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Marshes, marshes, marshes at Museum Brown Bag Chat

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The City By the Sea Museum held March's Brown Bag Chat on: Marsh Madness with this past Thursday with a Caren Utley from Texas Parks and Wildlife educating on the vital importance of the four different types of marshes. Marshes are wetlands, found all over the world, "they're transitional zones between land and water; the biodiversity in wetland is extremely rich."

More diverse than the rain forests, "They are considered with the most productive ecosystem (75% of your commercial/recreational species) and they are very important in your carbon cycle." Carbon gets trapped into the sediment of marshes prohibiting this carbon

going into the atmosphere decreasing climate change.

Locally, marshes help coastlines with flooding, specifically during times of storms and hurricanes. Marshes also "re-charge" water supplies; considered the kidneys of the landscape filtering out chemicals and any other pollutant getting into your groundwater supply."

A marsh is defined as, "Constantly flooded with water source (river, lake, pond, ocean) with a tidal flow that goes in and out of this marsh." They are very rich in mineral deposits, flowing slow, with all sorts of vegetation.

A swamp is usually waterlogged, with various trees (mangroves, cypress, oaks), not

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**PPD Easter
Egg Hunt Sat. at
Sanford Center**

The Palacios Police Dept. and Sanford Community Center are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 11 a.m. on Sat. (March 30) at the Sanford Center, located at 907 8th St.

**Live Music
Sun. at El Maton**

Grab your boots and head to the The El Maton National Hall, located at 595 FM 1095 in El Maton, for live music this Sun. (Mar. 31) from 3-5 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m.

**MCRTA meet
Tues. in Bay City**

The Matagorda County Retired Teachers Association (MCRTA) will meet on Tues. (April 2) at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bay City.

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Off and hunting at Eagles' 12th annual Easter Egg Hunt

OVER one hundred youth turned out for last week's Fraternal Order of Eagles' #3821 12th annual Easter Egg Hunt in Palacios' Railroad Park. The hours of work by the Eagles 'bunnies' to lay hundreds of candy-filled Easter Eggs over multiple aged courses was picked clean in a matter of minutes by the voracious young egg hunters. (Beacon Photos by Ryan West)



Warrant Round Up coming in April

Release Courtesy
Palacios Police Dept.

The City of Palacios Municipal Court and Palacios Police Department will be performing a Warrant Roundup event on Thursday, April 18, 2024. If you have outstanding warrants through the Municipal Court, you should make arrangements with the court to avoid being contacted by a police officer. The court will assist you in getting these warrants taken care of so that you are not arrested at an inconvenient time. If you do not take care of these warrants, an officer is required to take you into custody if they come into contact with you. Call the court at (361) 972-2583 or come in to make arrangements at 313 Henderson, Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30 pm. You will not be arrested if you come in to make arrangements for your warrants.

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A much-needed facelift for La Petite Belle



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If you are a service minded individual or organization and are eager to help a worthy historical cause; look no further, the La Petite Belle is being refurbished and your assistance is needed.

The La Petite Belle hours of work volunteerism is Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m.

The La Petite Belle is a half-scale reproduction of the French explorer Rene-Robert Cavalier's ship La Belle. The vessel is 30 feet long 8 feet wide and displaces about 15,000 lbs. The La Belle shipwreck was discovered in 1995 in our very own Matagorda Bay.

The La Petite Belle is being refurbished in a metal barn behind Coastal Cottage Bay House in the 500 block of 1st St.

A total of 618 volunteer hours have been spent thus far on this project and the duties have included: cleaning, priming, painting, rebuilding, sanding, fabricating and installation.

There is a long list of volunteer opportunities fit for all levels of craftsmanship; volunteers need not be skilled;



LA Petite Belle's current renovation crew of (left to right) Ted Riccio, Rick Jenkins and Gary Cook. (Submitted Photos)



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