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Chau issues fundraising challenge for new PCMC Clinic

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

Jennifer Chau recently issued "The Chau Challenge" to help raise funds for the Palacios Community Medical Center. Ms. Chau and The Chau Law Firm have offered to match dollar-per-dollar donations up to \$25,000 from clients, friends, colleagues and the community.

Ms. Chau, who credits the staff at Palacios Community Medical Center with getting her the help she needed with her own chronic illness, stated, "I owe a lot to PCMC."

Jennifer believes that PCMC is critical to the healthcare needs of the community and serves as a director at PCMC. She stated that "PCMC provides a high level

of care" and her willingness to match donations up to \$25,000 affirms her belief in the value of that level of care to the community.

While Ms. Chau's philanthropic efforts will go a long, long way toward satisfying the financial obligations of PCMC, CEO Claude Manning recently stated that the amount of donations needed at this time is \$268,000.

The new clinic will offer expanded services and more providers, which will make Palacios more attractive to visitors, more convenient to local citizens, and will boost the local economy, so everyone should value the presence of a healthcare facility in Palacios that offers a high level of care and get on board and take "The Chau Challenge".

Chau is a woman driven to succeed. In 2002, at the age of 19, she received her Bachelor's Degree, with a concentration in Computer Information Systems. In 2006, she received her Master's Degree, concentrating in Criminal Justice and Communications. Both degrees were earned at the University of Houston-Victoria.

She then attended law school at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, where she received her Jurisdoctorate in 2010, concentrating in Litigation.

Along with her work at Chau Law Firm, she recently opened an office in Vietnam to serve the immigration law



Jennifer Chau & PCMC CEO Claude Manning outside new PCMC Clinic. (Beacon Photo by Alan Schulman)

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BEACON BRIEFS

Eagles serving chicken enchilada plate dinners Fri.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, located at 204 4th St., will have a chicken enchilada plate fundraiser from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Fri. (Mar. 17). Plates are \$8 and includes chicken enchiladas, rice, beans and dessert. To order for pick-up or delivery call 361-972-3402.

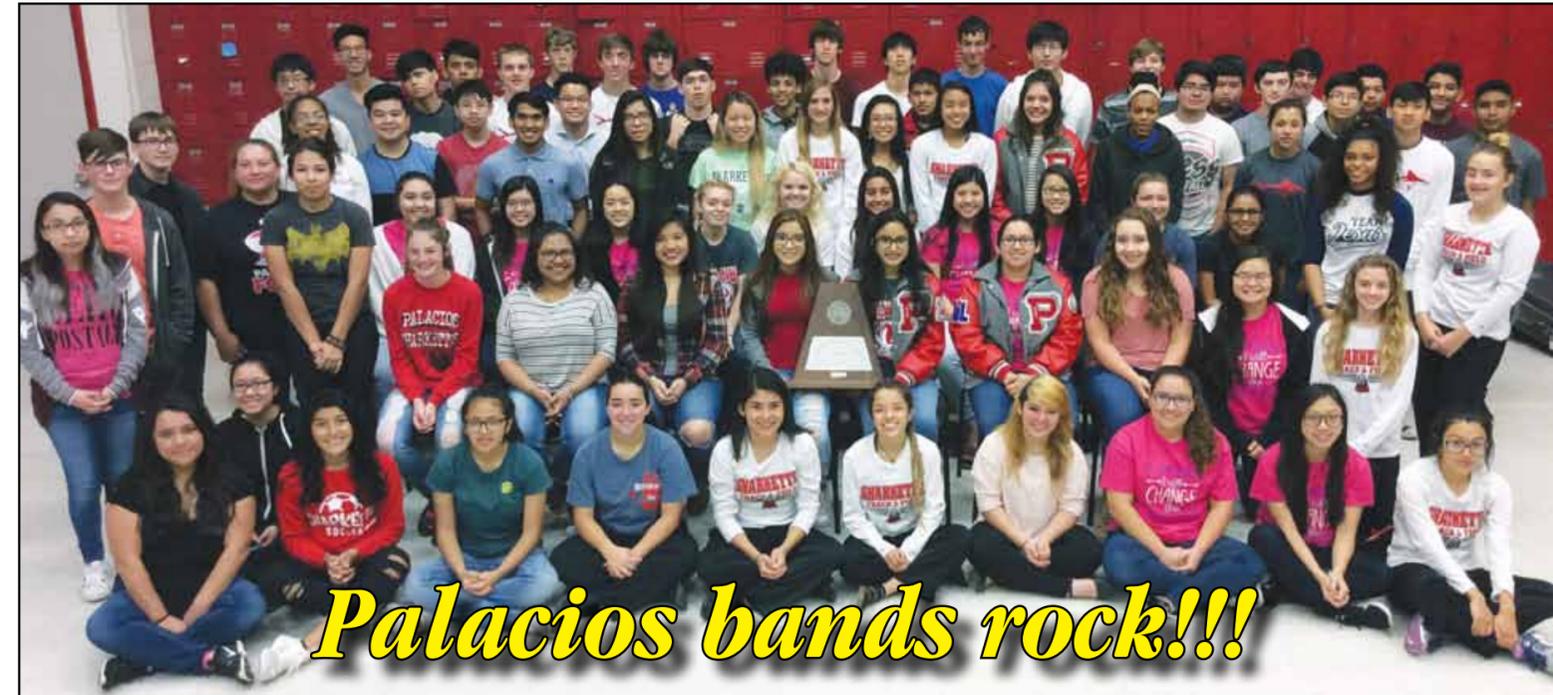
St. Anthony's Lenten Fish Fry Fri. at KC Hall

St. Anthony of Padua's Catholic Church in Palacios will hold its Lenten Fish Fry on Fri. (Mar. 17) for \$9 per plate dine-in or take out. Plate includes fish shrimp, coleslaw or rice, pinto beans, hush puppies, dessert and tea.

Trull to host reception Sat. for outgoing & incoming Trustee

The Board of Trustees of The Trull Foundation will hold a reception on Sat. (Mar. 18) in honor of retiring Trustee Colleen Claybourn and incoming Trustee Kristan Bishop Olfers from 3-5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Clement Hall, located at 501 3rd St.

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Palacios bands rock!!!

PHS, PJHS bands win dual sweepstakes at UIL Contest

On March 7th. the Palacios bands competed at UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest hosted at the Palacios HS Fine Arts Building. The Palacios Junior High School Band, under the direction of Briana Harmon, earned first division ratings in both the concert and sight reading portions of the event. For Harmon, this is the first time in her four year career to earn the coveted UIL Band Sweepstakes award. Later in the day, the Palacios High School Band competed against other 3A bands from the music region. Under the direction of Jim Popham they also earned Sweepstakes by getting ones in marching, concert, and sight reading. This is the first time in three years that both bands have achieved sweepstakes at the same time. (Submitted Photos)



Seawall's Margerum Rd. bulkhead nears completion

BY TERRY MOSIER

While work on the Margerum Rd. bulkhead project nears completion, the commissioners of the Matagorda County Seawall Commission continue to seek the best option for the Seawall repairs.

With all commissioners present at last week's monthly meeting, it was report that Rhoades Land Leveling and Excavation is 75-percent complete on the construction of the Margerum Road Bulkhead project. Some tie backs, aluminum cap and back fill remain to be finished with completion expected soon.

Seawall Repairs-East Bayshore Stress Wall Project

The best repair option may still be to excavate behind the wall, replace the filter cloth, back fill with soil under compaction, and replace the sidewalk after the repairs are made. The wall is struc-

turally sound and Engineers are looking at different rebar materials for the harsh salt water environment to use for repairs. More options with non-corroding rebar may be on the table for future discussions.

Seawall Splash Apron

The failing splash apron along the main bay front is due for more test digging during the next few weeks. The worst area is considered to be from the flag pole to the north end by the highway. More of this test work is scheduled to begin at the same time as the East Bayshore Stress Wall work is tested. The engineers are to develop a solution for this and present it at a future meeting. As soon as Rhoades Land Leveling and Construction has completed the Margerum Road bulkhead construction the commissioners plan to have him move and

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Community Conversation continues to take shape

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Palacios Community Conversation is a group of concerned citizens who have been meeting monthly for several months to "make our town more caring, more equitable, safer and more inclu-

sive". Last Thursday's meeting focused on, among other things, gun safety. Participants were quizzed on their experiences with firearms, and then encouraged to discuss their experiences with each other, which revealed that everyone came from a

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Protesting for the pachyderms...

FOR the second year in a row, the Carson & Barnes Circus has come to the City by the Sea, and for the second straight year a strong contingent of animal rights activists, led by Palacios' Madison Hunter, have protested against the show's use of elephants. The group didn't allow a slight drizzle from putting a damper on their protesting spirit. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

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