Palacios & Matagorda County cast their votes

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Palacios County Clerk’s Office, reports 13,785 of the country and here locally, voters in Matagorda County, joined the rest of our nation, for in a historic and record making Palacios & Matagorda County cast their votes. While we await the final declaration of a Presidential winner and a ratings drawing, local election results for positions on the Palacios City Council and Palacios ISD trustees are in - but still 'unofficial' until final canvassing.

Palacios

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The Palacios ISD trustee races were a different story however, as two of the races were hotly contested and two had unopposed candidates.

In the Position 4 race, Brian Busby garnered 51 percent of the votes (1,021), with Jason Miller getting 39 percent (789) and Tom Warner receiving 10 percent (211). Position 5 is a comeback story, as nightfall election results from Matagorda County showed Karen Botbyl winning. However, with part of PSD in Jackson County, results there had Ron Laws edging Botbyl 285 to 192. When combined, the 'unofficial' tally has Laws as the victor for Trustee, Position 5 PSD with 52 percent of the votes (1,097), and Karen Botbyl with 48 percent (1,022).

Position 6 was a win for unopposed Filipino Marroquin. Position 7 went to Marcos C. Aparicio, who was also unopposed.

Local races

Joining her father in making history, Jennifer Chau was unopposed in her race to be the first Vietnamese County Attorney in Texas. She netted in 10,312 votes across the County. The City of Palacios is now on notice as City of Palacios Chief of Police. David Miles, won another race for re-election to the City Council.

Sales tax rebates up in 9 of 13 area cities

Surprisingly, after all that has transpired this year to thwart the local and national economy, in September, nine of thirteen area cities received more in sales tax rebates than in the same month in the prior year.

The coffers of the City of Palacios were up just over 6% at $63,842 for the month, and is 64% up from 2019 YTD.

Of the four cities that received less in September, three were down by a large percentage. Port Lavaca was down 34 percent from $62,126 to $41,286, Blooming Grove over 35 percent, and Point Comfort was down by over 50 percent. The State Comptroller's Office collects sales tax and distributes rebates to cities, transit systems, and counties within the state districts monthly.

The following are rebates to 13 area cities for September 2020 and September 2019, with percentage change in parentheses.

Bay City: $53,001 ($50,075) (5.79%)
Corpus Christi: $4,029,068 ($4,238,999) (4.80%)
Edna: $40,444 ($46,225) (-13.09%)
Ganado: $41,583 ($40,105) (3.61%)
Lavaca: $3,012,993 ($3,095,684) (-2.75%)
Mat. Co.: $47,689 ($40,275) (17.77%)
Ogden: $793 ($415,642) (-99.42%)
Palacios: $78,027,470 ($78,027,470) (100.00%)
San Antonio: $1,093,318 ($1,093,318) (100.00%)
Seabrook: $72,769 ($73,62,231) (-11.66%)
Sweeny: $470,041 ($514,278) (-8.49%)
Weimar: $5,677,832 ($5,589,599) (1.59%)
Corpus Christi’s Bucs Stadium at 6 p.m. Sat.

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The Palacios Gratitude Project caught up with a crew of sanitation workers from Waste Connections and offered them Thank You Certificates, take-out food, and bumper stickers. (Submitted Photo)

Manager Brandi Trammel presented Desiree Vega a certificate for Employee of the month. Congratulations to Desiree Vega of the month.

The full Matagorda County ‘unofficial’ results can be found on the Matagorda County Clerk's website.
DEADLINE 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY

Individuals listed have been arrested and/or charged with an offense. Inclusion in this report does not imply that the person is guilty of any crime. The following are offense and arrest reports submitted by the Palacios Police Dept. to the Palacios Beacon as of noon Friday.

• Palacios Police Reports •

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virus’s 14-day period, and 19 more than the period before that,” the statement read.

“When you think about days like July 10 (when 42 new cases were reported), where we had more new cases in one day than we’ve had in the past 14 days combined, Matagorda County is still in very good shape from a public health perspective. However, as promised, the hospital district and the Matagorda County EOC would like to call attention to this upward trend in new COVID-19 cases in our community.”

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