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Thursday, May 18th  
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**MAY 19**  
**"Now You Are Ten"**  
Program Friday, May 19th  
8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  
The program presented by the  
Juvenile Outreach Unit of Fort  
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**MAY 19**  
**Katy Elementary School**  
**Senior Reunion**  
Friday, May 19th  
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.  
All graduating seniors who  
attended Katy Elementary  
School are invited to a special  
reunion in the Library  
Katy Elementary Library  
5726 George Bush Dr.

**MAY 20**  
**Living Well Expo**  
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Parkway Fellowship Church  
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**Introduction to Tai Chi**  
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Chi at Cinco Ranch Library  
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**Triathlon 6:45 a.m. to**  
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Short course: 100-meter swim,  
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**International Film Festival**  
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## City of Katy Elects New Mayor, Chuck Brawner

As many of you know, in the May 6th election Chuck Brawner was elected as the new Mayor of the City of Katy. Brawner won the election by taking 60% of the votes defeating running mate Hill Adams.

We asked Brawner to give us a statement about winning the election and to answer a few questions that we had about happenings in Katy. Below are his answers and statement. If our readers have other questions they would like answers to please submit them to [katydebatequestions@gmail.com](mailto:katydebatequestions@gmail.com). We want to try to have periodic meetings with the mayor to help the public get answers to their questions.

"The victory on election night was for the families of Katy. Thank you for electing me to serve as your next Mayor. I will work hard for you and get results for you. I stood on the shoulders of many in this election tonight and I am humbled and truly grateful for the prayers and support. It is an honor for the opportunity to serve our great city in this capacity. Thank you and God Bless Katy, Texas!" said Brawner.

**How does it feel to be called the new Mayor of Katy?**

Serving Katy as Mayor, a city we all love, that has roots that run deep and new ones being cultivated for the next generation, is a humbling honor. A Mayor serves the citizens and I am very pleased to go to work every day for Katy families and residents.

**What your plans as the new Mayor for Katy?**

My plans for the city of Katy were clearly outlined in the issues on which I ran in my campaign. The Council Members, city staff and I will immediately go to work to find every preventative measure to fight future flooding for our Katy homeowners. Council and I will be exploring every possible avenue to enhance our mobility within the city and how we can work regionally to keep traffic flow running more efficiently around us to keep traffic flowing smoothly within the city.

Tax rate reductions for Katy residents and increasing homestead exemptions for our senior citizens have been successful in the past and it is a key objective to continue them. Growth is happening all around our city and within our city

limits. Managing that growth through smart policy that keeps the priorities of our residents - new and old - at the center of all decision making will be my perspective as projects are evaluated.

**What issues do you foresee in the future for the City of Katy with respect to infrastructure?**

Katy infrastructure priorities will center around improving our drainage systems to prevent mass flooding like we experienced in 2016 and on mobility improvements. Those are top priorities for Katy residents and they will be top priorities during this term as Mayor.

**What are some of the projects that might be in the future for the City of Katy?**

As we get to work at the city, I want to have more communication with the residents about the projects going on in Katy. Many are in plain view and then there is the pipeline of upcoming projects. There are several projects pertaining to our infrastructure and construction around the city. I want those expedited. There are other projects that deal with businesses coming into Katy. Controlling our growth while maximizing the benefits of sales tax that benefits the citizens of Katy through enhanced public safety and mobility will be closely reviewed and managed.

**Can the city Houston annex Katy for our tax base?**

Houston cannot annex any area that is within the City Limits of Katy. But, people that live outside of the City and have Katy mailing address can be annexed by Houston since these areas are within the, ETJ, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Houston.

**a. How can we prevent this?**

The only way to prevent this is for the City of Houston to release their ETJ, which in most cases they will not do.

**b. If the City of Katy Annexes property, what are the costs if any. What is the process and why?**

Under Texas law a City may annex areas at the request of the property owner or owners, or forced annexation if a City believes it is in the best interest of the City. Most of the annexations



that Katy has made over the years has been at the owners request. The main reasons that property owners request an annexation is so the areas will receive city services. The City will make sure that there is enough revenue coming in from property values or sales tax to support city services.

**c. What are the benefits if this happens?**

The benefits for annexation into the City of Katy is the increase of tax revenue. As an example, The Amazon project will bring in sales tax revenues that will more than pay for the few City Services required by the Amazon development. The Amazon development will provide income to the City that can be passed along the our citizens through enhanced public safety or lower tax bills for property owners.

**A lot has been said about the drainage issues. What's the next step to a solution?**

Very soon, we will have the complete analysis through an engineering study of the 2016 flood of how to take our infrastructure improvements to the next level in maximum flood prevention. The City Council, the city staff and I will be laser focused on implementation of the constructive elements of that study so our homeowners are as protected as they can be from devastating flooding.

**So many older homes and businesses in Historic Katy need renovation. What can the city do to help? Some residents around can't afford to keep up.**

The City can make recommendations but as long as the homes are owned by individuals the City cannot spend tax dollars on private property.

**We know about the Boardwalk coming in, is there anything else you can tell us about?**

The Boardwalk is shaping up to be the quality-of-life enhancement to the city that it has promised to be. There are many amenities to the Boardwalk our families and residents will be able to enjoy such as water features, a wildlife preserve and a variety of restaurants. Our city will experience a new revenue source from the influx of activity that will enhance our public safety, mobility and infrastructure.

We want to thank Chuck Brawner for answering our questions and look forward to seeing what the new administration has in-store.

## Mayde Creeks Javlyn Cameron Earns Bronze Medal

Senior Javlyn Cameron competed at her third and final UIL State Track and Field Meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on Saturday, May 13. She had an outstanding performance in the 6A division of the 100 meter hurdles earning the bronze medal in the event. Javlyn ran a fast personal record time of 13.54.

Last year at State, she received the silver medal and her sophomore year she earned bronze. This is a huge feat to medal 3 years in a row in the same event against some of the toughest competition in the nation. Javlyn has racked up

many track accolades during her 4 year tenure at Mayde Creek. She has been a great leader and role model for her teammates and a major component for the Mayde Creek Girls Track Team. We will definitely miss her. Javlyn will continue her track career at Texas State University and we look forward to watching her compete collegiately. We wish Javlyn the best and know she will do great things.

This is a huge accomplishment at this level of competition. The hard work Javlyn has put in over the years really paid

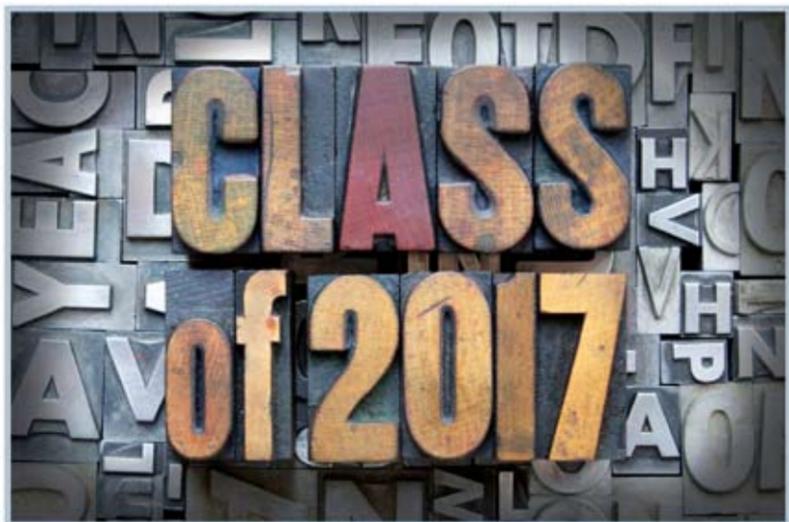
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Javlyn Cameron pictured with Coach Ridenhour displaying her Bronze medal.



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## Faith West Academy Class of 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced



Claire McCutcheon

Claire McCutcheon and Li (Alice) Wang were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Faith West Academy Class of 2017.

The valedictorian, Claire, is the daughter of Wade and Heather McCutcheon. Claire excelled in the classroom where she took Advanced Placement and Honors courses and had a four-year GPA of 4.77, as well as participated in numerous extracurricular activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Science Honor Society. Claire was a cheerleader for the FWA Eagles that has received several State and National awards.

In the fall, Claire will attend University of Texas to major in biology. Her plans are to enter Medical Science, but her specialty is undecided.

The salutatorian, Alice, is the daughter of Hongming Wang and Yan Yang. Alice comes from the Province of Sichuan in China. She came to America for her studies during her eighth grade year. Her accumulative GPA is 4.76. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Speech and Debate Team, Choir, Book Club, International Club and the Thespian Society. She was also a member of the Color Guard and swim team.

Alice will attend University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study business administration to become an entrepreneur.

Both Claire and Alice exemplify the character and achieved the academic requirements that define them as outstanding 2017 graduating seniors of Faith West Academy. Commencement ceremonies for fifty-six graduating seniors will be held 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 26th at Cross Point Community Church in Katy, Texas.

Faith West Academy is an inter-denominational private Christian school offering preschool to 12th grade excellence in education.



Li (Alice) Wang

### Faith West Academy Senior earns ROTC Full Scholarship



Colton Elkins, a senior at Faith West Academy, was awarded a four-year full-tuition Army ROTC scholarship to the University of Oklahoma. Elkins will study construction science and serve a minimum four years active duty followed by four years of reserve duty. His military interest is in infantry and combat engineering. He is the son of Mark and Kelly Elkins.

### Faith West Academy Senior Earns Full Ride to Colorado School of Mines



Ethan Settle, a senior at Faith West Academy, has been awarded the Harvey Scholarship from the Colorado School of Mines. The Harvey Scholarship covers full tuition and mandatory fees and is renewable for eight semesters. Settle will study mechanical engineering with a special interest in deep ocean trenches. He is one of 16 recipients chosen from among 550 applicants. He is the son of Bret and Alecia Settle.

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### Faith West Academy Sophomore Wins 3rd Place at TAPPS State Golf

Kelsey Wylie, a sophomore at Faith West Academy, took third place in State at the TAPPS 5A Golf Tournament held at Stone Tree Golf Club. Wylie shot a 78 on the first day of competition and a 74 on the second day for a total of 152. The two day tourney hosted 106 players from across the state of Texas.

Wylie was undefeated in TAPPS 5A District play with a current average of 74.

Her low round of the season was 68. She will spend the summer playing tournaments on the East coast through the American Junior Golf Association.

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Hanna Hurst

### Faith West Academy Senior Receives Appointment to USMA West Point

Hannah Hirst, a senior at Faith West Academy, has received an appointment to USMA West Point where she will study law with plans to attend law school after graduation. She will serve a minimum of five years active duty followed by reserve duty. Hannah is the daughter of Dan and Tiffany Hirst.

Hannah is the third graduate of Faith West Academy to attend USMA West Point in the last five years.

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### FWA Student Honored as a Golden Eagle

Mackenzie Winkel was the recipient of the Golden Eagle Award\* at Faith West Academy High School Academic Awards Ceremony, May 15, 2017. In January Mackenzie joined 50,000 other eighteen to twenty-five-year-olds attending Passion Conference, in order to, according to the Passion 2017 website, "see a generation leverage their lives for what matters most." That is exactly what Mackenzie does- 'leverages her life for what matter most.' Whether it is drilling water wells with Mission Living Water International in Nicaragua and El Salvador or leading worship at Real Hope Community Church, Mackenzie levels her life to what matters the most-serving the Lord.

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Houston Methodist Cancer Center at West invites you and a guest to join us for a celebration to honor cancer survivors with special guest **Miss Houston 2015 Chyna Wheatley**, who brings healing and encouragement through art restoration therapy.

**Enjoy the celebration, appetizers and desserts.**



# Golf Tournament for a Great Cause Benefiting Katy Fire Department and Camp Hope

By Taylor Wright

On Monday, June 26th, local Fireman Dustin Carter is chairing the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Willow Fork Country Club, located at 21055 Westheimer Parkway in Katy. All money raised will benefit the Katy Fire/EMS Association and Camp Hope.



"This is a great opportunity for the community to support those that have done so much for us," says Chris Newton, local Realtor with Cross Property Group, who is helping to organize the event.

The Katy Fire Department provides primary fire and emergency medical services to the City of Katy and some surrounding areas on a daily basis.

Proceeds will also benefit Camp Hope, a non-profit organization that provides interim housing for veterans and their families suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). One in three returning troops are being diagnosed with serious symptoms of PTSD, and on average, five active-duty troops attempt suicide each day. Camp Hope strives to bring healing and raise awareness in a caring and positive environment.

"Camp Hope serves our veterans that have given so much," Newton states.

Those who participate in the Golf Tournament will pay an entry fee of \$100 per person or \$400 per team. In addition to a putting contest, they will enjoy lunch, extra games, prize drawings and an award ceremony to follow. Participants must register and pay the entry fee by the June 21st deadline.

Local business owners can also support the cause by becoming a sponsor. You can sponsor a hole for as little as \$250 or become a premium flag sponsor for \$500.

Those who wish to register, sponsor the event or ask questions should contact Dustin Carter at 281-391-8583/dustinjcarter1@yahoo.com, or Chris Newton at 281-770-7932/chris@crosspg.com.



## Libraries To Close In Observance Of Memorial Day Weekend

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries, which includes the Cinco Ranch Branch Library and the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, will be closed on Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular library hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

Your online library is always open at [www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) for searching the catalog, renewing books or placing holds, streaming movies, downloading e-books or music, or using the research databases.

For more information, contact the library system's Public Information Office at 281-633-4734.

## Swim Team Registration

Looking for something to do this summer with your kids? The West Memorial Swim team registration is ongoing and we want YOU! We have two awesome new coaches this year and are hoping for a wonderful season. Please log into <https://wmst.swimtopia.com/> for more information and to register.



## Women's Daytime Cinco Ranch

Every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Women's Daytime Cinco Ranch support group will meet at UT Physicians at Cinco Ranch. The meeting will take place in the conference room upstairs. This support group can help you share your common experiences, learn new coping skills, increase your positive social interaction and teach you more about mental health.

UT Physicians is located at 23923 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Katy, TX 77494 (please park in Luby's parking lot). Check the website for more information <https://thebfa.com/womens-daytime-cinco-ranch/>

## Katy Library Genealogy Squad

Join the Genealogy Squad on Monday, May 22nd at 2:00 p.m. to learn how to do your own genealogy with other fellow researchers. The last Monday of the month will include a lesson or special speaker.

The library is at 5414 Franz Road and can be reached by calling 281-391-3509 or log onto [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

## Build a Better World: Food Drive

This summer, we invite you to help us **Build a Better World** for those in our community. The Maud Marks Library will be collecting nonperishable food and personal items throughout the summer for the Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Come in at any time from June 1- August 5 and place your donation in the cardboard box by the summer reading registration desk. Come help us **Build a Better World** for the less fortunate in our community.

For more information, call Naomi Haught at 281-492-8592.

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## World Theater Hosts a Variety of Summer Camps

This summer, World Theater in Katy will launch a series of performing arts Summer Camps and classes for both parents and students to choose from. Summer camps include:

### The Musical Theater Summer Camps:

Beauty and the Beast from June 12 - June 24

Teen/Young Adult Musical Theater Camp from June 26 - July 7

Creative Mind Development Summer Camp

Camp 1 from June 5 - June 16

Camp 2 from July 3 - July 14

International Theme Musical Theater Summer Camp

The Sorcerer's Apprentice June 19 - June 30.

The Fire Dragon July 10 - July 21

Get Ready Talent Contest Camp:

Mon. - Fri. 1 PM - 4 PM (1 week half day camp)

- July 17 - July 21
- July 24 - July 28
- July 31 - Aug. 4

Burton Wolfe, World Theater Founder & Artistic Director; Theater Arts & Speech Communications teacher.

Mr. Wolfe has taught Elementary School, Junior and Senior High, and currently teaches Acting and Speech Communications at Houston Community College.

Burton Wolfe has been producing theatrical works and International Cultural Exchanges with China for two decades. He often says, "I love teaching Theater Arts; it builds teamwork, heart and soul..."

Mr. Wolfe has had the privilege of working with renowned movie stars and other performing arts celebrities including Audrey Hepburn, Mickey Rooney, Julio Iglesias and others.

Laura Bettis, Music Director; Vocalist, Music Educator, Choral Director and Composer; has earned her Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal performance from California State University and Master of Music Degree from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Laura has performed and directed musicals with numerous professional Musical Theater Companies and is the Founder and Director of Opera Elegant. Laura has years of experience working with young age students to adult performers. She has been Music Director for many Broadway musicals that have been well received by diverse audiences. Her patience and attentiveness to children is well known and she has been called "Everyone's mom".

Winkie Ballas Jamail, Voice Coach & Dance Instructor

Winkie is an Educator with years of experience as a Producer, Writer, Vocalist, Dancer, and Actress. As an Entertainer, Winkie Performed at the MGM Arena in Las Vegas and Caesar's in Tahoe; live shows have been on CBS, ABC, A&E and ESPN. Winkie played the role of MARY MAGDALENE in JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR with Equinox theatre, Performed live at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL in England for the DUAL OF THE GIANTS; Produced, wrote, recorded 26 CD's for Dance Vision International (all currently being sold); Produced an original orchestral piece to be presented to the KING of OMAN; Produced and Directed HOUSTON PERFORMS America!; She is a Certified EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT, specializing in Instruction in Acting, Music and Dance for grades Pre-K through 12.

Assistant Instructors include: Cherish Bettis, Lawrence Wong. All of the instructors have years of experience and passion teaching young kids to adults. They all committed to bringing the best of the students during this summer through the performing arts learning experience. All Theater camps will have the children perform on stage.

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## Ask the Expert— Celebrating Your Passions

Sherry Ahart-Davies, Location Manager, Katy Funeral Home

*Q: I'm planning ahead and can't decide between a traditional funeral and something totally unique. Any advice?*

*A: First, I'd like to acknowledge the important step you're taking to plan your final arrangements in advance. Planning ahead gives you the opportunity to design a meaningful service that reflects your personality and passions, and you'll also help to prevent your loved ones from having to second-guess what you would have wanted. A traditional service can include personal touches, like your favorite color or song. Similarly, elements of your customs and heritage can be incorporated into a nontraditional funeral. From simple details to a more elaborate affair, the funeral provider you choose should help you weave the essence of your life throughout all aspects of a ceremony.*

*Q: I love to cook and enjoy a great meal. Is it possible to incorporate food into my funeral or memorial service?*

*A: Absolutely! There are so many memories and traditions associated with good food. If you love to bake, consider serving an array of desserts with keepsake recipe cards for your loved ones to take with them after the service. Or, if cherished pastimes include family and friends gathered around the dinner table, you can design a final send-off that allows them to enjoy a memorable meal with your favorite foods—and also find*

comfort in sharing their favorite stories. Whatever your culinary tastes, your memorial service can include a menu with personal significance. Our funeral home even offers a variety of catering options and can help you arrange anything from appetizers to a full-course meal. You can contact us today for more information.

*Q: Where do I start?*

*A: A good place to start, whether planning for yourself or a loved one, is by reflecting on what's most important in life. Your final send-off should truly be a celebration of what makes you—you. If you're passionate about the ocean, consider a seaside tribute complete with nautical décor and pathways made of sand. If you love football, a tailgate memorial may be the perfect way to bring the whole crew together. However you choose to be remembered, record your wishes and share them with the funeral home of your choice—and your loved ones.*

*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, contact Sherry at 281-395-7070 or [Sherry.Ahart-Davies@Sci-us.com](mailto:Sherry.Ahart-Davies@Sci-us.com), or visit Katy Funeral Home at 23350 Kingsland Blvd. or [www.KatyFH.com](http://www.KatyFH.com).*

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# Katy Sports

By Tom Behrens

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## Katy ISD Alumni

### In The News ...

#### Kilgore College Names Hall of Fame Inductees

Kilgore College Sports Information reports that Kilgore College will honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 6-7.

Jorge Diaz played offensive tackle for the KC football team from 1992-93 under head coach Marion Turner. Born in New York, he grew up in Katy, playing football for Katy High School.

Following two years at KC, he played his remaining college football at Division II Texas A&M-Kingsville, where he was named an All-American. In 1996, he was signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent where he played until 1999. He started six games as a rookie at left guard. The next year he became a regular starter at right guard. He was a part of a rushing attack that included running backs Mike Alstott and Warrick Dunn. Diaz also played one year for the Dallas Cowboys during the 2000 season.

Joshua Oglesby of Katy High School commits to BYU

More often than not in recruiting, there's a decent amount of time between when a coaching staff sees a prospect for the first time and when they offer a scholarship, and then another chunk of time before that prospect commits to the school.

Such certainly wasn't the case with the BYU football program's newest commit for the 2018 class, running back Joshua Oglesby of Katy High School in Texas.

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound Oglesby was first contacted by Cougar running backs coach Reno Mahe on Twitter just last Friday, received a scholarship offer the next day at BYU's Fanfest in Houston, and announced his commitment on Thursday.

A runner who has registered a time of 10.6 seconds in the 100 meters, Oglesby said Cougar coaches were first intrigued by his speed, and offered a scholarship after seeing his film. He has played at slot receiver and in the kick and punt return games in addition to running back.

"Just when I talked to the coaching staff, I felt very comfortable," he said by phone Thursday night. "They seemed very interested in me. Coach Mahe and Coach (Ty) Detmer, they were really great. I just felt comfortable, like I was part of the family. I just felt like I had their trust, and that's a big thing for me, the trust factor. I just felt like it was there and I just felt very comfortable and didn't wait any longer."

Oglesby, who holds one other scholarship offer from Montana State, said he's open to more offers but is focused on attending BYU.

"They told me they really like me and they really wanted me, and no other school has told me that," he said, adding that other schools have evaluated him but only the Bobcats had gone as far as to offer him before the Cougars did. "It was a big thing for me. BYU came the next day and offered, and I just felt like I was wanted there, and that was a big thing for me."

Desert News Sports, Salt Lake City

## Track & Field ...

### High hopes for several medals at the state championships

For Mayde Creek's Javlyn Cameron, Katy's Abby Brudnick, Morton Ranch's Taila Fagan and Seven Lakes' Cooper Campbell, it was one more shot at medals before beginning their college careers. Cameron, a hurdler, recently signed with Texas State University. Brudnick, a distance runner, signed with the University of Texas during the winter. Fagan, a sprinter, recently signed with the University of Houston. Campbell, a thrower, signed with the University of Oklahoma during the fall.

The boys high jump was an event of interest with Tompkins junior Mason Corbin and Seven Lakes senior Trey Angel among the favorites. Angel earned a bronze medal, with his 6-8 good enough for the state wild-card spot.

Tompkins boasts the top-ranked sprinter in the state as sophomore Kailei Collins carried an 11.31 into the state 100. She won an exceptional III-6A race that produced three of the fastest four times in the state.

Taylor junior Otito Ogbonnia emerged as one of the strongest throwers in the state, getting through a loaded regional field to advance to Austin in the shot put. Ogbonnia heaved 58-11 in the shot put and 172-9 1/2 in the discus, taking bronze medals in both. He is ranked fifth in the shot put entering the state meet.

#### KATY ISD REGIONAL SCORES

##### CINCO RANCH

Danella Munoz, 4th, high jump, 5-6

##### KATY

Abby Brudnick, 2nd, 1600, 5:02.80

Michael Matus, 5th, discus, 166-4

Ryan Yarrow, 3rd, 3200, 9:44.00

##### MAYDE CREEK

Javlyn Cameron, 2nd, 100 hurdles, 13.72; 5th, 300 hurdles, 43.80

##### MORTON RANCH

Taila Fagan, 2nd, 200, 24.81

Nic Hernandez, 6th, 200, 22.67

Boys 800 relay, 6th, 1:29.58 (Nic Hernandez, Telron Bradford, Dallas Ross,

Westley Sellers)

##### SEVEN LAKES

Laura Broman, 6th, 3200, 11:36.65

Morgan Janda, 6th, high jump, 5-4

K.C. Nwadei, 6th, triple jump, 39-4; 6th, high jump, 5-4

Dana Pollack, 4th, pole vault, 11-0

Rachel Smith, 4th, discus, 127-11.5

Trey Angel, 3rd, high jump, 6-8

Cooper Campbell, 1st, shot put, 66-7

Zion Mpeye, 4th, 300 hurdles, 38.68

Boys 400 relay, 5th, 41.42 (Jahquan Bloomfield, Nonso Anyanti, Joshua Anadu,

Chris Williams)

Boys 800 relay, 3rd, 1:26.97 (Jahquan Bloomfield, Nonso Anyanti, Joshua Anadu,

Chris Williams)

##### TAYLOR

Otito Ogbonnia, 3rd, shot put, 58-11; 3rd, discus, 172-9.5

##### TOMPKINS

Alyssa Balandran, 3rd, 1600, 5:04.90; 3rd, 3200, 11:18.69

Kailei Collins, 1st, 100, 11.31; 3rd, 200, 24.93

Mason Corbin, 1st, high jump, 6-9

Ben Perceful, 5th, pole vault, 14-6

Parker Powell, 6th, triple jump, 45-6

## Baseball

By Tom Behrens

### And now there is only one

The Katy Tigers are the remaining District 19-6A baseball team in UIL State Championship playoffs in Region 3.

Taylor Mustangs had to scratch and claw to earn the final seed in District 19-6A. Taylor prevailed 3-2 on the road, scoring twice in the seventh inning against Strake Jesuit; Matt Whelan worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half. The senior right hander struck out the side to force a winner-take-all playoff for District 19-6A's final postseason berth.

The Taylor Mustangs faced Travis in Bi-district losing in two games, 13-3 and 5-3, eliminating the Mustangs from the playoffs.

Tompkins, 19-6A's three-seed, eliminated the Kempner Cougars in three games, winning Games 1 and 3 11-10 (10 innings) and 5-4, respectively. Kempner took Game 2, 5-1 to force a decisive game but, ultimately fell victim to the Falcons, whose baseball and softball teams recorded their first playoff series wins, another first for the Tompkins sports history books.

Tompkins was defeated by Cy Ranch, 8-5 and 2-0.

Seven Lakes lost to Ridge Point in three games to Ridge Point, 3-2, 3-6, 10-0 (five innings).

Katy edged out Bellaire, 2-1 and 7-1 to advance to the regional quarterfinals where they will meet Travis on May 20.

## Softball ...

#### Might be wise to place your order for tickets to the State Championship game

The Lady Tigers of Katy survived a scare by Travis in their Bi-district playoff game, winning 3-0. Travis in the seventh inning had two runners on base in scoring position with the game tying run at home place with one out before Katy pitcher, Alyssa LeBlanc stopped the Travis uprising.

LeBlanc allowed six hits, striking out eight and walked three while pitching a complete game.

Katy found their old groove again defeating Cypress Lakes, 12-0 and 13-1. Cypress Lakes had previously eliminated Chaves 19-2 and 11-2. LeBlanc dominated in the 12-0 win, pitching a no-hitter while striking out seven in five innings. She also homered and drove in five at the plate.

Cait Calland was three for three with a home run and two RBIs. Kat Lopez homered in game one. McKay Boxham had five hits and three RBIs in the two games.

Kylie Redding and Chloe Cobb split the pitching in game two.

Next up for the Lady Tigers were the Ridge Point Panthers who the Tigers disposed of in one game, 3-0. Katy scored their first two runs on wild pitches.

The Panthers of Ridge Point had their chance to get back into the game after Tigers made two errors—a bad throw by Kat Lopez and a dropped ball by Chloe Cobb which allowed two Panther runners on base.

Never fear...Alyssa LeBlanc took care of the rest, pitching a complete game shutout.

Tompkins was eliminated from the playoffs after losing to Bellaire 4-2 and 8-0. This was the first ever playoff appearance for Tompkins.

## And The Final 6A (KISD) Results from Austin

### May 12-13 at the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium.

#### BOYS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**SHOT PUT ...** 1. Adrian Piperi, The Woodlands, 68-3 3/4; 2. Gabe Oladipo, FB Hightower, 65-7; 3. Cooper Campbell, Katy Seven Lakes, 64-1

Campbell repeated as a state qualifier after winning the III-6A shot put championship. He placed eighth in the state with a heave of 51 feet, 8 3/4 inches as a junior. His performance has reached a new level this year, evidenced by a winning throw of 66-7 in League City which ranked second entering the state meet.

**HIGH JUMP ...** 1. Mason Corbin, Katy Tompkins, 6-11; 2. Josh Canete, Copperas Cove, 6-8; 3. Jack Scarborough, SA Johnson, 6-8

Tompkins junior Mason Corbin. Corbin won the III-6A gold medal by clearing 6-9 in the regionals.

#### GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**100 ...** 1. Kynnedey Flannel, Alvin, 11.43; 2. Kaylor Harris, Mes. Horn, 11.56; 3. Kailei Collins, Katy Tompkins, 11.61

Tompkins boasts the top-ranked sprinter in the state as sophomore Kailei Collins carried an 11.31 into the state 100.

**100 HURDLES ...** 1. Kaylor Harris, Mes. Horn, 13.38; 2. Milan Young, Hou. Lamar, 13.44; 3. Javlyn Cameron, Katy Mayde Creek, 13.54

Cameron entered the state meet as the No. 4 seed in the 100 hurdles after running a 13.72 at the regional meet. Cameron said her primary goal was to beat her personal record of 13.62 seconds, set at the area meet during her junior year.

If you have a sports story you would like for us to write about please, send an email to [ads@thekatynews.com](mailto:ads@thekatynews.com) or to Tom Behrens at [tbehrcomm@gmail.com](mailto:tbehrcomm@gmail.com).

# Devotional Page

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## Katy High School Student Wins Art Contest

Emily Graham, a junior at Katy Taylor High School was awarded the "Best in Show Award," given by Mary and Mike Sultanik in memory of Viola Davis Rosson, for her piece titled "Sweet Tooth" in the 19th Annual Wells Fargo Student Art Contest presented by Society for the Performing Arts (SPA). The area-wide art contest was open to grades Pre-K through 12 with the theme "Culinary Art." Students were asked to use their creativity to answer the question, "How does Houston taste to you?"



**Emily Graham Of Katy Taylor High School Awarded "Best In Show" For 19th Annual Wells Fargo Art Contest Presented By Society For The Performing Arts**

Graham and the other winners received their awards on April 29 at a ceremony at Episcopal High School. Categories included Pre-K; Kindergarten and grades 1-2; grades 3-5; grades 6-8; grades 9-11 and 12th grade. SPA celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. One of the organization's focuses is education, which includes the annual Wells Fargo Art Contest, as well as many other initiatives, including the Ballet Hispanico Dance Intensive in June, student and educator programs, master classes and lectures. SPA and Wells Fargo congratulate Emily Graham and all of the student winners who worked so hard to create innovative works of art. To learn more about SPA and its education initiatives, go to [spahouston.org/education](http://www.spahouston.org/education)

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**About Society for the Performing Art**  
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## Tai Chi Demonstration At Cinco Ranch Branch Library

Fort Bend County Libraries' Cinco Ranch Branch Library will present an introductory demonstration of Tai Chi techniques on Saturday, May 20, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy. YooSoo Shin, an instructor at Body & Brain Yoga Tai Chi, will present a demonstration of Tai Chi-Qigong. After warming up, participants will learn simple

forms of Tai Chi and Qigong. Those attending the class are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. YooSoo Shin has been teaching Tai Chi, Qigong, yoga, and meditation for more than 20 years. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Cinco Ranch Branch Library at 281-395-1311.

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## Seven Lakes High School Spring Concert

The Spring Concert, featuring music from Broadway, will be May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at SLHS, 9251 South Fry Rd, Katy, TX. See the amazing 19 pieces of art on their website: <http://www.sevenlakesorchestras.org/contribute/music-to-the-eyes>. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any SLHS Orchestra Student or download an order form from the website and send the form and money to the address on the flyer. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. You do not need to be present the night of the raffle to win. Tickets will be sold from May 1 - May 19.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Now that the signs have been pulled out of the yards and the elections have come to an end, I want to thank The Katy News for excellent coverage of the 2017 Mayoral and Council Member Ward B races. Thank you for giving each candidate equal coverage of unbiased facts. Also, thank you for sponsoring the first Katy News Forum at Midway Bar B Que.

I want to congratulate Katy's new Mayor, Chuck Brawner and Jimmy Mendez (478 votes to my 316) on retaining his seat for Council Member Ward B. Running in this election was a great experience! I learned much about our City's process, met great people and enjoyed walking the neighborhoods of my ward. A big "Thank You" to all Friends, Neighbors and Citizens who gave me support, allowed me to put a sign in their yard, voted for me, and encouraged me along the way.

I began this race by seeking Mayor Hugh's blessing to run. I know I didn't have to have his approval to run for office, but I wanted him to know my intentions, that my motive wasn't fueled by discontent; rather, I respected him and the work of the City Officials.

I learned some lessons during the campaign: (1) The City's boundary lines! (2) Many citizens using the Katy address who live in the greater Katy area THINK they live in the City of Katy!! (3) Signs appear larger on a computer screen than they do when printed. My opponent, Jessie Campbell, and myself shared a laugh over my first attempt at signs when she admitted that she almost called me to make sure I realized my signs couldn't be read from the street! (4) Get your rest instead of rearranging your furniture the night before a forum (5) However, the biggest lesson learned had to be that I didn't run AGAINST my opponents, but with them, in this race for the City of Katy. While votes were cast

## Letter to the Editor

regarding our differences, we shared a fraternity of like-mindedness, wanting the best for Katy, with a conviction of what we believed in, and a willingness to serve. I want to thank Jimmy and Jessie for a race well ran.

My platform has been "Kayse for Katy", and win or lose, it's been an honor to participate in the democratic process for our city and to have received each vote. The city has decided that Jimmy is the best candidate to represent our Ward and I honor this decision and will continue to serve our city in whatever manner needed, with or without title. I heard concerns and ideas from many while walking the neighborhoods and those concerns are etched in my memory. I'd like to see everyone receive valid answers to concerns. Its been my life to volunteer, walk with others needing strength to stand for what is right, to be an advocate for the underdog. Serving is so new quotient, having worked alongside my own parents from an early age in learning how to assist others in need. For anyone fighting a battle to preserve the quality of life or liberty, I'm in their court. I am an advocate, a voice, one that stands and keeps standing, whether in City Hall or elsewhere.

I recognize that no matter how many degrees one has, a candidate gets the job because she works at building relationships. In knowing each other, we can see firsthand what one is made of and gather insight to the caliber that person is. The greatest attribute I have to bring to the table is engagement, encouragement and empowerment to others rather than cause people to feel demeaned, belittled or ostracized. Together we can celebrate because we continued, we are victorious and we progress. It is all about what we can do together.

Together, let's enjoy Historic Katy, a place where our families can live, grow and prosper in solidarity of heritage, sanctity of growth and safety of citizens. I am Kayse Kendall Johnson, and I live this message.

# Mendez Re-Elected to City Council

Recently, The Katy News asked Natasha Mendez if she would like to interview her father after his re-election to City Council. She said yes. Natasha has said that she would eventually like to follow in her father's footsteps and get involved in Katy politics. She attends many of the council meetings with her dad. After talking to Natasha, I can assure you she knows what's going on in this community as much as the council members.

The following is what Natasha has come up with:

## Jimmy Mendez

By: Natasha Mendez

• How does it feel to be re-elected to your third and final term?

WOW, I don't know what to say. I'm just glad that I didn't have to do a run-off. It's very rare to have a three way race not end in a run-off because one of the three must get over 50% of the vote to prevent it. I really dislike campaigning because it re-directs my attention from working on important things to focusing on frivolous things such as putting out signs and soliciting support. It also forces me to toot my own horn and that goes against my grain.

• What can we expect to see from you over the next two years?

Even though I hated campaigning, some good came out of it. I realized that I had been so busy working to get all of the projects going that Katy needed, that I didn't even think about putting in a due date, incentives for early completion or penalties for late completion. I also learned a lot from my opponents and will be working on making our city website a lot more user friendly and easier to find things. Also, getting back in touch with the people of Katy was both refreshing and sobering. It is interesting to me to see how people both view me and view what I have done.

• After your two years in office, do you have any plans to seek another seat such as the "At Large" or the "Mayor's" seat?

Like I said before; I hate campaigning. I originally ran for this seat to fix the flooding problems that I felt the city was not properly addressing; and that is exactly what I

have been doing. I absolutely did not get into this for a career. I have no plans to run for anything after this.

• Is there anything else that you want the reader to know?

Yes, if we do not know that you have a problem with something, we cannot address it. All of us on the council are very approachable and take our responsibilities very seriously. We are your representatives; we do not work for the city.

I know that this is a short interview, but if Natasha changes her mind about going into politics, she can come to work at the Katy News anytime. *By the way, congratulations Jimmy Mendez.*

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**2017 GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

**Winter Graduation**

DATE	CAMPUS	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, January 26, 2017	KISD Winter Graduation	MRHS PAC	7:00PM

**Spring Graduation**

DATE	CAMPUS	STAR T TIME	LOCATION	STUDENT REPORT TIME	BUILDING OPENS FOR PUBLIC
Friday, June 2, 2017	OTHS	2:00PM	LMC	12:45PM	12:45PM
Friday, June 2, 2017	SLHS	7:00PM	LMC	5:45PM	5:45PM
Saturday, June 3, 2017	MCBS	9:00AM	LMC	7:45AM	7:45AM
Saturday, June 3, 2017	THS	2:00PM	LMC	12:45PM	12:45PM
Saturday, June 3, 2017	MRHS	7:00PM	LMC	5:45PM	5:45PM
Sunday, June 4, 2017	CRHS	2:00PM	LMC	12:45PM	12:45PM
Sunday, June 4, 2017	KHS	7:00PM	LMC	5:45PM	5:45PM
Monday, June 5, 2017	RHS	7:00PM	OTHS PAC	6:00PM	6:00PM

**Summer Graduation**

DATE	CAMPUS	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, August 28, 2017	KISD Summer Graduation	KHS PAC	7:00PM

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At a recent City Council Meeting, Mayor Fabol Hughes read out a proclamation recognizing May as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month." Pictured with the Mayor are: Clauzell Bogan, member of DownAz Ridaz Motorcycle Club and Onecia Conway member of the DownAz Dollz Motorcycle Club were present to accept the proclamation.

## Internet Basics

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- Bonnie Holland Elementary
- Fred & Patti Shafer Elementary
- Hazel S. Pattison Elementary
- James E. Randolph Elementary
- Keiko Davidson Elementary
- Michael L. Griffin Elementary
- Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary
- Roosevelt Alexander Elementary
- Stan C. & Patsy Stanley Elementary
- Tom Wilson Elementary
- Woodcreek Elementary
- Beckendorff Junior High
- Cinco Ranch Junior High
- Garland McMeans Junior High
- Rodger & Ellen Beck Junior High
- Seven Lakes Junior High
- WoodCreek Junior High
- Seven Lakes High School
- Tompkins High School

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