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Early voting begins Mon.

BY RYAN WEST
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Voters will take to the polls for early voting beginning on Mon. (Oct. 21) in advance of the Nov. 5 General Election. Ballots during early voting may be cast locally at the Matagorda Co. Navigation District #1 (MCND) Administration Building, located at 1602 Main St., or at the Bay City Service Center, from Mon. - next Fri. (Oct. 21-25) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; next Sat. (Oct. 26) from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun. (Oct. 27) from 12 - 6p.m.; and Oct. 28 - Nov. 1 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. .

Election Day polls will open on Tues-

day, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Precincts 3A, 3B and 7 will cast Election DAY Ballots at the MCND#1 Admin Building, and Precincts 4 and 12 will be voting at St. Peter's Catholic Church, located at 205 Hickory St. in Blessing.

While the ticket is top heavy with the race for President of the United States atop the ballot, there are races up and down the local voters will have the opportunity to have their say, including a host of local races.

Local Races

Area locals will have two officially contested races on the ballot, while another local race that seemed uncontested has had a late write-in candidate enter

the fray.

There is guaranteed to be a new sheriff in town, or Matagorda Co. that is, as Matagorda Co. voters will choose between Republican nominee Rick DeLeon and Democratic nominee Aaron C. Green to replace the outgoing Skipper Osborne.

The lone contested race on the Matagorda Co. Navigation District #1 ticket has incumbent Pos. 2 Commissioner Greg Seaman taking on the challenge from Carlos Duran.

Initially thought to be an uncontested race for reelection, as incumbent

Harvest Moon Dinner & Dance fundraiser Sat. at Rec. Center

Invitations have been sent and now it is time for 2024 Century Club Members to RSVP, as reservations are required. This year's Harvest Moon Dinner-Dance, a Country Chic affair, celebrating our Century Club Members, is set for October 19. This 30th annual fundraising event, sponsored by Friends of the Library will be held at the Palacios Recreation Center starting at 6:00pm.

Once again, there will be a live auction featuring some of the crowds' favorites as well as some new items just to keep things exciting. Back by popular demand, we will have our Raffle! Raffle tickets will be available the evening of the event for \$10 each. You choose which items you wish to have a chance to win. Please enjoy a preview and more details by going to www.auctria.events/HarvestMoon

This is a ticketless event; admission is by reservation only. Submit your RSVP early to confirm your seat at this great event! Please send RSVP to diane@cartwrightonline.com or before October 8th.

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BEACON BRIEFS

City by the Sea Museum hosts Brown Bag Lunch Thurs.

The City by the Sea Museum, located at 401 Commerce, will continue its free *Brown Bag Lunch Education Series* from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. this Thurs. (Oct. 17) with a session *TPWD & It's Value to Texas*.

FBC Celebrate Recovery Mon.

Celebrate Recovery is a new Christ-centered ministry where people can find freedom from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits what ever they are. The program is court approved and meets at 200 Welch Ave, Palacios at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening.

'Gettin' Real' Men's Group meets Tuesday

A place for all men to meet and share what's on their mind, in a confidential setting. We all run into rough patches and sometimes it does us good to share what's going on. There are other men who have probably been where you are right now. They might be able to offer wisdom and hope for the problems you currently have. Email Steve or Roy for more information: SvSmith@Juno.com or Roy@g2grange.com Where are the meetings? *Mike's on Main Coffee Shop*, 458 Main St. Palacios, every Tuesday night from 7-8 p.m.

Palacios Drill Team's Mini Dancers Steal the Show



THE Palacios Junior-Senior High Drill Team had plenty of help with last Friday night's halftime routine as they welcomed the Mini-Dance squadron to the turf of Shark Stadium for an exquisite blend of sass and smiles. (ABOVE) Palacios Drill Team's Sannetha Sablatura and Cynthia Alamia join in on the dancing action. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Seawall Comm. talks mowing

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The Matagorda Co. - Palacios Seawall Commission talked mowing of the Palacios waterfront with the City of Palacios at last week's regular monthly meeting.

City of Palacios City manager Cindy Raleigh was on hand with comments and questions for the commissioners.

Atop her list was the Seawall's maintenance agreement for mowing of the waterfront. The current agreement, in place since '96 according to Raleigh, has the Commission pay the City, who in turns pays the bill for a local mowing contractor to mow the areas along the bay-front.

"We want to keep it looking nice, Raleigh said of the seawall. "It's our most wonderful attraction in town."

Commission chairman Craig Wallis questioned whether the Seawall should just take over the mowing contract with the contractor and bypass the City as a

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PISD Trustees receive positive updates City breezes thru meeting

BY BRIENN PANIAGUA
Palacios Beacon

The October school board meeting was one filled with many positive updates for Palacios ISD. As the students and families finally settle into a routine, smoother pickups and dropoffs, the school board shared many positive updates and news for the district.

Safety Update

Dr. Brian Williams provided the school board with an update about the district vulnerability assessment, a "DVA" that provides feedback that ensures schools are compliant with TEA regulations that promote school safety and better school security. Per Williams, this effectively boils down to "What you need to be doing, what you have, what you need to have, are doors locked and securely properly, are things where they are supposed to be, etc." Williams stated that districts work with federal marshals or other individuals who are highly skilled and trained in security. "What I wanted y'all to hear, what they said when they finished inspecting Central Elementary, was: It's obvious you have an eye for safety, that you're willing to put your money where your mouth is, you've got some of the best stuff we've seen across

the state" The school admins were pleased with the results and we as a community can rest assured the school has the students safety as their top priority. "I wanted to make sure you all heard that, they were very complimentary and it was a very successful DVA overall."

Board President Karen Botbyl had positive things to share on this as well "I just wanted to share that, at the Tex Ed Conference, Becky, Dr. Duncum and I had several superintendents come up to the group and say, "hey, you had a DVA, how did it go?" I just wanted to say that people are nervous for this, by and large this is intended to be a difficult assessment."

Chief Felan reported that three incidents were investigated this month, "but all were unfounded." There was a medical incident, he shared with the room. "They hit the lockdown button at our daycare and we were thankfully able to get the lady some help," He told us. "And luckily, no accidents this month," he added jovially, "We're happy about that."

"I just wanted to say, thank you for hosting and leading the Brotherhood of Riders, that was amazing. It was super great to see the interaction between our students and the officers, the Firefighters that were there at the

game were just exceptional. The respect that was shown by our students was everything. "I just love it all."

Academic Reports

Katie Bowen joined PISD at the board meeting to further explain the STAAR testing and newly adopted protocols. We are all familiar with

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A shorthanded Palacios City Council breezed thru its meeting last Thursday in record time.

The lone announcement came from Council member Troy Lewis, who thanked the City for its proclamation

for the Palacios Lions Club's 75th anniversary.

City Manager Cindy Raleigh presented the monthly financial reports in the absence of finance manager Maria Ayala. She noted the City incurred over \$481,000 in expenses from Hurricane

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Rotary talks economic development...

DONALD Jirkovsky (left) of Lighthouse Developmental Resources Coach, Speaker, and Consultant presented at the Palacios Rotary Club's Luncheon last Wednesday at Palacios Mexican Restuarant. Jirkovsky provided an overview of economic development in the area: Goliad, Yoakum, Port Lavaca, Victoria, El Campo, Edna, Hallettsville, Shiner, and also was excited to hear about happenings in Palacios with The Luther (Hotel purchase and Palacios Marine Agricultural Research's new oyster hatchery. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)



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