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46th annual Palacios CofC Awards Banquet Thur. at Rec. Center

Honoring Palacios' Man, Woman and Business of the Year

After being postponed back in February, 46th annual Palacios Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will mark its return on Thurs. (June 17) at the Palacios Recreation Center, 2401 Perryman Ave.

The CofC's 2021 Man, Woman and Business of the Year will be announced and there are always a few unexpected surprises.

This year's featured entertainer is "The Hypnotmeister" Johnathan Yeager, a comedy

stage hypnotist performing shows all over the country with a style of hypnosis which is fast, wild, and unlike anything you have seen before! A video of his performance during a visit with the University of Texas Longhorn football team went viral on the web, including a spot on ESPN.

The fun is set to begin with the banquet social hour from 6 - 6:45 p.m., followed by

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Council awards bid for Foley streets & drains project; await 'ok' from GLO on amendment

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

The Palacios City Council met last Tuesday with its major focus on the Texas General Land Office streets and drainage project in Foley Addition.

However, before those discussions, several local residents had questions and comments on other topics.

Bonnie Benson asked for confirmation that the 15-year tax abatement agree-

ment with Beachside Development had expired, and received an answer of "one more year" from City Manager David Kocurek.

Sharon Trainer questioned whether broken fire hydrants had been replaced stating, "It's been a long time that they've been broken, and if somebody's house goes on fire and that hydrant is broken, who's responsible?"

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BEACON BRIEFS

Catch local All-Stars in town this week

Swing by the Stone-Price Fields, located at 2401 Perryman, to see local youth baseball and softball All-Stars in action. The Palacios 12u softball All-Stars will open play in the District 18 tournament at 7 p.m. on Fri. (June 18) as they host El Campo in Game 1 in the best of three series. The Palacios 10u boys will host the District 18-Area 1 tournament and will get play underway at 8 p.m. on Sat. (June 19) against an opponent to be determined.

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Oh that winning feeling...

THE Palacios 9u softball All-Stars soaked up the winning feeling on a lawn of confetti after claiming the championship title in a 10-6 victory over Tidehaven at last week's District 18 All-Star tournament in El Campo. Pictured revelling in the confetti are: (left to right) Trinity Perez, Elainna West, Morgan Pena, Belle Jasek, Izabella Garcia, Haislynn Bates, Sabrina Nieto, Eloise Starrett Abigail Barrios, Kymber Cox and Avery Garza. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)

Unemployment rate in County under 10%, State at 6.3%

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

National, state, and local unemployment rates dropped for the month of April. For an idea of just how far we've come since the beginning of the pandemic last year, Texas' April unemployment rate was 6.4 percentage points lower than the unemployment rate in April 2020.

Texas is number six of the 10 largest states' unemployment rates while New York and California rank nine and 10 respectively.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, in April 2021, one county experienced an increase in their unemployment rate over the month, while 251 counties experienced a decrease and two experienced no change.

The veteran unemployment rate decreased over the month by 0.3 percentage points to 6.1 percent. The number of people not in the labor force because they are discouraged over job prospects in Texas increased to 60,600, up from a level of 35,400 a year ago.

U.S., Texas, Matagorda, and surrounding counties' not seasonally adjusted un-

employment rates for April 2021 are shown below, with March 2021 and percentage change in parentheses. U.S.:

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Still no word from CoE on South Bay beach replenishment for Seawall Commission

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

As always, the commissions of the Matagorda County - Palacios Seawall Commission are busy planning repairs and improvements, and the entities that issue permits and grants are holding up the show.

For example, at last Wednesday's meeting, Matt Glaze, of Urban Engineering, reported on several projects on the agenda. Glaze stated that the Boat Access Grant is "waiting on paperwork" and, regarding the South Bay Beach Replenishment Project - start permitting the section of beach between the groins on the east side of Fourth Street Pier, Glaze stated, "We haven't heard back from the Corps of Engineers."

And so it goes at the Seawall Commission but, several projects have managed to proceed as planned. The Jeff Beal property at 329 E. Bayshore Dr./Grassy Point is 85 percent complete, and the Jensen Point Boat Ramp Re-

(See SEAWALL, Page 2)

FOEC names new Executive Director

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST
Palacios Beacon

The Friends of Elder Citizens, located at 705 Commerce St. has welcomed a new Executive Director, Christy Elliott.

Elliott has called Palacios her home for over 5 years and is excited about contributing her skills and talents to the organization. As Elliott eagerly stated, when she was approached by Workforce Solutions regarding this position she felt a calling, "To help impact the lives of individuals within the community."

Elliott expressed having worked in some capacity in the human services field for over 20 years, "Where I can help people that's where my heart lies."

When asked Elliott's goals for the FOEC she stated one of her main goals is, "To secure funding for the FOEC so we can ensure the organizations viability in the future for the community."

Elliott expressed wanting to learn the needs of the community, specifically elderly and veterans and then be able to design programs to meet those needs.

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New FOEC Executive Director Christy Elliott



Gators invade Library...

LOCAL Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden David Janssen helped lead a wildlife 'invasion' at the Library, including a juvenile alligator. (Submitted Photo)

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Montgomery Family Trust makes local donations

TRUSTEES Jerry Purvis and Colleen Clayborn presented gifts to Palacios organizations on behalf of the Montgomery Family Trust, a legacy of Robert and Hazel Montgomery, long time Palacios residents. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Alfonzo Ortiz- Palacios Community Medical Center, Melinda Cruz - Rainbowland Day Care, Christy Elliot - Friends of Elder Citizens, Katie Hutto - Palacios Area Historical Asso., Colleen Claybourn - Montgomery Family Trust, Esmeralda Salinas - Palacios Area Historical Asso., Sally Lutz - Palacios Area Fund, Dan Tucker - Palacios Community Medical Center; (back) Vikijane Mosier - Palacios Library, Dale Behnke - Palacios Library, Jerry Purvis - Montgomery Family Trust, Linda Moncrief - Palacios Area Historical Asso., Gail Purvis - First Presbyterian Church Aid Fund, Andy Sanchez - Casa de Dios Presbyterian Church, Craig Wallis - Palacios Community Medical Center. (Submitted Photo)



PALACIOS BEACON Area Briefs

Man given life for Indecency with a Child

BELLVILLE: An Austin County jury gave a local man the maximum punishment for Indecency with a Child in court action last Friday. The jury of eight women and four men sentenced Cesar Urbina, 38, of Industry, to Life in prison for the crime that occurred in 2018. The jury also assessed a \$10,000 fine. The jury deliberated about 15 minutes before returning the guilty verdict. After hearing punishment evidence, the jury took 30 minutes to give the longest sentence possible. Testimony showed that Urbina had sexual contact with an 11-year-old girl at a party near Shelby. - *The Banner-Press Newspaper*

East Bernard Lions on verge of extinction

EAST BERNARD: Aging membership and lack of young members is putting the East Bernard Lions Club on the brink of extinction once the summer comes. The club, which was first chartered in 1941, has seen successful fundraisers for decades, but that was when members were young and vigorous. That is not the case now. Lions Club President Stephen Hlavinka said, "For 80 years we have been in business and for 60 of those years we sponsored the local Boy Scout troop. That charter has gone away too." After 80 years, membership has dwindled. There will be final attempts to maintain the Lions Club. - *East Bernard Express*

Hatchet wielding man arrested after standoff

WEIMAR: Fayette County Sheriff Keith Korenek reported on Monday at approximately 11:00 p.m. the Fayette County Sheriff's Office assisted the Weimar Police Department with a pursuit that entered into Fayette County traveling west along Interstate 10. Fayette County Deputy A.J. Gonzales was able to deploy spikes and disable the vehicle. The vehicle stalled near the 661 milepost west of Flatonia. The driver was noncompliant and displayed a hatchet. With the uncertainty of any firearms in the vehicle the Austin/Fayette County SRT Team was mobilized and made the location. Teargas was utilized and taken into custody was 32-year-old Marcos Antonio Nava of Houston, who was found to have a warrant for his arrest out of Harris County, and is registered as a sex offender. - *The Banner-Press Newspaper*

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Kocurek said he had spoken with the Palacios Fire Chief and, "the last time I talked to him, he said they were all fixed."

New head of Public Works
New Public Works Director Darrell Robbins was introduced at the meeting. He served as Public Works Director in Waskom, TX for 27 years until his retirement. He and his wife decided to move to the coast and chose Palacios, where he will resume his career as public works director for the foreseeable future.

Administrative Reports
David Kocurek reported the Palacios Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is June 17, 2021 at the Palacios Recreation Center, Palacios Chamber of Commerce Poker in Palacios is July 10, 2021 at Palacios Recreation Center, and the City of Palacios is accepting applications for the Charter Review Committee until June 30.

Approved Items
Palacios has been approved for a GLO grant for nearly \$1.5 million to repair streets and drainage in Foley Addition

tion which will require some matching funds from the city. City Manager David Kocurek and Treasurer Tammy McDonald have been working overtime to find funding to cover those costs.

The decision presented to council for approval to bring those costs within budget is to remove University Ave and Matagorda Ave from the project, and the amendment must now be submitted to GLO for approval, which may take six months or more. A workshop was held recently to hash out details of the project, nevertheless, many questions were volleyed back and forth between council members and Treasurer, Tammy McDonald regarding the financials. The following items were unanimously approved:

Awarding the bid to Brannan Paving for the Streets and Drainage Project GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-108-C295 in the amount of \$1,670,698.22, Approval to submit

amendment to the GLO to reduce the GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-108-C295 project by \$249,553.24 by removing University Ave and Matagorda Ave from the project.

Approve spending \$180,000 from restricted funds for street reconstruction for the Streets and Drainage project GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-108-C295, and Approve spending \$50,000 from the 2020-2021 Capital Outlay fund and \$50,000 from the 2021-2022 Capital Outlay fund (account # 0-43-05530) for the Streets and Drainage project GLO CDBG-DR 20-065-108-C295.

Also approved were the first reading of Ordinance 2021-0-4 revising budgeted line items which shall supersede all previously adopted ordinances and amendments for the 2020-2021 budget, Authorizing the City of Palacios to issue requests for proposals for administrative services (RFP) and request for qualifications (RFO) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan act of 2021, Adding and removing signatories on the City of Palacios accounts at First Financial Bank.

A special council meeting was ordered held on Tuesday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and accept the City of Palacios Audit for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Next Meeting
The next Regular City Council Meeting will be on June 22, at 6:00 p.m.

SEAWALL

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pair Project is scheduled to begin on July 5.

PVFD Donation
The Commissioners voted to make a \$10,000 donation to the Palacios Volunteer Fire Department.

Inspection Report
Inspector Larry Lanfear reported the following:
Bay Front Walkway: A request has been made to AEP to replace the area lights on either side of the South Bay Boat Ramp to LEDs. There has been no progress on repairing the five AEP lights out at the Pavilion. There has been no progress on the broken rail on the handrail at the Baptist Encampment.
First Street Pier: There is one area light not burning.
East Bay Boat Ramp: The loose deck on the North walkway has been secured. No progress on repairs to the breakwater deck.
Beal Bulkhead: Rhoades has started the new bulkhead at the Beal Property. The project is 85% complete.
Franzen Wood Bulkhead: Inspected the bulkhead on Tuesday. There are six holes in the wall where it has been burned.

College port Bayfront Bulkhead: Inspected the wall & road on Tuesday. Everything was in good shape.
River Road: Checked wall on Tuesday. Did not find anything needing attention.
Carl Park Bulkhead: The plant growth has just about taken over the finger piers leading to the dock. Also observed some handrail needing replacement.
First St. Bulkhead Checked the concrete wall at 1st St. between The Point and the Trailer Park. The toe of the wall could use some riprap and some clean-up of the existing concrete dumped there to bring it into GLO compliance.
Approved Items
The Minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting, Financial Reports from Ellen Dodd, Investment Reports from County Treasurer, Loretta Griffin, and Payment of Bills were approved.
Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Commissioner of the Matagorda County - Palacios Seawall will be on Jul. 14, at 6 p.m.

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dinner at 7 p.m.

As of Monday, only a limited number of tickets remained available for purchase at the Palacios Chamber of Commerce office, located at 420 Main St., for \$20 each.

This year's entertainment remains shrouded in mystery, but of course no Chamber Banquet would be complete without some zany, side splitting entertainment so attendees need be prepared for a fun and exciting program.

Beverages to accompany the meal such as beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Last year's honorees were Wayne Dodd, the late Carol Carney, and The Point.

For more information, contact Pam Oliver, Chamber Office Director, at 972-2615.

For a full list of past award recipients and past CofC presidents, see Page 9.

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Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	Estimated Minimum Bid
1	T16,583 10/08/20	37080 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF MORRIS LEIGH BUSHONG, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 854 of El Dorado Subdivision, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 6, Page 37 of the Map Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2	T16,700 11/05/20	43664 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. BESSIE SPILLER, ET AL	Lot 9 in Block 12 of D. P. Moore's Extension of Park Addition, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 43, Page 265 of the Deed Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
3	T16,701 11/05/20	28505 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF LUCIEN BARCLAY AKA LUCIEN EVERETT BARCLAY, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 12 in Block 2 of Camelot Forest, Section One, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 1 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
4	T16,716 09/03/20	35366 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. DAVID G. CLARK, ET AL	Lot 783 of Downey's Caney Creek Club, Section 15, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map of said subdivision recorded in Volume 5, Page 29 of the Map Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$12,500.00	\$12,358.96
5	T16,866 09/03/20	19910 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF AUBREY G. BENNETT, DECEASED	A tract or parcel measuring 100 feet by 140 feet, more or less, located in the I & G N RR Co. Survey 3, Block 4, Abstract 269 in Matagorda County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds in a deed from Andrew N. Dunaway to Aubrey G. Bennett dated August 19, 1988 and recorded in Volume 196, Page 381 of the Official Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$14,600.00	\$12,903.34
6	T17,158 10/08/20	28666 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF, ROBERT M GAUSS, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 26 in Block 8 of Camelot Forest, Section 1, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 1 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$3,000.00	\$2,717.84
7	T17,158 10/08/20	28667 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF, ROBERT M GAUSS, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 27 in Block 8 of Camelot Forest, Section 1, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 1 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$3,000.00	\$2,492.87
8	T17,224 09/03/20	35684 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ROSENWEIG, A/K/A DOROTHY ROSENZWEIG, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX TO THE ESTATE OF ABE ROSENZWEIG, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 158 of Downey's Caney Creek Club Section Sixteen, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 41 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$6,000.00	\$4,094.37
9	T17,224 09/03/20	35685 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ROSENWEIG, A/K/A DOROTHY ROSENZWEIG, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX TO THE ESTATE OF ABE ROSENZWEIG, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 159 of Downey's Caney Creek Club Section Sixteen, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 41 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$6,000.00	\$4,319.37
10	T17,224 09/03/20	35686 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY ROSENWEIG, A/K/A DOROTHY ROSENZWEIG, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX TO THE ESTATE OF ABE ROSENZWEIG, DECEASED, ET AL	Lot 160 of Downey's Caney Creek Club Section Sixteen, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 41 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$6,000.00	\$4,319.37
11	T17,236 11/05/20	14315 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVELYN COLEMAN, ET AL	An undivided one-half interest in and to a tract of land containing 2.53 acres, more or less; this property is out of Lot 32 of the Henry Gibson Plantation Subdivision located in the Tone and Jameson and William Rabb Leagues in Matagorda County, Texas as set out on the map recorded in Volume N, Page 369 of the Deed Records of Matagorda County, Texas; it is more specifically described as "Third Tract" excluded from the conveyance of Lot 32 in a deed from Sallie S. Collins et al to C. R. Bell dated September 24, 1953 and recorded in Volume 251, Page 354 in the Deed Records of Matagorda County, Texas.	\$9,100.00	\$8,609.78
12	T17,298 12/03/20	32951 JUNE 04, 2021	MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. BRUCE J. CALDWELL, ET AL	Lot 249 of Downey's Caney Creek Club, Section Six, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map recorded in Volume 4, Page 2 of the Plat Records of Matagorda County, Texas	\$5,000.00	\$3,977.99


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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.

From the Chief

Police Chief Milton Rivera
HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US
June 1st thru November 30th
 A few reminders to have in place during this season:
 Stay informed: sign up for the weather and emergency alerts and social media. Sign up at city hall or at the Palacios Police Department for our emergency notification system to keep you informed.
 Identify in advance where you would go when ordered to evacuate. Choose several places, including a friend's home in another area, a motel, or a shelter.
 Keep the telephone numbers of these places handy, along with a road map as you may have to take alternative routes if major roads are closed or clogged. Have a paper map since electronic devices may have no service.
 Prepare precut plywood to cover windows. Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased and damaged limbs. Secure all outdoor patio and BBQ equipment.
 If a family member needs assistance with evacuation, register with the Palacios Police Department before hurricane season begins. Palacios Officers will contact you and arrange for your safe evacuation.
 Remember to create a pet plan; too many shelters and hotels do not accept pets. Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.
 Make a visual or written record of your household possessions. Record the make, model, and serial numbers. Review your insurance policy to ascertain it is up to date. Store a copy of the records somewhere away from home, such as in a safe deposit box.
 Evacuation orders are to preserve life. If ordered, do so. Your life depends on it. Emergency services may not be able to reach you after the hurricane strikes Palacios. A comprehensive emergency preparedness guide is available at the Palacios Police Department. You can obtain one by calling our office at 361-972-2728, coming by the office at 315 Henderson Ave Palacios, or emailing Chief Rivera at mrivera@cityofpalacios.org



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FOEC (Continued From Page 1)

The FOEC offers daily fun and engaging activities for seniors from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. and health conscious congregational meals are also served at the center at 12 noon. Also under the umbrella of FOEC services are the Palacios Thrift Store and R-Transit for rural transportation needs.

JOBS- (Continued From Page 1)

5.7 percent (6.2) (-0.5%) Texas: 6.3 percent (7.1) (-0.8%) Brazoria: 7.6 percent (8.4) (-0.8%) Calhoun: 5.3 percent (5.7) (-0.4%) Colorado: 5.1 percent (6.0) (-0.9%) Fort Bend: 6.7 percent (7.6) (-0.9%) Jackson: 5.5 percent (6.1) (-0.6%) Matagorda: 9.1 percent (9.9) (-0.8%) Wharton: 6.3 percent (7.1) (-0.8%).
 The FOEC provides home delivery meals to the homebound for the elderly and disabled to Palacios, Bay City, Edna and the surrounding areas. Specifically, Elliott stated, individuals that have been impacted with COVID have found support through the home delivery meal program. For more information regarding this delivery service contact the FOEC at 361-972-9921.
 Elliott is exited about this new opportunity as the Director of FOEC and expressed gratitude to the board for their confidence in her in this new position.

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Palacios Beacon Early Files

20 YEARS AGO-2001

Mary Johnson King of the Class of 1931 and Col. Ray T. Garza of the Class of 1970 were honored as PHS Distinguished Alumni at the commencement program.

The City Council approved a test that would utilize brush-sheating microbes for disposing of brush and demolition debris. Sam Miller (triple jump, high jump, 110-meter hurdles), Terrell Lee (long jump), Quinton Foster (shot put) and Justin Teplinski (100-meter hurdles) all took first place in their events at the AAU meet in Corpus Christi.

25 YEARS AGO-1996

Rep. Greg Laughlin was presented with the Thomas Jefferson Award in recognition of his record in promoting economic prosperity and free enterprise in the 104th U.S. Congress.

Barbara Gibson of Palacios was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Sam Houston State University.

30 YEARS AGO-1991

The Palacios ISD Board of Trustees voted to 'freeze' teacher salaries at their present level for the 1991-92 school year. The salary freeze is a direct result of the school financing reform measure of SB 351 that will cut the district's budget by nearly two-thirds.

The Palacios Economic Development Foundation, in conjunction with the Palacios Marine Center, proposed the development of the Texas Mid-Coast Higher Education Consortium.

35 YEARS AGO-1986

The "Old High School" building gained a new lease on life when the PISD Board of Trustees voted to renovate the gym and classrooms for the use by East Side students.

The Matagorda County EMS operations received a \$20,000 grant from the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation.

40 YEARS AGO-1981

Members of the Swimming Pool Committee and city officials manned the shovels for the ground-breaking of the \$483,823 Palacios Swimming Pool at 3rd and Moore.

Palacios ISD said they would consider a request from Jimmy Day to implement a high school baseball program.

Mary Ann Hickl was crowned the 1981 Shrimporee Queen. Melanie Lamorie was named Little Miss Shrimporee and Brady Eggemeyer was named Little Mister Shrimporee. Benny Rusk was named to the Dean's List at Sul Ross State University.

45 YEARS AGO-1976

Governor Dolph Briscoe named Eli Mayfield as a delegate from Texas to the Water Resources Congress National Conference held in Washington, D.C.

55 YEARS AGO-1966

Ralph Webb, an 8th grade student, earned a 2nd division medal

in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Rev. John Berkely, pastor of the First Methodist Church for the past two years, was transferred to Hondo, and the Rev. Milford Zirkel was coming here from Fredericksburg.

60 YEARS AGO-1961

A proposal that could start work on the Matagorda Ship Channel in 1962 was made to House and Senate committees in Washington by the Calhoun Navigation District.

Karen Bell placed second in the piano division of the Texas State Solo Contest in Austin.

65 YEARS AGO-1956

Matagorda County law officers were organizing a Junior Deputy Posse in Palacios and had issued a call to all youngsters between the ages of 8-15 to join.

The Palacios Youth Club organized and will open at the V.F.W. Hall.

70 YEARS AGO-1951

Construction of the Navigation District's new shipyard was expected to begin within 45 days. Bids for material were awarded to United Creosoting Co. of Houston.

80 YEARS AGO-1941

Local citizens filed with the Commissioner's Court a petition for local option election.

Troops of Camp Hulen were leaving for Camp Claiborne, La., for maneuvers.

85 YEARS AGO-1936

Weldon Sullivan was elected a member of the high school faculty to serve as principal and coach.

95 YEARS AGO-1926

Rev. Gillespie had the Boy Scouts out for a camping trip to the Carancahua River.

The pavilion opened with a swimming contest in which Louis Sharp took top honors.

Abbot vows to expand border 'barrier'

Gov. Greg Abbott vowed last week at a border security summit to build a barrier to slow the flow of migrants through the state's southern border.

Abbott said details would be forthcoming for the wall, which would be part of a new enforcement plan administered by several state agencies, ranging from the governor's office to the Texas Department of Public Safety. He said he intends to sign legislation appropriating more than \$1 billion for enhanced border security.

"While securing the border is the federal government's responsibility, Texas will not sit idly by as this crisis grows," Abbott said. "The state is working collaboratively with communities impacted by the crisis to arrest and detain individuals coming into Texas illegally."

The president of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) blasted Abbott's actions.

"Governor Abbott stated that he intends to use Texas state budget dollars for education, improving our electric grid or for Texas roads and highways," said Domingo Garcia, LULAC president. "Instead, he says he will continue to build a wall and other barriers along the border with Mexico. This is a huge waste of taxpayer money, and very likely illegal."

LULAC plans to take legal action on grounds that the federal government has authority over immigration and borders, not individual states.

Lumber price surge not affecting timber prices

One economic consequence of the pandemic lockdown has been a surge in lumber prices of more than 300%, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. However, landowners who grow and harvest timber are still facing stagnant prices, as they have since the hous-

ing crash of 2008. At \$30 a ton in Texas, the price has remained about the same for the past decade.

The challenge for timber owners is an abundance of ready-to-harvest timber, according to TFS.

"Landowners have been struggling to get their timber harvested for a while," said Rob Hughes, executive director of the Texas Forestry Association. "The mills are producing more wood than they have before, but it's still not to the capacity of how much timber is being grown in their areas."

A consolidation of sawmills is partly to blame. In 1997 Texas had 168 active sawmills, a number that has dwindled today to about 50. Some landowners have opted to supplement their forest income through carbon markets, which are bought by companies or governments to offset greenhouse gas emissions. One drawback is that the credits can only go to timberland owners if the forest is at risk of being harvested.

"There are a few contracts now that are just a one-year deal," said Hughes. "These seem more tolerable to the production-minded forest landowners that we've talked with. You defer your harvest, and you get paid for that amount of carbon as you sequester it."

Landowners can contact a consulting forester or a Texas A&M Forest Service office for more information.

A wet May increases reservoir storage

May is historically the state's wettest month. This year was no exception, with above-average rain in much of the state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

By the end of May, drought conditions covered 25% of the state — down 45 percentage points from the end of April. The La Niña conditions, which

are key factors in droughts in Texas, have dissipated and won't return this summer, Wentzel said.

"If you were trying to reduce drought in Texas, you couldn't pick a better month to have above-average rainfall," Wentzel wrote in a press release.

He added that besides greening up the landscape, May's rain increased reservoir storage to 84.6% of capacity, about normal for this time of year.

New COVID-19 cases rise week-to-week

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week rose to 17,724, up 46% from the previous week, while deaths stayed steady at 213, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,600 hospitalizations of lab-confirmed cases, up about 100 from the previous week. Vaccinations continue to rise, with 10.85 million Texans fully vaccinated — 37.2% of the state's population.

PUC lifts moratorium on utility disconnections

The moratorium on utility disconnections for non-payment will be lifted June 18. Last Friday the Texas Public Utility Commission cited a proliferation of financial support and the need for electricity, water and sewer providers to resume normal business operations.

"This is not an easy decision, and it was not taken lightly," PUC Chairman Peter Lake said. "But by acting now, customers will be able to take advantage of deferred payment plans or federal assistance ahead of the summer season."

There are numerous options for ratepayers having difficulties paying their utility bills. The PUC has created a one-page fact sheet that can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fdch5dt>.

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