Palacios Library’s annual Harvest Moon Dinner & Auction this week

Traditionally, the Harvest Moon is a Din- ner and Dance hosted by the Friends of the Library for Century Club Members to thank them for the support that their sponsorships give to our library. The funds raised by Century Club Members through the auction that accompanies the Harvest Moon Dinner are used by the Palacios Library to support their programs. Without this vi- sion of these individuals, two tickets to the traditional Harvest Moon Dinner and Dance are granted each year. The dinner is normally scheduled for Palacios Recreational Center in Oc- tober, complete with a catered dinner and a live band. It is often a highlight of the year.

What about THIS year?

It’s no surprise that 2020 has thrown every- one everywhere for a loop of massive propor- tions. The Palacios Library has adapted the

Driver lucky to walk away...

A suspected running of the stop sign at the intersection of FM 521 and FM 2083 nearly claimed the life of the driver of a white, four door sedan on Oct. 5 when the vehicle was struck by a cotton-country church head- land westbound on FM 2083. The impact crushed the rear drivers side of the vehicle just behind the driver’s seat. (Beacon Photos by Brandi G. West)

Early voting underway in November elections

Early voting went underway in the November 3 Gen- eral Election on Oct. 13. Early voting continued until Oct. 31, only on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. All early voting in Palacios will take place at the Palacios - Matagorda County Navigation District Admi- nistration building, located at 1002 Main St.

Rainbowland saffer positive for COVID-19

Rainbowland Daycare ex- perienced its’ first closure this year due to COVID when one teacher test- ed positive for COVID-19.

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Mat. Co. Sheriff arrested by Texas Rangers

According to the grand jury docu- ments, Osborne is account- ed of “removing the record from the Matagorda County Sheriff’s office’s master jail book after the false arrest of an elderly woman in Feb. of this year due to false arrest of an elderly woman in Feb. of this year by deputies.” The indictment states Maria Ramos Reyes was falsely ar- rested on Feb. 3 by MCSO deput- ies after she was misidentified.

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**Gratitude Project’s first steps in apples train area**

**BY RYAN WEST**

Representatives of the Palacios Wellness Council’s Gratitude Project have been making rounds around town delivering certificates of appreciation and their hugging heart logos & bumper stickers. First stop was at the City of Palacios where Project members presented the first of nine inaugural Gratitude Project certificates. The certificates, also presented to the Palacios Post Office, Palacios ISD, the Palacios Recycling Center, the Matagorda County Navigation District #1, the Port of Palacios, the Palacios Beacon, the Palacios Chamber of Commerce, read as follows:

> “Thank you and your team for caring and support for our community! The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for us all. So much has changed in such a short time! Every Organization has had to change and adapt and we know that is not always easy. Yet, despite that, you all rose to the challenge and created changes that focused on people’s health and wellness and our community’s safety.

> Every day our local organizations are putting in extra hours to keep us safe. You are our heroes! We are overwhelmed by the way you responded and we want to share our gratitude for the changes and sacrifices you and your team have made.

> Nothing is more important than the safety of the individuals and families in our community. The Palacios Wellness Council recognizes your good work and thanks you from all of our hearts.

> Our community is grateful to you all. Be safe and be well!”

Gratitude Project partners include: First Book-Matagorda, Palacios Medical Foundation, Sanford Community Center, Palacios Community Conversation and the Palacios Wellness Council.

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**Palacios ISD recognizes trio of Trustees for years of service**

**BY ALAN C. SCHOLMAN Palacios Beacon Reporter**

In a very brief online meeting of the Board of Trustees, Palacios ISD’s Board of Trustees Wednesday, May 18, recognized three of its members for years of service during its limited meeting.

> Robert Duran and Rob Keeler were awarded for their years of service to the Palacios ISD Board of Trustees. Additionally, Mr. Duran has served on the Board for 15 years. Principal Korenek noted that he had been recognized as its Principal Appreciation Month.

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**Reports to the Board**

Business Reports, which included Monthly Summary Reports and Monthly Summary Reports of Bills, and Superintendent’s Reports were presented to the Board with Continuing Education Board Training to be presented at its next meeting.

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**Next Meeting**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m.

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**VOTE**

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Early ballots may also be cast at the Bay City Service Center, located at 1050 Ave. M. Early voting will begin Two, run fora

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**Man drowns while tubing with family**

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**Bus stop leads to laundered concealed cash**

FLATONIA: A routine traffic stop by Fayette County Reserve Drug Interdiction Investigator Jeremy Ellison resulted in an arrest for money laundering after $186,070 in United States Currency was found in a bus. According to Caldwell County Sheriff Ken Koeamek, Ellison stopped a bus traveling westbound on Interstate 10 near the 665 mile-marker. The driver, Jose Luis Salazar, 55, of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, gave inconsistent stories about his travel pattern and other criminal indicators, Koeamek noted. Consent was given for the search and concealed packages were found which contained United States Currency. Salazar was arrested and transported to the Dan R. Beck Justice Center and charged with money laundering between $150,000 and $300,000, a second-degree felony that carries a minimum penalty of 20 years confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections. --- The Banner-Press Newspaper

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**Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office**

**Area Briefs**

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Center from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The items you won will be brought to your car. You can pay securely online when the auction closes using a credit card, or if you are uncomfortable with online payments, you can opt to pay at pick-up with a check as usual. Harvest Moon members will be provided with two complimentary boxed dinners cu- tured by Mustang Creek fea- turing Smoked Rack of Pork. If non-members wish to pur- chase a meal along with their items, they must do so ahead of time through the auction website. Please consider par- ticipating in this year’s on- line auction and/or becoming a Community Club Member to help us carry on our work during these unpredictable times. All support is appreci- ated. The Friends of the Li- brary are also accepting do- nations from local businesses and individuals for items to feature in the auction. If you are interested in donating an item, please bring it to the library or contact us at 361- 972-3234.

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ARRESTS

Madyson Ruth Chase, 18, 19 Muscatine, was arrested in the 400 block of Main St. at 8:38 p.m. on Oct. 4. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

INCIDENTS

Criminal Mischief: Officer was dis-patched to the Police Annex at 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 6 to meet with a complainant who wished to report that his vehicle had been broken into.

Fire: Officer responded to the 2000 block of 1st St. at 2:46 p.m. on Oct. 7 in reference to a dump truck bed that was lift- ed, struck a power line, and caused a fire.

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