



City adds two to P&Z Committee

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-Publisher

"It looks like the Daytona 500." Thus was the sentiments expressed to Palacios City Council of Palacios resident Juan Mancera on the high rate of traffic along 12th St. at last week's meeting.

"A few days ago I was with my kid going to get the mail and a truck came speeding by and hit a little dog. It didn't have time to move," Mancera said. "And it's still there."

He noted the non-existent stop signs on the thoroughfare.

Another topic of frustration for Mancera is the drainage along his prop-

erty next to the cemetery where a blockage obstructs a culvert.

City Manager David Kocurek said the culvert is the issue of Matagorda Co. Pct. 3 and urged Mancera to contact Commissioner Troy Shimek's office.

Loving Remarks

Patricia Loving took to the podium to thank Council for her appointment to the Charter Review Commission, which is set to hold its first meeting Aug. 23.

She suggested a Council liaison assist in the scheduling of the meetings and to help keep a closed look with information between the commission and Council.

Loving also reverted Council back to its goals outlined, which put an empha-

sis on working together with City partners.

"The July 27 meeting was not an example of working together with our partner, the PEDC," she said.

Appointments

Council approved the appointment of Joe Monk to the Airport Committee.

Monk was also appointed to serve on the City's Planning and Zoning Committee, along with Jim Gardner.

PEDC Resignation

Council approved the resignation of Palacios Economic Development Corp. Board member Scott Tran.

Approved Items

Council approved the issuance of re-

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Keep an eye on Grace

Residents along the Texas Gulf coast need to keep a watchful eye on Tropical Depression Grace, currently tracking thru the central Caribbean. Grace was expected to churn into a tropical storm on this past Monday.

The long-term forecast path for Grace has steadily shifted southward over the past couple of days.

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PEDC holds Airport Hangar Project Public Hearing prior to Wed. Board Mtg.

The Palacios Economic Development Corp. (PEDC) will hold a Public Hearing at 1:15 p.m. Wed. (Aug. 18) on the proposed Airport Hangar Project at the PEDC Office at 420 Main St. Immediately following will be the regular meeting of the PEDC Board of Directors.

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Ice cream by the bay...

TEAM members from the Palacios Community Medical Center and Palacios Medical Clinic held a waterfront back-to-school ice cream social with Loretta Kelley, Katie Ritter, FNP, and Huyen Tran serving up cold treats. (Beacon Photo by Madelyn West)

PISD welcomes new staff

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Palacios ISD

Palacios ISD welcomed 29 new members to the staff during a district-wide Convocation last week.

The following is a brief introduction for each of the new members of the PISD team.

Jacqueline Acosta is the Life Skills Instructional Assistant at the JH/HS. She attended Central Texas College and enjoys reading and watching movies on Netflix.

Alicia Aguilar is the 8th Grade Social Studies teacher at the Junior High. She graduated from Our Lady of Lake University and enjoys reading, watching movies, and using the crit machine.

Stephanie Bodie is teaching English I at the High School. She graduated from the University of Houston Victoria and enjoys listening to music, watching movies and playing tennis.

Michelle Boehme is the Instructional Assistant at Central. She attended Houston Community College and enjoys sewing, volunteering with youth outreach and cooking.

Shawn Boehme works in the maintenance department. He enjoys working on old cars.

Victoria Carrizales is teaching 4th Grade ELAR at East Side. She graduated from Texas A&M Kingsville and enjoys knitting and be-

ing with family.

Theresa Castanon is teaching 7th Grade Science at the Junior High. She graduated from Texas A&M Kingsville and enjoys art.

Debra Chapa is the Instructional Assistant in Pre-K at Central. She attended North Harris college and enjoys crafts, sewing and reading.

Deanna Chapman is the College, Career, & Military Readiness Specialist. She graduated from Sam Houston State University and enjoys cooking and collecting cookbooks.

Sarah Chapman is teaching 3rd Grade ELAR at East Side. She graduated from Liberty University and enjoys running and cheering on the Sharks.

Harvey Davidson is the Band Director at the High School. He graduated from Texas State University and enjoys music.

Mark Engel is teaching PE at Central and is a coach at the Junior High. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and enjoys sports, fishing and yard work.

Valerie Gillett is the Instructional Assistant at Central. She enjoys crafting.

Nicholas Holstein is teaching Theatre Arts/Choir at the High School. He graduated from University of Texas at San Antonio and enjoys swimming, writing plays and watching netf-

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BACK-to-school picture time for Palacios ISD's newest faces amongst staff members.

Janssen named CCA Game Warden of the Year

Local Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden David Janssen was recently awarded the 2020 Coastal Conservation Officer of the Year Award during last week's banquet.

The following is the bio introducing Janssen as this year's recipient:

Matagorda County Game Warden David Janssen began his career in 1992, graduating from the 43rd Texas Game Warden Academy Class in Austin. Throughout David's 29 years of service he has consistently and diligently served his county and citizens of the state. David continues to demonstrate, year after year, his passion and commitment to resource protection and public safety with his enduring diligence and high performance in the field.

David was raised in Matagorda County but began his career in Galveston where he spent three years before returning to Matagorda County. Matagorda County is where he chose



Game Warden David Janssen

to stay and raise his three boys in the same manner as he was raised, with two of them expressing an interest in following in his footsteps to become Game Wardens themselves. David's passion for the area and his community has been reflected in his outstanding patrol efforts.

This past year, David has committed over 570 boat hours to protecting our valu-

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WITH school back in session, be cautious on the roadways for buses loading and unloading, children walking and biking, and don't forget the school zones, where cell phone use is prohibited. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



PALACIOS BEACON Area Briefs

Two dead in apparent drownings

PORT ARANSAS: Water conditions and witness statements have led police to believe drowning was the likely cause of death for two San Antonio men at the beach last week, according to a detective with the Port Aransas Police Department. While the deaths are considered probable drownings, police hadn't yet received official cause of death determinations from the Nieces County Medical Examiner's Office as of Monday. On the day of the emergency, red flags were flying on the beach where every access road meets the beach, according to the Port Aransas Police Chief. Nicholas Austin Micelles, 19, was seen in distress while swimming Wednesday, police said. His father, Richard Allen Micelles Jr. 47, went after him to help, police said. The father then became distressed and he was pulled unconscious from the water by Port Aransas Surf Rescue. He later died at Corpus Christi Medical Center Bay Area. First Responders searched for Nicholas Micelles. PAPD officers were patrolling the beach when they discovered his body about 2:50 a.m. Friday. It wasn't clear whether Richard and Nicholas Micelles were strong swimmers. - *Port Aransas South Jetty*

Lynn Construction named CofC Business of the Month...

LYNN Construction was named the Palacios Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month at the meeting held Aug. 5. Pictured above are: (left to right) JoAnn Biggers, Jennifer Rausch, Jan Pierce, Sally Kurtz, Christy Elliott, DC Dunham, Bethany Hernandez, Mary Crocker, Tuyen Gonzales, Leslie Machicek, and Huyen Tran; (middle) Scott Kiser, Katie Hutto, Vikijane Mosier, Rondie Singletary, David Kocurek, Glen Smith, Ryan West and Dan Tucker; (back) Larry Rausch, Nate McDonald and David King. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)

Seawall Commission South Bay Beach Replenishment awaits TCEQ approval

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

When the work you carry out is dependent on grants and permits, waiting is a way of life, as evidenced by statements of frustration from Urban Engineering's Matt Glaze referencing projects such as the Boat Access Grant, which Glaze reported "no updates," and the South Bay Beach Replenishment Project which is awaiting approval from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality).

However, not all Matagorda County-Palacios Seawall Commission projects are being held captive by bureaucracy as Charles Rhoades stated at last Wednesday's meeting, he is progressing on the Jensen Point Boat Ramp Repair Project with 16 pilings in and a completion date scheduled for December, and South Bay Walkway Repairs were discussed with

the intention to move forward. Setting of Proposed Tax Rate was tabled until next month's meeting as figures weren't yet available from the county.

Inspector's Report

Larry Lanfar reported the following: Bay Front Walkway: 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.

One of the streetlight poles that light the walkway in the beach area is loose at the base. AEP has been notified.

There are four lights not burning on the walkway.

First Street Pier: There is one area light not burning.

East Bay Boat Ramp: The breakwater deck has been repaired.

Carl Park Bulkhead: The plant growth has just about taken over the finger piers leading to the dock.

Also observed some handrail needing replacement.

Discussed the plant growth with the County Commissioner and he said he would take care of it.

East Bay Blvd.: The area from McGlothlin and the Yellow Windmill has been mowed and I have requested that the grass around the barricade post be sprayed.

Approved Items

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting, Financial Reports from Ellen Dodd, and Payment of Bills were approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commissioners of the Matagorda County-Palacios Seawall Commission will be on Sep. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

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It's possible that Grace then reemerges over the southwest Gulf of Mexico (Bay of Campeche) and approaches northeast Mexico or far southern Texas late week, but details are still uncertain.

Grace is forecast to regain tropical storm intensity as it moves through the northwest

Caribbean into midweek. The storm could then impact Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula with heavy rain and gusty winds by Thursday.

Residents of the western U.S. Gulf Coast and Mexico should continue to monitor Grace's forecast for possible changes over the next few days.

Only the sharpest & brightest read their local newspaper

Palacios ISD Trustees conducts final meeting ahead of start of 2021-22 school year

BY ALAN C. SCHULMAN
Palacios Beacon - Reporter

Following Public Comments/Testimony from local resident Patricia Loving asking for a report stating "How many staff at Palacios ISD have been vaccinated?", last Monday's Regular Board Meeting moved on to a Budget Update.

A public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Aug. 30 will be followed by adoption of the budget so, the proposed budget was reviewed by the board with the stated goal by Superintendent Dr. Bill Chapman that "Our goal is to adopt a balanced budget."

Chapman referenced plans for daily cleaning and weekly sanitizing at all campuses, but said with a chuckle that sanitizing supplies

would not add to the PISD budget as "we already have 33,120 pounds of disinfectants."

PISD Business Manager Debbie Jones had a high level of confidence in the budget stating, "We're supposed to get a \$500k payment from Formosa for the last payment in the 313 agreement, and that's not even in there. I think it's a good budget. It's very conservative on expenses and very conservative on the other end, but I still got it to balance."

Speaking of finances, Dr. Chapman revealed that "We sold our bonds at a fantastic rate, less than two percent; 1.96 percent was the winning bid for our bonds."

Approved Items

The Consent Agenda, consisting of Approval of Meeting Minutes, Budget Amendments, Approve Changes in the Tax Roll, and Agreement for the purchase of attendance credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent, and ESC 3 Contract, were approved. Policy Update 177 was tabled until the next regular meeting in September.

Also approved were Personnel Unit, which adds a Special Education Teacher, Personnel, Stipend Adjustment, Board Tax Rate Des-

ignee, and Code of Conduct and Handbooks, about which Dr. Chapman commented saying, "I would not be surprised if we don't see updates to this during the school year. It changes as the legislation changes."

Reports to the Board

Tax Office Reports, Monthly Financial Reports, and Monthly Summary of Bills were presented to the board.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chapman spoke on the Strategic Planning Survey Instrument, stating, "That survey will go to a group of about 45 teachers, parents, and support members to help guide a long-term plan for Palacios ISD."

Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the PISD Trustees will be held Sep. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Palacios Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00, August 30, 2021 in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 1209 Twelfth Street Palacios, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.963400/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.210800/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-3.02 % decrease
Debt Service	66.82 % increase
Total expenditures	5.61 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,692,731,456	\$2,149,003,645
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$17,220,671	\$19,132,607
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,446,804,735	\$1,888,428,663
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$8,484,168	\$7,419,631

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$12,510,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.966400	\$0.135000*	\$1.101400	\$10,682	\$1,510
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.883880	\$0.205870*	\$1.089750	\$12,805	\$1,092
Proposed Rate	\$0.963400	\$0.210800*	\$1.174200	\$14,036	\$1,326

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$131,270	\$142,765
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$81,572	\$88,837
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.101400	\$1.174200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$898.43	\$1,043.12
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$144.69

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.174269. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.174269.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$14,192,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$435,000

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying

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Palacios Police Reports

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From the Police Chief

Worst Internet Scam

Be aware that fraudsters are developing new techniques every day to get your money. One circulating has to do with fraudsters passing themselves as a legitimate business or bank you do business with. The fraudster will set up a VPN virtual private network that will call you from a familiar number like your bank's number. You will receive a call from a robo-caller computer announcing themselves, for example, your bank, where your account is breached. They ask you to hold to speak to a bank representative.

You are alarmed and believe it to be legit due to the bank phone number on your screen and caller ID displaying the bank's name. The fraudster then picks up and tells you that someone accessed your account, but they were able to stop them from getting your money. Relieved, you start to bring your guard down, he will then ask to verify some information for security purposes. (By now, you should have hung up the phone a long time ago.)

Never provide any information to anyone calling you. If you hear a robocall when you answer, hang up and don't say anything. The fraudsters will record your voice to use it later to access your accounts. If you are called, and it appears no one is on the other side, hang up. They are waiting for you to speak to record your voice. If you continue on the phone, they will ask you to reset your password. They will provide you with a random address for you to verify. The fraudster will tell you not to worry, I will reset your account with the correct information. He will ask for your address, among other details. If you are still on the phone, forget about your money; the fraudster has already cleaned your account.

So, in summary, don't respond to robo-callers or emails claiming to be from your financial institution. They are meant to get into your accounts or on your computer. Just hang up or delete the email and contact your institution directly and let them know what happened.



By Police Chief Milton Rivera

DO YOU WANT TO SEE WHO WAS ARRESTED & FOR WHAT?

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First State Bank of Louise donated 3 Metal Art Trophies - for 1st Place 3/2 Stringer, 2nd Place 3/2 Stringer and Best Overall Youth Individual.

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A special "Thank You" to all the volunteers: Bill Balboa, Wayne Dodd, David Janssen, Louis & Rachel Rush, Sally Kurtz, Clyde & Pam Oliver, Larry & Jennifer Rausch, Sandra Lox, David King, Paul Christensen, Mary Van Borssum, James & Debbie Kubecka, Amy & Alex Tapia, First Financial Bank staff, Vikijane Mosier

DPS Urges Drivers To Be More Aware as School Year Begins

AUSTIN – With the school year beginning in person for many districts across the state, the Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding the public of steps they can take to keep students and staff members safe. This includes slowing down in school zones, staying off cell phones and being aware at all times while around school buses.

"Going back to school is an exciting time for students, parents and staff, but it is paramount that drivers are more alert when around buses and schools," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "I urge everyone on the road to be proactive and help ensure children arrive to and from school safely each and every day."

DPS offers the following tips for school safety:

- Give students extra room and don't assume they are paying attention to traffic. Students are frequently distracted by mobile devices or listening on electronic devices

- es and may not be paying attention to their surroundings.
- Don't block a crosswalk when stopped at a red light or stop sign.
- Follow the directions of school crossing guards.
- Watch for children on bicycles traveling to and from schools.
- Reduce speed when you spot a school bus and know children may unexpectedly step into the road without checking for oncoming traffic.
- Be careful around railroad crossings. School buses are legally required to stop at them.
- Know laws regarding school buses. According to Texas law, if a bus has alternating flashing red signals visible from the front or rear, drivers MUST stop before reaching the bus. Drivers can only proceed if the flashing lights are no longer activated, the driver signals you to proceed or the bus has resumed

driving. Approaching drivers do NOT have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the road is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. If a highway is only divided by a left-turn lane, it is not considered divided and drivers must stop for school buses.

- Drivers who illegally pass a school bus face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. For people convicted of the offense more than once, the law allows for the person's driver license to be suspended for up to six months. A ticket for this offense cannot be dismissed through defensive driving. Criminal charges are possible if a driver causes someone serious bodily injury.
- Always obey speed limits and traffic laws in school zones.
- Remember, texting while driving is illegal in Texas.

JANSSEN

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able coastal resources. He willingly, and without being asked, adjusted days off to meet the needs of his community and the resource. This year's freeze disaster was a recent example of his dedication, when chose to respond on his day off, during horrific weather conditions, to work recovering cold stunned sea turtles, which he did in 2018 as well. He has made many outstanding cases but one of the most memorable was his capture of a shrimp boat with over 160 red snapper illegally possessed onboard. His deep-seated understanding of when and where his patrols should be conducted has deterred many violations but has also provided him the skills to detect violations and capture violators. Not only does he display exemplary effort in his resource protection enforcement efforts, but he is deeply committed to the safety of recreational fishermen and boaters as they enjoy our public waterways. He is intoxilyzer certified, a device that measures alcohol levels in the body, to help detect, apprehend, and aid in successful prosecution of violators that risk lives of others with their impaired operation of a vessel.

David's enforcement efforts in the Matagorda Bay complex has netted many recreational and commercial infractions encountered for violations such as: under and oversized fish, exceeding the bag limit, licensing, and water safety violations. David demonstrates a profound knowledge and skill in recreational and commercial fishing enforcement, as well as, his deep-rooted commitment to serving citizens and protecting resources of the state are why he is our Game Warden of the Year.

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lix. Diana Hurtado is the Instructional Assistant at East Side. She attended University of Houston-Victoria and enjoys spending time with her son.

July Martinez is teaching Pre-K at Central. She graduated from University of Houston-Victoria and enjoys biking.

Juan Medrano is teaching 7th grade Texas History at the Junior High. He graduated from Texas A&M University and enjoys gardening, west coast swing dancing, cooking and swimming.

Katie Murray is the East Side Librarian. She graduated from Texas Lutheran University and enjoys reading, cooking, baking, and spending time outdoors with family.

Anh Dao Nguyen is the Library Aide at Central. She attended TCC and enjoys watching TV, FaceBook, watching movies, playing games, eating and sleeping.

Kerry Olvey is teaching World History at the High School. She attended East Texas State University and enjoys baking, crafting, reading, traveling and going to the beach.

Bailey Perez is teaching 4th Grade Science at East Side. She graduated from University of Houston-Victoria and enjoys fishing and riding a bike.

Mynda Pina is teaching 6th Grade Social Studies at the Junior High. She graduated from University of Houston Victoria and enjoys shopping and spending time with family.

McKaylie Reamy is teaching Chemistry/Ap Biology at

the High School. She graduated from Texas State University and enjoys gardening, baking cakes, decorating, and working on home improvement projects.

Emily Richards is teaching 3rd Grade Math at East Side. She graduated from Texas A&M University- Texarkana and enjoys cooking, creating artwork and reading.

Gabriela Rodriguez is the Life Skills Instructional Assistant at the JH/HS. She enjoys reading and hunting.

Kathleen Schulze is teaching Biology at the High School. She graduated from University of Houston and enjoys shopping, sports, hiking & camping, cooking, volunteering with the church and spending time with family

and friends.

Stephanie Tasker is teaching 5th Grade ELAR at East Side. She graduated from University of North Texas and enjoys reading, writing, knitting, gardening, crocheting, remodeling and watching horror movies.

Kimberly Tschatschula is teaching 7th Grade Math at the Junior High. She graduated from Texas A&M University and enjoys reading, running, exercising, dancing, and camping/hiking.

Katelyn Tynes is an Instructional Assistant at the Junior High. She is attending University of Houston-Victoria and enjoys volleyball, hiking, traveling and being with family.

You readers may not know it, but this little town has lots of 'angels' in it. They consulted and arrived at my 'old home' to help pack boxes or move stuff, and they arrived at my 'new home' to help unpack boxes and place items in rooms; they vacuumed and dusted and cleaned and pulled nails off the walls and hung pictures and cleaned bathrooms and stocked pantry items and, and, and!!! And I just wanted to name these nice Palacios people because they need to know just how much their actions and care meant to me while we moved during 20 inches of rain etc.

Matthew Baker, Sharon Burnham, Robert Briggs, Theresa Barnett, Clayton and Holly Claybourn, Will Cress, Linda Contreras, Cheryl Dodd, Darlene Faldyn, Allison Gardener, Krista Griffith, Cara Herlin, Lisa and John Harrison, Irene Mangum, Elaine Meadows, John and Jan Pierce, and Paula Whitney. And two high schoolers who know how to work!!! Vaughn Mata and Gabriel Montalbo. Blessings to all you!

I am sure you have earned another star in your crown!

Colleen Claybourn

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