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Aparicio, Schulman elected to MCND#1

Matagorda Co. ballots heavily favored Republicans, 3-1

BY RYAN WEST
Palacios Beacon-Publisher

Matagorda Co. retained its bright shade of red, so say the results of last week's General Election. Less than half of the County's 21,681 eligible registered voters took to the polls in this year's election, with just 9,713 ballots being processed, 44.8% of the eligible electorate. In the local races, where party doesn't really matter as much, voters in Matagorda Co. Navigation District #1 approved another term in Commissioner Pos. 1 for David Aparicio and newcomer Alan

Schulman was voted in to fill the vacancy in Pos. 5. Aparicio held on to his seat against the challenge of Rusty Feather, with a 977-346 vote margin. In the race to replace outgoing Commissioner Donny Tran in Pos. 5, Schulman toppled James Georgi via 70 percent of the vote, an 879-373 margin. An odd note in the MCND#1 races - the two races had differing numbers of votes cast. The Pos. 1 race had 1,323 ballots cast, while the race for Pos. 5 drew 1,252 total votes. In the races for Tidehaven ISD Trustee, a total of 3,843 ballots were cast,

spread over the nine candidates. When the dust settled, Cody Frick, Mike Galvan, Jr., Stephen "T-John" Crow and Eric Kacer were the top vote getters. **State Races** Matagorda Co. followed the lead for much of the Lone Star State with a strong Republican lean. In the race for Governor of Texas, incumbent Republican Greg Abbott carried the County with over 75% of the vote. Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke garnered 2,259 votes across



DAVID APARICIO
Pos. 1 Matagorda Co.
Navigation District #1



ALAN SCHULMAN
Pos. 5 Matagorda Co.
Navigation District #1

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THE lovely Shayne Wolam (above) was crowned the 2023 Miss Palacios at the 50th annual Miss Palacios Pageant held last Saturday. (Pictured right) Taking home the Little Mr. and Little Miss Palacios titles were Tristan Proctor and Lillyann Pulvino. For other Miss Palacios award winners, see Page 2. (Beacon Photos by Ryan West)



Rainbowland announces plans for expansion

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST
Palacios Beacon

Rainbowland Daycare, located at 905 6th St., is the only licensed childcare center within a 30 mile radius and Administrator Melinda Cruz and the Board of Directors have been working on plans for expanding the daycare since fall of 2021. "Our current waitlist has 36 children on it and it's disheartening as the director to have to tell parents that the wait to get their child into our center could be a year to 2 years depending on the child's age." According to Cruz, the daycare receives 5-10 telephone calls each week regarding parents need for childcare and inquiries for children to be placed on the daycare's waitlist. Cruz advises parents, prior to the birth of their children, to place their children on the wait list due to the length of the list. Fortunately, the daycare facility has plans for expansion to allow for care of an additional 30-35 children and is currently in the engineering stage of the project. "The expansion will be towards Perryman and our playgrounds will be moved to different areas on our property to accommodate this. The expansion will consist of an additional building about the size of the current

one and a covered breezeway connecting the current building to the new building. The new building will house two new Nursery classrooms, two new two-year-old classrooms, and the new large 3 & 4 year old classroom." Plans also include renovations of the current building to house an additional one-year old classroom, creating administration offices, and restructuring a more secure front entrance requiring a triple entry in order to gain access to the children. "Once the engineering phase of this project is complete we will then open the project to bids. In order to apply for grants that focus on education and childcare we have to have plans and bids," stated Cruz. Rainbowland Daycare is a non-profit childcare center, therefore, the facility relies on grants and fundraisers to complete this expansion. Cruz hopes to break ground on this much anticipated expansion next year, however, this timeframe is dependent upon grants and fundraising efforts. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their continued support in our fundraising efforts, without them none of this would be possible. We look forward to

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Meeting at midfield once again, 55 years later

MEMBERS of the Tidehaven Tigers 1967 Class 1A State Champion football team met at midfield of Bastrop's Memorial Stadium last Friday night for a ceremonial coin toss with members of the Clifton Cub ball club it topped 55 years ago in the title game. Pictured with the lone Cub representative are Tidehaven's (left to right) Ronald Janaek, Billy Dannels, Stuart Johnson and Mike Tobola. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



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THE lovely Ansley Kubecka (right) took home the crown for Miss Palacios Debutante, and Arianna Price (left) was First Runner-Up. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)



IN the Junior Miss Palacios division, Laila Richards (center) took home the tiara, with Brooke Greenawalt (right) First Runner-Up, and Adria Flores (left) Second Runner-Up. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

ELECTION

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the County. Libertarian candidate Mark Tiggett received 68 votes and the Green Party's Delilah Barrios netted 29. Incumbent Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Republican, won 74% of the Matagorda Co. 9,633 votes cast, followed Democratic challenger Mike Collier with 2,273 votes, and 200 cast for Libertarian candidate Shanna

Steele. A standing felony indictment didn't prevent incumbent Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton from taking home over 74% of the Countywide ballots. Challengers Rochelle Garza (Dem) and Mark Ash (Lib) netted 2,230 and 239 votes, respectively. Incumbent State Comptroller, Glenn Hegar carried

the Count with 76% of the vote, over challengers Democrat Janet T. Duddings and Libertarian Alonzo Echevarria-Garca. The General Land Office Commissioner race was led locally by Republican Dawn Buckingham, who captured 7,283 of the 9,565 ballots cast. Democrat candidate Jay Kleberg finished with 22.72% of the vote.

Incumbent Ag Commissioner (Rep) Sid Miller took a 3-1 advantage in the county vote over Democrat challenger Susan Hayes. In the race for Railroad Commissioner, Matagorda Co. voters favored Republican Wayne Christian with over 75% of the vote. Democratic candidate Luke Warford finished with 2,065 votes, 21.64%.

U.S. Rep
In the newly redistricted U.S. House District 22, incumbent Troy Nehls (Rep.) captured 76% of the 9,575 ballots cast. Democratic candidate Jamie Kaye Jordan finished with 22.23% of the vote.

THE Miss Palacios First Runner-Up was awarded to Emily Chapman (right), and Emily Garza (left) was Second Runner-Up. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)





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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

Virginia Michelle Verdick, 41, 601 4th St., was arrested in the 400 block of South Bay Blvd. outstanding warrants.

Claude Wayne Robins II, 53, 830 CR 322, was arrested in the 500 block of East Bay Blvd.; public intoxication.

INCIDENTS

Hit and Run/ Criminal Mischief: On Nov. 9 at 11:05 a.m. in the 100 block of 6th St. a hit and run was reported.

Failure to Identify: On Nov. 9 at 2:43 a.m. in the 700 block of Johnson Ave. Officers assisted with animal control.

From the Chief

Police Chief Tobie Bias

The Palacios Police Department has issued multiple citations on unrestrained children in vehicles in the past week. We at the Palacios Police Department hold this as a profoundly grave issue and therefore practice zero tolerance for this moving violation. All children under the age of 8 years and who are not taller than 4 feet 9 inches in height are required to be in an appropriate safety seat. Three of these citations were written for children standing up in the vehicle while these vehicles were in motion.



Kids Club enjoys new weekly activity page

PARTICIPANTS in the Palacios Community Hub's Kids Club were busy working on the weekly Newspaper Fun educational activity page in each issue of the *Palacios Beacon*. The page is sponsored by the Palacios Community Hub in conjunction with its mission to promote literacy. (Submitted Photos)



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Letter To The Editor

What will you stand up for???

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your coverage of the proposed demolition of The Luther Hotel, for bringing attention to the matter by making it worthy of front page news, and for placing it above the fold.

Palacios would be just another small, unremarkable rural Texas town, devoid of the outward manifestations of its history and relics, if we do not stand up for, and save, all the wonderful, historic places and structures that are so much a part of our rich heritage and history here. While the demolition of historic structures is all too familiar, the continued resistance to recognizing the value that historic buildings have to our community is disappointing. That doesn't have to be the case.

Our shared social and cultural history continues to be important in our daily lives; in fact, The Luther Hotel (and indeed all of our historic buildings) is in our collective, community DNA and the fabric that has woven this community together for nearly 120 years. It is my sincere hope that our citizens, City Council, and City Officials will view preservation as a tool that improves the quality of life in our community as it is not just our beloved Luther Hotel that is on the chopping block, but many of our historic buildings.

We need to ensure that qualified individuals with a background in historic architecture and preservation are able to assess the true state of The Luther Hotel and indeed the rest of our historic buildings. We also need to look more carefully at adaptive reuse of historic buildings and acknowledge the wide range of benefits of reuse versus demolition, including: retention of quality building materials, historic and architectural character, continuity with the existing streetscape and historic connection to our neighborhoods, sustainability, and incentives for rehabilitation.

There are a multitude of benefits of joining the Main Street program and instituting a historic district in Palacios including tax credits and money towards restoration projects (and no, the taxpayers don't pay for those grants - what they would pay for, though, is new infrastructure costs that would have to go into new construction). A historic district in Palacios will not only preserve our culture and small town feel that people have come to love, but provide a reason for people to visit us along the \$8 billion travel route that goes through the Texas Independence Trail of which we are along. The crown jewel, however, is The Luther Hotel, and a new heritage tourism initiative that encompasses a historic district would suffer tremendously without it.

To the citizens reading this, if you don't stand up for The Luther Hotel, what WILL you stand up for? If we don't take the time to recognize our history today, tomorrow it may very well be lost - and indeed we find it on the chopping block this very day. And we will never get it back if it is demolished.

This is not just a sale between two private entities - The Luther Hotel is the most visibly public structure in this entire city and has true historic value to not just our city and Texas, but to the nation. All options need to be considered by all parties before a final decision is made and a permit requested for demolition. And Evan Thompson, Executive Director of Preservation Texas, has pledged his support and has said he will be happy to attend a meeting with the Ed Rachal Foundation, the City, and our newly established Palacios Preservation Committee.

Esmeralda Salinas
Palacios Preservation Committee Founding Member

Leave a legacy of history...

Dear Editor,

As you may know, the Luther Hotel faces an uncertain future. In a recent meeting, Evan Thompson, Executive Director of Preservation Texas, called the Luther, "the most publicly visible private property" in Palacios. It truly is! But to most, it's so much more than a piece of private property; it is a symbol of our community and has been for more than a hundred years. Did you know that during World War I Red Cross ladies used one of the rooms to sew garments and bandages for soldiers? Then, in World War II, soldiers' families stayed in apartments that had been created in the hotel.

The Luther is in a key location, flanked by other historical properties. With brochures and marketing highlighting all the historic properties in Palacios, these sites could form the basis for a thriving arts and historic tourism industry for people wanting to have memorable and unique experiences.

I know you all value the charm of this community. Mayor Jim Gardner, in his online "Mayor's Message," mentions the Luther by name and notes that "Palacios has a rich history." This history is part of what makes this community so special. You can't drive to the nearest big city and find another Luther Hotel. Chamber of Commerce member Rev. David King has a wonderful quote on the top of his biography on the Palacios Community Medical Center site: "Live, love, learn, and leave a legacy." Let's work together to leave a legacy of history for your children and grandchildren to visit and experience.

Sandra D. Davidson, PhD



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| 2 | T15,431 11/02/11 | 47548 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. TIMOTHY W. HOLT | Lot 649 of High Meadow Section of Tres Palacios Oaks, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 6, Page 8 of the Map Records of Matagorda County, Texas. | \$1,300.00 | \$900.00 |
| 3 | T15,867 08/04/10 | R16201 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF ROY D. BUELS, DECEASED, ET AL | LOT 548, TRES PALACIOS OAKS, LIVE OAK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 47-50, MAP RECORDS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS. | \$1,000.00 | \$800.00 |
| 4 | T15,944 08/04/10 | 47276 | PALACIOS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LUIS DAVID RAMIREZ, ET AL | LOT 354, TRES PALACIOS OAKS, LIVE OAK SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 47-50, MAP RECORDS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS. | \$1,000.00 | \$835.00 |
| 5 | T16,161 09/30/14 | 16416 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. OLLIE BOONE CARTER | 1.2808 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE R. H. WILLIAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 105, MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED AS TRACT VI, IN PARTITION DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1978, FROM LANGSTON L. BOONE ET AL TO OLLIE BOONE CARTER, IN VOLUME 619, PAGE 426, DEED RECORDS OF MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS. | \$9,420.00 | \$2,150.00 |
| 6 | T-16489 08/05/21 | 40971 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. W. D. COOPER, ET AL | Lot 12 in Block B of the Re-Subdivision of Lots 7, 9 and 11 of the Whitson Subdivision, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 1 of the Map Records of Matagorda County, Texas. | \$68,000.00 | \$37,000.00 |
| 7 | T16,496 02/26/19 | 14354 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. BERNICE FRANKLIN CAMPBELL, ET AL | A tract or parcel of land containing 0.46 acre, more or less, located in the William Rabb League, Abstract 78, in Matagorda County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds in the deed from Bernice Franklin Campbell et al to William Franklin, Jr. et al dated February 10, 1997 and recorded in Volume 464, Page 873 of the Official Records of Matagorda County, Texas. | \$3,460.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| 8 | T16,552 09/15/15 | 22902 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL VS. RICHARD J. HILL, ET AL | 5.0 acres, more or less, Tract 1237, Francitas Farms Subdivision, a subdivision situated in the M. E. Johnson Survey, Abstract 466, Matagorda County, Texas, as described in Volume 525, Page 123, Deed Records of Matagorda County, Texas. | \$17,500.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 9 | T16,575 02/24/15 | 47551 | MATAGORDA COUNTY, ET AL AND PALACIOS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF EDWARD EARL SMITH, DECEASED | Lot 652 of High Meadow Section of Tres Palacios Oaks, a subdivision in Matagorda County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 6, Page 8 of the Map Records of Matagorda County, Texas | \$1,300.00 | \$900.00 |
| 10 | T17,083 05/22/18 | 16330 | MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. JOSEPHINE GRAY, ET AL | A tract or parcel containing 3.70 acres, more or less, located in the R. H. Williams Survey, Abstract 105, in Matagorda County, Texas; and being a portion of that certain 26.8 acres, more or less, situated in both the R. H. Williams Survey and the William Rabb Survey, identified as Lot 5 on a map attached in Exhibit A of a partition deed from Lee Farris, et al, to Jabe Robbins, recorded in Volume 52, Page 476, Deed Records of Matagorda County, Texas. | \$12,630.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| 11 | T17148 05/05/22 | 30667 | MATAGORDA COUNTY VS. KATHY GANDY | CHINQUAPIN LEASE IMPT ONLY #66(ON RIGHT AFTER ENTRANCE) | \$47,500.00 | \$7,024.00 |

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