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## Long Beach retires fire truck, new one on the way

By Dom Fimiano

Long Beach Fire Chief Griff Skellie's work to purchase a new fire truck to replace Fire Truck 5 has been approved by the Long Beach Mayor and Board of Alderman, who say a new fire engine with the latest technology will be a welcome upgrade to the fleet.

Truck 5 has provided dependable service for approximately twenty-two years. In the interim period, Pumper 3 is being housed at Central Station and will be relocated to another Long Beach fire station when the new engine arrives in 2022, and Truck 5 is being used as a reserve truck.

The purchase of a new fire truck will cost \$519,000. Chief Skellie stated the new truck purchase is within the Fire Department's budget, and all funds will come directly from the Mississippi Insurance Commission Fire Rebate Fund.

The Long Beach Fire Department has



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Lieutenant Brad McGill is pictured at Central Station Long Beach with Fire Engine 1, which is similar to the new fire truck the Long Beach Fire Department will receive.

contracted with E-ONE for the purchase of the new fire engine. It will take them ten to twelve months to complete the work order and safety test the new truck. The new fire engine will be very similar



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Fire Engine 5 has been retired and is being replaced.

to Truck 1, a 2013 model located at Central Station. The new fire truck will be fully equipped, carrying about 500 gallons of water, all the necessary tools for fighting a fire, a set of extrication tools, and all necessary medical equipment to keep firefighters safe and anyone requiring assistance on a call.

“Most trucks hold 500 gallons of water, some a little more, for an initial fire attack,” said Assistant Chief George

Byrd. “The first crew is fighting the fire, and the next truck is laying the hose and hooking to the hydrant to supply the first truck with water. Two or three trucks respond with an average of ten to twelve crew on a fire scene.”

The new fire truck will be capable of carrying five firefighters in seats that provide enough room for them to wear head gear with breathing equipment before they arrive to the scene. The pump will be capable of providing up to 1,250 gallons of water per minute. The truck will be equipped with LED lighting as an additional feature to increase safety. Chief Skellie mentioned operator and passenger safety are critical, and this model fire engine rates high when it comes to safety. There are roll-over safety prevention protections, safety belts, and lighted steps to improve firefighters' safety when responding to calls.

The expected life of the new model of fire engine is twenty-five to thirty years.

## Cruisin' the Coast activities planned in Long Beach



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October 3-10 will bring the annual influx of Cruisin' the Coast participants, and Long Beach will again host a portion of the fun, which extends all across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Each day, Cruisers can be viewed on the USM Front Lawn, and residents are also likely to see them Cruisin' the Strip, also known as Jeff Davis Avenue.

On Monday, the Cruisin' the Coast kickoff parade begins in Long Beach at 5:30 p.m. It is open to registered vehicles only, with the first six hundred to arrive being in the parade. Line up begins at 1 p.m. at Long Beach High School.

Following the parade, there will be live music featuring the Tip Tops at Long Beach Harbor, from 6 until 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, from 7 until 10 a.m., there will be a Country Cruisin' Breakfast at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

For more information about the event schedule and activities, visit [www.CruisinTheCoast.com](http://www.CruisinTheCoast.com).



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# Long Beach drawing new neighbors from across the country

By Will Brown

The Long Beach community is growing. As of 2020, the U.S Census estimated the population of Long Beach to be over 16,000 people, which was up about ten percent since 2010. This continues an upward trajectory of steady growth in Long Beach and the Gulf Coast over the past several decades.

Those moving to Long Beach have come from all across the country, and the coastal amenities, friendly people, proximity to other cities along the Gulf, and premiere school district have been among several factors drawing people to the community. Social media has allowed those who are new to Long Beach to connect with their community, and the Long Beach Neighbors Facebook Group, which allows current, former, and future residents to connect with one another, has nearly 5,000 members. As the population of Long Beach has increased, new residents have used groups like this to express what brought them to Long Beach and what aspects of the community they like most.

Antonina Troyer moved to Long

Beach earlier this year from Orange County, California. A mother of four who is currently studying criminology at Loyola City, she believed the move to Long Beach would be best for her children's education.

"The quality of schooling is way higher than where they were before," Troyer said. "The expectations of our kids are way higher, and I really like that."

Troyer said she likes the culture of Long Beach, and that the community has certain amenities that Orange County could not offer.

"I like that it is a small town, that it is quaint," she said. "I like the fact that housing is extremely affordable, and everyone seems to know each other. It was a small community, which was really new to me."

The quietness of life in Long Beach compared to California also came as a surprise to Troyer, who was used to the constant lit up streets of Orange County.

"When night comes and the sun sets here, it's dark," she said. "That was the weirdest thing for me; it shocked me. It's pitch black, and you can't see anything. I'm not used to that."

Lori Fehr and her husband Dean moved to Long Beach this past April. Originally from Merle,

Wisconsin, the two reconnected

thirty years after attending high school together.

Dean had previously been coming

down to Long Beach in the winter to escape the cold Wisconsin winters, and one year Lori decided to join him.

"We fell in love with this area," Lori said. "It seemed like a very good fit for us, for what we wanted to do and where we wanted to settle down and live."

Both Troyer and Lori agreed that the biggest change in Long Beach compared to where they originally were from was the weather, particularly the amount of rain this area receives per year.

"I think it's neat that you get

rain; we never got rain in California. You get as much rain here in a day as California got in a year," Troyer said.

For Lori and Dean, the size and layout of the homes were much different from what they experienced in Wisconsin, as were the number of critters they found inside them.

"Not having a basement is different," Dean said. "We never really sprayed for bugs up there, and we had a basement in our house, which you don't see down here."

While Troyer and Lori both say they miss their family and friends elsewhere, they have acclimated to life on the Mississippi Coast and the friendly community they now call home.

"It's a nice area, and people are very friendly and helpful," Lori said. "I like that it seems like there are a lot of people, but it's not a lot of people."

"It's a small community that was really new to me," Troyer said. "Your neighbors all know each other, know their history, and they come to your front door to say hi to you. In fifteen years in my old neighborhood, I never experienced that."



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# Mysteries, detective stories and wildlife on tap for October at library

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Youth and Technology Services

Hello, Long Beach!

Is it really almost October? It is so hard to comprehend that 2021 is nearly over, and 2022 will soon be making its debut. We have several things planned for this month, though, so on with the details, shall we?

Once again, we are partnering with Gulf Coast Wildlife Rehab for “Meet Our Wildlife” on Second Saturday Story Hour. Each month, a special animal and their caretaker will visit, and we will read a story and learn about the animal. This family program is open to all ages and is a great way to learn more about the local wildlife in Mississippi. The next scheduled story hour will be Saturday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the children’s wing of the library.

Preschool Story time will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Check out the library’s booth at the upcoming Long Beach Police Department’s Night Out Against Crime. Held at the Harper McCaughan Town Green on October 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., this event is for the entire family. We will be featuring a mystery of our own for patrons to solve as part of this special event.

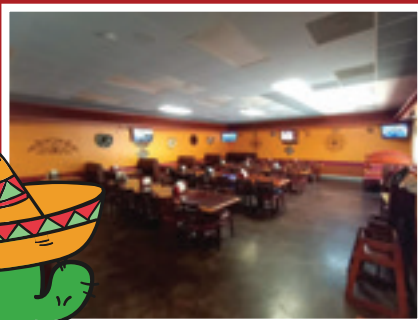
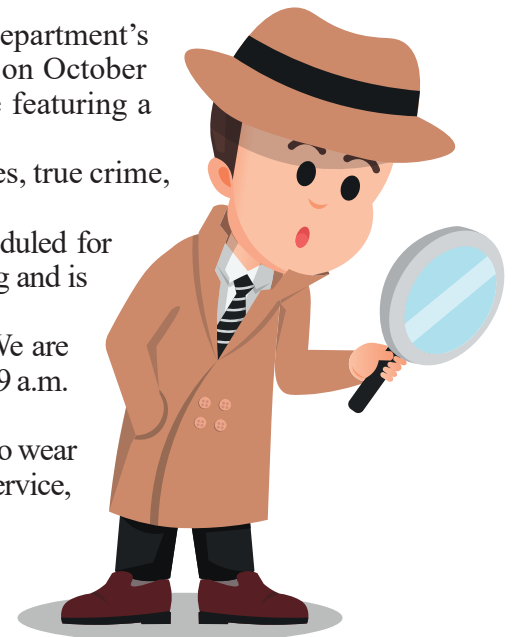
Featured throughout the month of October, our patrons will find mysteries, true crime, detective stories, and some of their favorite fictional sleuths.

The next meeting scheduled for the Long Beach Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the children’s wing and is open to the public.

As a reminder, the library hours have returned to regular business hours. We are now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please do not forget that due to the rise in COVID variant cases, it is required to wear a mask inside the Long Beach Public Library. We are still providing curbside service, upon request.

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# LBSD establishes “Lifeline to Lafourche”



By Guest Columnist Leigh Ann Meador

Long Beach School District understands the effects of a major hurricane. On the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina which devastated our community, we faced the possibility of another major hurricane as Ida approached the Gulf Coast. As soon as it became clear that Long Beach would not be in the brunt of this storm, we knew we had to do something for those who were in the eye of the destruction.

Dr. Lock, Superintendent of Long Beach School District, and I were in constant contact with each other. As soon as we realized that Long Beach would be spared the worst of Ida, we immediately knew we had to reach out and help those who were hit.

A connection was quickly made with Lafourche Parish School District, and specifically Golden Meadow Upper Elementary and Cut Off Elementary.

After Hurricane Katrina, we were adopted by Mountain Brook, Alabama, and this community made such a difference to Long Beach that I knew we needed to do this for a community in Louisiana. They were a lifeline to Long Beach, and we want to be a lifeline to Lafourche.

A supply drive to help with immediate needs was quickly established; and, through the help of our amazing community, local businesses, some parents who go above and beyond to support the district and some of Long Beach’s awesome students, enough supplies were collected to fill at 26-foot moving truck.

“Our kids, specifically our high school football, cheer and band students, really pulled off something amazing,” Dr. Lock said. “They sacrificed much of their time over our three-day weekend to collect for those less fortunate than us. They asked for nothing in return. I am so proud of the young men and women they are becoming and that we get to call them Long Beach students. We are also grateful for the help of parents, faculty and staff.”

The baseball team helped load the truck and on Thursday, September 9, and supplies were delivered to Cut Off, where a distribution day has been set up for the employees of our two adopted schools who were devastated by the storm. They will be able to pick up the supplies they need.

It was such a blessing to meet our new Louisiana family, deliver these much-needed supplies, and show them that we understand what they are going through - to hug them and tell them we are here for them, and they are not alone. You could see the relief in their faces.

The district is continuing to take donations and already planning a second supply drive. Details will be publicized soon detailing Cut Off and Golden Meadow’s specific needs. So, stand by ,Bearcats, the “Lifeline to Lafourche is just getting started.

*EDITOR’S NOTE: Leigh Anne Meador is the communications director for the Long Beach School District.*









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# American Legion Post holds officer initiation

By Dom Fimiano

The Long Beach Donny Levens American Legion Post 1995 is a non-profit organization

of military veteran service members providing opportunities to continue serving the community through charitable events and fundraising opportunities. The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization dedicated to mentoring youth and promoting charitable activities. The events focus on assisting others within the organization and community. The recent American Legion officer initiations at the Post included the Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Rider Unit.

The American Legion Auxiliary originally formed to support and promote American Legion activities. Auxiliary members include male and female spouses of veterans and female family members of veterans eligible for American Legion membership. The Auxiliary has grown into an organization that supports hundreds of volunteer programs while raising millions of dollars annually. They serve communities volunteering thousands of hours supporting local charities and veteran services. Auxiliary ideals mirror the Legion's interests in serving the entire community.

American Legion Riders honor fallen military men and women. They ride to protect the sanctity of military funerals from those who would interrupt services to dishonor their memory. Riders escort military units to departure fields and welcome them when returning home. Fundraising is important to the American Legion Riders. They participate in local and national fundraising events supporting VA hospitals, women and children centers, youth centers, schools and organizations that assist women, children and wounded veterans.

Post meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, and other activities are scheduled each month that include both members and visitors. Post activities always welcome volunteers to assist and participate in the activities. Long Beach American Legion Post Adjutant Officer Charlie Martinek recommends emailing him at [charlesmartinek66@gmail.com](mailto:charlesmartinek66@gmail.com) to get information about upcoming activities. Those interested can also visit the Donnie Levens American Legion Post 1995, Long Beach, MS social media pages.

The Riders are hosting a Charitable Benefit Poker Run for Lee Gollotte on Saturday, September 25, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., with dinner following. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the Long Beach VFW. All vehicle types are welcome.




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The Donnie Levens Long Beach American Legion Post Unit 1995 recently held their officer initiation. Pictured are Ivan McAllister, outgoing Southern Area Vice Commander, installing officer; Rik Dew, Commander; Tina O'Shields, 2nd Vice Commander; Kevin McKenzie, Adjutant; Ron Oman, Executive Committeeman; Ray Ruffo, Finance Officer; and Bill Moran, Executive Committeeman. Not pictured is Russ DeStefano, 1st Vice Commander.



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Pictured (l to r) at the officer initiation are members of the Donnie Levens Long Beach American Legion Auxillary Unit 1995: Glynda Vice, Irene Brown, Brenda Bellamy, Jean Shedden, Margaret Levens and Anita McAllister from District 9 President



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# Meet Your Neighbor: Kirk Sharp

By Will Brown

The day after Hurricane Ida touched down on the Gulf Coast, Kirk Sharp started his morning by going to the Long Beach Harbor and doing drone photography with Long Beach City engineers to assess the storm's damage. Afterwards, he attended two photography sessions for a local realtor and gave advice to an aspiring photographer at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Sharp then got online with some of his friends from John Hopkins University's Whiting School of Engineering to deal with issues involving aerospace topics, which his background at NASA and the U.S Air Force made him well suited for. Finally, he sent a trailer and a van to his daughter's house to help with her upcoming move.

For Sharp, no two days are exactly alike, and each day gives him an opportunity to put his many different skills to use. The range of work is what he finds to be the most fulfilling.

"I enjoy the variety, the fact that every day is not the same," Sharp said. "Some people are suited to that; it's just not me."

Kirk Sharp has lived in Long Beach for most of his life, and has served as photographer, electrical engineer, musician, consultant and community volunteer. After graduating from Mississippi State in 1979, he attended the U.S Air Force's Information Systems Officer Program, graduating in 1984 and then returning to Mississippi State to receive his master's degree in electrical engineering. He spent the first twelve years of his career as an R&D design engineer for various agencies, which, at the time, made him somewhat of a commodity. He also served in reserve capacity for the Air Force and has over thirty years of military experience, retiring with a colonel rank in 2013.

Sharp worked for NASA Stennis Space Center for fifteen years as an Executive Coordinator to the National Rocket Propulsion Test Alliance and as a liaison to the Department of Defense's rocket propulsion test community. He has worked with the U.S Geological Survey, Naval Oceanographic Office, National Data Buoy Center, and Naval Research Laboratory as well, and retired with thirty-six years of federal service.

Outside of work, Sharp has served the Long Beach community in a number of different roles over the years. He has played guitar since age eleven and currently plays for First Baptist Church of Long Beach. Sharp's background with acoustics while working for the Navy allowed him to develop a passion for sound mixing, and he has produced albums for the FBC band and a Long Beach High School choir program quartet.

Sharp has also been a photographer since high school and has used his photography skills to create album covers and co-author a coffee table book highlighting the beauty of the Mississippi Coast.

"I tend to be a guy who gets interested in a lot of things and throws myself into them," he said. "I love the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and showing things that are great about it in a coffee table book is pretty fun."

Sharp has also held several community leadership roles, including serving on the school board for five years and helping out on political campaigns.

"I believe it is my civic duty," he said. "I love to do projects that have altruistic needs."

Sharp graduated from Gulfport East High School in 1974, where he met his wife, Donna Sinclair. She was his first date in high school, and they have been together since they were teenagers.

"I am most blessed by my wife, she is incredibly important to me, and she is, in her own right, an incredible talent," Sharp said. "She has been my inspiration throughout my life and is a special part of everything I do."



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Kirk Sharp

**Question: What is your favorite thing about Long Beach?**

**Sharp:** "It's a village style community; you get to know everyone. The school district has always been a blue ribbon; they demonstrate nothing but premiere desires for our children. It's really nicely placed along the Gulf Coast; and, if I want to go to Ocean Springs or New Orleans for dinner with friends or to stay the weekend, I can do that."

**Question: What is your favorite restaurant in Long Beach?**

**Sharp:** "I enjoy the restaurants we have; we don't have a bad one. I enjoy Harbor View and Steve's, and I think the Long Beach Deli is a hidden gem. I'm proud of the fact we have such good chefs in town."

**Question: What are some of your favorite books and TV shows?**

**Sharp:** "I'm an adventurer, I'm also a mystery person. My wife and I like watching the Hallmark channel mysteries and dramas, and I'm a fan of NCIS. I like a program called The Chosen, which runs as a crowd-shared, faith-based program."

**Question: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

**Sharp:** "I have on my bucket list to go to the Galapagos Islands off South America to photograph some of the wildlife there. My wife and I have been to France, Scotland, Ireland, England, Italy and have done the Middle East twice. A trip to Petra, Jordan is incredible."

**Question: What would you do if you won the lottery?**

**Sharp:** "Probably give it to my daughter. One million dollars doesn't mean a lot. I'll put it in the bank or in a trust and let it provide some income and be inherited by my daughter."

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# Prayers requested, encouraged in pandemic times

By Guest Columnist Rev. Jon Kaufman

Stress and fatigue have become more pronounced in this lingering season of pandemic. Recently, First United Methodist Church of Long Beach, which includes the Well and our main campus on Pine Street, became part of an effort to support and encourage our community. We, along with other churches, recognized that people and organizations upon whom we depend are experiencing unprecedented stress and fatigue due to the pandemic and accompanying strife – namely our schools and hospitals.

We, and others, have worked to offer encouragement to the Long Beach School staff and the staff of Memorial Hospital, and we have committed to praying for them in this difficult season.

Recently, in cooperation with the administration of Memorial Hospital, we became part of an effort by local churches - First Baptist of Long Beach and First United Methodist of Gulfport – to take time during a day of the week to pray for the patients and staff of Memorial Hospital. We gather outside the hospital and offer prayers for all who are sick and all who are working for healing. It is the goal to have churches praying for the hospital staff and patients every day of the

week. First UMC of Long Beach is praying on Tuesday evenings, and the churches mentioned above are praying on Wednesdays and Sundays, respectively. We are hoping that, every single day, there could be a group praying for strength and healing and offering encouragement through these difficult times.

But the reality is that it is not only school and hospital staff who are feeling the stress and fatigue. There are many in our community who have experienced illness, grief, loss, isolation, uncertainty, and the pain of our often-divisive world. As a response, First United Methodist Church of Long Beach is offering to our community a space and a time of prayer to experience hope, encouragement and healing for the soul.

Our next time for prayer is Wednesday, October 6, at 6 p.m. at first United Methodist Church at 208 Pine Street. It is for all those who have a heart for those in pain and those of us whose hearts are in pain. All are invited and welcome to pray and to receive prayers from very gifted persons of prayer.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: Rev. Jon Kaufman is the pastor of First United Methodist Church Long Beach.*



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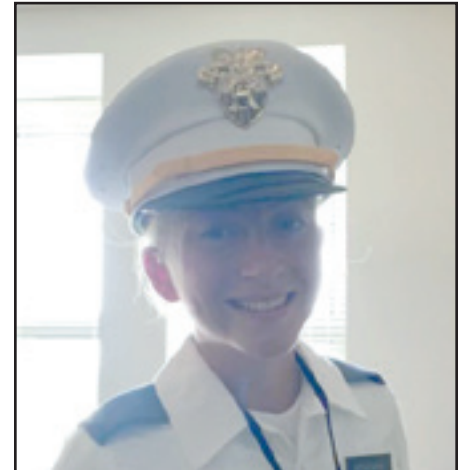
## Nanatovich completes basic training at West Point

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Cadet Alexa Nanatovich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nanatovich, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy. Nanatovich entered West Point on June 28 and has successfully completed six weeks of CBT. CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marksmanship and nuclear, biological, and chemical training.

Nanatovich began classes August 16. The West Point curriculum offers 36 majors bal-



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Alexa Nanatovich

ancing physical sciences and engineering with humanities and social sciences leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

Nanatovich graduated from Long Beach High School. She plans to graduate from West Point in 2025 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



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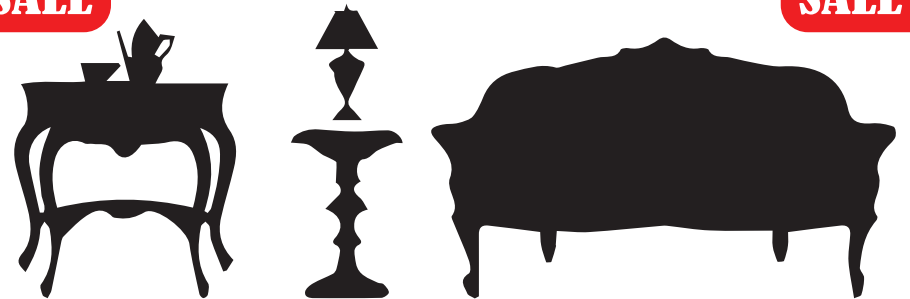
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# LBPD helps with Hurricane Ida relief



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# Former Bearcat soccer standout named to NJCAA All-Region Team

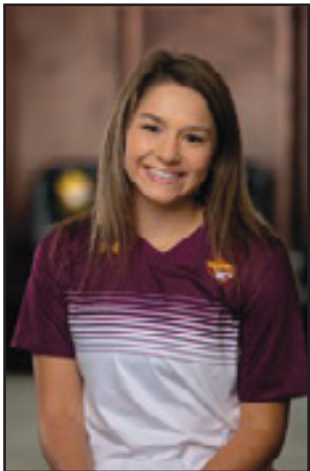
By Datti Jinkiri

Former Long Beach soccer standout Alexa Beets was named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Team this past summer. This was the Pearl River Community College defender's second individual honor of the season, as she was named to the All-MACCC Second Team at the conclusion of the regular season.

Beets, who was the team captain, started all fourteen games for the Wildcats during the spring season. She was a key part of a defense that tallied four shutouts and only conceded one goal during five other games. She also chipped in offensively with one goal which came in a win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Beets finished her Wildcat career with 27 starts in 27 appearances. She tallied two goals and led the team to two postseason appearances.

In high school, Beets helped the Bearcats win two consecutive South State Championships and finish as runners-up in back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championship Games.



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# MGCCC men's soccer starts season ranked in national poll



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Kevin Treminio



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Nathaniel Mink

By Datti Jinkiri

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College men's soccer team had a great spring season, finishing with an 11-3 record. Because of this, the Bulldogs were rewarded with a top-ten ranking in the United Soccer Coaches NJCAA Division II Preseason Poll. The Bulldogs entered the fall as the eighth-ranked team in the country. This matches their preseason ranking in the inaugural Division II poll last season.

They topped the MACCC South Division last season before losing to Pearl River Community College 3-2 in the MACCC Semifinals. Despite their impressive 11-3 mark, the Bulldogs were controversially snubbed from the NJCAA Division II National Tournament.

The Bulldogs have some local flavor to their team, as they currently house two Long Beach High School graduates on their roster. Sophomore midfielder Kevin Treminio and freshman defender Nathaniel Mink will feature for the team this upcoming season. Both players will be looking to contribute valuable minutes to the Bulldogs this fall.

Treminio played in fourteen matches and started once for the Bulldogs in his debut campaign. He earned NJCAA All-Academic Third Team and MACCC All-Academic honors last season.

Mink anchored the Bearcats' defensive unit and helped the school win its first MHSAA boys soccer state championship earlier this year. He was also named Defensive MVP of the Coast All-Star Game in February.

The Bulldogs will travel to Decatur for a road game against East Central Community College on September 28.

# Long Beach High's Bradley appointed to MTAC

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The Long Beach School District (LBSD) recently announced the selection of Long Beach High School teacher Rebecca Bradley to the Mississippi Teacher Advisory Council (MTAC). Bradley's appointment was announced by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) in a release naming her as one of forty-nine new teachers joining the now three hundred-person council.

Formed in 2016, MTAC's purpose is to provide feedback directly to the state superintendent on initiatives of the MDE, the Mississippi State Board of Education and the Mississippi State Legislature. Teachers on this council represent both rural and urban districts and a large variety of content areas specialties.

"We congratulate Mrs. Bradley on her selection and know that she will represent Long Beach and the students and teachers in Mississippi public schools well," said Long Beach Superintendent Dr. Talia Lock.

Bradley says she is looking forward to being a part of this important council.

"I feel honored to have been selected to serve on the Mississippi Teacher Advisory Council," Bradley said. "I am excited to have the opportunity and privilege to advocate on the behalf of our students."

Bradley joins fellow LBSD educators Joseph Barnard and Caroline Bartlett on MTAC.



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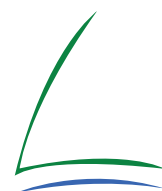


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# Long Beach schools selected to take part in Mission Acceleration

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The Long Beach School District has been selected to be a part of Mission Acceleration's pilot program designed to accelerate reading achievement for 1,000 children in Mississippi.

"Long Beach's participation in the Mississippi Campaign for Grade-Level Reading sets a clear message that learning is important to this community, and we recognize that reading is the foundation upon which classroom learning is built," said Kelleigh Reynolds, LBSD Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Through Long Beach's participation in the Mississippi Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, the district was selected to join in the pilot project with the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI) and the University of Mississippi. This project was developed to address the need for learning recovery due to extended periods of time spent out of school or learning asynchronously during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will provide a combination of high-dose tutoring using evidence-based reading interventions, a vast digital library, and meaningful academic and social connections with a college role model.

"This program is a fantastic opportunity for college students to serve as Academic Guides to K-5 students and make a difference, while earning a \$1,000 stipend per semester," Reynolds said. "We know that



USM Gulf Park, William Carey, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and other Mississippi colleges and universities are full of bright students who will have a positive impact on our students in Long Beach. We are eager for this program to begin here and watch our little Bearcats grow in learning."

All current college students with a 3.25 GPA are encouraged to apply, and students do not have to be an education major to participate. Candidates must successfully complete the application process and background check to participate. For more information, interested parties should email [missionacceleration@gmail.com](mailto:missionacceleration@gmail.com) or visit [www.missionacceleration.org](http://www.missionacceleration.org).

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# McClain of Long Beach crowned Mississippi Princess



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Charleigh McClain

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Last month, Charleigh McClain of Long Beach was crowned National American Miss Mississippi Princess, a title that only one girl in the 4 to 6 age group walks away with each year.

McClain is six years old and has been active in the community. She has written letters to patients in nursing homes, donated blankets and socks to nursing homes and volunteered at Feed My Sheep passing out dinners to those in need. She has also donated books to a local daycare in Long Beach. McClain is also very active in baton twirling



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McClain will represent Mississippi at the national competition in November.

and cheerleading, and she is a member of Showoff's All-Star Twirlers competition team, Ambassador group and Cheer Zone competition team.

McClain is currently preparing for a big donation drive to gather donations for children in need. Her parents are Brandon McClain and Eboni Hicks, and she attends W.J. Quarles Elementary School.

In November, McClain will be headed to Orlando to compete on the national level.

# LBMS names students of the month for August



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Long Beach Middle School recently announced their August Students of the Month. The students exemplify the PRIDE expectations of the school: they are prepared, respectful, have integrity, are dependable, and put forth their best effort. Pictured are Maddie Cripple, Burklee Cox, Aiyanna Daniels, Collin Gonzales, Dixie Harrison, Makayla King, Holden Levensen, Jakia Lindsey and Giselle Soto. Rashad Foxworth is not pictured.

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