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Palacios FFA takes spotlight at Chamber

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST
Palacios Beacon

The Palacios Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Palacios FFA Ag Advocacy students who educated all present how farming a scrumptious little morsel, the oyster, can provide sustainability, biodiversity, economic development, job creation while fostering habitat creation and reduce storm surges in coastal areas. These eloquent speakers were: Laura Sanders, Carley Chapman, Annabelle Starrett, Tatiana Sanchez, and Maria Pham. They shared how oyster harvesting and over dredging "disrupt the natural oyster habitat." "The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

regulates the wild oyster harvesting seasons in order to control the loss of oyster habitat; this is not enough. In order to maintain wild oyster habitat aquaculture oyster farming is a must," stated Starrett. This topic is relevant to our local growing economy as Palacios Marine Agricultural Research is home to Palacios' first ever oyster hatchery has the ability to produce 20 million larvae a week and, according to these young ladies, these can be harvested in as little as 1 year whereas wild oysters take upwards of 18-24 months to reach maturity. The advocates shared that an oyster can filter 50 of gallons of water a day which enhances biodiversity and aids in the

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PALACIOS FFA's Annabelle Starrett (center) addresses the CoC Membership and is flanked by fellow members (left to right) Tatiana Sanchez, Maria Pham, Carly Chapman and Laura Kolar. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)

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BEACON BRIEFS

Book signing
Thurs. at *City by the Sea Museum*

Come join us at the City by the Sea Museum on Thursday November 14th at 7 pm for a book signing and a short lecture by Jim Blackburn who wrote Earth Church which he wrote during the Covid Pandemic. It is full of poetry and essays. He has written other books including the The Book of Texas Bays.

Hub's 4th Community Thanksgiving
Thurs. at TBE

The Palacios Community Hub invites the public to its 4th annual Community Thanksgiving meal on Thurs. (Nov. 14) from 5-7 p.m. at the Texas Baptist Encampment Dining Hall. Come enjoy the free food, fellowship and fun. For more info call 972-9990

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Miss Palacios Pageant Sat. at FAB

VYING for the crown at the 52nd annual Miss Palacios Pageant this Sat. (Nov. 16) at the Palacios ISD Fine Arts Building are: (above, l-r) Annabelle Starrett, Tatiana Sanchez, Alison Pacheco and Ansley Kubecka. Competing for the crowns of Little Mr. and Little Miss Palacios are: (right, front, l-r) Rodney Solis III, Eduardo Mitchell Nieto Jr., Rosaleigh Zipporah Rocha, Violet Ophelia Buentello, Lila Rae West and Riley Danielle Pina; (back) Caspian Neil Luna, Garlin Lee Stuhrenberg, Lincoln Knox Nieto, Kyndall Christine Page, Carolyn Louise Baker, Anastasia Grace Jimenez. Admission to the 52nd annual Miss Palacios Pageant is \$5 (Beacon Photos by Brandi G. West)



Deleon wins Co. Sheriff race, Duran takes MCND#1 Pos. 2

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST
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There was bound to be a new sheriff in town, and after all the votes were counted following the Nov. 5 general election, Matagorda Co. residents now know who that will be. Republican candidate Rick DeLeon was the overwhelming selection by voters countywide as he drew over 71% of the vote and toppled

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PEDC discusses Taste of Palacios, committee reports

BY NIEVES LUCIO JIMENEZ
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A recap of the recent Taste of Palacios Seafood Festival led discussions at last week's meeting of the Palacios Economic Development Corp. (PEDC) Board of Directors. Palacios Downtown Association (PDA) liason, PEDC vice-president Joanne Linden reported an outstanding turnout for the newly rebranded Taste of Palacios event held in October. More vendors participated in this year's fun, along with three live bands that per-

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Texas Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program expands to Palacios, Matagorda Co.



Kayla Clark and Amy Nowlin - Matagorda County Coastal & Marine Resources agent for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension | Texas Sea Grant proudly display the new monofilament receptable installed on Palacios 4th St. Pier.

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The Texas Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program, coordinated by Texas Sea Grant, is making strides in protecting marine and coastal environments; and Matagorda County is proud to be the latest participant in this conservation initiative. New recycling bins have been installed at the Matagorda Harbor in Matagorda, Texas, and at the Palacios Pier in Palacios, Texas, creating easy access points for anglers and boaters to dispose of their fishing line responsibly. These monofilament recycling bins are designed to prevent discarded fishing line from harming marine life, entangling wildlife, and damaging boat propellers or coastal ecosystems. Made from durable PVC piping, each bin is strategically placed to encourage proper disposal and keep fishing lines out of the water and away from the shoreline. The Texas Master Naturalist Mid-Coast Chapter will be involved in supporting the program at both locations. Local volunteers from the chapter will assist in regularly emptying the bins and transporting the collected line to recycling facilities, where it can be properly processed. Through this partnership, Texas Master Naturalists will play a key role in managing and maintaining the bins, ensuring that the program runs smoothly and fulfills its mission of keeping mono-

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