County jobless rate fell below 10% in Aug.

In August, which is still 3.3 percent higher than the unemployment rate in August 2019.

The U.S. reduced its unemployment rate in August with an unemployment rate of nearly 13 percent rates fall in August by around one percent, the lowest being Calhoun, Colorado, and Jackson with rates under six percent, while Matagorda County slipped under the 10 percent mark with a decrease of 1.6 percent.

According to the Texas Workforce Com- mission, ten counties had an unemployment rate of 3.0 percent or less in August, while the rate in Texas was 7.0 percent. The U.S. reduced its unemployment rate in August with an unemployment rate of nearly 13 percent.

Trump Boat Parade rides into town....

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The parade wasn’t transformed into a wake. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Palacios sales tax rebates up 5%

In August, eighteen of thirty area cities, including Palacios, received more in sales tax rebates than in the same month in 2019, while seven received more in their year-to-date rebates compared to 2019.

Several cities were down by a large amount compared to the same month in 2019. Galana’s rebate amount was down by over 34 percent, Port Lavaca saw an over 27 percent decrease, and Wharton’s rebate amount was down by nearly 31 percent. On the other side of the coin, Bay City saw a 28 percent increase in its monthly rebate amount compared to the same month in 2019. Sweeney’s year-to-date rebate amount was up by over 33 percent.

Locally, Palacios was up over 5 percent in Aug. of 2020, while Sweeny is up 4.5 percent.

Oyster farming industry in the U.S., but Texas was the last coastal state in the nation to allow commercial oyster aquaculture.

While 2020 has presented more than its share of challenges for many industries, experts from Texas A&M AgriLife and other institutions supporting the fledgling oyster farming industry along the Texas Gulf Coast are optimistic about the industry's outlook for 2021 and beyond.

Setting the stage for oyster farming in Texas...
Harvest Moon Dinner & Auction next week

The books have arrived for Gratitude Project Great Children’s Book Giveaway in partnership with First Book. The Giveaway will be on October 17th. See next issue for more details. Volunteers pictured are: (left to right) Patricia and Don Loving, Vikijane Mosier, David King, Troy Lewis, Andrew Bates, Janice Calderon, Ryan Lee and Cynthia Garrett. Not pictured is Troy Lewis III. (Submitted Photo)

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unemployment rates decreased over the month in all counties. Starr County had the highest unemployment rate of 15.7 percent. U.S., Texas, Matagorda and surrounding counties’ not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Au-

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Move Over or Slow Down—It’s the Law

AEP Texas reminds area residents that state law now requires motorists approaching parked service utility vehicles with blue or amber flashing lights to "Move Over" to an adjacent lane or "Slow Down" by 2 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

We thank our state lawmakers for their concern and safety of all utility workers who are working to restore power. Remember, "Move Over or Slow Down—It’s the Law."
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