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Lady Bearcats track team named State Champions

By Andy Kanengiser

Capturing the 5A state championship closes out a stellar 2019 season for the Long Beach Lady Bearcats track team.



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Brooklyn Biancamano

Gulf Coast fans are cheering the entire squad and coaches for the MHSAA triumph at the state meet in in early May. It doesn't get any better than first place for the Long Beach girls, who took the honor at the Woody Barnett Track and Field Complex at Pearl High.

While all the student-athletes deserve a round of applause, two

Long Beach standouts, Destini Pickens and Brooklyn Biancamano, proved to be shining stars all season.

A Mississippi State University commit, Pickens was extraordinary “as a team captain, a true leader and motivator of the young girls on the team,” says Damon Felder, Long Beach head track and field coach. “She’s someone they look up to and want to model themselves after.”

At the state meet in Central Mississippi, Pickens racked up more than thirty points by winning the 400 meter dash, the 200 meter



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Destini Pickens



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The Long Beach Lady Bearcats track team recently brought home a 5A state championship win.

dash, and 4X400 meter relay. She also ran on the 4X100 meter relay that only lost twice the entire season.

Running for the MSU Lady Bulldogs track squad next season, Pickens “will be missed tremendously,” Felder said.

He also saluted the contributions of young track sensation Brooklyn Biancamano. At the state meet, Biancamano won four events: the 3200, 1600, 800 and 4

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Long Beach to host Jeepin the Coast activities

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Long Beach will be the host city for the 2019 Jeepin the Coast (JTC) event, which draws hundreds of Jeep owners to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for a weekend of activities.

Set for May 30 through June 2, the event will include a pool party, several meet and greet opportunities, a scavenger hunt, a few beach crawl, live entertainment, a Jeep show, and a parade through downtown Long Beach. Awards will also be given.

JTC unites Jeepers with its annual event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, drawing Jeep owners to



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The All Nighters will perform the afternoon of Saturday, June 1, at the Town Green.

the 26-mile-long beach. Organizers set up multiple events in the coastal cities for Jeepers to either stay together or branch off into

their own adventure throughout the coast.

Events begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. Specific Long

Beach events start on Friday, May 31, with registration and a Vendor Village set up on the Town Green. Saturday fun will include a photo session at 10 a.m. at Long Beach Harbor, along with a Long Beach beach crawl and a Shine & Show in downtown Long Beach, followed by the “Jeep Only” parade beginning at 6 p.m. The All Nighters will take the stage on the Town Green in the afternoon, and Category 6 will entertain at the block party there in the evening.

For a complete listing of events and more information, visit: www.JeePinTheCoast.com.

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Registration, Hollywood Casino
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Kick-off pool/lazy river party, Hollywood Casino
After party with live entertainment, Tripletails, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis
May 30, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Registration, Long Beach Town Green
May 31, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jeepin' the Coast Vendor Village, Long Beach
May 31, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Beach Crawl, Bay St. Lewis
May 31, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beach BBQ Bash, Silver Slipper Beach Bar
May 31, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



After party with live entertainment, Tripletails, Bay St. Louis
May 31, 9:00 p.m.

Jeepin' the Coast Vendor Village, Long Beach
Show & Shine Jeep Show, Downtown Long Beach
June 1, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Harbor Jeep Picture, Long Beach Harbour
June 1, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jeep-Only Parade, Downtown Long Beach
Followed by a block party with live entertainment on the Long Beach Town Green
June 1, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes: 6:30

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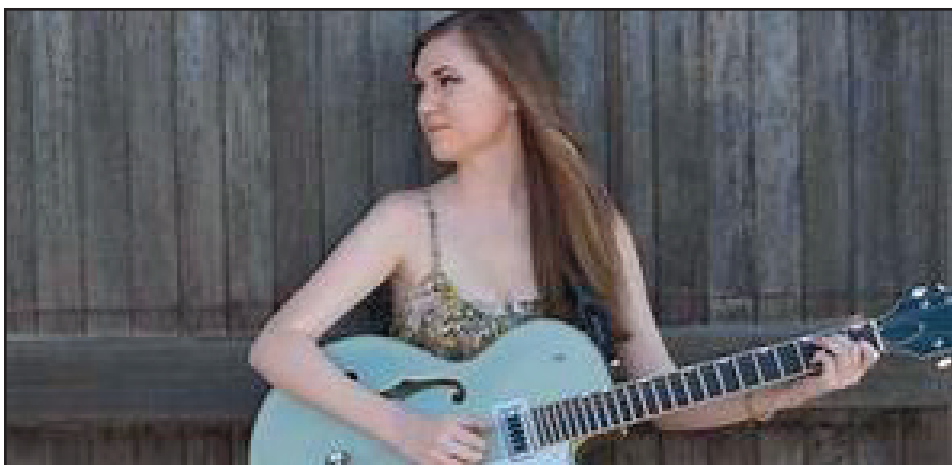
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Kelsey Moran to be featured at Finally First Friday for June



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Kelsey Moran will play at the Finally First Friday on June 7.

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Long Beach Live will host their monthly concert Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green, located in downtown Long Beach on Jeff Davis Avenue.

The public is encouraged to attend the event, which will feature the Kelsey Moran Band performing live music.

The evening will also include the Cruis'n crowd, and classic car owners are invited to line the streets with their classic cars for a cruise or join in and slow roll Jeff Davis like the good 'ol days. Families will be able to relax and spend some time enjoying the crowds and the music, and local businesses will be open late and offering specials and deals.

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x 400 relay. She set two records in the 1600 and 800, and the fleet-footed Biancamano is only a Long Beach freshman.

On January 28, Biancamano was named Gatorade's Mississippi Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. It was the company's 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes.

"The best thing about Brooklyn is she is always smiling, and that [combines] with her work ethic and her will to be the very best," Felder said. "The things she can do on the track are truly amazing."

Another shout out goes to Americus Knight. She runs the 4X100 meter relay, but she's also a terrific high jumper.

"This is only her second year in the event, and she placed third in the state," Felder said. During the season, she recorded one of

the highest jumps in 5A girls at 5'4". And, like Biancamano, Knight returns for the Lady Bearcats next season.

Hard work made the Long Beach girls track team a success story. "But being able to accomplish this key ingredient, you have to have dedicated athletes," the coach noted. "This year, the girls as a team set a goal of winning state, and we took it one meet at a time."

The future shines bright for the Lady Bearcats squad, with a solid group coming from the middle school, Felder said. Pickens, Diamond Thornton, Ashling Osness and Cindy Anweiler are the four graduating seniors on the Long Beach team. They helped the Felder-led team achieve wonderful things the past four seasons.

"I am so happy they had the chance to finish their senior year as champions."

Appetizers

Crab Cake 12
Ms. Reenie's House Made Blue Crab Cake with Creole Cream Sauce

Scallop and Shrimp Skewer 12
Diver Scallops and Gulf Shrimp grilled with Citrus Beurre Blanc

Butter Poached Royal Reds 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

Sliders 10
Choice of Crab Cake, Fried Green Tomato BLT or Cheddar Burgers

Ceviche 12
Shrimp, Scallops and Gulf Fish with Citrus, Cilantro and Avocado

Truffle & Parmesan Fries 8
Hand cut Fries and a House Made Aioli

Chef's Select Hummus 10
Crudit , Kalamata Olives served with warm Pita Bread

Fried Green Tomatoes 12
Crispy Fried Tomatoes, Lump Crab Meat with Remoulade

Crab Au Gratin 12
Lump Crab Meat and House Cheese Blend baked golden, served with New Orleans French Bread

Bacon Wrapped Scallops 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

Bruschetta 8
Topped with Tomatoes, Red Onions and Fresh Basil

Entrees

Grilled Gulf Fish MKT
Seasonal Gulf Fish, topped with Pineapple Chutney, served with Seasonal Vegetables and Saffron Rice

Praline Crusted MS Catfish 18
Topped with Meuniere Sauce and served with Bourbon Sweet Mash and Creamed Spinach

Fried Seafood Platter 18
Shrimp, MS Catfish and Oysters golden fried served with Hand cut Fries and Cole Slaw

Fried Shrimp Platter 15

Fried MS Catfish Platter 14

Fried Oyster Platter 16

Seafood Stuffed Flounder MKT Seasonal Availability
Grilled Flounder and House Seafood Stuffing with Jalapeno Hollandaise Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables

Crawfish Etouffee 16
Creole House Etouffee topped with Fried Crawfish Tails on a bed of rice served with House Jalapeno Corn Bread

Filet Mignon Petit 4oz 18 / 8oz 36
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Pork Chop 15
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Farm Raised Chicken 14
Half Rotisserie Chicken served with choice of two sides

Farm Raised Duck 24
Half Rotisserie Duck served with choice of two sides

Ally's Vegan Select 14
Chef Ally's daily Vegan Select Dish, ask your server for all the delicious details

Daily Specials 10

Monday
Red Beans and Rice with Smoked Sausage and Collard Greens

Wednesday
Calves Liver and Onions with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Thursday
Creole Jambalaya with Jalapeno Corn Bread

Friday
Fried Catfish with Cole slaw

Saturday
Beef Pot Roast with Carrots and Potatoes

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Harbor Sunset 10
Ketel One Peach Orange Blossom with Passion Fruit Puree, House Simple Syrup and Sparkling Wine

New School 12
Eagle Rare Whiskey, El Guapo Spiced Tea Cocoa Bitters, House Made Simple Syrup, Ginger Beer and Garnished with Spiced Rum Soaked Cherries

Pineapple Cilantro Rita 10
1800 Silver Tequila, Pineapple Juice, Muddled Cilantro Leaves, Cointreau, Agave Nectar and Fresh Lime

Parrish Paloma 10
Monte Alban Mezcal, Grapefruit Juice, House Rosemary Simple Syrup and Sparkling Wine

Summer Day 10
Don Q Rum, Strawberry Puree, El Guapo Summer Berries Bitters, House Basil Simple Syrup and Fresh Lemon Juice

Fleur Tini 12
Bristow Gin, St. Germain Elderflower, El Guapo Cucumber Lavender Bitters, House Simple Syrup, and Fresh Lemon Juice

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Library plans for summer

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Children's Librarian

With school ending soon for the year, sometimes it's hard to find something for the kids to do over the summer to keep them from using those dreaded words. You know that phrase. We have all heard it before: "I'm bored."

This year, we have put together programs that all ages could enjoy. Most of the programs are geared for children entering grades K - 7th, and we also have our regular preschool story time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well. However, you will notice that we have included programs that are labeled "Family" or "Adult" this year, as well.

As mentioned in the last article, because our theme is "A Universe of Stories," we are going to explore universes of art, stage, space, language, music, design, nature, etc. We kick off the summer on Tuesday, May 28 at 2 p.m. This program is for children entering K - 7th grades and will be an introduction to Summer Reading, provide the children with their reading records, serve as a Q & A for parents and kids alike, and we will go over the library's new database, in case there are any questions.

On Wednesday, May 29, special guest and local artist Milton Williams will be here to tell the story of his painting, *The Friendship Oak*. This program also begins at 2 p.m. but is a family program

and will be held in the main wing where the painting has hung for thirty-four years.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to journey through space or what it was like to do just that? On Thursday, May 30, our guests will be able to answer those questions and many more. This program also begins at 2 p.m. and is for children entering K - 7th grades.

Coming up in June, our guest list includes:

- The Long Beach Garden Club, who will be doing a program on the Monarch butterfly,
- Lily Fong, with a program on language and music,
- New York artist Michael Albert, who will be here to inspire attendees with his unique form of pop art. Look for the examples of his work that are displayed throughout the library.
- The Hampstead Stage Company production of *The Jungle Book*.

Complete copies of the schedules for the Summer Reading Program (as well as the Preschool Story time schedule) can be found by visiting our website or checking the Long Beach Public Library's Facebook page. We hope to see everyone this summer!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Renee Rayburn is the Director of Youth and Technology Services for the Long Beach Public Library.

Douglas named new LB Bearcat head baseball coach

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The Long Beach School District (LBSD) recently announced Connor Douglas as its new head varsity baseball coach. Douglas was voted in at the May 1 school board meeting after Dr. Jay Smith, Superintendent, made his recommendation to the LBSD Board of Trustees.

Coach Douglas has spent the last seven years as the head varsity baseball coach at 6A Warren Central High School, where he compiled a 142-66 record and won the division championship in 2015 and 2016 while competing in the baseball powerhouse 6A District 4 Division. In the five years prior to Coach



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Connor Douglas has been named the new head baseball coach for the Long Beach School District.

Douglas taking the reins, the Vikings had managed to have only one winning season. Douglas led Warren Central to playoff appearances in each of his years as head coach from 2013 to 2019.

In 2017, Coach Douglas was selected to coach the Crossroads Diamond Club 5A/6A All Star Team. *The Vicksburg Post* also

recognized Coach Douglas as Coach of the Year in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Douglas was selected from twenty-six applicants who applied for the vacancy after Coach Shane Rutledge resigned to accept an administrative position within the district.

"I was very pleased to have twenty-six high quality applicants, several of whom were already head coaches. Had we received one hundred twenty-six applications, Coach Douglas would have still been my selection," said Superintendent Smith.

"He is a class act, and he will be welcomed in the Long Beach community. His

experience and love for coaching kids will be appreciated by myself, our school administration and our school board," said Smith. "He has been given complete control of the Bearcat baseball program grades 7-12. It was my job to hire a coach; it is now his job to coach, and I have zero interest in telling him how to do it."

JUNE LIBRARY EVENTS

Parent's Coffee Break
June 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time
Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Programs
Grades K - 7th
June 4 through June 27, 2 - 3 p.m.

Summer Reading - Adult Program
June 28, 10 - 11 a.m. - Tee Shirt Totes

Summer Reading - Family Program
June 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Artist Michael Albert
June 29, 10 - 11 a.m. - *The Jungle Book* The Hampstead Stage Company

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Former Lady Bearcat pitches for AL

By Andy Kanengiser

Krystal Goodman enjoys hearing the cheers as a talented pitcher for the University of Alabama softball team.

A former Long Beach Bearcats star, Goodman stepped up her game, first at Chipola College in Florida, and now with the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa.

The Alabama Crimson Tide Ladies softball team finished the regular season as the Southeastern Conference champs. Alabama was the No. 1 seed in the SEC tournament at College Station, Texas, May 8-11. Alabama's team was ranked fourth best in the nation in *USA Today*/NFCA rankings with a strong 50-6 record. And their mark stood at 18-6 in SEC games.

In her last outing of the regular season, Goodman allowed just one run in a complete game win over the LSU Tigers. On May 5, she struck out seven LSU batters to complete a two-game sweep of the Tigers.

Players like former three-time Mississippi Gulf Coast all-star Goodman (in 2014, 2015, & 2016) are the reason the Tide's rolling on the diamond.

At the end of the regular season, Goodman made 19 pitching appearances, including 12 starts. Among her earlier highlights, the Alabama pitcher tossed a complete game shutout in her first career SEC start on April 14 against Georgia. In an April 20 start versus Florida, she kept the Gators' bats at bay, holding UF without a run during four innings. She played a key role in Alabama's combined shutout victory.

The daughter of Martin and Diane Goodman is a tall 6'1" Alabama junior who proudly wears

No. 42. The right-handed pitcher has a solid fan base in Alabama and Mississippi.

"We have loved having Krystal on our team," said Nathan Sheehan, Alabama's assistant direc-

threw three perfect innings in Alabama's eventual five-inning win. She transferred to Alabama after two phenomenal seasons at Chipola. Her record as a sophomore was 26-2, including 19 complete

games. She helped the Florida two-year school in Marianna to a runner-up spot at the NJCAA championships in 2018. As a Chipola freshman, she racked up a 25-2 record on the mound.

Named to the Long Beach High School Hall of Fame in 2016, Goodman keeps earning accolades. Folks back in Harrison County love the news about her progress.

"The Bearcat Nation wishes Krystal all the best with her future endeavors," Zink said. "She is always welcome here in Long Beach," the coach added. "Roll Tide!"

The 21-year-old journalism major has achieved sev-

eral major honors. That includes being the 2018 Dudley NCCAA Division 1 Softball Pitcher of the Year. Goodman is one of seven newcomers on the Crimson Tide team.

Softball is part of the Goodman family DNA. Her grandmother played the sport, and so did her mom and her older sister. In middle school, coaches began talking to Goodman about playing the sport in college. She also played volleyball at Long Beach High.

In a Q & A on the Alabama athletics website, Goodman spoke of her passion for softball. Growing up, "I did dance, musical theater, basketball and swimming for a little bit," she said. "We won our coach-pitch state tournament, which was a big deal, and then I just wanted to keep playing."



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Krystal Goodman of Long Beach pitches for the University of Alabama softball team, who finished their season as SEC conference champions.

tor of athletics communications. "She brings so much positivity to our family on a daily basis. Her outings on the field have steadily improved as the season has progressed."

One of her biggest Gulf Coast admirers is Long Beach Lady Bearcats head softball coach Scott Zink.

"Krystal Goodman was always a tremendous talent with a strong work ethic," Zink said. "She's a born leader who exemplifies what it takes to be a successful softball player and student athlete. Her continued hard work in and out of the classroom was tenacious. I am so proud of the woman she has become."

Krystal Goodman made her Crimson Tide debut on February 8 against Murray State, when she

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LB seniors visit Institute for Marine Mammal Studies



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The Long Beach Seniors Center recently took a trip to the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies. Pictured (l to r) are Ruth Rrum, Lynn Malley, Jean Flatland, Phillip Ward, Richard Olson, Jane Wallace, Patty Eisenhardt, Mary Bogner and husband, Joann Drummond, Mary Laborde, Gene Jackson, Pat Jones, Donna Hudson, Carolyn Groff, Shirley Wilson, Booth Nations, Judy Satchfield, Doris Freeman, Betty Thrope, Jan Hiles, Brenda Hiles, Lyn Burnaman, Elsa Barrientos, Louise Obrien, Gail Ladner, Shirly Olsen, Joy Necaice and Bob Fairbanks. For more information about Long Beach Parks and Recreation senior programs, call Tina Bradley at 228-424-6903.

Open Gym available for area youth in Long Beach



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The Long Beach Recreation Center will host an "Open Gym" daily from June 3 through July 26 for children ages kindergarten through eighth grade. The program will run from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily.

The cost for the program is \$15 per day or \$50 per week. Weekly payment is required on Monday in order to get the weekly rate.

Activities will include basketball, volleyball, hockey, wall ball, baseball and softball, football,

soccer, capture the flag, steal the bacon, dodgeball, board games, movies and more. Lunch and an afternoon snack are provided daily. A morning snack will be available for purchase for \$1.

Afterschool will be available from 3 until 5 p.m. for \$30 a week.

The Long Beach Recreation Center is located on 20253 Daughtery Road. For more information, contact Bob Paul or Amanada Yarbrough at amaryarbrough@gmail.com.

Advance registration is not required.

LB Chamber plans Hobnob with new elected officials



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The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce's Annual Hobnob with City of Long Beach elected officials has been set for June 19. It will be held at The University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park Campus in the Hardy Hall Ballroom. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m., with the program to follow from 8 to 9 a.m.

The public is invited to hear from elected officials, as well as enjoy networking and breakfast. Admission for Chamber members is \$15, and the cost of general admission is \$20.

"We are so appreciative to the

City of Long Beach Aldermen for their support of the Chamber and the Long Beach community," said Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Director Gabrielle Rose. "This event aligns with the Chamber's mission to keep the citizens and small businesses informed on everything that is going on within the business community."

Tickets may be purchased on mscoastchamber.com or at 228-604-0014. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Long Beach Chamber Director Gabrielle Rose at grose@mscoastchamber.com.

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Long Beach golf sensation gets second place honors

By Andy Kanengiser

Tiger Woods rocked the golf world with his stunning April triumph at the Masters tournament in Augusta, Georgia. His recent comeback achievement led President Donald Trump to honor Tiger at the White House in May.

Gracie Holley's name may not carry the worldwide fame of Tiger Woods, but the stellar Long Beach High Lady Bearcats golfer is causing fans on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to buzz about her performances on the fairways.

The talented Long Beach High freshman recently earned second place 5A honors at Mississippi's 2019 state high school girls golf

tournament in Laurel.

"Gracie is a standout golfer as a ninth grader," said Long Beach High head golf coach Jed Kanengiser.

Her just-completed season for the Long Beach High golf team saw her rack up some amazing accomplishments, the coach said.

At the Mississippi High School Activities Association state tournament in Laurel, Holley shot 78 on day one and 80 on day two. It was good enough to earn her the runner-up medalist spot in 5A ranks.

Finishing first in early May was Emma Smithers of South Jones High. She scored 79 on day one and shot 74 on day two. Third-place went to golfer Kelsey Dill of Pearl River Central, with scores of 91 and 89.

As a team, Long Beach girls golfers finished in fifth place state-wide among 5A high schools. Samantha Gundlach and Sierra Morrison were the other two Lady Bearcats players competing at the May event in Jones County.

South Jones High emerged as Mississippi's 5A girls championship winner. Germantown High was runner-up. Third-place went to Grenada, fourth went to Pearl River Central, followed by Long Beach. Gautier finished sixth, Lewisburg got seventh, and Lafayette was eighth. North Pike was ninte, and Laurel finished in tenth place.

Holley's individual achievements on 18-hole golf courses were superb for the Lady Bearcats all season.

The Long Beach freshman earned

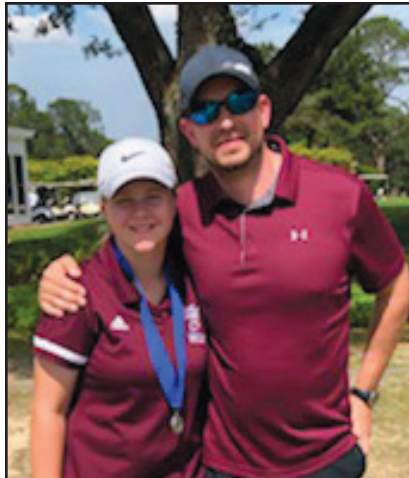
spots on all-tournament teams five times, and was low medalist twice. Holley's lowest round this year was an even par 72 at the Lady Bearcat Invitational at the Oaks Golf Club in Pass Christian.

With fairways winding through hardwoods and pines, the course in Harrison County serves as the home turf for the Lady Bearcats team.

For the Long Beach boys, eighth grader Sawyer Levenson qualified for the MHS-SA tournament at the Oaks. He shot 91 both days.

"That was pretty good for an eighth grader," Coach Kanengiser said. "It's an accomplishment to qualify for state."

Levenson shot 82 at the district tournament to get invited to the state tournament on his home course in Pass Christian.



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Long Beach High Lady Bearcats golfer Gracie Holley and head coach Jed Kanengiser



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Long Beach boys golfer Sawyer Levenson

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Programs	Day Young Gifted	Leadership	Summer Gifted	Academically Talented
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Grades Served	Pre-K - 3	6 - 11	4 - 8	7 - 11
COSTS				
Application:	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Tuition:	\$200	\$675	\$675	\$2,700
Program Total:	\$230	\$705	\$705	\$2,730
Application Deadline	May 15, 2019	May 15, 2019	May 15, 2019	June 16, 2019

Day Program for Young Gifted Children
June 10-14, 9 a.m.- noon daily
Open to intellectually gifted and academically talented students, this program challenges students to stretch their imaginations and explore a wide variety of topics.

Leadership Studies Program
June 17-22, in-residence program
This program teaches the characteristics of leadership, group dynamics and situational leadership, and entrepreneurship and non-profit organizations.

Summer Gifted Studies Program
June 23-28, in-residence program
Open to students who have performed at or above the 91st percentile on either an individually administered IQ test or a nationally normed achievement test, course offerings include topics such as engineering design, medical innovations, movie special effects, dance, debate, and sports.

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Long Beach celebrates Annu

The Top 30 Seniors for the 2018-19 school year include (l to r), front row: Kolten Donovan, Jamie Garcia, Madison Finnila, Alexa Beets and Alexis LaRosa; second row: Emily McDonald, Holly Brown, Reagan Milliet, Gracie Bush, Chase Dedeaux and Madison Bowell; third row: Megan Walters, Maddie Broadus, Michael Chan, Grant Sander-son, Ashling Osnes, Lakelyn Tinsley and Kathryn Boettner; fourth row: Emma Smith, Sydney MacMann and Kayley Polk; and back row: Anecia Flewellen, Conner Thurtell, Sebastian Mink and Mason Mull- ins. Not pictured are Sydney Cole, Caitlyn Hailes, Iyana Malik, Danny Nguyen and Isaac Steele.

The Top 25 Juniors for the 2018-19 school year include (l to r), front row: Jessica Candland, Anna Kate Long, Julia Geertsema and Piper Whitsitt; second row: Anderson Dulaney, Jackson Du- laney, Katie Huey, Lainey Hillman and Paige Myers; third row: Ragen Bellman, Abbey Cassibry, Stephanie Hailes and Maxwell Lam; and back row: Allie Dubuisson, Dalton Cook, Carter Hud- son, Andrew McMillan and Zoe Rasmussen. Not pictured are Ka- tie Baker, Carmen Desir, John Frye, David Joyner, Nicholas Lyon, Jackson Roth and Alex Segura.

The Top 20 Sophomores for the 2018-19 school year include (l to r), front row: Courtney Boyd, Regan C Hicks, Olivia Lipski, Amanda Anderson, Lam and Wyatt Dove; middle row: Emma Robinson, Alexa Nanatovich, Reagan P and Samuel Shirk; and back row: Jack M Sanaa Stough Lacking and Nathalie Salv Patricia Broadus and Faith Hermann.



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The Long Beach School District recently celebrated the 23rd An-

nual Superintendent's Academic Awards with a reception honoring students in the top of their respec- tive classes. Several special senior

awards were presented, as well. Started by former Long Beach

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school year include (l to r), front row: Ashleigh Sanderson, Brooklyn Biancamano, Georgia Kibler, Christina Whelan, Hailey Smith, Brandon Griffith and Will Long; and back row: Carter Misson, Emma Marreel, Spencer Glass, Andy Tran, Jake Balejev, Luke Salisbury, Phillip Nguyen and Katelyn Schroeder.

The Top 15 Freshmen for the 2018-19 school year include (l to r), front row: Ashleigh Sanderson, Brooklyn Biancamano, Georgia Kibler, Christina Whelan, Hailey Smith, Brandon Griffith and Will Long; and back row: Carter Misson, Emma Marreel, Spencer Glass, Andy Tran, Jake Balejev, Luke Salisbury, Phillip Nguyen and Katelyn Schroeder.



recognizes the Top 15 Freshmen, Top 20 Sophomores, Top 25 Juniors, Top 30 Seniors, Hall of Fame, STAR Students and Teachers, and the Superintendent's Four-Year Academic Awards in English, math, science and social studies. This year, ninety-two students received recognitions.

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This year's Superintendent's Four-Year Academic Award Winners are (l to r) Mason Mullins (science and social studies), Michael Chan (math) and Alexis LaRosa (English).



Hall of Fame Honorees are (l to r), front row: Emma Mauffray, Alexis LaRosa, Gracie Bush and Kathryn Boettner; and back row: Sebastian Mink and Ramirez Cooley, Jr.



(Photo at left) This year, Long Beach has four STAR Students and STAR Teachers. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: STAR Students Gracie Bush, Michael Chan, Alexis LaRosa and Mason Mullins; and back row: STAR Teachers Dr. Jan Hansen, Dennis Shows, Jonathan Hart and Bayleigh Babin.



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“A Day at the Museum” brings out historical figures



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Pictured is the fifth grade class (l to r), front row: Georgia McWilliams, Isabella Ponder, Keller Broussard, Olivia Hood, Aden Vanney and Mia Middleton; middle row: Noah Babin, Farres Baroudi, Reeves Traxler, Morgan McDougal, Lila Miller, Alex Rieke, Mitchell Thompson, Sev Tay and Waits Murphy; and back row: Evan Ulmer, Max Baria, Charlie DeWitt, Nicolas Toner, Sam Grant, Ashlyn Smith, Huck Brodersen, Luke Phillips and Jardyn Forte.



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Pictured is the sixth grade class (l to r), front row: Harry McArthur, Joseph Deano, Sarah Taylor, Emma Cain, Sadie Rose Joachim, Mimi LeGardeur-Eastham and Reese Miller; and back row: Rylen Hunt, Hyatt Anthony, Aubrey Necaise, Evan Cain, Oren Doxey, Jude Necaise, Everett Van Cleave and Gibson Williams.

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The Coast Episcopal School fifth and sixth graders recently studied

notable figures in United States and world history, then brought them to life along the halls of the school for “A Day at the Museum.”

Bluegrass Gospel returns to Long Beach this May 26

Special to Long Beach Breeze

Many people associate bluegrass music with the region known as Appalachia - primarily the mountains of Kentucky, West Virginia or North Carolina. But the love of bluegrass music, and Bluegrass Gospel in particular, is not exclusive to Appalachia. Mississippi has its share of bluegrass lovers and has produced several popular bluegrass bands. Among them are Alan Sibely and the Magnolia Ramblers, from Ackerman, Mississippi.

Sibely and his band are no strangers to the Mississippi Coast. This past September, they were

featured at Beauvoir, post-Civil War home of Jefferson Davis. They have also performed at several churches on the coast and will be returning to the area later this month.

The group’s Long Beach venue will be Grace Lutheran Church, on Sunday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and a love offering will be received for the band to help defray expenses. The public is invited to come and enjoy good old-fashioned Bluegrass Gospel.

For additional information, contact Pastor Dave Parr at 423-620-1284 or gracepastordave1@gmail.com.

Clogging class moves to evenings starting June 4

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Adult clogging at the Long Beach Activity and Senior Center on Daugherty Road will move to Tuesday nights beginning June 4.

The class, which offers Long Beach adults the opportunity to get some exercise, learn a new hobby, strengthen their brains, and even give back to the community, is currently held on Wednesday mornings, but will change to Tuesday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the summer.

In April, Cheryl Batey Nyberg began offering the free class, and Nyberg says she usually uses the first thirty minutes of each class

going over beginner steps, making the class one that can be joined at any time. Tap shoes are not needed for the participant’s first class.



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While the class is free, Nyberg requests that participants help her in her mission to support Long Beach public school teachers, “Step Up For Teachers,” by bringing a voluntary donation

of basic school supplies to each class. The supplies will be distributed to Long Beach Elementary School teachers.

For more information, call Nyberg at 228-863-5285, or reach her by email at steppy Cheryl@gmail.com.

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Senior Center offers options

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The Long Beach Senior Center has an array of activities available for residents during the summer months.

For those interested in craft activities, each Monday through Friday, the Center offers ceramics from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesdays brings a pottery class at 12:30 p.m., with bottle decorating on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Throughout the summer, the Center will offer a special craft one day a month. Those crafts are expected to include mosaic stepping stones, driftwood wind chimes and candlemaking, and will range from \$3 to \$5 each.

Exercise options at the Center are also plentiful. The facility includes both indoor and outdoor walking tracks, as well as exercise equipment such as a treadmill, bicycle

and elliptical. Tai Chi classes are held every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m.

The Center also offers games, including daily card and dice games, and bingo and Farkle are played on Fridays.



The Long Beach Senior Center offers a variety of activities for area adults.

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Breakfast for \$1 and lunch for \$2 is served for those who attend daily activities. Attendees are requested to arrive by 10 a.m. in order for the Center to have an

accurate count for lunch. An option to pay for the whole month for \$25 for all meals is also available.

On June 7, the Center will host a wellness fair, with a carnival/fair theme, including games, a health walk and refreshments.

The Long Beach Senior Center is located at 20257 Daughtery Road. For more information about Senior Center activities, call 228-424-6903.

Summer meals begin June 3



SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Summertime brings a break from school... 

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Long Beach Middle School will be the site of the 2019 Summer Feeding Program, which is available to all students and children in the Long Beach community.

Good nutrition is essential for learning in school, and continuing healthy eating habits is also important during the long hot summer months. Eating nutritious foods helps ensure students retain their hard learned knowledge and helps them to keep right on learning throughout the summer.

For many children, summer vacation can bring the temptation of eating empty calorie snacks and foods that are high in sugar, fats and sodium. And, for many others, summer exposes students

to an increased risk of hunger and developmental decline. Families are encouraged to make seasonal fruits and vegetables a high priority for snacks, meals and any time.

The meal program will offer a free breakfast and lunch to all children between the ages of 1 to 18. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. each weekday, and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meals will be available in the Long Beach Middle School cafeteria. The school is located at 204 North Cleveland Avenue.

The program begins June 3 and continues through July 26, with no meals served on July 4.

Adult meals may be purchased, with breakfast available for \$2, and lunch available for \$3.50.

Hertz named STAR student

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Our Lady Academy (OLA) senior Kennady Hertz of Long Beach has been named 2019 Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition Program (STAR) student, and Elise Cuevas has been named STAR teacher.

The STAR program is sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council and its M. B. Swayze Foundation. The STAR students are selected on the basis of academic excellence and have the highest ACT score in their class. Students must have an overall ACT score of at least 25 and scholastic average

of 93 or above.


The STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher; teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development.



Kennady Hertz of Long Beach and her teacher, Elise Cuevas, were recognized at the "Reach for the Stars - 2019 Education Celebration" held last month.

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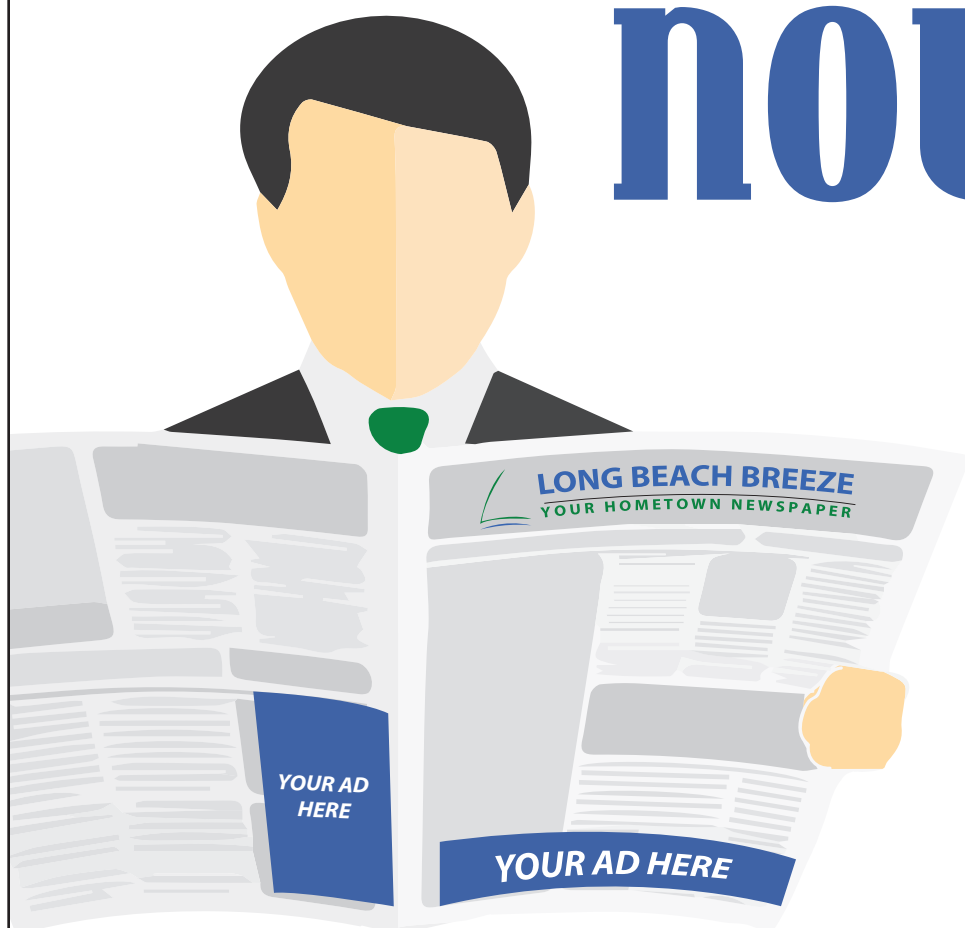
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Garden Club greets guests



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Members of the Long Beach Garden Club recently had the privilege of designing floral arrangements and greeting tour guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McElroy of Pass Christian. Guests from the National Garden Clubs Convention held at the Beau Rivage were invited to see the coastal gem with all its grandeur. The furnishings and décor, lush gardens, spa house and guest cottage were all featured on the tour. For more information about the Long Beach Garden Club, visit their Facebook page.

Lentz honored for service



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The Long Beach Garden Club recognized member Dyann Lentz's years of service and dedication to the organization at a meeting last month. Lentz was presented with a Life Membership in the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. Over the years, Lentz held many offices and chaired many horticulture and beautification projects.

Kazubowski completes acad.



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Long Beach police officer Marcus Kazubowski (right) recently graduated from the Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy's Basic Class, where was trained in topics such as vital firearms, emergency vehicle driving, traffic stops and use of force skills, among others. on graduating from the academy. He is pictured with Long Beach Police Chief Billy Seal (right).

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Scouts complete 15-mile backpacking trip in forest



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Troop 321 members who recently completed a fifteen-mile backpacking trip in the Homochitto National Forest include (l to r): Justin Elliot, Christopher Toomey, Addison Carroll, Assistant Scoutmaster Doug Capps, Hayden Sonnier, Tristyn Capps, Scoutmaster Tommy Carroll, Colin Christensen, Chase Cockrell, Mason King, Assistant Scoutmaster Tim Larosa, Vincent Larosa and Christopher Spicer.

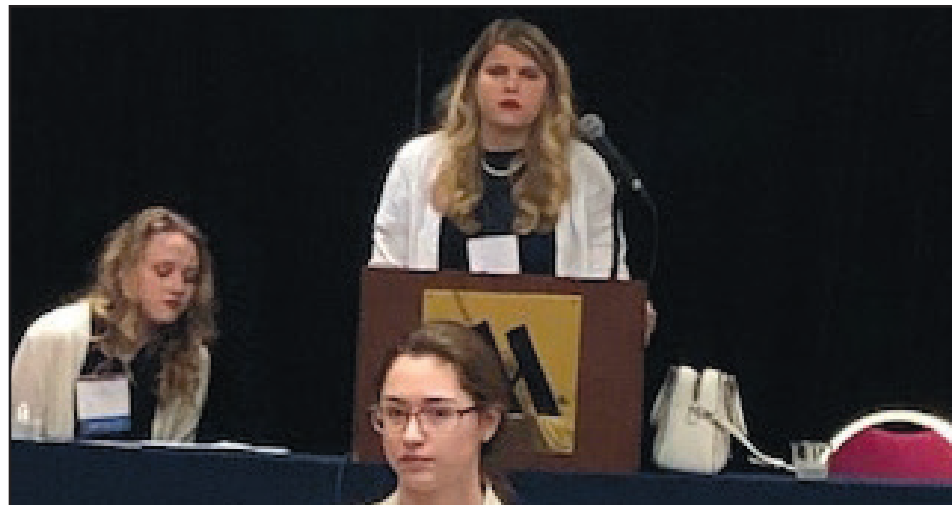
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Troop 321 of Long Beach recently completed a fifteen-mile backpacking trek in the Homochitto National Forest near Natchez. To prepare for the trek, they planned their own meals and have been working to get themselves in shape to carry their thirty-five pound backpacks on the trail. While on the trip, they camped and broke camp multiple times, learned about new cooking gear and cooked their own meals, and learned about types of injuries and first aid that could be encountered

on a trek. The scouts carried their own gear for the duration of the hike and learned both land conservation and how to better take care of themselves on their own.

The hike was one of many that has been and is being used as a practice hike. This summer, the scouts are scheduled to hike fifty miles on the Appalachian Trail. In order to prepare for such a rigorous trip, they are learning about backpack meal planning and preparation, base camp and outpost camping, and about generally taking care of themselves while in the wilderness.

OLA delegates attend Jr. MS Youth Legislature of '19



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Alyssa Fayard (front) of Long Beach presents her bill to the Mississippi Junior Youth Legislature, with Avery Kearney (back), a fellow student at Our Lady Academy.

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Our Lady Academy's Junior Youth Legislature delegation, made up of Ava Alonso, Karli Dunn, Alyssa Fayard, Emily Green, Avery Kearney, Regan Mortillaro, Samantha Prendergast and Gracie Saucier, recently attended the Mississippi Junior Youth Legislature conference at the State Capital to experience the political process of signing a bill into law.

For the conference, students from public and private schools across the state participate in a mock legislative session. Each student participated as a legislator or as a legislative page.

The students conduct a mock legislative session and present their bills in hopes of having them signed into law.

Each piece of proposed legislation, or bill, goes through the full legislative process. Each bill has to be first passed out of its pro-

spective committee before being sent to the floor of the House or Senate. Bills may be amended, combined, or tabled, just as in the real legislature. Participants interact with actual State officials to learn firsthand the importance of becoming civically engaged citizens. As in the official legislature process, the bill must be passed by both chambers before making it to the Youth Governor's desk.

Alyssa Fayard of Long Beach, a student at Our Lady Academy, participated as a legislator and submitted a bill to provide that any person who committed a felony and who is a first offender may petition the Justice, County, Circuit or Municipal Court in which the conviction was received for an Order to expunge any such conviction from all public records five years after completion of all terms and conditions. Her bill was passed and signed into law during the conference.

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Skellie's Grocery Store mural has long history

By Brenda Wilder

A historic Long Beach icon, Skellie's Grocery Store is featured in a mural on Jeff Davis Avenue and was painted by Gulf Coast artist JoAnn Wheeler in 2016. The current owner of the property where the original Skellie's store was located, William Legier, requested that the mural be painted on an existing building that faced the parking lot of the original Skellie store, which had been heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The artist was able to obtain a black and white photo from William Skellie, Jr., (Billy), who was Mayor of Long Beach at the time, as well as a description of the colors of the building. She contacted the Jeep Company to determine the original color of the vehicle and was able to create a color masterpiece of the store as it would have looked in 1949, when the original building was built by Fred A. Skellie and son, William Skellie, Sr.



Photo by Fred Weller

Fred Skellie was a successful accountant, ambitious entrepreneur, frugal and quiet man, and a Methodist from the area of Mina, New York, and Finley Lake, Pennsylvania. He visited a fraternity brother from Allegheny College who lived in Long Beach, fell in love with the people and climate of the Mississippi coast, and never left. He convinced his father, who owned a dairy in Mina, to move the business to Long Beach. His father was told that Holstein cattle would not give milk in the South, but the cattle were given food and water for the train ride to Mississippi and successfully transitioned to their new home.

Fred enjoyed politics and served as a longtime alderman for Long Beach. During the 1930s, he and his business partners created MS Gulf Coast Grocery Co.,

Inc., which operated dozens of Jitney Jungle Food Stores in Harrison County. Fred retired from the MS Gulf Coast Grocery Co. and decided to open up a single grocery store. The first Skellie's Grocery was in a different location until the 1940s. Fred's son, William, left to serve his country during wartime in the Navy on a destroyer escort, and when he returned in 1945, he and his father became partners and built the new Skellie's Grocery building on Jeff Davis. William married his high school sweetheart, Mable Angelina Dauro, when he returned from the war, and she helped run the business until 1971. Mable died at the age of 91 in February 2019.

The main product of Skellie's Grocery was meat, and they took pride in providing their custom-

ers with the best possible product. Grocery items could be ordered and delivered to customers. Billy remembers delivering such orders as a half dozen eggs, two bottles of Coca-Cola, and two packages of cigarettes. He also remembers Christmas each year as a special time of fun when the store was very busy and provided fresh, specialty meat orders. Gulf hurricanes created challenges to provide enough milk, bread and other staples for residents who wanted to remain at home during the storm. William Skellie was mayor when Hurricane Camille devastated Long Beach in 1969, and history repeated itself when Billy was sworn in as mayor, ten months before in a special election and then again in the regular term in 2005 before Katrina came

ashore, leveling much of the city.

In 1960, Skellie's Grocery was doubled in size, along with additions of air conditioning, larger freezer units, and more display areas. The store closed in 1971, after a national grocery chain opened in the city, and William became busy with hurricane recovery in his role as Mayor of Long Beach. The building was rented until Hurricane Katrina destroyed part of the exterior in 2005. On the site, owner Legier built dual purpose buildings, which have retail businesses located on the bottom level and apartments located on the second story. One of his properties is the site of the unique Skellie's Grocery mural, which was featured in *Mississippi Municipalities*, vol. 68, No. 1.

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Seabee base preps for 2019 hurricane season

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The Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport participated in Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) and Citadel Gale (CG) 2019 (HURREX/CG 19) late last month before the 2019 hurricane season.

HURREX/CG 19 is an annual exercise conducted in mid-spring in preparation for the Atlantic hurricane season.

The exercise emphasizes the importance of preparedness, recovery, consequence management and personnel account procedures for commands located on the Gulf Coast and East Coast, and it focus on installation response and recovery.

“Exercises like HURREX are important, because they make us take a hard look at our hurricane plans,” said Lew Fountain, NCBC Gulfport emergency operations director. “It’s important to update the plans as often as possible, so you’re using the most accurate information.”

NCBC Gulfport works in coordination with other Mississippi

Gulf Coast military commands when planning a response to both simulated and real world disasters.

“Working with other coastal bases is an important factor when running things like HURREX,” said Fountain. “When we work with other bases, we can share information like evacuation plans, collective resources and storm information.”

HURREX/CG 19 revolved around the two fictitious hurricanes: Alex and Mary. During the exercise, Alex made landfall as a Category 2 hurricane in the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 18.

“We have a very seasoned staff here,” said Cmdr. William Pitcairn, NCBC Gulfport public works officer. “Our response is critical to getting base operations back up and running. Our team here knows what it’s like to respond to [these events] in the real world, so it makes it easier for us when we have exercises like this.”

Fountain said that this is the perfect time of the year for fam-



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Capt. William Whitmire, Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport commanding officer, addresses department and facility representatives at the Emergency Operations Center onboard NCBC Gulfport during Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) and Citadel Gale (CG) 2019 (HURREX/CG 19).

ilies to review preparation and evacuation plans for the upcoming hurricane season.

“There’s a lot that goes into making a plan for your family in case of a hurricane,” said Fountain. “You have to not just worry about yourself, but also your kids and other family members. What are your evacuation plans? What are your plans for your kids if you have to go into work?”

These are the kinds of questions you have to consider.”

The national hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide information on how to prepare and make plans before the start of the hurricane season.

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