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New Council members take seats

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T'was a brief inaugural meeting of the 2025 version of the Palacios City Council last week.

Things got underway with the official canvassing of the results from the May 3 election. It was confirmed by Council the winners of Pos. 3, 4 and 5 were Larry Glenn, Victoria Duran and Joe Ramirez, respectively.

Following the canvassing, the new elected officials were administered the oath of office by City Secretary Aleigha Galvan.

Glenn was nominated by Mayor Rick Cink and approved by Council to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem

Glenn will also retain his position as a

member of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 (TIRZ) board.

Police Chief Tobie Bias, nominated by Cink, to serve another tour as Chairman of the TIRZ Board, and was approved by Council.

Duran was tapped by Cink and greenlighted by Council to serve as representative to the Palacios Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors.

Citizen Forum

Barney Aparicio, lifetime resident of Palacios, took to the podium and heaped praise on the City Council, City Manager and City of Palacios staff.

"I just wanted to give a shout out to the City.," Aparicio said. "I've noticed the in-

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THE oaths of office were administered by City Secretary Aleigha Galvan to new Councilmembers (left to right) Victoria Duran, Joe Ramirez and Larry Glenn.

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**BEACON
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Library grand opening Thurs.

The Palacios Library invites the community to the grand opening showcasing the recent library renovations and expansion on Thurs. (May 15) at 6 p.m. at the Palacios Library, located at 326 Main St. Light refreshments will be served.

Sample Sat. at Pirate Queen

Pirate Queen Designs, located at 405 Main St. will be holding Sample Saturday, this Sat. (May 17) from 3 - 5 p.m. Come sample pastas, olive oil, Elliot Ranch Beef, specially canned goods from Smith Quality Meats and so much more.

Palacios Thrift Store to reopen Tues.

The Palacios Thrift Store, located at 705 Commerce, will hold a grand re-opening on Tues. (May 20).

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Drainage project at corner of Main & 3rd St...

THE City of Palacios citywide drainage project continues to make headway as construction crews have been busy ripping up culverts and subterranean storm drains along 3rd St. from Commerce to Main St. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Gulf closes for shrimping Thurs.

Commercial shrimp season for both Texas and federal waters in the Gulf of America will close 30 minutes after sunset May 15, reopening on a still-to-be determined date in July.

While July 15 is the statutory opening date for the gulf season, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Coastal Fisheries Division will sample shrimp populations this summer to determine the optimum opening date. The Texas shrimp fishery is closed annually to allow brown shrimp to reach a larger and more valuable size prior to harvest.

"The goal of this closure is twofold," said Robin Riechers, TPWD's Coastal Fisheries Division Director. "Al-



lowing shrimp to migrate into gulf waters gives them time to mature and grow before commercial fishermen begin the summer season in July. This also helps ensure Texas' shrimp stocks are sustainable not just for the season, but for upcoming sea-

sons as well."

The closing date of May 15 is based on samples collected by biologists using trawl and bag seine along with information gathered from the shrimping industry. Data include bag seine catch rates of brown shrimp, mean lengths of shrimp in April 2025, percent of samples containing shrimp and periods of maximum nocturnal ebb tidal flow.

The Texas closure applies to gulf waters from the coastline out to nine nautical miles. The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced that federal waters out to 200 nautical miles will also be closed to shrimping to conform to the Texas closure.

TIDEHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Tidehaven Class of '25 graduation ceremonies Fri.

Commencement ceremonies for the 66 candidates for graduation as part of the Tidehaven High School Class of 2025 will be held at 8 p.m. on Fri. (May 16) from Delvin Taska Stadium in El Maton.

Sitting atop the THS Class of '25 are Valedictorian Addison Nesbitt and Salutatorian Juan Mireles.

Serving as Class Officers for the THS Class of '25 are: President - Maleah Galvan, Vice President - Makyla Patina, Secretary - Paislee Lee, Treasurer - Addison Fuller,

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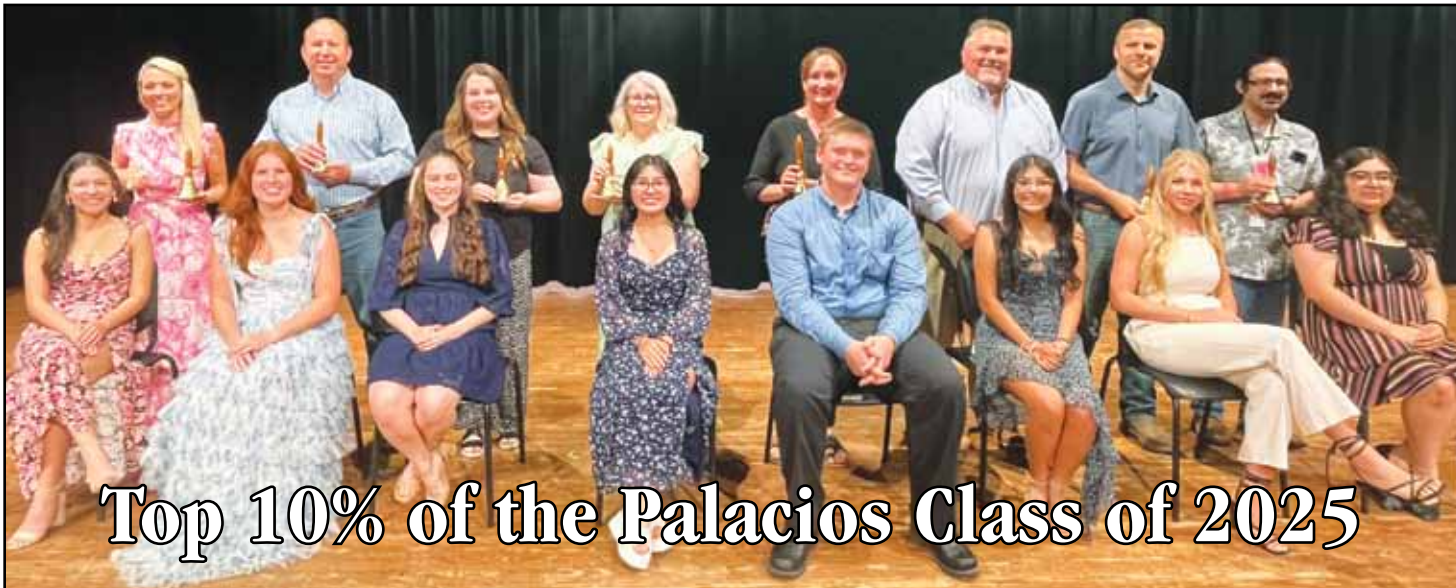
**VALEDICTORIAN
Addison Nesbitt**

City sidewalks project Town Hall Monday

The Palacios community is invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting hosted by the City of Palacios on Monday, May 19, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 311 Henderson, Palacios, TX 77465.

This event will provide residents with an opportunity to review and give feedback on the initial engineering plan for the Palacios Critical Sidewalks for Pedestrian Safety project, which will install a 5' sidewalk down the north side of Rorem Avenue, West side of 12th Street, North side of Newsome Av-

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Top 10% of the Palacios Class of 2025

THE Palacios Junior Senior High's Top 10% of the graduation Class of 2025 were front and center at the PISD Fine Arts Building for the annual Bell Awards Ceremony. Each member of the Top 10% bestow a ceremonial bell to their most influential educator or individual during their grade schools years. Pictured are: (left to right, with Bell recipient standing behind) Veronika Castanon to Ashley Nixon, Annabelle Starrett to Chris Page, Bethany Grones to McKaylie McIntosh, Huang Vu to Andrea Cole, Caleb Malone to Casey Malone, Isabella Cerda to Dr. Bill Chapman, Ava Bowers to Brandon Bowers, and Jocelyn Garcia to Arthur Castanon. (Submitted Photo)

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