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Palacios survives, thans out after deep freeze

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN Palacios Beacon - Reporter

Last week's deep freeze was a challenge for all of Texas, with power outages, iced roads and bridges, and frozen water pipes. How that challenge was met by local government is the question posed to three leaders in the community on Thursday as the crisis appeared to be in the rear view

Palacios Police Chief Milton Rivera responded stating, "Chief Rivera thanks the citizens of Palacios that donated food, water, and blankets for the temporary shelter at the Police Station during this winter freeze. The Chief also wants to congratu-

late the Palacios Police Department Officers who opted to stay in the city and not be home with their families. The Police Department also appreciates all the community organizations and businesses that assisted the Police Department during the freeze.

Fortunately, the Police Department did not receive any reports of accidents, injuries, or death during the freeze. The Department is still conducting welfare checks to ascertain that everyone is safe. The Police Department is looking closely at their technological resources to improve our communication center for any future events. The Chief has an open-door policy, and you can reach out to him for any con-

cerns or comments at 361-972-2728."

Addressing the local water supply, Palacios City Manager David Kocurek commented, "The system-wide water pressure went down for 6-8 hours Monday night through Tuesday morning due to the major water breaks, homeowners' water line breaks, and extreme water usage by homeowners to keep their water lines from breaking. The City pumped 1.2 million gallons of water during the 24-hour period. Our normal consumption is 300,000 gallons daily average. It was the extreme demand on our system (that caused the down time). We never stopped producing water for the community."

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A homemade iced lawn sculpture.

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St. Anthony of Padua's Catholic Church, located at 1004 Magnusson, in Palacios will be holding a fried fish & shrimp plate fundraiser on Fri. (Feb. 26) beginning at 4 p.m. until sold out. Plates are \$10 and includes fried fish & shrimp, coleslaw, hush puppies and french fries.



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Sharkettes win Area crown...

THE ball bounces on for the Palacios Sharkettes after they won the Area crown in a 62-56 win over Luling's Lady Eagles in a three-time rescheduled meeting eventually played in Hallettsville last Saturday and advance to the Class 3A Region III Quarterfinals. After the final buzzer, it was all smiles for the Sharkettes. For more on the Sharkettes see Page 8. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

PISD classes cancelled all last week due to freeze

BY RYAN WEST Palacios Beacon-Publisher

Palacios ISD students were to resume classes this past Mon. (Feb. 22) after the winter storms forced the district to close its door for all of last week.

While students were scheduled for a day off for President's Day, the ensuing weather event had the feel of last year's spring break which turned into summer break.

"I really thought moving to the coast, I would not have to deal with closing school due to winter weather," said

PISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Chapman.

The district's initial closure was due to the winter conditions, especially the potential build up of ice.

"Then came the unforeseen bigger problems," Chapman said, "Loss of power and water."

"I really was hopeful we could get power back to our buildings and get our kids back in school, but it became apparent that there was widespread loss of utilities throughout the district. Many

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PEDC bids Ferdinand farewell...

PALACIOS Economic Development Corp. Board President Bob VanBorssum (right) presents outgoing PEDC Executive Director Mike Ferdinand (left) with a ceremonial plaque at a going away celebration held in Bay City last week. (Submitted Photo)



Cold forced STP's Unit 1 reactor offline

Last week's near record-setting cold that knocked out power across much of the Lone Star State was also responsible knocking the South Texas Project's Unit 1 nuclear reactor offline

nuclear reactor offline.

A release from the company last week reported STP Unit one reconnected to the Texas power grid on Feb. 17 at 9:07 p.m. and has returned to its full capacity of approximately 1350MW.

On Monday, Feb. 15, at 5:26 a.m., an automatic reactor trip occurred at South Texas Project in Unit 1 causing the unit to come offline. The cause of this unit trip originated from a cold weather induced failure of a feedwater pressure sensing line. STP Operators took immediate action to stabilize the unit and then to focus on promptly returning Unit 1 to the grid. Unit 2 remained online throughout this period and continues to support the Texas ERCOT grid along with Unit 1.

"STP recognizes the hardships our fellow Texans

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THE marsh areas along Perryman Ave. dusted and snow nearly frozen solid during last week's frozen win-

Finally, for a county-wide review, County Judge Nate McDonald stated, "I can tell you that the County bridges I crossed the last four days were sanded, as well as the TXDOT bridges I crossed. Certainly there have been some fallen trees removed as well. We have worked with Jackson Electric Coop and AEP to get the communities in Matagorda County rolled on for electricity. When ERCOT dragged its feet, I enlisted the help of Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Representative Cody Vast to encourage our grid administrators to send power to Matagorda County. City Manager David Kocurek also was a big help in communicating the needs of Palacios to me, so I could work with the right groups to get those needs addressed. As we did not have adequate water in Bay City to open the Courthouse and County Office Building on Tuesday or Wednesday, we closed them until we could provide a

> carry out their duties in. On Thursday, we reopened with most County offices open and providing services. "We opened a warming shelter at the Tidehaven ISD

> safe and sanitary place for our County employees to

> shelter dome on Monday evening and it remains open throughout this period of cold weather we are currently in." It appears that local gov-

> ernment departments prepared and executed well during this crisis. Now, if we could just get a few truckloads of water pipe and fittings for all the home plumbing repairs taking place.



No one hurt in EBISD gas leak

EAST BERNARD: No one was hurt near Memorial Stadium on the grounds of the East Bernard ISD or in the nearby neighborhood on Thursday after a gas pipe was accidentally punctured by an employee. "There was a water leak behind the stadium. In the process of locating the leak, the uncommonly shallow buried gas line was punctured by an employee," said EBISD Superintendent Courtney Hudgins. According to EBISD, after the incident occurred, a shelter had been in place for all students. Hudgins said it was 50 minutes that all staff and students were sheltered in place on the respective campuses. It took 20 minutes to repair the leak. - East Bernard Express

El Campo fugitive caught in Mexico

EL CAMPO: Mexican authorities Saturday arrested the El Campo man who became one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted. Information hasn't been made available yet on when Camillo Rodriguez, 37, will be returned to Wharton County to face charges of failure to register as a sex offender, three counts of sexual assault of a child, assault/ family violence, burglary of a habitation, and criminal mischief. Rodriguez, a U.S. citizen, has been wanted since July 2019, when he absconded from El Campo, his last known address. The Texas Department of Public Safety added Rodriguez to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender list in February, 2020, offering a cash reward of up to \$3,000 for information leading to arrest. "The U.S. Marshals worked with a local PD in Mexico to find him," El Campo Police Cpl. Mark Biskup said, but added he didn't know what city Rodriguez was in when he was captured. - El Campo Leader-News

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are experiencing due to the combination of cold weather and not having electricity and heat in their homes and businesses," said Jim Connolly, Chief Nuclear Officer for STP Nuclear Operating Company. "We have experienced an unprecedented cold weather event statewide which presented a

challenge to our systems. We will conduct a full review of the causes of this loss of generation and apply appropriate preventive and corrective actions to continuously improve the reliability of our units.' said Connolly.

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Palacios Police Reports

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.

ARRESTS

Dillon Devin Thomas, 27, Brazoria, was arrested in the 400 block of E. Elizabeth Ave at 8:49 p.m. on Feb. 18. Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Iden-

Meghan Alexandria Naranjo, 28, 312 E. Tres Palacios, was arrested in the 400 block of E. Elizabeth Ave at 8:49 p.m. on Feb. 18. Warrant Service Out of County, Warrant Service Bay City Police Department.

INCIDENTS

Traffic Stop: Officers conducted a Traffic Stop at the intersection of 1st St. and McGlothlin Ave at 2:45 a.m. on Feb. 14. The vehicle doing 97 mph was being operated by a 16-yr-old Hispanic male with no driver's license. The vehicle was impounded and the juvenile male was issued several citations.

Vehicle in a Ditch: A vehicle was reported in a ditch in the 400 block of Mc-Glothlin Ave at 6:08 a.m. on Feb. 14.

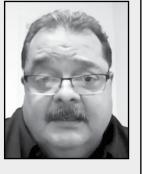
Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon: Officers responded to a 911 call for service regarding a domestic violence aggravated assault at 45 Seashell Blvd. at 5:55 p.m. on Feb. 15. An investigation is ongoing.

Theft, Public Intoxication: Officers responded to a call for service at 7-11 at 10:24 p.m. on Feb. 17 in reference to a Theft. Officers located the suspect inside a vehicle matching the description given by store employees along with the products that were reported stolen. The subject was a white female in her 40s who was

From the Police Chief

By Police Chief Milton Rivera

Please be aware that after every disaster, the predators scofflaws come out to take advantage of those in need. Please be mindful of any



impersonators of power companies or contractors knocking on your door. I urge you not to let them in your home and call the Palacios Police Department to identify these unknown subjects. Remember, See something, Say something; it's essential to keep our community safe.

positively identified by store employees. Due to jail cells being used as shelter from frigid temperatures, the suspect was issued citations for Class C misdemeanor theft and public intoxication and released back to her residence.

Evading Arrest With Vehicle: Officers initiated a traffic stop resulting in a known male, who was wanted for a felony warrant, evading the scene. Officers chased the suspect, who then stole a bicycle from a residence and fled the location. The search for the suspect and investigation is ongo-



Police called to keep order at gas stations

AFTER nearly 36 hours without power or fuel available for generations, the lights came on the the gas pumps became operational residents and outlying neighbors in the area made a dash for the fuel lines. After lines for gas backed up into Henderson Ave. and around the corner on 12th St., Palacios Police manned the gas pumps to help keep the order from breaking down into chaos. A similar scene unfolded at Porter's Ace Hardware when refilling of propane tanks became available and the Police helped keep things going in an orderly fashon. (Beacon Photos by Ryan West)



of our students and staff and their families simply were not able to come to school as they needed to focus on taking care of themselves."

PISD didn't escape the freezing cold unscathed when it came to busted pipes. (Continued From Page 1)

"We did have a water main at the HS campus that affected a couple of buildings. Biggest issue there was getting parts. At East Side, there was one building that suffered water damage after a pipe busted. We have

taken care of cleaning it up and then making needed repairs," he added.

"We are appreciative of the time and effort put in by our maintenance staff to prepare our facilities, and then getting in to take care of repairs.

Parent's certainly breathed a sigh of relief when Monday rolled around and the kids were back in class.



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Palacios Beacon Early Files

10 YEARS AGO-2011

Honored at the 2011 Palacios Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet were Man of the Year - Bruce Herllin, Woman of the Year - Gail Purvis, and Business of the Year - Texas Baptist Encampment.

Marcus Garcia won the 165-lb. title in the 'All Comers; division at the 75th annual South East Texas Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Houston.

15 YEARS AGO-2006

The Sharkettes were toppled in the Bi-District basketball playoffs in an overtime loss to Luling's Lady Eagles. Mayor John Connor announced he would forgo a run at a

3rd term as the top elected official in Palacios. **20 YEARS AGO-2001**

Palacios ISD choral music program director Michael Petrisky was presented a Sponsor Excellence Award from the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and Southwestern

The concealed handgun licensing Section of the Texas Department of Public Safety DPS confirmed that of 596 Matagorda Countians who as of Feb. 1, 2001 had "active" concealed gun licenses, 113 of them are citizens with Palacios zip code (77465) addresses.

20 YEARS AGO-1996

Gaynell L. Byrd of Palacios was crowned the 1996 Homecoming Queen at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

David Murry was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

Cadet John Eric Frankson of Palacios was named to the Commandant's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University. **25 YEARS AGO-1991**

Wade Kubecka of Palacios FFA took first place in the Santa

Gertrudis Early Junior Heifer judging at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

Ŷellow ribbons signifying support of American servicemen and women adorned poles, posts and windows throughout Palacios as Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf entered its second month.

30 YEARS AGO-1986

Anne Mae Hurta of Blessing received the Homemaker of the Year Award at the Matagorda County Soil and Water Conservation District Awards and Appreciation Banquet.

Denise Smith, who is associated with Lynn Bates Junior Jazz Co., won first place in the "Show Stoppers" regional dance competition.

35 YEARS AGO-1981

Terri Lynn Franzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Franzen, was named the 1981 Harmonie Club Valentine Sweetheart.

Thomas F. Galloway, principal of Palacios Junior High School, was named to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Programs for Palacios ISD

40 YEARS AGO-1976

Patti Holt was crowned the 1976 Valentine Sweetheart. **50 YEARS AGO-1966**

Palacios Library received a \$5,000 gift from Houston Endowment, Inc.

Ann Cooper was a member of the Austin College Acapella Choir that toured South Texas.

55 YEARS AGO-1961

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Martin arrived from Houston to take over as executive director for the Texas Baptist Encampment. **60 YEARS AGO-1956**

A flaw in the survey facts in the deed to the airport property may hold up the oil negotiation with Magnolia Petroleum Company on the property.

65 YEARS AGO-1951

Coach George Holst's Hornets won the district basketball championship.

70 YEARS AGO-1946

Charles Gibson, Seaman 1st Class, received his honorable discharge from the Navy after serving 10 months in the Pacific Theatre.

75 YEARS AGO-1941

Palacios was one of the first cities of its size in Texas to adopt the standard Restaurant Ordinance recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Guy Stulting defeated his three opponents to be elected constable of Precinct 3.

80 YEARS AGO-1936

The worst cold spell of the winter hit the Gulf Coast and the thermometer registered around the 20 degrees mark.

T.R. Brandon purchased an interest in the Duffy Funeral Home.

85 YEARS AGO-1931

The contract was set for the building of a new warehouse at Camp Hulen to be completed before the annual training period of the Texas National Guard.

90 YEARS AGO-1926

The opening of the C.L. Gass Department Store was a big success.

John D. Bowden was elected chief of the Volunteer Fire Department; U.P. Aldrich, assistant chief; and J.A. Cunningham, secretary treasurer.

95 YEARS AGO-1921

Crit Wheeler brought in two large timber wolves he had killed west of town.

Jones and Gomez inaugurated a boat service between Palacios and Collegeport.

Millions of Texans dealing with water supply issues

Warmer temperatures over the weekend and continuing this week melted most of the snow from the state's roadways and roofs. But Texans are still dealing with broken pipes that flooded homes and businesses, damaged municipal water systems, and continued power outages in scattered areas, mainly in East and Central Texas.

At the height of the power crisis, more than 4 million Texans were without electrical service — a number that shrank to less than 32,000 as of Sunday, according to the PowerOutage.Us website.

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As of last weekend, more than half the state's population had some type of disruption in their water service, from having no water to low pressure, which made it nec-

essary to boil water before **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION** safely using it for drinking, cooking or bathing. Tiffany Young, spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, reported Friday that more than 1,300 water supply systems and 62% of Texas counties were affected. Federal disaster declaration

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for a federal disaster declaration was partially granted on Saturday. President Joe Biden granted the request for individual assistance in 77 Texas

counties (https://tinyurl.com/3doyhwnt). Individuals and business owners in counties included in the federal disaster declaration can begin applying for assistance online at www. DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-

partially granted

621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585. Biden had previously issued a state of emergency for all of Texas, allowing FEMA to go into action.

State's power grid minutes' from failing; **Abbott urges legislative** action

electricity demand overwhelmed capacity last week during the height of the storm, the chief of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the power grid for most of the state, told the media that the grid came close to having a catastrophic failure that could have taken months to repair. Grid operators began rolling blackouts to cut demand. "It needed to be addressed immediately," said Bill Magness, president of ERCOT. "It was seconds and minutes (from possible failure), given the amount of generation that was coming off the system.'

Abbott last Tuesday added reform of ER-COT as an emergency item this legislative session, calling the organization "anything but reliable." Also, Attorney General Ken Paxton has issued civil investigative demands to ERCOT and 11 power companies demanding documents and data related to the power outages, emergency plans, energy pricing and other items related to the winter storm power failures. Paxton said in a press release that ERCOT and other entities "grossly mishandled" last week's winter disaster.

Abbott met with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and eight members of the Legislature on Saturday to discuss how to address the spike in energy bills affecting many Texans after the power outages.

The Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, also has begun an investigation into the outages. Chairman DeAnn Walker, said, "We must act swiftly to discover not only how this crisis came together, but also take meaningful steps to protect electricity customers.' Tips on filing insurance claims

for damaged homes

The Texas Department of Insurance offers several tips if filing a homeowner's claim for damage caused by broken water pipes, downed tree limbs or other damage from the storm. TDI advises contacting your insurance company or agent as soon as possible to file a claim. Also:

• Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video of the damage.

Take steps to protect your home from fur-

ther damage. Turn off the water, cover broken windows and holes in your roof if possible. Keep receipts on anything you spend to make temporary repairs. • Try to

be present when the insurance adjustor comes inspect to damage

or leave a note on how you can be reached. • Keep a list of everyone you talk to at your insurance company.

Get more than one bid, check references.

and don't pay up front. Storm slows rate of

vaccinations across Texas

Scheduled COVID-19 vaccinations were rescheduled in metro areas and vaccine hubs throughout the state due to the storm.

People in Texas vaccinated with at least one dose passed the 3 million mark, and 1.313 million people were fully vaccinated as of Sunday. COVID-19 vaccine distribution will ramp back up as the state recovers from the winter storms, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Nearly 600,000 first doses are coming this week from the Centers for Disease Control and are being shipped to 563 providers in 230 Texas counties.

In addition, the state has ordered 364,830 second doses intended for people first vaccinated a few weeks ago. A TDSHS news release stated that people who had their second dose appointments delayed by the winter weather "should rest assured knowing that vaccine will be available, and their appointments will be rescheduled."

For more information, go to this site: https://tinyurl.com/duocrcgb. People without internet access can dial 2-1-1 to access information about vaccine providers.

COVID-19 cases in state continue to drop

While some reporting may have been delayed because of the storms, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine reported 33,423 cases in Texas last week — fewer than half reported the previous week. The number of new deaths also dropped by more than half, with 892 reported. Again, the numbers may be skewed by the storm's effects on power outages at Texas hospitals and other factors. We'll see what

next week's numbers indicate. Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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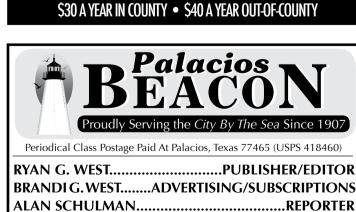
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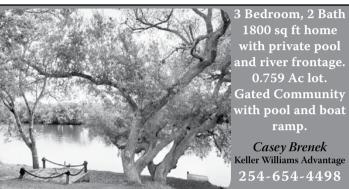
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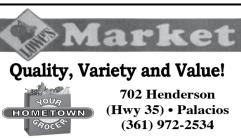
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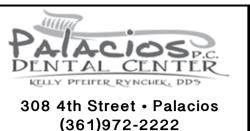
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by his side, as heaven gained a shining light upon his

and for his keen and astute listening ability of all those

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He attended elementary schools in Palacios and

learned to play golf at an early age from his father. He

graduated in 1975 from Palacios High School. In 1977,

he obtained an associates degree from Wharton Jr. Col-

lege and honored as Mr. WCJC by his colleagues. He at-

tended Pan AM University in 1975 and Southwest Texas

State University in 1978 with an art focus later inspiring

He was a member of Job Corp in 1987. In1994, Raul

was a youth counselor with the Houston Council on Al-

coholism & Drug Abuse in the Camp Twist/Shout Pro-

grams servicing young children in Houston and later

with adults in Bay City. He was an educational parapro-

His loving heart will never be forgotten by all those

He was preceded in death by his father, Raúl Flores,

He is survived by siblings: Julia Gonzales (Ruben),

Flavio Flores (Christine), Richard Flores (Patricia), Pe-

dro Flores (Diana), Gustavo Flores (Lisa), Carmen Phil-

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65, of Freeport, will be an-

nounced at a later date where

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Raúl was born in Port

Lavaca, Texas June 27,1955,

the eldest of 9 children, to his

parents Raul Floresand Car-

men Salinas Flores, and his

life did not come to an end

his educational materials.

who knew him.

ews and nieces.

family members.

5 Hobbies to Keep Your Body & Mind Healthy & Happy

(StatePoint) As the pandemic continues to restrict many of the places you are able or inclined to go, finding ways to stay active is important for keeping the body and mind healthy and happy. Here are some ideas for new hobbies to try.

• Learn a language: Bon-

jour! ¡Hola! With an array of ment is not online language classes and tutorials available at your fingertips, learning a new language is more accessible than ever. Start now while you fantasize about a postpandemic vacation overseas.

• Play an instrument: Learning to play an instru-



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• Become a home chef: From sushi to soufflé to dumplings, there are likely a range of dishes you have never attempted making at home. Tackle your culinary bucket list, one-by-one.

 Go hiking: There is no better hobby for staying fit and communing with nature than hiking, which works every muscle of the body, boosts cardiovascular health and even improves mood and mental well-being. Track your hike using a wearable tech tool geared for outdoor enthusiasts, such as a watch from the Casio's Pro Trek line. Quad Sensor technology packs all the measureinto consideration, and data is recorded by the Pro Trek connected app.

helping boost adult literacy via remote tutoring.

Amid the ongoing panmind and soul.



 Volunteer: At a time when many people are struggling, consider volunteering your time to serve those in need. There are plenty of safe, socially distant volunteer opportunities, from delivering meals to the homebound, to video conferencing with socially isolated seniors to

demic, staying busy and positive may take creativity. However, discovering new hobbies and pursuits you love can nurture the body,



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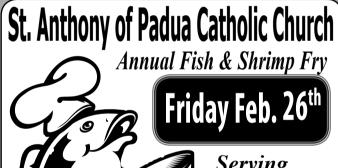
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<u> Zucchini-Carrot Bread</u>

- 3 c. flour
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. baking powder ½ t. salt
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. nutmeg
- 1 c. chopped pecans or walnuts 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1½ c. sugar
- ¾ c. vegetable oil
- ½ c. honey
- 2 t. vanilla
- 1 c. shredded, unpeeled zucchini 1 c. shredded carrots

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare two 9 inch by 5 inch loaf pans by greasing and flouring. Combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and nuts in a bowl and set aside. In another bowl, combine the eggs, oil, sugar, honey, and vanilla. Add the zucchini and carrots. Mix well. To this mixture gradually add the dry mixture and stir until all ingredients are combined. Divide the batter evenly between the two loaf pans. Bake for one hour or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pans for ten minutes and then remove to wire racks to cool completely.

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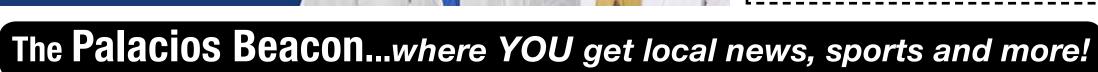


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SPORTS

Sharkettes clip eagle wings for Area title

Face winner of Blanco-Columbus in Regional Qtr. Finals either Wed. or Thurs.

BY RYAN WEST Palacios Beacon Publisher

The Palacios Sharkettes show will continue for at least another week, after coach Aaron Wollam's cagers clipped the wings of

Luling's Lady Eagles 62-

championship.

In a game that was rescheduled three times due to last week's winter storm event before eventually being played in Hallettsville on Sat. (Feb. 20), Palacios earned just its third trip to the Class 3A Region III Quarter-56 for the Area basketball finals.

Just exactly who the Sharkettes will play, and when and where the Regional Quarterfinal contest will take place is still to be determined. Palacios will face the winner of Columbus vs. Blanco, which was slated for Mon. (Feb. 22). Look to the Palacios Beacon Online

Pull-up

jumper from the stripe...

PALACIOS' Cara Polk (1)

pulls up for a jump shot at-

tempt from the free throw

line amidst of trio of Luling

Lady Eagles in last week's

62-56 win in the Area

round of the Class 3A girls

basketball playoffs. (Bea-

con Photo by Ryan West)

and the Palacios Beacon on Facebook for updates on the Sharkettes' run in the basketball playoffs.

"Area champs!," ex claimed Wollam, "Let's go!"

"I can't tell you how proud I am of this group of ladies. We waited a week to play thru one of the worst freezes we have ever seen," Wollam said. "All the kids wre in survival mode for four days this week. Some in town, some out of town. We got together late in the week in time to refocus and get ready to play some basketball."

After a slow start out of the gates for both squads, the Sharkettes began to find their groove and held a 27-22 lead at halftime.

On a 9-2 run to open the second half, Luling regained the lead 31-29 with 5:09 left in the third quarter. Palacios stemmed the Lady Eagles mid-flight and retook the the lead (one it'd not lose again) on a bucket by Cara Polk with 4-minutes left and kicked off a 12-2 run by the Sharkettes to close out the quarter up 45-33.

The Sharkettes went up by a much as 14 points in the fourth quarter with 6:22 left in the game, before the Lady Eagles' barrage on the bucket got Luling within four points in the closing minutes.

Fortunately, the Sharkettes were able to keep the birds at bay and seal the six point victory courtesy a pair of clutch free throws by Cyra Polk.

"We had a good game plan for them trying to take their top two players out of the mix and we did a good job of that," Wollam said. "Öffensively, I thought we ran our sets great against their zone. a dozen points and cleared

We had a little trouble with their man press late, but we figured it out and made some clutch free throws down the stretch." "We never quit and we

always play hard," Wollam added. "Like I have said forever, if you play hard good things will happen to you." Cyra added a few Lady Ea-

gle feathers to her headband as she led the Sharkettes with 26 points, five steals and five assists.

Shayne Wollam poured in

nine rebounds off the glass. Paris Lopez pumped in seven points and grabbed five boards. Kylie Kolb finished with five points, four rebounds and three thefts, followed by Cara Polk's four points, four boards and trio of steals. Paula Alfaro reeled in eight rebounds to go with three points, followed by Emily Chapman's three points, four rebounds and Jordan Peeples' four rebounds and pair of points.



FEATHERS in the face couldn't stop Palacios' Cyra Polk (3) as she torched Luling's Lady Eagles for a 26 points and led Palacios to the Area basketball crown. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



PALACIOS' Paris Lopez (5) struggles to keep her balance after getting whacked by a Luling Lady Eagle while trying to corral a rebound. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



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SHARKETTE Shayne Wollam (left) draws a pair of Lady Eagle defenders as Paris Lopez works to get open in the paint. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

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