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'Broken Bridge' over Tres Palacios River coming down

BY RYAN WEST
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The long-past-its-prime 'Broken Bridge' over the Tres Palacios River had its demolition and removal begin last week. Crews with Southern Gulf Solutions out of Brazoria arrived late last week and began the demolition and removal of the all wooden structure, which spanned nearly halfway across the waters of the Tres Palacios River.

The 'Broken Bridge' had long been a favorite swimming hole for locals and a favorite spray-painting spot for Palacios and Tidehaven teens.

Over the years, multiple incidents of individuals drowning in the area led to officials attempting to limit access to the structure's east side by removing a section bridge stretching to the river bank. Ultimately the structural integrity began to diminish to the point the Matagorda Co. - Palacios Seawall Commission reached out to the Texas General Land Office, who are in charge of the derelict structure's removal.



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BEACON BRIEFS

Brown Bag Chat returns to Museum Thurs.

The City by the Sea Museum will bring back Brown Bag Chat Series this May. The theme will be 'Meet Your Neighbor' with the lunchtime gathering will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Thurs. (June 25) at the City by the Sea Museum, located at 401 Commerce.

LWC hosts Rudy Guerra for Sun. services

The Living Word Church welcomes guest Evangelist Rudy Guerra for services in English at 10 a.m., and in Spanish at 5 p.m. on Sun. (June 28).

Eagles' baked chicken plate fundraiser Sun.

The Palacios Fraternal Order of Eagles' #3821 will hold a baked chicken plate fundraiser on Sun. (June 28) at the Eagles Hall, located at 404 4th St. Cost is \$12 per plate, and includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and roll. Serving begins at 11 a.m. until sold out.

Scout Troop 1441 Fellowship Event Sun. at Schulman MBG

The Palacios Scout Troop 1441 will hold a Scout Fellowship Event at 2 p.m. on Sun. (June 28) at Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille in Bay City. Join for grilling and discover the excitement of scouting, meeting Troop 1441 members, and have your questions answered. For more info, contact Mr. Sanchez, (361) 408-0339, or Mrs. Schneider, (979) 627-3326.



Getting the out on the basepaths...

PALACIOS 11u All-Star AB Duran has the El Campo base runner dead to rights after a quick pick of the baseball off of the dirt and subsequent tag for the second out in the top of the sixth inning of last week's Little League District 18 Tournament held in Palacios. Duran tallied the final putout one batter later with another round of slick glove work and prompt throw to third base for force, and championship clinching out. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

City sales tax receipts took hit in May

BY RYAN WEST
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The City of Palacios' sales tax payment from the state comptroller's office totaled \$92,411 unfortunately -5.07% less this month than the same time last year having received \$97,352. June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in April and reported to the state in May. Year to date is also -2.08% less than 2025 with Palacios' total rising to \$633,046. The State of Texas sales tax revenue totaled \$4.5 billion in May from sales made in April, 6.6% more than last May.

"State sales tax collections showed solid growth well above the rate of general price inflation last month, driven in large part by strong increases in certain sectors influenced by business spending," Hancock said. "Results from nearly all major economic sectors were

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You Can See All Five Stars From Here

MRMC earns CMS' highest Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating in the 2026 rating cycle

Press Release Courtesy
Tiffany Foityn - Matagorda Regional Medical Center

As someone whose heart has always belonged to Matagorda County, I've spent much of my life celebrating, promoting, preserving, and cheering on this special place we call home. That's why I'm honored to share some incredible news: Matagorda Regional Medical Center has earned the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) highest Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating! This recognition fills

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Stakeholder meeting Tues. for Tres Palacios Creek & Carancahua Bay Watershed Protection Plans

Hello Tres Palacios Creek and Carancahua Bay Watershed Stakeholders!

Please join organizers for an upcoming stakeholder meeting for the Tres Palacios Creek and Carancahua Bay Watershed Protection Plans on Tuesday, June 30, from 1-3 p.m. at the Matagorda County Navigation District No. 1 Port of Palacios, 1602 Main Street, Palacios, TX 77465.

Since these two watersheds are located fairly close to each other, organizers are opting to have a combined meeting. This meeting feels especially meaningful, as it will be our first time gathering in several years.

For those of you who were part of either one or both efforts from the beginning, thank you—your time, insight, and dedication have helped shape the foundation of these plans. And for those who are new to the watersheds or just getting involved, welcome—organizers are glad you're here.

The way we manage land, and water now will directly impact water quality and the long-term health of these watersheds. This meeting is an opportunity to reconnect, share updates, and most importantly, hear from you about priorities moving forward.

The meeting, will cover:

- current water quality updates,
- the direction of each of the Watershed Protection Plans, and
- highlight upcoming projects and opportunities to get involved.

Whether you've been engaged for years or are just learning about the watersheds, your voice is an important part of this process. These plans are built by the community, for the community, and your input helps ensure it reflects the needs and values of the people who live and work here.

Light snacks and coffee will be provided. RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Matt Stellbauer at Matt.Stellbauer@ag.tamu.edu or (979) 314-8115.



Take a weekday dip at water aerobics...

DOES they look like they are having fun or what? Are you looking for a fun and low-impact way to stay fit and healthy? Dive into Water Aerobics each Monday thru Thursday, from 8 - 9 a.m. the Palacios Swimming Pool, located at 901 2nd St. (Beacon Photo by Brandi G. West)

• **Deadline for Articles, Classified & Display Ads 4:30 p.m. Friday**

