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Scott to Challenge Adams for School Board

By Dennis Spellman / Covering Katy

George Scott, a candidate for the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees position one, has posted another campaign video message to his website GeorgeScottReports.com, as he continues his new style of campaigning that primarily utilizes new media.

Scott released his first video on Saturday and its message was directed to classroom teachers. In his second video, released on Monday, Scott speaks directly to the general public. The video is six-minutes long and can be viewed online.

"The time has come for the power establishment of this school district to stop labeling a significant percentage of our citizens who believe in a reform agenda for Katy I.S.D. as anti-education, anti-school buildings, and malcontents," Scott said.

Scott is challenging long-time incumbent school board member Joe Adams. Adams was first elected in 1989. We have reached out to Adams but he has not returned our messages.

Scott said that the district's power establishment should "stop suppressing free debate" with unreasonable denial of access to the school board's agenda for honest debate and the "quarantining a significant percentage of



George Scott, candidate for Katy ISD District Board of Trustees

our reform minded citizens to a political corral." Scott says he will be the candidate responsible for stopping many of the things that teachers and taxpayers don't like about the operation of Katy ISD.

Scott believes the school board has been responsible for letting bureaucracies do what "bureaucracies always do: create busy work that it forces and foists on teachers to justify their jobs with programs that look good but for which there is no evidence of effectiveness."

"There will be no reform in this district if taxpayers do not understand that we must have someone on that school board who understands the data as well or better than most of the bureaucrats who have assumed more and more autocratic authority as successive school boards have willingly surrendered it," he said.

Scott says he fully expects that school district vendors who earn millions in profits through contracts with Katy ISD will pour thousands of dollars into the race in an effort to defeat him. He hopes to win by reminding voters that nothing will change if they don't go to the polls on May 7th. "There will be no reform if you stay home this time," he said.

Scott pledged in his prior video that he would make every effort to work constructively with the incumbent members of the school board. He says he will address this in greater detail in his third video to be released Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Scott told parents and taxpayers that he wanted to create a bond of trust during the campaign "that will allow our reform movement to move forward on our mutually shared agenda."

"With your support I won't need a working majority on the board to get reform started in a serious way. I'll have you covering my back. What more could we need?" Scott said.

Katy Boardwalk District Delayed

Developers have been given a three month extension to reconsider plans for the residential/commercial project located south of Katy Mills Mall.

The Boardwalk District will include a nature preservethatwillencompass an 89-acre lake. A much needed convention center and upscale hotel will compliment the luxury loft living communities, mixed-use retail space as well as a single-family home residential neighborhood.

Original plans blocked the view of the nature preserve and lake with the convention center. By redrawing the plans, residents will be able to take better advantage to all that the complex will have to offer.

The 2 mile walking trail is being constructed by the City of Katy at a reported cost of \$3 million.

The delay will help the city planners and architects avoid future delays once the projects are started.

Pin Oak Charity Horse Show Rides Into Town

An equestrian kaleidoscope comes to life every March in the Houston suburb of Katy, Texas known as the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show. With Grand Prix show jumpers sailing over impossibly high jumps exhibiting raw power and speed yet as graceful as a dancer leaping through the air, to the American Saddlebreds stepping it up as the "Peacock of the Show Ring" and the international flair of the Andalusians and Lusitanos, the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show is a rare gem in the horse show world as a multi-breed equestrian event. Hunter competition and all-breed Working Equitation round out this award winning horse show.

Pin Oak is one of the iconic horse shows in the United States and among the most prestigious in North America. It is an equestrian event like no other with extraordinary competition, magnificent ringside social events, and charitable giving that is approaching \$6 million to help sick children since its inception in 1945. The vision of J.S. Abercombie, founder of the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show, continues today to bring the best show teams together to benefit the community, specifically children, through the establishment of a pediatric hospital that would turn no child away. That vision became reality in 1954 when Texas Children's Hospital opened its doors. Today, the hospital serves children not only from Houston or Texas, but from around the world with over 3 million patient encounters annually from over 50 nations. For its work as a horse show and as a philanthropic organization, Pin Oak has garnered many prestigious "firsts" and recognition.

In 1947, Pin Oak made the first donation to build Texas Children's Hospital and continues its giving today. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) named Pin Oak as the first Heritage Competition in the United States and for 3 consecutive years Pin Oak was named a North American Riders Group Top-25 Horse Show. It received numerous UPHA Best Chapter Horse Show awards, voted a USEF Favorite Breed Show, and was voted as a 2014 Members' Choice Award-winning Horse Show of the United States Hunter Jumper Association.



In 2016, Pin Oak will celebrate a 71st-year tradition of excellence and legacy of giving to benefit Texas Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms inside of Texas Children's, and Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance for their work in the Texas Children's Cancer Center.

The event is held at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center and hosts 1000 horses each week. The 71st Pin Oak Charity Horse Show will be from March 22 - April 2, 2016 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, Texas.

I am excited to announce that I am joining The Houston Methodist Hospital Rheumatology Department in the Texas Medical Center.



Ramona Mihu, M.D.

My new office location is:
**Houston Methodist Hospital
 Smith Tower
 6550 Fannin Street,
 Suite 1101
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It has been a pleasure to care for the patients at Katy Rheumatology & Associates, and you are free to continue receiving the excellent care provided at this facility. Patient health and wellness is my primary concern during this transition.

I look forward to moving and continuing to provide the best level of care for all my current and future patients.

Ramona Mihu, M.D.
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Pattison Elementary Kindergarten Round UP

Pattison Elementary Kindergarten "Round UP" night is Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. This one-time spring event is for all incoming kindergarten students to meet the teachers and see the classrooms, while parents hear about Pattison's curriculum for next year. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016 to enter kindergarten. We will provide information for Registration on Tuesday, April 12th for the fall. For more information call 281-237-5450. Tell your neighbors too.

AARP March Meeting

The Katy Chapter #2655 AARP Meeting will be held Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Katy VFW Hall, located at 6206 George Bush Dr.

There will be a potluck supper, meeting and entertainment will be a Talent Show All Senior Adults are welcome For more information call 281-744-5302

**Katy ISD Spring Break
 March 14-18**

A Letter About the Editor

Having pain, struggles, and challenges are not unique, nor newsworthy. Persevering to overcome them; that is worth sharing. We are inundated with negative news, but this story is about overcoming the negative and winning in the end.

Taking Back a Life That Was Lost

If you know Pat Wilson on a professional level, you know she has been running The Katy News for 8 years. If you know her personally, you know that she has been in pain off and on since 2006 when she was involved in a horrific car accident. If you talk to her today, she will tell you that she is losing weight, feeling better, and has more energy than she has had in years.

The original car wreck sounds like something in a movie. Hit from the passenger side, her car spun 3 times, flipped upside down, and spun 2 more times. Upside down and disoriented, someone finally came to her aid to help her get out of the car. After the car accident she was checked out, x-rayed, and released. She had some pain, but she found she was able to get pain relief from rehab and massage therapy. Feeling better, she went back to resuming her previous activities.

Running the newspaper includes delivering large bundles of The Katy News, 2,300 newspapers every other week throughout the Katy and Fulshear area. The demanding job took a toll on her spine. In pain, once again, she went to a chiropractor, only to discover she now had several herniated discs in her spine. The chiropractic treatments gave her the pain relief she needed.

Fortunately she avoided surgery and started to feel better again. Of course she resumed her daily activities and demanding job again. Everything was great until she developed pain in her neck and arm next. The only relief she found was from a cortisone injection from a pain management physician, unfortunately the shot only brought a reprieve from her pain for 6-8 months at a time. After a series of shots, she finally got some relief until May 2015.

Once again, in May she started developing muscle pain in her neck and lower back. Her physician prescribed muscle relaxers and

steroids which did bring relief. However, once the pain returned yet again, the physician went back to the same treatment again. This time though, she was not able to get the relief she was seeking.

In July 2015, she was urged by her physician to see a neurologist, for the horrendous pain she was having. The pain was more than just her neck and lower back though. She was having trouble walking, pain down her right arm, and tingling in her arms and legs. The neurologist ordered a EMG and she was diagnosed with:

- Polyneuropathy
- Bilateral Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- Bilateral Lumbar Radiculopathy
- Multi-Level Chronic/Degenerative changes

Since that time, she was also diagnosed with:

- Osteoarthritis
- Bulging Herniated Discs
- Spinal Stenosis

Her only relief was medication for the pain, but she knew that there had to be something more she could do.

In January 2016 she visited with Chen-Huai Ruan, M.D., Internist at Medical Colleagues of Texas, for a change in her health care. He first changed her medications, followed by her diet. He encouraged her to attend a seminar he was giving at Medical Fitness Pros. After the talk she spoke with Jason Hodge, Medical Fitness Pros, who agreed to work with her on a fitness program that would work in conjunction with what Dr. Ruan was doing and help her get relief from her back pain. So have changes to her diet and exercise program made a difference?

Two weeks into her program she now has the energy and stamina to work outside in her yard, is not getting tired through the day, and is finding some relief to her pain. Oh, and she has also lost 7 pounds so far!

I want to share her journey with you. Not just to celebrate how far she has come, but also to give hope to others with similar stories. She's not the only one that can regain her life; you can create your own happy ending as well.

Jason Hodge,
 Medical Fitness Pros
 www.MedicalFitnessPros.com

Annual IHOP And Shriner Free Pancake Stack Fundraiser March 8, 2016

Shriners around the Country are welcoming diners to IHOP's free National Pancake Day benefitting the 22 Shriner Hospitals March 8, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the IHOP on Fry Road and I-10.

International House of Pancakes (IHOP) will be celebrating National Pancake Day by offering guests a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes. With every short stack of pancakes served, guests will be encouraged to make a donation to Shriner Hospitals for Children.

West Side Club President, Jason Levin remarked "Our Shriner Hospitals for Children, is a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. We thank IHOP and Katy Mayor



Pictured from left to right, City Councilman Jimmy Mendez, Jeff Buchanan, Jason Levin, Mayor Fabol Hughes, John Hernandez

Fabol Hughes for their support and hope to see many people attend our IHOP fundraiser."

Fabol Hughes, Mayor of the City of Katy, Texas, proclaimed March 8, 2016, as IHOP National Pancake Day in the City of Katy and encouraged all citizens to change the life of a child by eating pancakes and donating generously to the Shriner Hospitals for Children.

Beck Junior High PTA Honorees Recognized at Katy ISD Annual Event

Beck Junior High recently honored its newest PTA Life Members and first ever Extended Service Award recipient at the annual Founder's Day Dinner of the Katy Council of PTAs.



Pictured left to right: Kaylene Berckenhoff, Extended Service Award recipient; along with new Life Members Corrine Drom, Stephanie Baiter, Betty Mayfield, and Anna Marsh. Marsh currently serves as Beck's PTA President.

Free Legal Clinic for Veterans, March 5

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic on Saturday, March 5, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic, 22001 Southwest Freeway, Suite 200, Richmond, TX 77469. The clinic is a public service of Fort Bend Lawyers Care, the Fort Bend County Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Initiative, a coalition of local bar associations that provide pro bono legal services to U.S. veterans in 18 counties in Texas.

No appointment is necessary. For more information on the March 5th clinic and other services for veterans, contact the Veterans Legal Initiative at 713-759-1133 or visit www.hba.org.

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Cinco Ranch Library

MS Excel 2010 Survival Basics

“MS Excel 2010 Survival Basics” will take place on Thursday, March 3, at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy beginning at 10:00 a.m. Learn the basics of using this spreadsheet software program, which features calculation tools that are helpful for financial and statistical needs.

The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Call 281-395-1311 for information.

MS Word 2010 Survival Basics

“MS Word 2010 Survival Basics” will take place on Tuesday, March 15, at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy beginning at 10:00 a.m. Learn the basics of using this word-processing software program to create letters, resumés, forms, and other types of documents.

Google Docs

“Google Docs: An Alternative to MS Office” will take place on Wednesday, March 30, at the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy beginning at 10:00 a.m. Learn how to set up a Google account and how to create and store documents online using the Google Docs application. If you already have a Google account, bring the related information with you.

The classes are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Call 281-395-1311 for information.

Maud Marks Library

DIY Crafts: Tie-Dyed Shirts

It’s time to start getting ready for this spring and what better way than to make sure you have a brand new shirt. Join us on Tuesday, March 8 at 2 p.m. as we tie-dye t-shirts. We’ll provide the dye, you provide a shirt. Seating for this is extremely limited. All materials will be provided. Participants may register by calling the library at 281-492-8592 or by visiting the library.

Teen Tech Week

Have you seen our 3D printer in action? Join us on Thursday, March 10 at 3 p.m. during Teen Tech Week when we print 3D objects. Learn how this technology works and see it in action.

Pre-registration is required. Please call the Maud Marks Library at 281-492-8592 for more information.

Microsoft Word Class

Ready to create that perfect resume? On Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m., the Maud Marks Library will be teaching specifically how to write your resume using Microsoft Word. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required. Seating is extremely limited for these classes. Classes fill up quickly, so don’t delay. Please call the Maud Marks Library at 281-492-8592 for more information and to register.

Family Film Festival

Bring the whole family out to our family film festival this spring break. At 3 p.m. for four days, the week school is out, we will be showing a different mystery film complete with popcorn. On March 14, a diminutive poultry is convinced the sky is falling. On March 15, Tiana finds her prince in an amphibian. Then on March 16, Baloo helps Mowgli find his way back to human civilization. On March 17, a troubled child summons the courage to help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home-world. Finally, on March 18, three children find themselves in a world of fairies and other fantastical creatures. Unfortunately, we cannot print the titles here, but call the library or stop by for a complete list. Popcorn is provided.

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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Selected Gala Honoree

The Houston Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority has been selected the 2016 Arc of Katy Gala Honoree in recognition of the sorority’s involvement with the Arc of Katy and its Day Camp program. The Houston Council has 14 chapters and its members have participated with The Arc of Katy, a non-profit that provides socials and day and summer camps for teens and adults with intellectual delayed disabilities (IDD), through fundraising, crafts, collection of camp supplies and serving lunches to summer camp participants. The sorority has also provided needed items such as a new printer and toaster oven for camp use and sponsored the cost of new brochures. Beta Sigma Phi’s integrated support is based on raising awareness for their membership through

education and hands-on experiences while providing what is truly needed by The Arc’s clients.

The Arc of Katy Gala will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Pine Forest Country Club and will feature a cocktail hour, seated dinner, silent and live auctions and a special program by Arc camp participants. Proceeds from the event will continue to support the Arc’s programs serving teens and adults with IDD. As a special thank you, sorority members recently enjoyed a special lunch prepared and served by Arc Day Camp participants.

The sorority recently held its February fundraising event benefiting the Arc of Katy as part of the organization’s annual Sweetheart Ball held on February 6 at Magianno’s Restaurant.

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the sorority’s 2016 Royal Court. The Royal Court consists of Queen, Lela Burgess of Laureate Eat Nu chapter, Sweetheart, Mary Jane Hue of Epsilon Tau Master chapter and Princess, Vickie Scheel of Torchbearer Iota chapter. The sorority’s year-end fundraising efforts will be held in conjunction with Beta Sigma Phi Sorority’s 80th Annual Founder’s Day luncheon to be held on April 30 at Braeburn Country Club.

Beta Sigma Phi is a women’s international social and cultural sorority open to women of all ages. Members enjoy lasting friendships and serving their community in a variety of ways. The Houston Council of Beta Sigma Phi is one of seven local sorority councils. Women interested in learning about membership opportunities can call 281-493-4678 or visit www.betasigmaphihouston.org.

OKE’s Bluebonnet Bash is Magical



Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary School student Luke DesJardins assists Magician Chad Chesmark.

Magician Chad Chesmark performed at Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary School’s annual Bluebonnet Bash. In order to attend the Bluebonnet Bash, students must read eight books from the Texas Library Association’s current list of books nominated to receive the Texas Bluebonnet Award.

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Corn Beef Dinner Fundraiser for KISD Graduating Seniors

Katy Chapter No 1121, Order of the Easter Star and Katy Masonic Lodge are hosting the annual scholarship fundraiser for Katy ISD's graduating high school seniors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th. The event will be held at the Katy Masonic Lodge located at 3158 Katy-Hockley Road, between Morton Road and Clay Road.

Tickets will be \$10 each and the menu features corned beef with potatoes, cabbage, carrots, iced tea or lemonade with delicious homemade desserts available for sale. There is free delivery in Old Town Katy with an order of five or more dinners.

For information or tickets, contact OESFundraiser@outlook.com.

Bird Hikes Continue at Seabourne Creek Nature Park

The series of free, monthly guided Bird Hikes at Seabourne Creek Nature Park in Rosenberg will continue on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 8 – 10 a.m. The hikes are led by members of the Coastal Prairie Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist. The bird hikes will continue through May and participation is open to the public. All ages and levels of birders are encouraged to come and meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. to sign in and receive bird lists to use. Binoculars and weather- appropriate clothing and footwear are recommended. Seabourne Creek Nature Park is located on Hwy 36 across from the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds and next to the Rosenberg Civic Center.

The Texas Master Naturalists program is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. For additional information call 281.633.7033 or email mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu

Easter Bunny Photos Coming to Katy Mills Mall

Families can also visit the Caring Bunny – a unique event in a subdued environment tailored to special needs children

Simon®, a global leader in retail real estate, is hosting its annual Easter celebration festivities at Katy Mills, offering families the chance to participate in traditional and unique seasonal events.



The Bunny Photo Experience begins Friday, March 4 and runs through Saturday, March 26 in Neighborhood 6 by the Food Court, in front of American Eagle Outfitters. Kids will have the chance to visit with the Bunny and take home a treasured snapshot of the fun occasion. For more information, please visit simon.com/mall/katy-mills.

The presenting sponsor for the 2016 Bunny Photo Experience is The Gymboree Corporation – including its Gymboree and Crazy 8 clothing brands.

“We love to hold family-friendly events and we always look forward to children and families interacting with the Bunny at Easter,” said Sabrina Scruta, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Katy Mills.

Katy Mill's Caring Bunny™ event will offer families that have children with special needs a subdued environment to participate in the Bunny Photo Experience. Caring Bunny has been developed by Simon and is guided by AbilityPath.org, a national online resource hub and special needs community. Over 90 Simon® properties will host the Caring Bunny this season. Promotional assistance for Caring Bunny has been provided by Autism Speaks.

On Sunday, March 6 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., many steps will be taken to reduce sensory triggers, creating a more comforting environment for children's cherished visit with the Bunny. The subdued environment is likely to include (specific elements or aesthetics may vary):

- Turning off in-mall music.
- Eliminating queue lines through the use of a numbering system whereby guests approach the set when their number is called.
- Special activities geared toward the needs of the child during the 'wait' period to help the child understand what activities will occur during the visit.

Reserve your magical moment with Katy Mill's Caring Bunny online at <http://katymills.eventbrite.com/>.

Computer Class: Tablets

Would you like to learn how to get the most out of our free library services with your tablet? Come to this computer class at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek on Friday, March 4th at 1:30 p.m. and learn how to use OverDrive, Hoopla, Flipster, and other library eMedia on your device.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 281-550-0885

KCWC Spring Luncheon

Katy Christian Women's Connection (KCWC) will be hosting our Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at The Club at Falcon Point, 24503 Falcon Point Dr, Katy. We will be hosting a Spring Fashion Show presented by "The Walk In Closet" which is located in Katy. The luncheon starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. Mary Beal from College Station will be our guest speaker. Mary will talk to us about what having Christ in her life has meant. The luncheon is \$18 per person.

KCWC is part of Stonecroft Ministries, a ministry for women which provides Bible Studies, Prayer Connections and fellowship luncheons around the US.

Katy Christian Women also sponsors monthly Prayer Coffees. These are held on the second Thursday of each month. Please call for April and May's locations.

For more information or to RSVP for the luncheon please email Nancy at Katykcwc@gmail.com or call 281-232-8338.



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Zoës Kitchen's Live Med Salad

Zoës Kitchen recently announced a new edition to their Mediterranean Menu. The lupine bean, is a mild tasting legume that is often found in Mediterranean Cuisine. It is now being included as part of new, unique ingredients coming to the Mediterranean-inspired menu at Zoës Kitchen.

The lupine bean is a key ingredient in the Live Med Salad which was introduced in February. The bean has many health benefits including: high amounts of fiber, protein and essential amino acids. They also contain B-complex vitamins and essential minerals which assist our bodies in consuming more vitamins. The beans provide a significant amount of thiamin, a vitamin essential for carbohydrate and fat metabolism, as well as maintaining nervous system function. Just one cup lupine beans contain 26 grams of protein which aids in new cell growth, supports tissue repair and maintains immune system function.

The Live Med Salad that Zoës now offers includes thin ribbons of zucchini and squash, fresh spinach, faro, lupine beans, cherry tomatoes, parmesan cheese, tossed with calabrian pepper dressing.

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Barcode scanners with the capability to read images have been installed at all checkout desks in the library system. These new barcode scanners are able to read the barcode from a picture taken with any type of smartphone. The barcode image on the smartphone must be clear and able to be read horizontally by the scanner. The picture should be taken directly over the card – not at an angle – and must not show any glare over the barcode.

"These days, when so many people carry their smartphones with them wherever they go, this new ability to check out items from the library simply by displaying their smartphone with an image of their barcode brings an added element of convenience for our patrons," says Library Director Clara Russell.

The new barcode scanners are also able to read the actual library card, so patrons may choose to use the new technology to scan their own card, as well as the image of their card, themselves.

For more information, call the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734, or ask at any of the libraries in the Fort Bend County library system.

Free Tax Help

Get free tax help from the AARP on Tuesday, March 8th and Friday, March 11th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek. Please bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 forms from each employer, all 1099s, and receipts or cancelled checks for itemizing. You must have Social Security card for self and dependents. First come, first served. Sign up at the Information Desk beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and on the sign up sheet posted to the front doors after noon on Fridays.

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Sherry Ahart-Davies is the Location Manager at Katy Funeral Home, a member of the Dignity Memorial® network serving the Greater Houston community and families nationwide. Originally from St. Louis, Sherry has more than 20 years of experience providing families with compassionate care and professional service. She is an active member of the Katy Chamber of Commerce and KAEDC and is a Cinco Charities/Ballard House volunteer. For more information or any questions, contact Sherry at 281-395-7070 or Sherry.Ahart-Davies@Sci-us.com.

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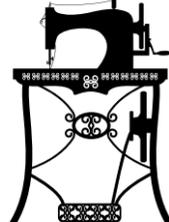
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Katy Sports

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Shooting Sports

Connor Smock Keeps Eye on the Target

Tompkins High School Freshman Finishes 1st at San Antonio Junior Shoot Out

It has been an exciting few weeks for Connor Smock, a 15 year old Tompkins High School freshman. Smock is a member of the 4-H, and participates in shotgun sporting clays competition. On Feb. 20-21 he was in San Antonio participating in the Junior Shoot-Out. Saturday he had his personal best of 98/100 targets. He finished in 1st Place in his Age, Group I, hitting 192/200 targets. He won a Champion Belt Buckle, Patch and prizes that included a .28 Gauge Over and Under Shotgun and a Lifetime Membership to the NSCA. In the previous weekend in Goliad County 4-H Hotshots, he received 1st Place in Sporting Clays and 5th Place in Whizbang. Next event is the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot Tournament at the American Shooting Centers at 16500 Westheimer Parkway in Houston.

Connor said he was introduced to Sporting Clays about four years ago. He said it was so much fun and the recoil from the 12 gauge shotgun didn't bother him.



Tompkins Freshman, Connor Smock, took 1st place in San Antonio Jr. Shootout

Katy ISD Basketball Season Is Over

Girls Basketball Playoffs

Tompkins Lady Falcons Surprise a Lot of People

With the Tompkins girls loss to North Shore and the Cinco Ranch boys loss to Cy Ranch the basketball season is officially over for all Katy teams. North Shore defeated Tompkins, 73-41 in a game played Friday evening at Campbell Center. North Shore was ranked number two in the state. Leading up to the North Shore Game, the Tompkins Lady Falcons defeated Westside 54-29 for their first playoff victory. The Lady Falcons led 15-6 at the end of the first quarter and 25-23 at the half. Kendall Rollins said the Lady Falcons were able to win because of their defensive play.

Next was the surprising defeat of Cypress Woods, 69-62 which left a lot of people speechless, but not the Lady Falcons.

Tompkins was playing the reigning 6A state champions from last year. This year the Cy Ranch Wildcats finished district play in 17-6A undefeated. Last year during their state championship run the lady Wildcats devoured Tompkins 80-19. In addition, the Lady Wildcats have one of the best frontcourts around led by 6 foot, 9 inch Nancy Mulkey, but the Lady Falcons had New Mexico signee Brittany Panetti and Kendal Rollins who weren't interested making this an easy game for the Wildcats.

Cy-Woods led by two, 15-13, first quarter. Tompkins came back and had a 17-16 second quarter, finishing the first half down by only one basket. Cy-Woods outscored Tompkins 14-12 in the third quarter, but Rollins and Panetti kept the Lady Falcons in the game. Rollins scored 22 points. Panetti finished with 23 points. After Sarah Goss hit a three pointer to bring Tompkins within 45-42 Panetti helped finish off the Lady Wildcats to seal the win for Tompkins, 69-62.

"When they beat us 80-19 last year, we started this year saying we never wanted to lose that bad again. Our girls walked into the gym tonight and were determined that would not happen again," said Tompkins coach, Tamatha Ray.

Cinco Ranch loses to Bellaire

Seven Lakes and Katy joined Tompkins with victories. Cinco Ranch led as late as the two-minute mark against District 20-6A champion Bellaire before losing 64-57.

Bellaire led 36-28 in the third quarter before a 10-2 Cinco Ranch run led by 3-point shots from Val Chastain and Sophia Carrasco closed the gap. Jillian Cready's shot to start the fourth gave Cinco Ranch 47-45 lead which grew to 51-47. After another Carrasco long range shot, the Lady Cougars led 57-56, but it was the last basket for Cinco Ranch as Bellaire took the lead and sealed the victory 64-57.

Seven Lakes defeats Chavez; loses to Cy-Fair

Seven Lakes, which is only nine years old, has lost only two district games in the last four seasons. The Lady Spartans advanced to the Region III final in 2013 before losing to Clear Springs. In 2012 and 2014, Seven Lakes were area-round finalists. Last season they were regional quarterfinalists. Coach Angie Spurlock said the Lady Spartans should benefit from having played a tough non-district schedule this year. It lost to Cypress Ranch by 10 points and Clear Springs by seven, but defeated Cypress Woods, all teams they expected to see in the playoffs.

In Seven Lakes' first game the Lady Spartans demonstrated why the girls were District 19-6A champions defeating Chavez 84-15, scoring almost at will. Next was Cy-Fair on Feb. 19 in a tougher game, this time winning 49-42.

In the Cy-Fair game, as halftime approached, with the score at 22-20 in favor of the Lady Bobcats, it appeared that this game was going to be close all the way to the finish. However, Cy-Fair's Angela Harris blew open a close contest in the second half as she single-handedly dismantled Seven Lakes en route to a 63-44 playoff win at the Merrell Center Tuesday, Feb. 23.

At the end of three quarters of play Seven Lakes' Cydney Varner jump shot put the score at 39-30. Seven Lakes needed a fourth-quarter rally but Cy Fair was not about to let that happen. Harris started the fourth quarter with a corner three to push the lead to 42-30 and that was followed by buckets by Trinity Knight and Olivia Noah for a 46-30 lead with 6:21 left in fourth quarter. The lead grew to 48-30 before Seven Lakes was able to sink a three pointer from Anna Bowman with 5:32 left in the fourth quarter.

Lady Tigers defeat Lamar; lose to Cy Ranch

Number two seed, Katy's Lady Tigers defeated Lamar 60-50, at Butler Field House. Laura Rowe led Katy with 34 points, 17 rebounds, and made 16 of 23 free throws. Kelley Skinner added to the stat sheet with 11 points, 12 rebounds, five steals, two blocks and three for four shooting from the three point range.

Abby Hewitt added nine points, nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Alexys Morrison had eight rebounds and two blocks, while Cait Calland added five assists. The Lady Tigers led 25-10 to end the first quarter.

Unfortunately the Lady Tigers basketball season came to end with a loss to Cy Ranch 57-45. Katy Lady Tigers season ended with 22-9 overall and 11-2 in District 19-6A. Seven Lakes final recap is 28-10 overall and 11-1 in district; Cinco Ranch was 12-20 and 6-6; and Tompkins 29-10 and 8-5. Congratulations to all the Katy girls basketball teams. It was an exciting season!

Boys Basketball Finals

Going into the boys side of the UIL basketball playoffs, beginning Feb. 23, Cinco Ranch, 27-6 overall and 12-2, was District 19-6A champions and number one seed. Tompkins, second seed, 22-12, 10-4; third seed, Seven Lakes, 18-15 and 10-4; and Strake Jesuit was number four at 15-14 and 9-5.

Cinco Ranch

Cougars Defeat Lamar; Lose to Cy Ranch

Cinco Ranch survived against a determined Lamar squad 72-63, Feb. 23 at Cinco Ranch High School.

Jay Jay Chandler had a game high 27 points for the Cougars with Tyrus Perez scoring 20, J.R. Adams 16. Lamar the number 4 seed from District 20-6A, led 32-34 at halftime and by double digits in the second half before Cinco Ranch rebounded.

Adams caught fire from the outside in the third quarter, sparking a run that put the Cougars temporarily in front. Again in the fourth quarter, they came back to run their streak to seven games, defeating Lamar.

Seven Lakes / Tompkins

Bellaire Ends Seven Lakes Season Tompkins Loses to Westside

Seven Lakes and Tompkins concluded successful seasons on Feb. 23 in the bi-district playoffs. Bellaire broke a late tie and edged the Spartans 47-45. Nygal Russell led the Spartans with 14 points, giving the Spartans lead, 27-21 at halftime. Bellaire Cardinals came back in the fourth quarter, winning 47-45.

Colton Mattinson, Kyle Howard, Karan Shah, Paul Hentges, Joe Santo Salvo, Josh LaVergne, Matthew Grass and Sabik Chowdhury were among the seven seniors playing their final games for the Spartans. Seven Lakes extended Katy ISD's longest streak of playoff qualification to nine years.

Tompkins fell 56-45 to Westside in the first playoff game in school history despite the 16 point offensive effort of Josh Williams, Jamal Bieniemy's 12 points, and 8 from Aziz Fadika.

The Falcons set several school records during a 22-12 season which included a 10-4 district record to match Seven Lakes for second place. A senior class including Fadika, Trevor Jackson, Jack Wineland and Andi Akpan helped lead the program to the playoffs in its second varsity season.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE GREATER KATY AREA

Know the FACTS about why West I-10 Volunteer Fire Department had to sue ESD 48

We want to set the record straight on the misinformation about West I-10 Volunteer Fire Department's breach of contract lawsuit against ESD 48. The public has a right to know the facts.

FACT: West I-10 VFD has served the greater Katy area for 36 years, and we intend to continue this heritage of service.

FACT: ESD 48 is attempting to seize assets that are legally owned by West I-10 VFD. ESD 48 compensated West I-10 VFD for fire suppression and EMS services through binding service agreements, and West I-10 VFD bought fire apparatus and other equipment to fulfill our duties under those agreements and protect the public.

FACT: On August 14, 2015, West I-10 VFD offered to continue services or enter into a mutual aid agreement with ESD 48, until the dispute is resolved when it goes to trial in May 2016. ESD board president Marshall Kramer declined outright. Instead of awaiting the results of this trial, ESD 48 is building a duplicate organization; wasting millions of taxpayer dollars and squandering available existing assets.

FACT: Since breaching its contract with West I-10 VFD, ESD 48 has already committed over \$7 million in short and long-term debt. By contrast, West I-10 VFD operated more than \$1 million under budget over the past few years.

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