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Council gives green light to Pearl of Palacios PUD

BY RYAN WEST
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After a multitude of meetings, hearings, polls and postponements, the Pearl of Palacios Planned Unit Development (PUD) was approved by the Palacios City Council at last week's regular meeting.

Prior to action being taken by Council, several citizens voiced their opinion 'for' as well as 'against' the approval of the proposed 36-acre waterfront overlay zoning district.

The first to chime in during citizen's forum was Leslie Cloper via Zoom. She referenced the letter by attorney John Griffin read aloud at the April 11 Council meeting, in which it

stated litigation would be brought should the City move forward with the PUD, as well as the City Attorney referencing of a clause on the City books that would allow the "hatchery and hotel" to be built without the PUD.

"These are two very compelling reasons to vote against the PUD," Cloper said. "(The PUD) is in violation of multiple laws and it is not needed to build the buildings the Ed Rachal Foundation (ERF) wants to build."

"Why aren't you following that?," Cloper asked, "Instead of putting the City in legal jeopardy and financial straits"

"If you go through with this there will be large legal fees. The City is already struggling with its budget and this PUD will cost

the City thousands of dollars in legal fees," she added.

She said Councilman Chip Woolf was correct and quoted his words - "The last thing the City needs is another lawsuit" - and added, "brought on by the willful choice to ignore the law."

Margaret Doughty, of the Palacios Preservation Association, reported since the second PUD vote was postponed on April 11 having met with the all members of Council - except Donna Schulman.

"All expressed some concerns that they didn't know enough about the process and it was moving too fast," Doughty said. "However they all seemed very persuaded that the

City has found a way to legally go forward with the PUD."

Doughty's main concern with the proposed PUD was the potential to set off a series of development opportunities where "tall buildings could potentially overtake our quiet and peaceful downtown and bayfront."

Over the course of their discussions, Doughty said there was found to be nothing in the city's plan about historic preservation, and height and style protections of historic districts.

"The members we talked to seemed all very much in favor of historic preservation and supporting heritage tourism," she said. "This

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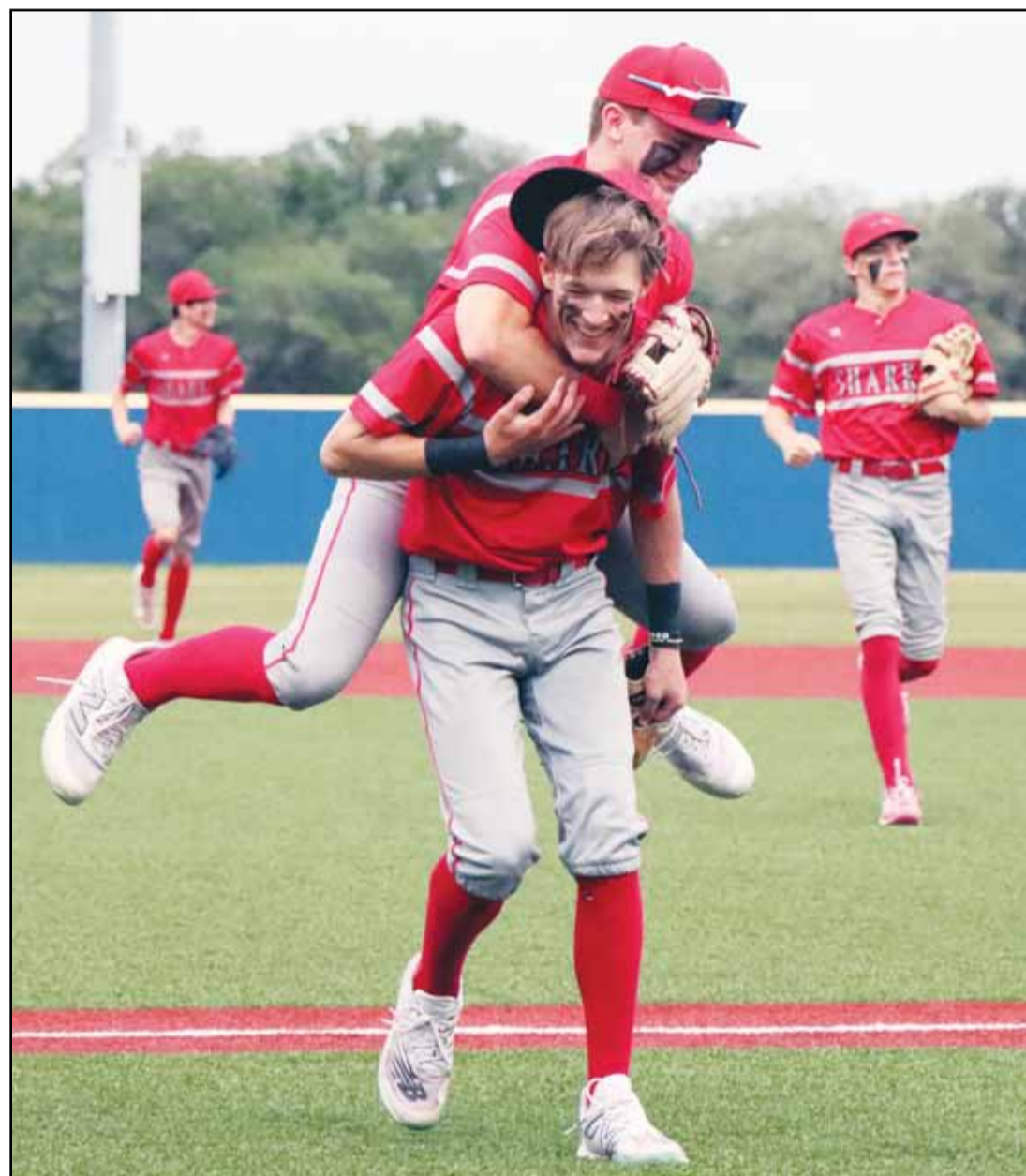
The Palacios Area Fund (PAF) is excited to announce "Breakfast with the Stars," a family and children meet and greet celebration featuring our favorite cartoon characters. The high energy event is scheduled for 9-11:30 a.m. on Sat. (May 4) at the Christian Life Center (CLC), 200 Welch St. in Palacios. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to create a fun pancake breakfast while dining, taking photos and enjoying the company of friends, family and our favorite characters.

Blessing Day celebrated Sun.

Save the date for the 68th Annual Blessing Day, scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at the Blessing Community Center with proceeds in the form of scholarships benefiting Tidehaven graduates from the Blessing area.

Blessing Day Events
 Come hungry as BBQ chicken, potatoes and beans will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for \$15.
 The Horseshoe Tournament and Cornhole Tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. and the Parade at 2 p.m. Booths, and a raffle will also be available. For more information regarding the Parade contact Penny Bloom at 979-240-3943. For information regarding Blessing Day contact Jodie Pierce at 979-241-8862.

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All smiles for Sharks
Sends off seniors with victory in finale

VARSITY Shark senior Reis Bowers hops of the back of junior hurler Brodge Dego in the middle innings of last week's 6-0 win over Rice in the 2024 regular season finale. Dego earned the complete game shutout with seven innings of four-hit ball with four strikeouts and a pair of walks allowed. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Palacios Decides 2024

Voters go to polls Saturday for City Council, PISD Trustee elections

BY RYAN WEST
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The day is upon us as Palacios area voters will head to the polls to decide the Mayor of Palacios, a pair of Council positions and two seats on the Palacios ISD Board of Trustees on Election Day, this Sat. (May 4).

All voting is being conducted at the Matagorda Co. Navigation District #1 Admin Office, located at 1602 Main St. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Election Day.

City Ticket
 There are three contested

on the City of Palacios ticket.

Incumbent one-term Mayor of Palacios Jim Gardner will have to contend with challenger Rick Cink.

In the race for Council seat Pos. 1, incumbent Larry Glenn faces off against former one-term Council woman Raylynn Samora.

The lone guarantee of a new member to the Council will come in the race for Pos. 2, where incumbent Sharon Trainor opted against a bid for reelection. Looking to jump into her seat is a pair

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National Day of Prayer Thurs.

Lift Up the Word-Light Up the World

On Thursday, May 2, Palacios will participate in the National Day of Prayer (NDP). You and your church are invited to take part in the various events across town.

NDP Event will be a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning at 7 p.m. on May 1st and continuing through 6 p.m. on May 2. This event will be held at the Church of Christ located at 6th and Rorem and there is a volunteer sign-up sheet for this event.

Thursday morning starts, NDP participants gather for a free community-wide Prayer Breakfast sponsored by local businesses. This event will be hosted by the First Baptist Church, CLC, located at 200 Welch St. The breakfast is from 6:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. and all are welcome to come and go or stay as long as you wish.

Throughout the day, there will be "Need Prayer?" locations staffed with volunteers willing to pray with those who stop by the following locations: South Bay Blvd/TBE: 6-9 a.m., Living Word Church: 7-9 a.m., NAPA Prime Auto Parts: 9a.m.- 2 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church: 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. and Agape Outreach Church: 3-5 p.m.

The day will be concluded

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Palacios' Harmonie Club distributes donations...

RECIPIENTS of this years generous Harmonie Club donations were: front, l-r) Palacios Recreation Center Elaine Meadows, Harmonie Club Allison Roe, Palacios High School AVID Jordan Joines, Palacios Aquatic Club Brittany Warner, Athletic Booster Club & PHS Project Graduation Nieves Jimenez, Harmonie Club Queen Ava Bowers, Palacios and Girls Club Marcy Duran, Palacios High School ESports and Shark Nerds Leslie Gerberman, Brenna Bodie, Josh Dalphinis and Han Tang; (back) Palacios Recreation Center John Harrison and Linda Wilson, Boy Scout & Cub Scout Troop 1441 Sonya Brown, Palacios Education Foundation Carolyn Kubecka, Palacios Little League Rick Cink, Palacios Fire Department Daniel Guevara, Palacios FFA and Palacios Construction Trade Billy Pat Peacock, Palacios Little League Cheryl Bowers, Palacios Area Fund Rhonda Bates, and Palacios High School ESports Randy Nguyen and Joseph Mares. (Other recipient organizations not present: Friends of Elder Citizens, Robert Duran Food Pantry, Palacios High School Swim Team. (Submitted Photo)

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