bapt Church	16000 Blueridge Rd	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Calvary Baptist Church	4111 Airport Ave	ROSENBERG	77471
Chasewood Clubhouse	7622 Chasewood Dr	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Cinco Ranch Branch Library	2620 Commercial Center Blvd	KATY	77494
Clements High School	4200 Elkins Dr	SUGAR LAND	77479
Commonwealth Clubhouse	4330 Knightsbridge Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77479
Crockett Middle	19001 Beechnut St	RICHMOND	77407
Elkins High School	7007 Knights Court	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Fairgrounds Bldg D	4310 Highway 36 S	ROSENBERG	77471
Fort Bend ISD Admin. Bldg.	16431 Lexington Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77479
Four Corners Community Center	15700 Old Richmond Rd	SUGAR LAND	77498
Garcia Middle School	18550 Old Richmond Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
George Bush High School	6707 FM 1464 Rd	RICHMOND	77407
George Memorial Library	1001 Golfview Dr	RICHMOND	77469
Goodman Elementary	1100 W Sycamore	FRESNO	77545
Great Oaks Baptist Church	7101 FM 2759 Rd	RICHMOND	77469
Greatwood Community/Rec. Center	7225 Greatwood Pkwy	SUGAR LAND	77479
Hightower High School	3333 Hurricane Lane	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Hunters Glen Elementary	695 Independence Blvd	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Imperial Park Recreation Center	234 Matlage Way	SUGAR LAND	77478
Irene Stern Community Center	6920 Fulshear-Katy Road	FULSHEAR	77441
Jacks Conference Center	3232 Austin Pkwy	SUGAR LAND	77479
Jones Creek Ranch Park	7714 FM 359 Rd	RICHMOND	77406
Kempner High School	14777 Voss Rd	SUGAR LAND	77498
Kendleton Church of God	619 FM 2919 Rd	KENDLETON	77417
Lake Olympia Clubhouse	180 Island Blvd	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Lantern Lane Elementary School	3323 Mission Valley Dr	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Lexington Creek Elementary School	2335 Dulles Ave	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Living Word Lutheran Church	3700 South Mason Rd	KATY	77450
Lost Creek Conference Center	3703 Lost Creek Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Maryam Islamic Center	504 Sartartia Rd	SUGAR LAND	77479
Meadows Place City Hall	1 Troyan Dr	MEADOWS PLACE	77477
Mission Bend Library	8421 Addicks Clodine Rd	HOUSTON	77083
Missouri City Baptist Church	16816 Quail Park Dr	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Missouri City Visitors Center	1522 Texas Parkway	MISSOURI CITY	77489
Mustang Community Center	4521 FM 521	FRESNO	77545
Orchard City Hall	9714 Kilbler	ORCHARD	77464
Pecan Grove MUD Admin Bldg	751 Pitts Road	RICHMOND	77406
Pinnacle Senior Center	5525 Hobby St	HOUSTON	77053
Quail Valley Elementary School	3500 Quail Village Dr	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Quail Valley Fund Office	3603 Glenn Lakes Ln	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Reese Tech Center	12300 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77479
Ridge Point High School	500 Waters Lake Blvd	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Ridgegate Community Association	5855 W. Ridgecreek Dr	HOUSTON	77053
Ridgemont Early Childhood Ctr	5353 Ridgecreek Circle	HOUSTON	77053
River Park Recreation Ctr.	5875 Summit Creek Drive	SUGAR LAND	77479
Road & Bridge (Needville)	3743 School Street	NEEDVILLE	77461
Rosenberg Annex Building	4520 Reading Rd	ROSENBERG	77471
Rosenberg City Hall	2110 Fourth Street	ROSENBERG	77471
Sartartia Middle School	8125 Homeward Way	SUGAR LAND	77479
Sienna Annex	5855 Sienna Springs Way	MISSOURI CITY	77459
Stafford City Hall	2610 South Main	STAFFORD	77477
Sugar Lakes Clubhouse	930 Sugar Lakes Dr	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Branch Library	5500 Eldridge Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land Church of God	1715 Eldridge Rd	SUGAR LAND	77478
Sugar Land City Hall	2700 Town Center Blvd North	SUGAR LAND	77479
Thompsons City Hall	520 Thompson Oil Field Rd	THOMPSONS	77481
Tompkins High School	4400 Falcon Landing Blvd	KATY	77494
Townwest Towne Hall	10322 Old Towne Ln	SUGAR LAND	77498
University Branch Library	14010 University Blvd	SUGAR LAND	77479
Westlake Preparatory Academy	23300 Bellaire Blvd	RICHMOND	77406

## AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

**PARA: LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND, TEXAS, QUE RESIDEN EN EL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND Y EL ÁREA A SER ANEXADA POR EL DISTRITO:**

La Junta de Comisionados de Servicios de Emergencia del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND ha emitido una Orden que convoca a una elección a realizarse el mayo 7 de 2022 desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM, en la cual todos los votantes elegibles que residen dentro de los límites del DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND y del área a ser anexada por el Distrito tendrán derecho a votar por lo siguiente:

**Expansión del Territorio del Distrito -- Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas § 775.051**

A FAVOR Añadir al Distrito de Servicios de Emergencia Nro. 2 del Condado de Fort Bend la extensión de terreno generalmente descrita como Falcon Point Subdivision y Falcon Landing Subdivision al territorio a ser anexado.

EN CONTRA

**UBACIONES DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN:** Los votantes calificados que residen en el DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA Nro. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND y en el territorio que se añade más arriba, podrán votar en el lugar de votación que corresponda y haya sido designado para la elección. Los precinctos electorales consolidados del condado y los respectivos lugares de votación del Día de Elección se describen en el Adjunto 1, más adelante.

**Votación anticipada**

La votación anticipada estará a cargo de JOHN OLDHAM, el Oficial de Votación Anticipada, desde abril 25 de 2022 hasta mayo 3 de 2022. Los precinctos electorales consolidados del condado y los respectivos lugares de votación de Votación Anticipada se describen en el Adjunto 2, más adelante.

La dirección postal oficial del Oficial de Votación Anticipada a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes para boletas de votación y las boletas de votación por correo es Early Voting Clerk, Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469. El número de teléfono de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es (281) 341-8670. La dirección de correo electrónico de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es [vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:vote@fortbendcountytexas.gov). El sitio web en internet de la Oficial de Votación Anticipada es [www.fortbendvotes.org](http://www.fortbendvotes.org). La ubicación del lugar de votación anticipada principal es 4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. El Oficial de Votación Anticipada debe recibir las solicitudes de boleta de votación antes del abril 26 de 2022, a las 5:00 PM.

DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA NRO. 2 DEL CONDADO DE FORT BEND

Por: /firma/ Ton Raia, Presidente

ATESTIGUA: Por: /firma/ Daryl Brister, Secretario

ATTACHMENT 2  
(Early Voting)  
(Votación anticipada)

Early Voting Location (Ubicación de Votación Anticipada)	Hours (Horas)			
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## SPARTANS

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down a Seven Lakes defense that likes to press high up the field.

The Spartans got a couple of good chances midway through the first half, and finally found the breakthrough in the 21st minute, when Abdullah Soliman got brought down in the box for a penalty, which Aidan Morrison stepped up to calmly convert.

"We played so well in the first half," Krueger said. "We controlled possession for most of it and we were making them chase the game."

Plano stepped up the pressure from there, as the Wildcats attempted to get back into the game. But Seven Lakes was able to respond and create chances of its own, neither team however converted as they went into the half with Seven Lakes holding a 1-0 lead.

"It's unfortunate the way this ended tonight," Koc said. "We had a bigger and better goal in mind. But at the end of the day, you have to look back at what we did this season and be happy. There was so much joy, we broke history and did things that this program has never done. We went into uncharted territory and I couldn't be more proud of my boys."

Things continued the same way through the start of the second half, as both teams went back and forth but struggled to create any kind of chances. But Plano continued to work themselves back into it and got the equalizer in the 60th minute, when Steven Wood sent in a cross from 35 yards out that Nolan Giles headed into the net.

Seven Lakes woke back up and as soon as the goal was scored pressed forward, trying to go back in front, but Plano kept countering and got their second in the 69th minute as Giles again scored, this time off a pass from Michael Rogers. And in the 77th minute, Rogers completed his hattrick off a rebound to make it a two goal lead for the Wildcats.

Seven Lakes tried to get back into things, throwing numbers forward, but the Plano defense, and Aidan Morrison trimmed the lead to one with two minutes remaining, but the Spartans couldn't find the equalizer before the game came to an end.

"I'm so proud of the way they fought back to get into it, it's the resolve and the resilience that these guys have had all year," Krueger said. "All it takes is a moment, and when you have a guy like Aidan Morrison, I promise you they hold their breath every time he gets a free kick. He's so selfless the way he played on the backline through these playoffs and that goal just shows what a truly special player he is."

The Spartans will graduate 12 seniors this year and they are part of a group that won three straight district championships. This was the most special season those seniors have had, but they also want it to be a stepping stone and they want bigger things for the underclassman.

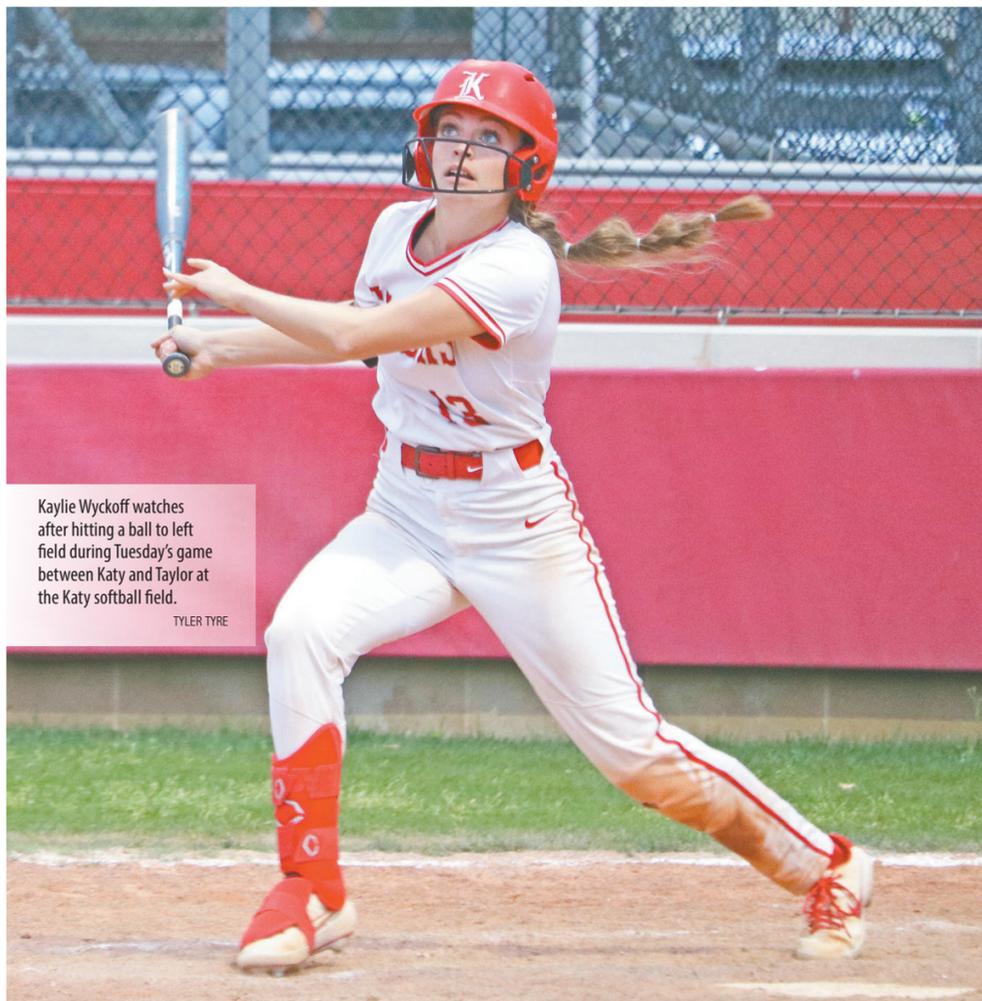
After the game, the group circled for a final time, with Koc and Javi Rivas imploring the younger players to push to get further next year. It's the Spartan way, and they know this is only building to even better things.

"It starts from the second they get back to school on Tuesday," Koc said. "It doesn't start next August, or next season. It starts as soon as possible. Those guys can do remarkable things, we've done that this season but it's not the end of it. I just want those guys to know that even though I won't be on the team next year, I will always be their teammate and brother. I'll always be a Seven Lakes Spartan."



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Seven Lakes players take a moment to console one another after a 3-2 loss to Plano in the Class 6A boys state semifinal on April 15, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.



Kaylie Wyckoff watches after hitting a ball to left field during Tuesday's game between Katy and Taylor at the Katy softball field.

TYLER TYRE

## KATY

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nior catcher Kaylie Wyckoff. "Once we focused in and found the right mindset we discovered that toughness and it's really helped us."

It's the seventh straight outright district title for the Tigers, who have put together a 22-3 record and 10-1 district record so far this season. But it didn't always seem like an inevitability like in some years.

The Tigers actually started off district with a loss, the team's first district loss in eight seasons, the day after that game, the group got together and deciding to be better. And the Tigers have done just that, winning 10 straight games since that loss en route to the district championship.

"The biggest change was when we lost to Seven Lakes," said Katy head coach Kalum Haack. "I think it hit really hard with a lot of them because that was our first district loss in eight years. But I told them also that ballgame that it wasn't on them, it was on me. Since then, they have been a completely different team. They're hitting the ball, the defense is playing well and I'm just really pleased with how they've turned the corner since that game."

Katy's win over Taylor was a microcosm of how they've won all season, as they put together a strong offensive performance to go with dominant pitching and elite defense.

Katy put two runs up in the first inning, as Ashtyn Reichardt hit a sacrifice fly to get the Tigers on the

board before Cameryn Harrison reached on an error and another run scored.

Taylor held Katy at bay for the next two innings, before Katy got two more runs in the fourth, with an RBI double from Avery Porter and an RBI triple from Wyckoff and Katy got two more in the fifth from a Montgomery Henderson single and a Hailey Gore sacrifice fly.

"We were very impatient in our first few at bats," Wyckoff said. "We're not really used to seeing someone who is a bit slower with the ball but is very precise. We had to regroup and we realized that she will give you a strike eventually, you just have to wait. We had a lot more success once we did that."

The Tigers did the rest of their damage in the sixth to end the game. Erynne Castillo started the scoring by driving in Wyckoff before Henderson drove in a run with a single and Harrison doubled before Gore closed things out with an RBI single.

"We hit the ball really well all throughout the ballgame, we just hit it right to him," Haack said. "I told them after the game, you just keep doing the same thing you're doing and those hits will start to fall. We didn't really change up anything we did, we just have to keep hitting the ball hard. When it goes right to them, there's nothing you can do about it. I was really pleased with our defense pitching and how we hit, especially after



TYLER TYRE

Cameryn Harrison pitches during Tuesday's game between Katy and Taylor at the Katy softball field.

having four days off with seeing no live pitching."

The win secures the one seed for Katy, who will play Morton Ranch on Friday before preparing for the playoffs.

"We focus on what we can control, and that's what we do," Haack said. "We work on certain aspects of the game so we know we'll be ready for anything anyone throws at us and that we can execute anytime we want to execute it. But playing in this district allows you to see all different styles of pitching and seeing all those things combined really helps us once we get to the playoffs because once you get there, you see a lot of the same thing."

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TENNIS

# Jordan, Seven Lakes, Tompkins, Taylor send players to state

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan Seven Lakes, Tompkins and Taylor will all send athletes to next week's Class 6A UIL State Tennis tournament.

Jordan's Keerthana Hari and Ikshu Shandilya qualified for the state tournament in girls doubles after winning the Class 5A Region III final, advancing as the first seed out of the region, while Namrata Mehjika qualified after finishing second in the region and making the regional final in girls singles. Vincent Rivas and Rachana Hari qualified for mixed doubles in the same way, finishing second after making the regional final.

Seven Lakes will send Anna Bouleau and Liska Knight to the state tournament in girls doubles after the two came away as Class 6A Region III champs. After winning the District 19-6A title in the same event, the duo went through to the regional final, where they defeated Memorial's Hallie Jeffers and Rahi Singal 6-2, 7-6 to advance.

Taylor's Jonathan Lin and Ally Lin finished second in the region to advance in boys doubles. The duo won their district event and advanced to the final, where they lost. But then they beat Memorial's Nate Raney and Kat Lowy 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 in a close match to make it to state.

For Tompkins, Mihir Amte and Charlie Kuchler were runner up in boys doubles to advance to the state tournament. The duo also won their event in district and advanced to the final before losing, but they beat Clement's Gabriel Shu and Nishil Gandhi in the playback 6-4, 6-4.

For Kuchler, this is his second straight year qualifying for state, as he was a single qualifier last season. He was also the Fall District 19-6A Tennis MVP. Amte made last year's regional tournament in singles, but this will be his first trip to state.

Tompkins' Patrick Chen narrowly missed out on qualifying for state, finishing third in boys singles to end his sophomore season. He had won district before making it to the playback and losing.

Arjun Kumar and Ananya Sriniketh also made it to the regional tournament for Tompkins but weren't able to advance any further in good seasons for both.

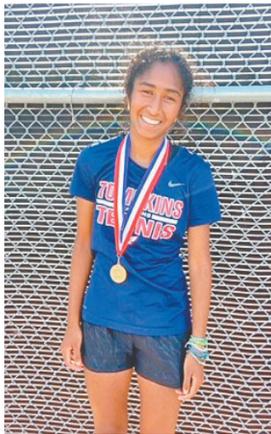
Kayla Wan and Anshu Lakshman made the regional tournament for Cinco Ranch, but fell in the first round 2-6, 6-2, 603 in the first round to Clear Creek's Mary Tacorda and Katelyn Gross. For



Seven Lakes' Anna Bouleau and Liska Knight won the girls doubles in Region III 6A to qualify for the state tournament.



Jordan's Keerthana Hari, Ikshu Shandilya, Namrata Mehjika, Vincent Rivas and Rachana Hari all qualified for the Class 5A state tournament.



Tompkins' Ananya Sriniketh qualified for the Class 6A Region III tournament.



Cinco Ranch's Kayla Wan and Anshu Lakshman were regional tournament qualifiers in girls doubles.



Tompkins' Patrick Chen finished third at the Class 6A Region III tournament, narrowly missing a state appearance.



Tompkins' Mihir Amte and Charlie Kuchler finished as runner up in Class 6A Region III to qualify for the state tournament.

Wan, it was her fourth straight regional tournament. It was Lakshman's first regional tournament in her senior season.

Following are the full results from the District 19-6A tennis tournament semifinals and finals:

### Boys Singles

**Semifinals:**  
Patrick Chen, Tompkins, def. Charlie Campbell-Watt, Seven Lakes, 6-0, 6-0  
Arjun Kumar, Tompkins, def. Wilson Salazar, Mayde Creek, 6-0, 6-0

**Finals:**  
Chen, Tompkins, def. Kumar, Tompkins, 6-1, 6-1

**3rd Place:**  
Salazar, Mayde Creek, def. Campbell-Watt, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-4

### Girls Singles

**Semifinals:**  
Ananya Sriniketh, Tompkins, def. Alisha Maduvarshi, Seven Lakes, 6-0, 6-1  
Nicole Tapia, Seven Lakes, def. Natalie Kha, Tompkins, 6-3, 6-3

**Finals:**  
Sriniketh, Tompkins, def. Tapia, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-3

**3rd Place:**  
Maduvarshi, Seven Lakes, def. Kha, Tompkins, 6-4, 6-2

**Playback:**  
Tapia, Seven Lakes, def. Maduvarshi, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-0

### Boys Doubles

**Semifinals:**  
Mihir Amte/Charlie Kuchler, Tompkins, def. Tyler Zou/Lourenco Martins, Seven Lakes, 6-1, 6-2

Brian Ho/Tanav Kalra, Seven Lakes, def. Sebastian Benchluch/Carter Celaya, Taylor, 6-1, 6-2

**Finals:**  
Amte/Kuchler, Tompkins, def. Ho/Kalra, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-1

**3rd Place:**  
Benchluch/Celaya, Taylor, def. Zou/Martins, Seven Lakes, 6-7, 7-5, 7-6

### Girls Doubles

**Semifinals:**  
Anna Bouleau/Liska Knight, Seven Lakes, def. Kristina Vasylichuk/Sarah Michel, Tompkins, 2-0, ret.

Kayla Wan/Anshu Lakshman, Cinco Ranch, def. Soleil Namunyola/Annie Wang, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-4

**Finals:**

Bouleau/Knight, Seven Lakes, def. Wan/Lakshman, 6-0, 6-1

**3rd Place:**  
Namunyola/Wang, Seven Lakes, def. Vasylichuk/Michel, Tompkins, def. inj.

### Mixed Doubles

**Semifinals:**  
Jonathan Lin/Ally Lin, Taylor, def. Nale Namunyola/Rodolfo Vela, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-1  
Karan Sura/Sofia Portillo, Seven Lakes, def. Gavin Gibson/Nathalia Ciliberto, Tompkins, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5

**Finals:**  
Lin/Lin, Taylor, def. Sura/Portillo, Seven Lakes, 6-1, 6-1

**3rd Place:**  
Gibson/Ciliberto, Tompkins, def. Namunyola/Vela, Seven Lakes, 6-2, 6-3

## JORDAN

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chance just 13 minutes in, when their high press forced a bad turnover for Jordan, but Betancourt stepped up to make a save and keep things tied at zero.

Jordan got its first big chance off a set play on a free kick in the 26th minute. The initial ball went out wide, leading to a cross to an open player in the box, but the shot sailed over the bar. The two teams battled to a scoreless tie in the half, with Dripping Springs having the edge in possession but Jordan coming away with good chances as well.

Dripping Springs came out with relentless pressure to start the second half and Betancourt made multiple heroics to keep the War-

riors in the game.

In the 50th minute Betancourt had a man clear on goal, but made a save diving to his left to keep things tied before a second shot was blasted over the bar. Then two minutes later the same thing happened, but again Betancourt stepped up, making a leg save before the ball was cleared.

Betancourt ended the night with seven saves, keeping the Warriors in it until the end.

"He's had a big presence the whole season," Meekins said. "There were times in our district when we weren't the first team to have an opportunity and he would have to make the saves. He did that multiple

times tonight, he's just a guy back there that's a rock for us. He makes the big saves and he does all the little things that help us do well"

Dripping Springs continued to dominate the second half and finally found the breakthrough in the 72nd minute, when Adam Knutson found the back of the net by redirecting a cross when he was open in the box.

Jordan nearly found the equalizer in the 75th minute with a header off a free kick, but it bounced off the bar and the Warriors again had a chance with just over a minute left in the game. But the Dripping Springs keeper came up with a huge save to secure the Tigers' win.

"We battled," Meekins said. "We came back and had opportunities to tie it. We kept battling blocking and putting our bodies on the line. At the end of the day that's all you can ask your boys to do."

Jordan will join an extremely talented District 19-6A next season, and they know playing in games and environments like a state semifinal will help prepare them for the challenge.

"We're stepping into Katy ISD's 6A district next year," Meekins said. "Every game is going to be like one through nine. Every game is going to be a battle like that, so it's great to play that type of game — it shows the guys that they can play in that

type of game. Every game in district is going to be that or higher next year so it's important for our kids to see that. They grew up a lot these entire playoffs."

The loss stung for the Warriors, but they will get every member of their team back next year and the Warriors know they will do nothing but get better from here.

"We've already grown so much just this year," Betancourt said. "We didn't start great, but things eventually just lickered for us and our chemistry now is just unbeatable. Getting here, playing in this is just going to make us more confident and prepare us for success next year."




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