

KATY ISD

5 KISD parents file suit against the district over mask requirements

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Five Katy ISD parents have filed suit against Katy ISD regarding the district's ongoing mask requirement, according to court documents. The lawsuit, which cites the historic case Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka which led to racial integration of schools, claims the utilization of face coverings in schools is detrimental to students and creates a situation similar to the separate but equal argument made in the Brown case in 1954. "Almost (70) years later, it appears that defendant Katy ISD Superintendent Kenneth Gregorski has forgotten the lessons of Brown v. Board of Education, by implementing a policy that fails to make education available to all

on equal terms," the legal filing reads. "Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit not only to empower parents but to recapture their rights to make decisions they believe are in their children's best interest." Katy ISD continues to offer its Katy Virtual Academy which allows parents who do not want their children on school campuses – either because they don't want them possibly exposed to the novel coronavirus or because they don't want them wearing masks – to participate in classes virtually. The lawsuit contends this setup makes the situation into a "separate but equal" situation. The lawsuit, which was filed on behalf of the parents by attorney Jared R. Woodfill with co-counsel Michael Vilasana last week, seeks an injunction against the mask mandate currently in

place for KISD students. The plaintiffs are also seeking relief of \$100,000 or less, which plaintiffs have said is to be used to cover court and attorney costs. Plaintiffs in the case are Jenny Alexander, Doug Alexander, Heather Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun and Bonnie Anderson. All of the plaintiffs have children in KISD. Anderson is currently a candidate for KISD's Board of Trustees sixth seat. "Our children, just as all children do, have a fundamental right to equal access to public education. This lawsuit is intended to reinstate our parental rights and ensure the rights of all parents to make health choices for their children," Anderson said on her campaign's Facebook page.



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Five parents of Katy ISD students have filed a lawsuit against the district, claiming the district's mask mandate during the COVID-19 pandemic is harmful to students and opens them up to anxiety, infections and other health concerns.

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COURTESY PEXELS/LUIS QUINTERO

Winter Storm Uri damaged waterlines in hundreds of homes in the city of Katy the week after Valentine's Day. The city has adopted a policy that will allow those whose water bills were impacted by water leaks during that time to get some relief from increased water bills caused by leaky pipes.

City Council approves water bill adjustment process to alleviate cost of pipe leaks

By R. HANS MILLER
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In a brief special meeting held Monday afternoon, Katy City Council unanimously approved a process for residents who saw increased water bills due to broken pipes during February's Winter Storm Uri to get a break on their water bills. The process, which requires the resident to request a leak adjustment to their bill, was designed by city staff. "Staff got together last week with Art (Pertile III, the city's attorney), and we've been talking about (the) West Harris County (Regional) Water Authority and possibly not being able to recoup any credits," said City Administrator Byron Hebert. "Well, West Harris County Water Authority did adopt a resolution on their side that we want to put

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SOFTBALL

Freshmen Harrison, Reichardt delivering for Tigers softball



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Katy High freshman Cameryn Harrison (25) delivers a pitch during a game against Cinco Ranch on Tuesday, April 6, at Katy High.

By DENNIS SILVA II
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Katy High is dominating District 19-6A softball and looking like a force to be reckoned with in Class 6A Region III. None of that is anything new. What is different for these Tigers is that coach Kalum Haack is relying on a pair of gifted freshmen to help lead the way. Cameryn Harrison and Ashtyn Reichardt have been revelations for the 11-2-2 Tigers, who are 9-0 in district play and on the verge of securing a sixth straight outright district title after a 5-2 win over Cinco Ranch on Tuesday, April 6. Harrison earned her 11th win, striking out 13, walking four and allowing two runs on four hits in seven innings. At the plate, she was even more dynamic, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs and two doubles. Reichardt, meanwhile, showed off her strong left-handed bat, also going 3-for-3, all doubles, with an RBI. "It helps knowing I have someone by my side that's going through the same process as me," Harrison said. "It's very overwhelming coming into a very talented school in softball and being the young one on the team. So, having someone like Ashtyn to be by my side and to talk to is very helpful." Haack can't remember the

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BROOKSHIRE CITY COUNCIL Q&A

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Each candidate on the May 1 ballot for the alderperson and mayoral seats for Brookshire were sent a questionnaire and offered an equal amount of time and space to respond. Only one candidate for Brookshire City Council, Susette Baines who is running for the position three alderperson's chair, chose to respond. We are disappointed the other candidates refused to participate, primarily because the lack of participation in the discussion on important issues leaves voters within the city without any clear means of deciding on whom to vote for. As ongoing growth transforms Brookshire from a rural community into a small industrial city, discourse and discussion from local officials and candidates will be important. Without a discussion among the candidates, voters rely on word-of-mouth or



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name recognition to choose their representatives on council. Brookshire is growing quickly and may soon pass the point where name recognition and

reputation are all that are needed to choose its leaders. In 1990, Brookshire had a population of about 2,900 people according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Today,

that population is estimated at 5,400. Growth appears to be increasing exponentially. Given the rapid rate of growth, spurred in part by the county's increased desire to bring industrial hubs to the area, it won't take long for Brookshire to become like Fulshear. About 10 years ago, Fulshear had a population of only about 1,100 people. Today – initial findings from the 2020 census show its population at around 16,000. Deciding who is going to lead Brookshire into the oncoming rapid growth is important, and not something that should be tackled by an uninformed electorate. Baines' answers follow on page 3 and Brookshire readers are encouraged to reach out to the other candidates to discuss the issues facing the city prior to going to the polls April 19-27 for early voting and on Election Day this May 1.

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Katy dedicates little library to lost teen’s memory

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Katy ISD residents gathered the morning of April 2 to honor Celia Rico, a local 14-year-old girl who died from suicide this past January after suffering from bullying and mental health issues. Celia – known by her family and friends as CiCi – was an avid reader and her mother, Deana Davidson-Maikranz, said she hoped the library would honor her daughter by sharing books with suicide prevention information while sharing CiCi’s love of reading.

“She (loved) any kind of genre,” Deana said. “I mean – it didn’t matter – if it had words on it, she was reading it. She loved to read poetry. She loved poetry, you know? She would read a lot of movie books that were books and then that were eventually turned into a movie.”

The Celia “CiCi” Rico Memorial Little Library is situated in Katy Heritage Park between the historic U.S. Post Office and the gazebo at 5990 George Bush Drive in Katy. Each book in the library is free to borrow and is stamped inside with a dedication to CiCi’s memory.

“They brought a whole bunch of brand new books



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Celia “CiCi” Rico’s family poses in front of the newly-placed little library in CiCi’s honor at Katy Heritage Park. The library is embossed with a small placard that says simply, “It’s okay to not be okay.” Children from left to right: Eleana, Kaden, Kamdyn, Brenlee. CiCi’s stepfather, Chad Maikranz wears a ball cap behind CiCi’s Mother, Deana Davidson-Maikranz.

and when you open it up, they have labels and it says, ‘in memory of Celia R. Rico. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Forgetting you never – Katy Junior High,’” said Katy City Councilmember Rory Robertson who helped coordinate the installation of the library.

Deana said CiCi suffered from bullying at school, but was a hero for others, often standing up to bullies when she saw other stu-

dents having a hard time. A “Harry Potter” fan, CiCi saw herself as a Gryffindor and was always looking out for others.

Still, Deana said, CiCi suffered from mental health issues, including depression, and fighting battles for herself wasn’t always as easy. CiCi was bullied about her mental health and the bullying never seemed to stop. It happened at school and even though she wasn’t supposed to have a phone, CiCi had somehow managed to get one and was bullied through Snapchat, a social media app where-in the messages disappear shortly after being sent, making it a preferred platform for cyberbullying.

Despite her depression, CiCi had a bright spirit, her mom said. She wrote poetry and had dreams of going to Julliard to become an actress. She was bright and loud and everyone knew when she

was home because there was laughter in the house. In a short video shown to the Katy Times by Deana, CiCi is giggling so hard she was unable to speak. In another, CiCi excitedly showed off Deana’s wedding dress and other wedding supplies.

“She was so happy that we were getting married because she wanted to take (my husband, Chad Maikranz’s) last name,” Deana said.

CiCi now leaves behind an older sister, Eleana, brother Kaden, younger brother Kamdyn and little sister Brenlee as well as her mother and stepfather, Chad Maikranz, who Deana said she called Dad.

Adrienne Davitz, president of the Katy Heritage Society which oversees the historic Katy Heritage Park, said that, while she didn’t know CiCi personally, the young girl’s story had touched her heart.



COURTESY DEANA DAVIDSON-MAIKRANZ

CiCi Rico, a 14-year-old student at Katy Junior High School, committed suicide in January after a history of mental health concerns and bullying took their toll. CiCi’s mother, Deana Davidson-Maikranz said her daughter was a joyful spirit when she was able to put aside the bullying she faced and just be herself.

“I just want to say thank you to the Katy Heritage Parks board and the Katy Heritage Society for agreeing to this project so quickly and getting it put together,” Davitz said.

If you or someone you know is facing depression or having suicidal thoughts, help is available through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255.

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- Where astronauts go
- Men's hairstyle
- Indicates position
- One point east of due south
- Businessmen may have one
- Grass part
- Running back Gurley
- Unwavering
- Options
- Annoy
- Greek mountain
- Pastas
- Fishes
- Wrap
- Potentially a criminal (slang)
- Seize
- The Constitution State
- Upset
- 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
- Central Chinese province
- Predisposition

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- Knot in a tree
- Husband-and-wife industrial designers
- The Ocean State
- Point the finger at
- Parts in a machine
- Midway between northeast and east
- Portray precisely
- Blister
- Mental illness
- Nose of an animal
- What students receive
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- Beats per minute
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- Metric linear unit
- Sea eagle
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- Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Cool!
- Large hotel room
- Type of boat (abbr.)
- Picked
- Type of hookah
- Attack
- Directs
- Belgian WWII resistance fighter
- Finished negotiation
- Heroic tale
- Middle Eastern country
- Protein-rich liquids
- Malaysian Isthmus
- Spielberg's alien

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

Q&A

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Why are you running for Brookshire City Council and what should voters know about you as a person?

Baines: First and foremost, the City of Brookshire has to be open to change. Change is going to happen so why not use your vote to have a voice in how it changes. I want to see our

economy grow and to become the beautiful city that it once was. I've lived in and around the Brookshire area for 25 years. My three children attached Royal ISD. I've worked on the financial side of healthcare for over 30 years. I am an active volunteer within the community.

What should the city do to partner with the county to ensure economic opportunities are maximized for Brookshire residents?

Baines: Ensure that our own Economic Board is reaching out and utilizing all county agencies, while ensuring that the decisions being made are in the best overall interest of our city.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the city of Brookshire and how do you think the city should address that challenge?

Baines: We want people to move to Brookshire but there appears to be a lack of housing. We have warehouses that have a Brookshire address, but a vast majority of workers don't live in

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Brookshire. This means that the city is not getting much revenue. We have to work to make this city a place people want to raise families.

What do you feel Brookshire should do regarding its current lack of an Animal Control De-

partment?

Baines: Why not look into outsourcing to surrounding cities until the City of Brookshire can come up with a plan that is in the best interest as community?

Many city streets are in need of improvement with mainte-

nance concerns due to aging. What do you feel the city should do to improve its roadways?

Baines: This has been an ongoing issue for many years. Set an agenda on how much can be spent and work on the ones that are in the most disrepair.

KISD

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The lawsuit also cites possible harm to children forced to wear masks.

Meanwhile, in a brief statement regarding the lawsuit, Katy ISD Manager of Media Relations Maria DiPetra said the district continues to follow Tex. Gov. Greg Abbott's Executive order GA-34 and to comply with the Texas Education Agency's Public Health Planning Guidance which states, in part, "...every student, teacher or staff member shall wear a mask over the nose and mouth when inside a school building, school facility...or when in an outdoor space on school property used for school activities, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household..."

Abbott's order says public schools may operate under guidelines established by the TEA, as may private schools and institutions of higher education. The TEA's current guidelines

require the use of masks or full-face shields to protect the eyes, nose and mouth for students, teachers and staff members. The requirement from the TEA does not require those under 10 to wear a mask except where the school system determines it is developmentally appropriate, people with medical conditions or disabilities that may prevent wearing a mask, when eating or drinking, when a person is social distancing or exercising outdoors, or anyone giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience.

The lawsuit claims that there are no confirmed instances of teachers being infected with COVID-19 by students; however, four KISD staff who spoke with the Katy Times on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press said they had seen multiple cases in the district that were likely linked to exposure to infected students. All four said they would be very concerned and may leave or participate in a protest of some sort if the district were to lift the mask mandate. Some teachers, they said, had already refused to return to campuses at all and had left the district

earlier in the year.

"If the mask mandate is lifted, there are some (KISD staff) who are wanting to stage a sick-out," one of the teachers said. "But, will that actually happen - who knows? But it's very rare to find a teacher at Katy ISD that says, 'Oh yeah, we don't need to wear masks at all. I'm totally fine with kids coming maskless.'"

According to the Association of Texas Professional Educators, under Texas law teachers are not allowed to conduct an actual strike. Doing so may cost them their teaching certificates and their Teacher Retirement System benefits.

Regardless, the issue is now in the hands of the court system and a judge's ruling.

In a statement to The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit statewide news outlet, Woodfill said the district's policy is unlawful and is geared around a minority of people in the district - a fraction of those on campuses who are at higher risk because of health conditions.

"You don't shut down and force 99.9% of the people to wear a mask all day long," Woodfill said.



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together (as a) policy and in their resolution, it says we can get credits, but we have to have it in the governing body's minutes, showing that we adopted a policy to give credits back to customers."

Hebert said that, once the policy adoption is recorded, the city can take the credits it gets from the WHRWA and pass those on to residents whose water bills were increased as a result of pipes breaking because of the storm.

According to the newly adopted policy, residents with water bills that exceeded 10% or more water usage increases as a result of the storm and associated damage must submit an application to the city for relief. The application form, which is already available on the city's website (see sidebar) will require the resident's account number, contact information and proof that the leak has been found and repaired. Applications for relief are due no later than May 31, 2021, the policy states.

To allow residents time to request adjustments to their bills, the city will be waiting until April 22 to perform auto-drafts for the billing cycle that is eligible for relief, Hebert said.

Hebert said that residents who had conducted the repairs on the leak them-



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selves with items they already owned needed to contact the city when the form was completed and describe the process for the leak repair so the city could verify that the timeline for the associated water bill spike matched the resident's claim.

Once reviewed by city staff and all criteria for relief are met, the resident's bill will be adjusted to the usage indicated by their meter for the Jan. 15 to Feb. 14 billing cycle, Hebert said.

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Will TX winterize its electric grid this time?

Texas lawmakers have been talking tough since February's statewide freeze and electrical outages, promising voters they'll do anything possible to see that it doesn't happen again.

Now we've come to the part where words become actions, or laws — the part where we all get a look at what Texas legislators mean when they say "anything possible." Both houses of the Legislature are voting this week on proposed remedies, promising to do better than they did in a similar situation a decade ago.

In 2011, they left the watered-down "solutions" to the regulators and to industry. What might have been a weatherization requirement for everyone in the chain of industry that puts the spark in the electrical outlet in your wall became a suggestion.

Instead of requiring the electric utilities and the companies that supply them with fuel to protect that infrastructure against cold weather that can knock plants offline, they just recommended it. They left it to the Public Utility Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission, industry-friendly regulators who didn't require the kinds of preparation that might have kept the lights on in February.

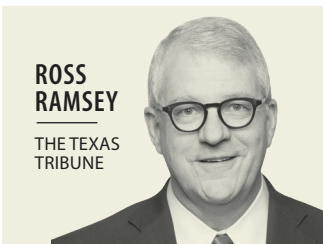
The state blew it. Some weatherized, most didn't.

The storm that came 10 years later — the one last month — was bigger, covering the whole state, and colder and longer. Later reports confirmed the fears: 111 Texans dead, 70% of the customers in ERCOT's service area lost power and the financial damage topped that of a major hurricane.

Gov. Greg Abbott added the state response to the outages during the freeze to his list of top priorities. "I assure you this. This legislative session will not end until we fix these problems," he said the week after the state thawed out.

And he said this, which is worth keeping in mind now that legislators are actually filling out that response: "Many of you are angry — and you have a right to be. I'm angry, too. At a time when essential services were needed the most, the system broke. You deserve answers. You will get those answers."

Those answers and responses will include an overhaul of the regulatory agencies, like the PUC, the RRC and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT. There's probably going to be a statewide warning system. Lots of Texans get notices for Amber Alerts or when a state trooper is shot and a suspect is



on the loose, but most didn't get a warning or information during the freeze.

Lawmakers will try to make agencies work together better during blackouts and bad weather. They're talking about the spot markets where energy is traded and where some of the costs of electricity went skyward during that third week of February.

Most of that is about how to respond when Texas freezes and the power goes out. But watch the Legislature on preemptive measures, like getting the system ready for cold weather before everything freezes and having enough electricity on hand when cold weather increases demand.

Some of the working proposals leave the preventive measures in the hands of regulators who are often too close to the industries they regulate. Weatherizing and building extra capacity are expensive and, to cost-focused executives, burdensome.

That's why we don't have those things in Texas, and why there was less power available at a time when Texans were so desperate for the power that would keep them safe.

You still need the agencies to coordinate their work during an emergency. You still need a system for letting Texans know what's going on, what might be threatening, when the coast is clear. Straightening up the regulatory agencies is a good idea — and a routine one, if the government is doing what it's supposed to be doing.

The chain of accountability is important, too. The agencies that fell short during the power outages report, sometimes loosely, to the governor. And the Legislature designed the regulatory system and the rules. They're the ones who decided, 10 years ago, not to require weather protection or extra generating capacity for times like these.

Those are the kinds of legislative requirements to expect this time — the ones that can prevent another disaster and ease pressure on responding to terrible results with beefed-up warning systems and coordination.

A decade ago, the Legislature settled for window dressing. They have a chance now to do more.

OPINION



May I sing the housing subdivision blues?

My wife and I would never have met, except that her family fled a densely populated state when she was 11.

Given her satisfaction with the simple life (deer in the yard, the neighbors' ponds and livestock across the road), I dreaded sharing game-changing news with her the other evening.

"One of the neighbors said a 100-house subdivision is planned for one mile away on our country road."

Don't get me wrong. I'm not holier-than-thou when it comes to turning forests and pastureland into domiciles. For much of my childhood, my father helped keep a roof over our heads by working as an agent for my mother's cousin, a real estate developer.

(Dad also kept a FLOOR under our feet, but I've noticed parents never get much credit for any non-roof amenities. Maybe parents should diversify their speeches. "Well, young lady, as long as you're benefitting from my threshold and my wainscoting, you're living by MY rules!")

My wife and I became homeowners nearly 28 years ago, so I balk at begrudging anyone else their own shot at affordable housing and the American Dream. Granted, the American



Dream ain't what it used to be, if townfolks' new aspiration is to be wedged between Casa de Tyree and the industrial park! I'm just saying.

Yes, everyone is entitled to their own little piece of Paradise — which brings an interesting twist to a classic philosophical conundrum: "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" ("I don't know — but way more than can fit on Mike's subdivision deck, dude.")

I refuse to be one of those petition-waving NIMBY ("Not in My Back Yard") soreheads. Because, frankly, most of the theoretical future neighbors would stare and ask, "What's a back yard?"

I'm not even going to lose any sleep over the eventual cute, ironic name of the subdivision. You know, the developments are usually celebrating something that is no longer around BECAUSE of the development. Maybe it will be Turkey Cove or Groundhog

Meadows — or The Ability to Turn Your Cat Outdoors Without It Getting Splattered by Umpteen Garbage Trucks, Ambulances and Police Cars Acres!!!

Ours is not the only part of the county experiencing a flood of home construction. People from every corner are gobsmacked by the situation and ask some variation of "If we suddenly need all these houses, where the (bleep) are the people living NOW?"

Good question. Maybe there are citizens far to the north hearing the Siren call and rationalizing, "Yes, they'll be cookie-cutter homes, but they'll be cookie-cutter homes that will provide AIR CONDITIONING BILLS out the wazoo."

Or, most likely, we will see pasty-skinned adult children emerging from their parents' basements in search of a home of their own. ("The man at the hardware store called this a 'leaf blower' — but it would be so cool to use against Orcs and trolls!")

I'll not stand in the way of Progress. Even if rising home values supersize my tax bill.

"Well, old man, as long as you're living in MY COUNTY, you're not going out with money left in your pockets!"

Sigh



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KCM to host 22nd annual charity golf tourney

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Christian Ministries staff and volunteers are busy putting the final touches on the local non-profit's annual golf tournament. The Swing from the Heart Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Weston Lakes Country Club on April 19.

"The annual golf tournament is nearly at our door, and I couldn't be more excited. This opportunity to be around our friends and neighbors, while enjoying a day on the course, always creates such an uplifting atmosphere," KCM Executive Director Deysi Crespo said.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. with staggered tee-times about every 10 minutes to ensure social distancing is maintained between teams at the Weston Lakes Country Club. The annual event is one of the ministry's primary funding sources, allowing it



KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

A golfer drives his shot during the 21st Annual KCM Charity Golf Tournament. Last year's tournament was held in September, as it was pushed back multiple times due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

to provide a wide variety of social services to those in need throughout the Katy area. The goal of the tournament, which is sponsored this year by Parkway Fellowship Church is to raise \$100,000 or

more for the nonprofit which will help fund operations at the ministry's crisis center, food pantry and social services department.

A KCM press release said the nonprofit is seriously in need of

assistance after a year of crisis in the community brought about by COVID-19 and other serious issues. Staff said the KCM social services department had addressed more than 34,000 cases in the last year. Additionally, food insecurity has often had cars lined up for several blocks at the ministry's food pantry for most of the last year with volunteers delivering groceries to clients' vehicles curbside to prevent the spread of the virus.

"This last year was a historic one for not only KCM but our entire community. The ongoing crisis caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic still has a wide-reaching impact on our community. Food insecurity, unemployment rates, and the need for overall assistance is still high in our region, and we need support from our community to help confront it. Fundraisers, like the golf tournament, are critical in the path to putting an end to these issues."

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The event will be held at the Weston Lakes Country Club located at:

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TRIBUTE

Ronald Kenneth Ruden was born October 22, 1945 in Joliet, Illinois to Fred Ruden and Esther Hanson Ruden.

He graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1963 and married his High School sweetheart on August 21, 1966 in Joliet, Illinois. They moved to Detroit, Michigan where he began working for Ruberoid Company as a sales representative. Later, they transitioned back to Joliet where he worked for E.K. Motor Service, which he later acquired and served as President/Owner. A subsequent move carried Ronald and his family to Irving, Texas where he was Director of Transportation



RONALD KENNETH RUDEN
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at Arrow Industries for ten years. He worked there until his retirement, upon which he moved to Houston to be near his grandchildren.

A devoted family man, he taught the values of family, hard work and honesty to his children. Most notable was the fact that he attended thirty-five consecutive season opening games with his son and grandchildren. He was a Rangers fan while in Irving and later an Astros fan upon his retirement. This was an annual tradition of attending the season openers. Ronald loved spending time with his family and fishing with his son and grandchildren on Galveston Bay. He and his wife spent many hours on cruise ships and traveling to distant ports.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Tonita Ruden;

son, Todd Ruden and wife Mary Grace and their children (his grandchildren), Weston, Nolan, and Ella Grace; sister, Barbara Nurczyk of Plainfield, Illinois, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Ronald passed away on March 31, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Esther Ruden; brothers, Donald and Robert Ruden; sisters, Norma Larson and Lois Demos.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Morton Cemetery, 401 N. 2nd St, Richmond, Texas with Rev. John F. Davis, Jr. officiating.

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Tamyra Mensah Stock

FORMER MAV MENSAB STOCK QUALIFIES FOR OLYMPICS

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Morton Ranch stand-out wrestler Tamyra Mensah Stock won the Olympic Trials for the second time on Saturday, April 3, qualifying for the Olympic Games in Tokyo this summer. Mensah Stock first won the Olympic Trials four years ago but still needed to finish in the top two of a final qualifying tournament to earn a bid to Rio. She finished third. Because of her world championship win in the 68 kg in 2019, a win last Saturday automatically qualified Mensah Stock, who holds a Team USA ranking of No. 1 in the 68 kg/149.5-pound class. She swept 17-year-old Kennedy Blades, a high school junior from Wyoming. "I'm feeling excitement. I'm feeling overwhelmed. I feel I could've worked harder," Mensah Stock, 28, emotionally told NBC after her win. "It's a lot, a lot of hard work. No matter how naturally talented you are, there is so much work, sacrifice and dedication in this. But I have such an amazing support system that it almost was natural." Because the Trials were in Fort Worth, Mensah Stock had family, friends, college coaches and Morton Ranch coach Mark Balser in the stands watching her. She was a 2010 and 2011 state champion at Morton Ranch under Balser. ... Another former Morton Ranch star, LJ Cryer, is a national champion. The Mavs' all-time leading scorer was a true freshman on No. 2 Baylor this season. The Bears beat No. 1 and previously undefeated Gonzaga, 86-70, to win the NCAA men's basketball championship in Indianapolis on Monday to finish 28-2 this season. Cryer played the last minute of the game and missed his only shot, a long 3-pointer. The Bears are just the second team from Texas to win the men's basketball national title, joining 1966 University of Texas-El Paso. This season, Cryer—who scored 3,488 points as a Mav, the fifth-most all-time in Texas high school basketball history and the most by a player from the Greater Houston area—played in 20 games, averaging 3.4 points in 10 minutes per game. Cryer made 16 of 44 3-pointers for a 36.4 percent clip. ... The UIL determined last week that its state track and field meets will remain at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus this season. The state meet is scheduled for May 6-8. ... Former Seven Lakes assistant coach Kris O'Neal was hired April 1 as the head football coach at Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi. O'Neal had been at Seven Lakes since the mid-2000s and coached varsity running backs. O'Neal succeeds Wade Miller, who resigned in February to become the head football coach at Uvalde. ... In this week's Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association state rankings, Katy is ranked No. 5 in Class 6A. Tompkins is ranked No. 10.

(The weekly sports notebook highlights notes and news that occurred in the Katy area within the last week. To submit a news item, email dennis.silva@katytimes.com or message on Twitter @densilva02).

Falcons find rhythm late in clutch win

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

The situation was intense, and Tompkins senior outfielder Taylor Gage understood that. It was a pressure moment she welcomed.

With Tompkins and Taylor tied in the sixth inning of their District 19-6A softball game on Thursday, April 1, Gage delivered a looping hit misplayed by the left fielder and scored junior Ashley Martinec for the go-ahead run. Meagan Brown's RBI single moments later scored Gage, who had advanced to third off the error, and the Falcons ultimately survived the Mustangs, 5-3.

Helped by the win, Tompkins is in second place in 19-6A at 7-3, 9-3 overall, following its win over Morton Ranch on Tuesday. Cinco Ranch is 4-4 in 19-6A. The Cougars are a half-game ahead of Taylor, which is 4-5 in district after a loss to Mayde Creek on Tuesday.

Tompkins senior Taylor Gage, left, and junior Ashley Martinec came up big in the Falcons' 5-3 win over Taylor on Thursday, April 1, to keep hold of second place in District 19-6A.

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'NO. 1 IN KATY'

Tompkins' defense rises to occasion in local regional quarterfinal showdown over Seven Lakes

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Without senior captain Bryce Robisch, and young players assuming more responsibility as a result, Tompkins' defensive back line has been inconsistent this season, and at times great cause for concern.

The back four, for instance, had an inauspicious showing in the Falcons' area playoff game against Cy-Fair on March 30, a comeback 4-2 win that required a flourish of three goals in a three-minute span late in the second half. But the defense made up for it, and then some, in Tompkins' dramatic, hotly contested 1-0 Class 6A boys soccer regional quarterfinal win over Seven Lakes on Friday at Rhodes Stadium.

Not only did the Falcons earn a trip to the regional semifinals for the third straight postseason, and fourth time in five years, they

took bragging rights as well. The fourth seed out of District 19-6A entering the playoffs, the 13-5-2 Falcons shocked the Greater Houston area soccer world by taking down the region's top club in 19-2-1 Seven Lakes.

"It's insane, man," sophomore Luis Lugo said. "We talk to the people who came before us like Jovan Prado, Danny Espinoza. Every day, we talk to them, they stay in touch, and they're always talking to us about legacy of this team. We're continuing it."

"This game, we showed who was best. No. 1 in Katy." After surrendering five total goals to the Spartans in two district games, the Falcons produced an impressive clean sheet, led by the inspired play of seniors Luke Andrepoint and Alec Shockley, junior Ian Aumagher and sophomore Diego Castellano.

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SHEA DONALDSON | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Tompkins senior goalkeeper Paulo Valente goes up for a save during the Falcons' Class 6A regional quarterfinal win over Seven Lakes on Friday, April 2, at Rhodes Stadium.

Paetow, Jordan girls stand out at 19-5A meet



PAETOW ATHLETICS

Paetow senior Tumi Onaleye won the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles and was a member of the Panthers' first place 4x400 relay team at the District 19-5A track and field meet in Brenham. Onaleye also finished second in the triple jump.

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow's boys and girls, and Jordan's girls starred at the District 19-5A track and field meet May 31-April 1 in Brenham.

The Panther girls took second overall with 113 points as a team. The Panther boys finished fourth with 68 points.

College Station swept the team titles.

For Paetow's girls, Tumi Onaleye led the way. The senior won the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles and was a member of the Panthers' first place 4x400 relay team. Onaleye's time of 14.877 in the 100 hurdles is a school record.

Onaleye, a University of Pennsylvania signee, also finished second in the triple jump.

Paetow senior Missy Adeboyejo also had impressive performances,

finishing second in the 300 hurdles and third in the 100 hurdles. Paetow's 4x400 relay team of Jordan Ward, Onaleye, Kameron Butler and Adeboyejo took gold with a time of 4:13.605.

Jordan's girls also had a strong showing at the district meet, finishing third as a team. The Warriors were led by freshman Tiyan Ogbeide, who won gold in the 400 meter dash and 800 meter dash. Ogbeide is the program's first district champion in track and field.

All seven Jordan girls track and field athletes qualified for the area meet in two weeks.

On the boys side, Paetow finished fourth as a team and Jordan finished eighth.

Juniors Sultan Bakare and Charles Chukwu earned gold medals in the shot put and discus, respectively. Chukwu also

had a silver in the shot put.

Other local notes:

>> Jordan freshman Addison Sutton ran a personal record of 5:16 to finish third in the 1600-meter run. Sutton also ran a personal record of 11:39 in the 3200-meter run, finishing third in that event as well.

>> Paetow's Jordan Ward broke her own school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.441 seconds to place second.

>> Paetow's 4x200 relay team of Sadae Sneed, Arianna Haygood, Ariel Haygood and Jasmyn Martin ran a time of 1:46.689 to break the school record in a third-place finish.

>> Paetow's 4x100 relay team of Chidera Okeoma, Arianna Haygood, Ariel Haygood and Jasmyn Martin ran a school-record time of 49.826 to finish second.

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TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that City of Katy will be conducting the Regular and Special Elections **on Saturday, May 1, 2021.**

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE LA CIUDAD DE KATY, TEXAS: Por la presente, se notifica que la Ciudad de Katy llevará a cabo la Elección Regulares y Especiales el sábado **1 de mayo de 2021.**

ĐẾN CÁC BÁC SĨ ĐÃ ĐĂNG KÝ CỦA THÀNH PHỐ KATY, TEXAS:

Bằng văn bản này, có thông báo rằng Thành phố Katy sẽ tiến hành các cuộc Bầu cử Thông thường và Đặc biệt vào **Thứ bảy, ngày 1 tháng 5 năm 2021.**

得克薩斯州凱蒂市的註冊投票人：特此通知，凱蒂市將在 2021年5月1日，星期六。

General Election To Elect:

Elección General Para Elegir:

Tổng tuyển cử để bầu cử

大選選舉

Councilmember Ward A

Concejal Distrito Electoral A

Ủy Viên Hội Đồng Khu Vực A

市議員, A 區

Councilmember Ward B

Concejal Distrito Electoral B

Ủy Viên Hội Đồng Khu Vực B

市議員, B 區

Special Election For Charter Amendments

Elección Especial Para Enmiendas al Estatuto

Bầu cử đặc biệt cho các sửa đổi điều lệ

憲章修正案的特別選舉

City of Katy Bond Election

Elección de Bonos de la Ciudad de Katy

Cuộc Bầu Cử Trái Phiếu Thành Phố Katy

Katy 市債券選舉

Proposition A: Public Building Improvement Bonds \$1,800,000

Proposición A: Bonos de mejora de edificios públicos \$1,800,000

Trái phiếu cải tạo tòa nhà công cộng \$1,800,000

\$ 1,800,000的公共建築翻新保證金

Proposition B: Park Improvement Bonds \$4,200,000

Proposición B: Mejora del Parque Bono \$4,200,000

Đề xuất B: cải thiện công viên

Trái phiếu \$ 4,200,000

提議B：公園改善

債券\$ 4,200,000

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Del 26 al 27 de abril:
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Ngày 26-27 Tháng tư:
7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối

投票時間：

4月19日至23日：
上午8:00至下午5:00
4月26日至27日：
上午7:00 –下午7:00

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VOTING HOURS:

November 3:
7:00a.m.-7:00p.m.

HORARIO DE VOTACIÓN:

1 de mayo:
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

GIỜ BỎ PHIẾU:

Ngày 1 tháng 5:
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投票時間

5月1日：
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KATY ISD SOCCER PLAYOFF
RESULTS
THROUGH APRIL 8

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
CLASS 5A BOYS SOCCER BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Paetow 3, New Caney 2
CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Ridge Point 3, Cinco Ranch 0

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Seven Lakes 5, George Ranch 2
Tompkins 2, Ridge Point 1 (OT)
Cinco Ranch 1, Fort Bend Austin 0
Dulles 1, Taylor 0
CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Seven Lakes 7, Elkins 0
Tompkins 1, George Ranch 0
Katy 3 (14), Clements 3 (13)

MONDAY, MARCH 29
CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER AREA PLAYOFFS
Memorial 8, Katy 0

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER AREA PLAYOFFS
Seven Lakes 4, Cy-Creek 0
Stratford 2, Tompkins 0
CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER AREA PLAYOFFS
Tompkins 4, Cy-Fair 2
Seven Lakes 2, Cy Ridge 0
Cinco Ranch 3, Lamar 1
CLASS 5A BOYS SOCCER AREA PLAYOFFS
Pflugerville Weiss 1, Paetow 0

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL PLAYOFFS
Jersey Village 5, Cinco Ranch 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL PLAYOFFS
Cy-Fair 1, Seven Lakes 0
CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL PLAYOFFS
Tompkins 1, Seven Lakes 0

TUESDAY, APRIL 6
CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL SEMIFINAL PLAYOFFS
Tompkins 3, Humble 1 (OT)

SOFTBALL STANDINGS
THROUGH APRIL 8

	DISTRICT 19-6A			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
x-Katy	9	0		11	2	2
x-Tompkins	7	3		9	3	0
Cinco Ranch	4	4		7	7	0
Taylor	4	5		5	10	0
Seven Lakes	3	5		7	9	0
Mayde Creek	2	6		4	7	0
Morton Ranch	1	7		6	7	0
y-clinched district title						
x-clinched playoff berth						

	DISTRICT 19-5A			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Paetow	4	5		6	7	0
y-clinched district title						
x-clinched playoff berth						

BASEBALL STANDINGS
THROUGH APRIL 8

	DISTRICT 19-6A			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Katy	8	0		20	3	0
Tompkins	6	2		21	3	1
Cinco Ranch	4	3		13	10	2
Seven Lakes	4	3		12	11	2
Taylor	4	4		13	10	1
Morton Ranch	1	7		1	21	1
Mayde Creek	0	8		4	15	0
y-clinched district title						
x-clinched playoff berth						

	DISTRICT 19-5A			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Paetow	2	6		10	14	0
y-clinched district title						
x-clinched playoff berth						

Spartans sweep 19-6A team golf titles

By DENNIS SILVA II
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes swept the District 19-6A boys and girls team golf titles at Black-horse golf courses in Cypress, ensuring the Spartans will be a force at the Region III tournament in Spring later this month.

The Seven Lakes boys won with a two-day score of 612, outlasting Tompkins, which finished 19 strokes behind. Seven Lakes' girls won with a score of 626, overcoming Cinco Ranch, which posted a 675.

The top two teams and first two medalists not on an advancing team qualify to regionals. The girls tournament is April 19-20, followed by the boys tournament April 21-22.

Seven Lakes freshman Shaun Nair won the individual boys district title with a total of 142, besting Taylor senior Kevin Kim by six strokes. Nair shot a 72 in round one and 70 in round two. Kim was the leader by one stroke after day one but shot a 77 to Nair's 70 on day two as the freshman showed impressive poise.

The two boys medalists qualifying to regionals were Kim and Cinco Ranch junior Holden Kittelberger. Kittelberger finished in a tie for fifth with a score of 157.

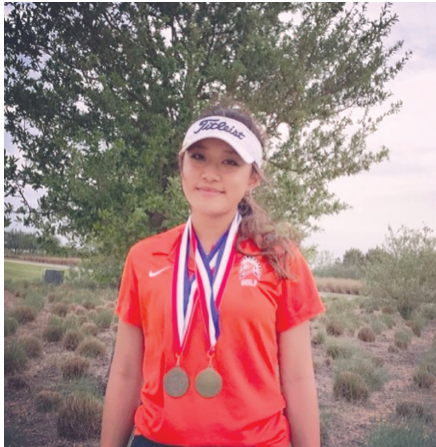
The Seven Lakes boys team includes Nair, senior Van Miller (tied-3rd, 153), junior Nikko Taggart (tied-5th, 157), junior Adam Bodine and senior Kade Kalisek.

The Tompkins boys team, which



SEVEN LAKES ATHLETICS

Seven Lakes freshman Shaun Nair won the District 19-6A boys individual golf title with a two-day score of 142.



SEVEN LAKES ATHLETICS

Seven Lakes senior Lauren Nguyen won the District 19-6A girls individual golf title with a two-day score of 147.

qualified for regionals for the first time in program history, includes senior Gregory Dupont (tied-3rd, 153), junior Diego Montes (tied-8th, 158), junior Colt Tenpenny (tied-8th, 158), junior Jeff Borchert and senior Preston Remlinger.

Seven Lakes senior Lauren Nguyen won the individual girls district title with a two-day score of 147, posting a 74 after the first round and a 73 in the second round and eluding Cinco Ranch junior Mallorie Luitwieler by two strokes.

Tompkins sophomore Annika Choi finished fifth with a score of 165 (83-82) to take one of the medalist qualifying spots.

TIGERS

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the last time he had two freshmen this talented, and that's saying something for a program rich in tradition. Katy has won two state championships since 2015, and expectations are not lowered simply because some of the talent is younger.

"We don't treat them as freshmen," Haack said. "They're treated like everybody else. My philosophy is, I don't care what grade you're in. If you're one of the best nine we have, you're going to play. Those two are really, really good."

Harrison, a right-hander, has won her last eight starts and already has a perfect game and a no-hitter this season. She has six straight games of 10 or more strikeouts. A hard thrower whose velocity hovers around 64-65 miles per hour, she has devastated opposing hitters with her riseball and curveball.

"I definitely wasn't used to not being the top dog," Harrison said. "Coming from travel ball and being the older of the group, coming here ... you have to adjust and know your spot, especially with seniors. Being able to grow my maturity to another level, but still knowing that I have room to grow, has been an adjustment."

Haack said he doesn't think he's had a freshman pitcher like Harrison. She is advanced for her age in her mindset and pitch repertoire. She has to be more consistent hitting her spots, Haack said, but she is already above and beyond.

"She's tough mentally," Haack said. "A lot of young pitchers, you coach them hard and they don't react well. But with her, it just makes her tougher."

Reichardt, who hits No. 3 in the lineup, is small in stature, but hits rockets to all parts of the field. Haack said his center fielder is naturally strong and also praised her technique. Her footwork, hands and hips work in sync so well through the hitting zone that the ball explodes off her bat.

Reichardt has put in work learning to hit slow pitching and not getting out in front of the ball early. She is also improving hitting outside pitches.



SHEA DONALDSON | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy High freshman Ashtyn Reichardt (25) prepares to take a swing during a game against Cinco Ranch on Tuesday, April 6, at Katy High.

"The start of the season, I had some trouble," Reichardt said. "I've adjusted and stepped up as far as being more mature and paying attention to older girls pitching. I've worked hard, stayed focused and really trusted the people around me. I've learned to not worry about how I'm performing so much because I know my teammates and my coaches have my back."

Harrison and Reichardt have soaked in the vast experience around them. The Tigers have a pair of NCAA Division I signees in catcher Kailey Wyckoff and infielder Olivia McFadden, two players

from the 2019 state title team. It makes for a nice core of youth and experience.

But the youngsters are growing into their own. After the Cinco Ranch win, Harrison was seen talking demonstratively to her teammates about poor play. It brought a smile to Haack's face.

"Their abilities were good coming in here. They're really good ballplayers," Haack said. "They're also very competitive. They really want to do well and help the team. They're still learning about hitting and situations and all our offenses and defenses. By the time they get it all down, they'll be really, really good."

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TRACK/FIELD

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The top four finishers in each event advanced to the area meet on April 15. Complete results follow. Local finishers are in bold text.

BOYS
Team

1. College Station, 156
2. Brenham, 152
3. Magnolia West, 70
4. **Paetow, 68**
5. A&M Consolidated, 60
6. Magnolia, 52
7. Waller, 35
8. **Jordan, 16**
9. Bryan Rudder, 8

100M Dash: 1. Keanu Jones, Brenham, 10.494; 2. Bobby Drake, College Station, 10.714; 3. Denim Day, College Station, 10.854; **4. Damon Bankston, Paetow, 11.031.**
200M Dash: 1. Keanu Jones, College Station, 21.775; 2. Bobby Drake, College Station, 22.082; 3. Savion Ragston, Brenham, 22.184; **4. Nathan Salz, Jordan, 22.337.**
400M Dash: 1. Eric Hemphill, Brenham, 48.988; 2. Cameron Johnson, College Station, 50.412; 3. LaTre Bonner, Brenham, 50.920; 4. William Williams, Magnolia West, 51.296.

800M Run: Andrew Riechman, College Station, 2:01.756; 2. Mitchell Traweek, Magnolia West, 2:02.796; 3. Diego Cardenas, A&M Consolidated, 2:03.410; 4. Dylan Wyrick, Magnolia, 2:03.790.
1600M Run: 1. Yovany Portillo, Magnolia West, 4:31.256; 2. Owen Maxwell, Magnolia West, 4:32.269; 3. Nick Hilty, A&M Consolidated, 4:34.600; 4. Mitchell Traweek, Magnolia West, 4:37.279.

3200M Run: 1. Owen Maxwell, Magnolia West, 9:59.603; 2. Yovany Portillo, Magnolia West, 10:07.122; 3. Ricardo Lopez, College Station, 10:14.978; 4. Chance Miller, College Station, 10:18.334.

110M Hurdles: 1. Xavier Harris, Brenham, 15.288; 2. Anthony Mangram, Waller, 15.530; 3. Darius Curry, Brenham, 15.862; **4. Christian Paz, Paetow, 16.298.**

300M Hurdles: 1. Xavier Harris, Brenham, 40.559; 2. Chase Birch, College Station, 42.383; 3. Darius Curry, Brenham, 42.713; 4. Beau Kortan, College Station, 43.039.

4x100M Relay: 1. Brenham (Javon Dixon, Keanu Jones, Amir Johnson, Eric Hemphill), 41.561; 2. College Station (Denim Day, Lucas Sampson, Terry Green, Bobby Drake), 42.363; **3. Paetow (Jacob Brown, Toheeb Oladipupo, Christopher Simpson, Damon Bankston), 43.107;** 4. A&M Consolidated (Dakota Johnson, Jonathan Paul, Jaylon Walter, Brock Slaydon), 43.351.

4x200M Relay: 1. Brenham (Amir Johnson, Cam Richardson, Savion Ragston, Javon Dixon), 1:28.697; 2. A&M Consolidated (Justin Gooden, Jonathan Paul, Jaylon Walter, Dakota Johnson), 1:30.493; 3. Magnolia (Logan Kirtley, Ross Choate, Ethan King, Chace Allen), 1:30.839; **4. Jordan (Nathan Salz, Deacon Stanfield, Logan Janik, Ethan Beach), 1:37.671.**

4x400M Relay: 1. Brenham (Amir Johnson, Eric Hemphill, LaTre Bonner, Savion Ragston), 3:20.729; 2. College Station (Lucas Simpson, Chase Birch, Cameron Johnson, Caden Brown), 3:30.794; 3. Magnolia (Chace Allen, Dylan Wyrick, Gavin Mowery, Michael Salas), 3:32.548; 4. A&M Consolidated (Adam Jackson, Justin Gooden, Jonathan Paul, Diego Cardenas), 3:33.244.

Long Jump: 1. Malik Edwards, Waller, 22'-4 1/2"; 2. Zeke Bryan, College Station, 22'-2 1/2"; 3. William Williams, Magnolia West, 21'-5 1/2"; 4. Dalton Carnes, College Station, 21'-2 1/2".



JORDAN ATHLETICS

Jordan freshman Tiyan Ogbeide won the 400-meter dash and 800-meter dash at the District 19-5A track and field meet to become the Warriors' first district champion in track and field.

Shot Put: 1. Sultan Bakare, Paetow, 52'-7 1/2"; 2. Charles Chukwu, Paetow, 48'-10 1/4"; 3. Christian Watters, A&M Consolidated, 46'-7 1/2"; 4. Luke Miles, College Station, 44'-2 1/2".

Discus: 1. Charles Chukwu, Paetow, 139'-9"; 2. Justin Garza, Brenham, 129'-7"; 3. Curtis Kiran, Magnolia, 128'-8"; 4. Keaton Altman, Brenham, 120'-4".

Triple Jump: 1. Trace Meadows, A&M Consolidated, 42'-11 1/4"; 2. Zeke Bryan, College Station, 42'-10 1/4"; **3. Justin Stevenson, Paetow, 41'-9";** 4. Sharif Munzir, College Station, 41'-6 1/2".

High Jump: 1. Zeke Bryan, College Station, 6'-0"; 2. Eddy Toussom, Waller, 6'-0"; 3. Desnick Williams, Bryan Rudder, 6'-0"; 4. Kelly Heston, Magnolia, 6'-0".

Pole Vault: 1. Jacob Page, Magnolia West, 13'-0"; 2. Adam Welguisz, College Station, 12'-6"; 3. Nicholas Morris, Waller, 12'-0"; 4. Michael Salas, Magnolia, 10'-6".

GIRLS
Team

1. College Station, 210.666
2. **Paetow, 113**
3. **Jordan, 73**
4. Magnolia, 54
5. Magnolia West, 45
6. Waller, 41
7. A&M Consolidated, 39
8. Brenham, 24.333
9. Bryan Rudder, 17

100M Dash: 1. Elnita Green, College Station, 11.920; 2. Aliyah Collins, College Station, 12.467; 3. Tanasha Thompson, College Station, 12.653; 4. Chasity Rayford, Bryan Rudder, 12.720.

200M Dash: 1. Elnita Green, College Station, 24.637; **2. Aloni Ransom, Jordan, 25.608;** 3. Tanasha Thompson, College Station, 26.020; 4. Chasity Rayford, Bryan Rudder, 26.066.

400M Dash: 1. **Tiyan Ogbeide, Jordan, 56.973;** **2. Jordan Ward, Paetow, 58.441;** 3. Emma Rowan, Magnolia, 1:00.629; 4. Claire Spiller, College Station, 1:01.978.

800M Run: 1. **Tiyan Ogbeide, Jordan, 2:19.197;** 2. Maddie Jones, College Station, 2:21.685; 3. Emma Rowan, Magnolia, 2:22.669; 4. Avie Gillen, Magnolia West, 2:22.958.

1600M Run: 1. Maddie Jones, College Station, 5:10.730; 2. Emma Ellis, Magnolia, 5:12.22; **3. Addison Sutton, Jordan, 5:16.919;** 4. Valerie Haros, Magnolia West, 5:17.710.



JORDAN ATHLETICS

Jordan's seven girls on the track and field team all qualified for the area meet in two weeks after performing well at the District 19-5A track and field meet.

3200M Run: 1. Emma Ellis, Magnolia, 11:04.113; 2. Valerie Haros, Magnolia West, 11:37.435; 3. Maddie Jones, College Station, 11:38.820; **4. Addison Sutton, Jordan, 11:39.387.**

100M Hurdles: 1. Tumi Onaleye, Paetow, 14.877; 2. Jayden Davenport, College Station, 15.237; **3. Missy Adeboyejo, Paetow, 15.673;** 4. Camryn Kimes, College Station, 16.303.

300M Hurdles: 1. Tumi Onaleye, Paetow, 46.536; **2. Missy Adeboyejo, Paetow, 46.966;** 3. Manning Gordon, Magnolia West, 47.297; 4. Ella Goodwin, A&M Consolidated, 48.011.

4x100M Relay: 1. College Station (Tanasha Thompson, Tamia Gooden, Elnita Green, Aliyah Collins), 48.157; **2. Paetow (Chidera Okeoma, Arianna Haygood, Ariel Haygood, Jasmyn Martin), 49.826;** 3. Brenham (Chelsey Ward, Katelyn McClain, Camryn McClain, Glenda Hill), 50.069; 4. Bryan Rudder (Shakira Johnson, Olivia Bazy, Chasity Rayford, Charity Rayford), 50.134.



PAETOW ATHLETICS

Paetow junior Charles Chukwu won gold in the discus and silver in the shot put at the District 19-5A track and field meet.

4x200M Relay: 1. College Station (Tamia Gooden, La'Ryaha Lewis, Aliyah Collins, Ashonti, Idlebird), 1:44.443; 2. Jordan (Alejandra Garcia, Aloni Ransom, Peri Olmo, Desirae Zuokumor), 1:46.535; **3. Paetow (Sadae Sneed, Arianna Haygood, Ariel Haygood, Jasmyn Martin), 1:46.589.** 4. Waller (Essence Williams, Tayia Cook, Yashaunti Wilson, Jerilyn Ibarra Lopez), 1:47.539.

4x400M Relay: 1. **Paetow (Jordan Ward, Tumi Onaleye, Kameron Butler, Missy Adeboyejo), 4:13.605;** 2. College Station (Claire Spiller, Ashonti Idlebird, Elie Dang, Tamia Gooden), 4:13.862; **3. Jordan (Taryn Hozdic, Tiyan Ogbeide, Desirae Zuokumor, Alejandra Garcia), 4:13.985;** 4. Magnolia West (Avie Gillen, Taylor Scott, Manning Gordon, Margaret Gillen), 4:15.626.

Long Jump: 1. Tayia Cook, Waller, 17'-10"; 2. Yashaunti Wilson, Waller, 17'-7 1/4"; **3. Tumi Onaleye, Paetow, 17'-7";** 4. Ashonti Idlebird, College Station, 17'-4".

Shot Put: 1. Ana De La Garza, College Station, 36'-11 1/2"; 2. Anna Esquivel, Magnolia, 32'-5"; 3. Brook Roberson, A&M Consolidated, 32'-4"; 4. Tatum Hartsell, College Station, 31'-10".

Discus: 1. Ana De La Garza, College Station, 115'-2"; 2. Shawna Cowell, Magnolia West, 104'-9"; 3. Kendra Humphries, A&M Consolidated, 103'-10"; 4. Kallie Williams, A&M Consolidated, 81'-3".

Triple Jump: 1. Claire Spiller, College Station, 37'-11 1/2"; **2. Tumi Onaleye, Paetow, 37'-8";** 3. Ashonti Idlebird, College Station, 37'-2 1/4"; **4. Nony Out Ugwa, Paetow, 36'-10".**

High Jump: 1. Kelsey Slater, College Station, 5'-4"; 2. Laney Le-men, Magnolia, 5'-3"; 3. Destanee Cooper, Brenham, 5'-2"; 4. Abby Clayton, Brenham, 4'-10".

Pole Vault: 1. Kira Zercher, A&M Consolidated, 9'-0"; 2. Lauren Henderson, Waller, 8'-6"; 3. Madison Traweek, College Station, 8'-0"; 4. Meagan Jackson, A&M Consolidated, 7'-0".

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