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Long Beach receives \$2.18 million to replace Harbor bulkhead

By Dom Fimiano

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves visited Long Beach on June 2 to announce that the city is receiving \$2.18 million of GOMESA Funds to assist in rebuilding a larger and stronger bulkhead wall around the Long Beach Harbor. This funding is the product of the dedicated service of Representative Richard Bennet, Governor Tate Reeves and a united effort in Jackson working with the Department of Marine Resources (DMR).

In his address, Reeves said that protecting and strengthening the economic interests of the MS Gulf Coast is a respon-



Photo by Dom Fimiano

Long Beach Mayor George Bass and State House Representative Richard Bennett welcome Governor Tate Reeves to the City of Long Beach.



Photo by Dom Fimiano

Long Beach Harbor west wall

sibility that cannot be overlooked. Building a bigger, stronger bulkhead economi-

cally benefits the City of Long Beach as well as the State of Mississippi. Reeves said that

investing in strengthening Long Beach Harbor helps to

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Sutton named LBHS principal, Lock heads to superintendent post

By Andy Kanengiser

Recognized as an outstanding educator in Ocean Springs, Justin Sutton recently departed that Mississippi Gulf Coast post to become the new Long Beach High principal.

The Mississippian comes aboard effective July 1, and should do an excellent job in the Friendly City, school leaders say. Incoming Long Beach Superintendent Talia Lock and colleagues believe Sutton will be a tremendous asset at the high school.

“There is a foundation of excellence at Long Beach High



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New LHBS principal Justin Sutton



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Dr. Talia Lock, former principal of Long Beach High School, will transition to the position of superintendent for the Long Beach School District on July 1.

School, and Mr. Sutton’s experience can help take us to the next level,” Lock said.

“He has proven to be an administrator that wants what is best for students. He is able to build positive relationships with students, parents and those that work with him,” Lock added. “I am very excited to work alongside Mr. Sutton.”

Zac Cannon, the new director of Long Beach High bands, says he is thrilled to welcome Justin Sutton to the district.

“He is going to help our high school provide a quality and

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Coast Episcopal School celebrates 70th anniversary



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Members of CES founder Father J's family were among the guests at the anniversary celebration.

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Students, alumni, staff and friends recently gathered on Coast Episcopal School's (CES) twenty-five-acre campus to celebrate the independent school's 70th anniversary. The event included a student music program and art show, student-led tours of the school's new Makerspace, and lots of outdoor play and fun.

A program during the celebration recalled the founding of the school by The Reverend Charles Johnson, known as "Father J," who was rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. The school was born in the Parish Hall of the church. Then known as Christ Episcopal Day School, it began as a single class of seventeen children, but added a grade a year until, by 1958, it had become a complete grammar school and had moved to a new property in Bay St. Louis.

In 1968, the school purchased a property on the beach in Pass Christian for a new junior high and senior high school, but it was devastated in August of the following year by Hurricane Camille.

In 1971, the current property on Espy Avenue, a former pecan orchard, was purchased, and the now-renamed Coast Episcopal School was able to continue its growth offering a rigorous and inspiring education for local students.

In 2011, the school built an on-campus art gallery and arts center, the Gail Keenan Art Center, and, most recently, the school opened a new Makerspace, where students participate in hands-on activities, from 3D printing to soldering, that expand critical thinking and creativity.

Members of Father J's family - including some who are current students at Coast Episcopal - gathered for the occasion, as did many past faculty mem-



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A student music program during the 70th anniversary celebration.

bers and alumni, including a member of the first class in 1950.

During the program, The Rev. Clelie McCandless, CES chaplain, said she had asked students to write what they think the late Father J would enjoy knowing about the school. Among the many "Dear Father J" letters she read was one from a fourth-grade student that said: "Many ideas may come to mind when thinking of CES: play, pray, joy and so on. But there is one that we as a whole can agree on: love. Your love for God is what this school shows. May the light of love live on."



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well-rounded education to our students,” Cannon said. “He is all about the students and their success.”

Sutton succeeds Lock, whose accomplishments include overseeing the construction of a new Long Beach High. The 21st Century facility was erected after voters passed a bond issue a few years ago. Lock, like so many others, navigated difficult times and challenges amid the COVID-19 health crisis since March 2020.

Sutton earned a bachelor’s degree in communications at Mississippi State University in 2003. He received a master of arts degree in teaching at Mississippi University for Women in 2008. In addition, Sutton earned a master’s in education leadership at MUW in Columbus in 2010.

He’s served as a Mississippi public school teacher and

administrator for nearly nine years. Prior to serving as assistant principal, Sutton coordinated international education programs at Ocean Springs High. He’s worked as a history and English teacher at several schools. The list includes Biloxi High, Columbus High and Murrah High in Jackson.

Awards have come his way. He was named Columbus High Teacher of the Month in September 2009. He was selected the Ocean Springs School District Administrator of the Year in 2015.

Away from school activities, Sutton enjoys traveling across the U.S., and he’s passionate about athletics.

“I’m a sports fanatic and a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins fan.”

No doubt, the new principal will make a quick transition from cheering for the Ocean

Springs Greyhounds to rooting for the Long Beach Bearcats.

This summer, Lock transitions from Long Beach High principal to superintendent. Her first day on the job is July 1. The recipient of a doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Southern Mississippi, Lock served the district as an eighth grade language arts teacher from 2005 through 2015. She moved up the ranks to become assistant principal at Long Beach Middle School. The Southern Miss grad began working as the Long Beach High principal in March 2018.

Goals for Dr. Lock include expanding opportunities for Long Beach students in Career and Technical Education. The district thrives as one of the best in the state, she said, because of solid support from the community, parents, faculty and staff.

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Ornstein recognized for achievements

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Todd Ornstein was recently recognized for his achievements by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Ornstein has been employed with the McDonald's De-scher Organization in Gulfport for almost twenty years.

Ornstein works the lunch rush, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., six days each week. He is responsible for cleaning the lobby, restrooms and parking lot, as well as stocking the drink station.

Due to the pandemic, McDonald's drive-through has become very busy, so Ornstein now runs take-out orders to cars.

"I am excited to share my story, because I love my job, and I am proud that I have worked so long."

Ornstein is described by his supervisor as being a hard worker, and his outgoing personality makes meeting new people and making friends easy for him. Recently, Ornstein achieved one of his life's goals of moving from a group home into his own apartment, allowing him even greater independence. He receives supported employment and job maintenance, through Disability Connection. For more information about the services provided by Disability Connection, call 228-604-4020.



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Todd Ornstein



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JEEPIN' THE COAST BRINGS CROWDS TO LONG BEACH

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Jeepin' the Coast 2021 weekend, June 3-6, brought Jeeps and their owners from as far away as New England, Wisconsin, Kansas and Texas. Streets were lined by parade attendees, and bands rocked the night away.





W.J. Quarles (Greenvale) house restoration contract awarded

By Dom Fimiano

The Long Beach Mayor and Board of Alderman recently awarded a renovation contract for the Quarles House to Albert & Robinson Architects, PLLC, located in Hattiesburg. The City of Long Beach received \$2 million from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, with the assistance of Representative Richard Bennett. The Quarles House restoration will require the home to meet ADA access and fire code requirements.

The 127-year-old Greenvale House is easily the oldest building in the City of Long Beach. The Alexander family gifted the house to the City in 2020. Since 2012, the home has sat at the back of the property in the area south of the post office. Greenvale is considered one of the ten most endangered historic places in Mississippi since 2003.

Jim and Merinda Quarles built the Greenvale home in 1894 after moving to the Long Beach area in 1884 from Tennessee. Mr. Quarles was a farmer and teacher. The home was occupied by Jim Quarles until his death in 1924. The home has been vacant for approximately sixty years.

The planned use for the Quarles house after restoration is to provide a visitor welcome center and host community events. The building can also be used for educational opportunities and display artwork or historical artifacts of the city.



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LBSD opens 2021-22 online registration

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Online registration is now open for families enrolling children in Long Beach's public schools. Registration is available for both returning and new students. Registration links are available on the school district's web page.

All students enrolling in kindergarten must have reached his/her fifth birthday on or before September 1, 2021.

New students registering in Long Beach Schools must provide the MS 121 Immunization form, original birth certificate, the student's Social Security Card and two proofs of residence.

Returning students must also provide proof of residence. Once registration has been completed and submitted electronically, the parent or legal guardian must take in two proofs of residency for verification of their address.

Proofs of residence for all schools will be accepted at Harper McCaughan Elementary at 19200 Pineville Road on July 26, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on July 27 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

For all students, the two proofs of residency must match the student's primary residence. A post office box will not be accepted. The documents accepted as proof must have the name and address of the student's parent/legal guardian, and all applicants must submit at least one document from each of the following groups:

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Long Beach High celebrates Class of 2021

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The Long Beach High School Class of 2021 ended a historic year with a graduation ceremony in front of family and friends on May 19, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum.

Though the year was unprecedented, the LBHS Class of 2021 continued the tradition of Long Beach graduates being ranked at the top.

This year's graduating class of 195 had 34 students graduating with high honors, and 54 graduating with honors.

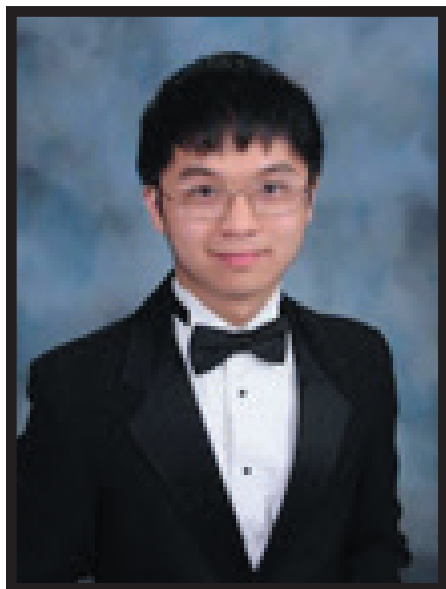
Named as valedictorian was Austin Lam, who scored a perfect score of 36 on the ACT and plans to study physics and theoretical engineering. Named salutatorian was

Savannah Hicks, who scored a 35 on the ACT.

In addition, eleven other graduates had a score of 30 or above on the ACT.

The top ten included: Austin Lam, Savannah Hicks, Emma Hughey, Jack McDonald, Sanaa Stough Lacking, Zayne Osborne, Samuel Shirk, Wyatt Dove, Alexa Nanatovich and Reagan Picchi.

Graduates from the LBHS Class of 2021 have accepted over \$2.8 million in scholarships, including academic, athletic and military scholarships. Thirty-seven percent of the class plans to attend a four-year university, thirty-nine percent are planning to attend community college, ten percent are joining the military, and fourteen percent plan to enter the workforce.

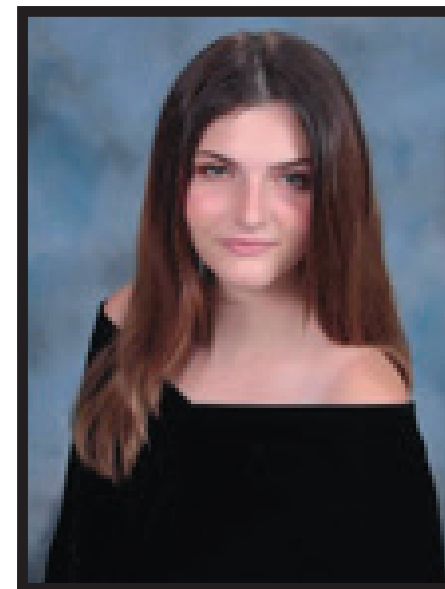


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Valedictorian Austin Lam



Long Beach High School Graduating Class of 2021



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Zac Cannon tapped to lead Long Beach High bands

By Andy Kanengiser

Zac Cannon has picked up the baton from his mentor Mickey Mangum to become the new director of Long Beach High bands.

Cannon, assistant band director/percussion director in Bearcats Country, was promoted to succeed Mangum, who recently retired. His new role begins August 1.

Cannon and his wife, Paige, are fans of the close-knit Mississippi Gulf Coast community and Long Beach High.

"We love the city of Long Beach, and the students are some of the best in the whole state!" Cannon said. "I look forward to continuing to serve our students and community to build upon our great foundation of excellence."

Facing enormous health challenges with the rest of the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Long Beach band held their first live in-person concert in more than a year in late April. The program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College marked Mickey Mangum's finale as their inspirational conductor.

Cannon will be in charge of a series of in-person band activities stretching from this summer through the upcoming academic year.

Events kick off with a drum, color guard and rookie camp for Long Beach students July 19-23. Full high school band camp runs from July 26-30. Cannon also works on staff this summer with the Mississippi Lions All-State Band as its percussion director, composer and arranger.

Beginning in August, there's a blitz of Long Beach Bearcats football games on his calendar. The workload seldom slows down. Student musicians will compete for spots in State Championships in October. Concert ensembles will perform live programs this fall, as well.

"Long Beach will be proud of the work he and his staff will do for the music students in our area," Mangum said. "He is a fantastic music educator who will always keep the needs of the students as his main focus."

Long Beach High Band Boosters say they are thrilled with Cannon's selection.



Dom Firmiano

Zac Cannon has been named the new director of the Long Beach High bands

"We're so happy that Mr. Cannon was promoted from inside the program," said booster club member Hayes Johnson, whose son is the marching band's saxophone section leader for the upcoming academic year. "The kids love and respect him, and he sets the same high standards as his predecessor."

A 2010 Jones College graduate, Cannon earned his bachelor's in music education at the University of Southern Mississippi. In 2019, he received his master's in music education at William Carey University.

A 2007 Pearl High graduate, Cannon has band skills embedded in his genes.

His dad, Jeff Cannon, retired after an illustrious decades-long career as Pearl High's band director.

His dad and Mickey Mangum played major roles in Cannon's musical journey. The Mississippian began performing in Pearl bands in the sixth grade as a percussionist. He became a snare drummer in the Pearl High Pirates marching band and a symphonic band timpani player. A Mississippi Lions All-State Band member, Cannon later performed on the snare line for Jones College in Ellisville.

Cannon transferred to Southern Miss, where he joined the snare line in USM's Pride of Mississippi Marching Band. Highlights included a trip to New York City to entertain in the Southern Miss band at the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

Earlier in his career, Cannon worked at Warren Central High in Vicksburg as the percussion program leader and sixth-grade band conductor. In 2015, he reunited with Mangum as an assistant band director at Long Beach schools.

Cannon said it's been a joy to be teamed with a great teacher. Cannon first took percussion lessons from Mangum as a Pearl High student and learned from him once more as a Clinton High student teacher.

Cannon's wife Paige serves as coordinator of student activities at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. They enjoy life with their Siberian Husky, Laska, and a Calico cat named Biscuit. The couple attends Northwood Church in Long Beach. Says Paige: Zac "lives, eats, sleeps and breathes band."

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Vernon Ehlers honored by MS Gulf Coast Community College

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The 2020 recipient is Vernon Ehlers of Long Beach. He dominated the 1957, 1958 and 1959 yearbooks during his year at Perkinston Agricultural High School and two years of college at the Perkinston Junior College campus. He still holds the record for the most honors and photographs in the yearbooks. As one yearbook staff member put it, "He was awarded everything in the yearbook except Most Beautiful and Miss Perk." While at Perkinston Junior College, Ehlers stood out in all the athletic areas. He



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Vernon Ehlers of Long Beach has been award the Sam Owen Award from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

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Long Beach receives \$2.18 million to replace Harbor bulkhead



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Pictured (l to r) are Richard Bennett, State Representative, District 120; Jay McKnight, State Representative, District 95; Governor Tate Reeves; Jennifer Moran, founder of Jeepin' the Coast; Mayor George Bass; Scott Delano, State Senator District 50; and Kevin Felsher, State Representative, District 117.

prevent the harbor from experiencing devastating damage after storms and being shut down indefinitely.

Reeves pointed out that it is far less expensive to rebuild bigger and stronger to lessen extensive damage each year after storms. He also noted that the state has a fiduciary responsibility to protect its long-term economic interests. Reeves stated that the state must do better to limit damage after storms and prevent long-term harbor closures.

Reeves noted that Long Beach Harbor residents and businesses must be able to return to the harbor within a reasonable amount of time, and rebuilding bigger and better is a smart and necessary effective method to increase safety, reduce future damage, lessen repair expenses, and to help keep the Long Beach Harbor open for safe business operations.

Mayor Bass thanked Governor Reeves and other State officials for supporting the City of Long Beach. Bass said that it is important for the harbor to return to normal operations, and agreed that rebuilding better is necessary to help reduce future storm damage and maintain consistent harbor operations.



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Pink Heart Fund holds fun run



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The Pink Heart Fund recently held their annual Ribbon Walk Fun Run to benefit the Memorial Foundation Oncology Funds and the Pink Heart Fund. The Memorial Hospital Foundation is a non-profit organization managing funds supporting healthcare programs, services, patients and employees of Memorial Hospital. The oncology fund provides financial assistance to help Memorial Hospital cancer patients with medication and necessary services for their cancer treatments. The Pink Heart Fund is a non-profit charity assisting children and adults with hair loss disorders and patients receiving cancer treatments. For more information, visit www.PinkHeartFunds.org.

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Library returns to pre-COVID business



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The Long Beach Public Library summer program recently had a family fun day playing JEOPARDY. The theme was All About Pets. Pictured (l to r) are Renee Rayburn, Jennifer Bone, Rebecca Scott, Denise Saucier, Julie Bennett, John Brandau and Shannon Bennett.



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Henry Atwell as Stinky and Mia Ellis as Marmalade's Mom; and back row: Spencer Glass as Narrator, Bri Breeeland as Stinky's Mom, director Maddie Badeaux and Jared Smith as Marmalade. Not pictured is Emma Marreel, props.



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Maddie Badeaux goes over one of the craft projects with the children and their families who attended the performance of "Stinky and Marmalade" on June 9 at the library. The craft projects kits were provided by the Long Beach High School Bearcat Players.

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Youth and Technology Services

Hello, Long Beach!

Summer Reading is off to a great start this year at Long Beach Public Library, and we could not be more pleased! It is so nice to welcome our younger patrons and their families back for programs and see the smiles on their faces. Whether they are picking out books or materials to read as a family or on their own or just stopping in to say "Hi," we are happy to see so many after such a long time. Pardon the expression, but it's been long "overdue."

Of the programs we have had so far, I have included pictures of the Long Beach High School Bearcat Players. Their performance on June 9 of "Stinky and Marmalade," written and directed by member Maddie Badeaux, was just adorable. This is a talented group of young adults. The play consisted of two stories centered around

two friends, a bear and a fox, who in turn teach each other how to do something new. I'd like to remind everyone that the library hours have returned back to returned to pre-COVID-19 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., unless there are holidays are involved.

Story time is still only being held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., but it will now be held at the library in the children's wing. If something changes, we will let you know.

The next meeting for the Long Beach Board of Trustees will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13.

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Local American Legion Post 1995 sends scholars to Boys' State

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The Donnie Levens American Legion Post 1995 in Long Beach has the distinct honor of sending eight young scholars from the Mississippi Gulf Coast to Ole Miss to attend Boys' State in 2021. Scholars selected include Jake Balejev, Joseph Cruz, Jacob Holland and Samuel Shirk of Long Beach High school; Robert Zastrow and James Barr of West Harrison High School; and Jackson Crusan and Haden Cuevas of Pass Christian High School.

The American Legion is dedicated to strengthening America, believing there is no better way to this end than to work with the nation's youth in order to prepare them for the tasks they will face in the years to come. The American Legion, through its youth activities programs, plays a leading role in the development of tomorrow's informed, responsible citizens. The American Legion's programs of Boys State and Boys Nation are examples of the organization's citizenship instructions for youth.

The purpose of Boys State is to identify young leaders and instill in them constructive attitudes toward the American form of government. The program attempts to show that democracy needs an intelligent citizenry and a moral, honest, and impartial

administration responsive to the people.

Delegates not only will be required to review knowledge already acquired concerning the political machinery of state and local government, but they will find themselves performing exactly the same functions as real office holders in the everyday world. Every delegate to Boys State will hold elective office. Delegates learn the duties of various city, county, and state officials and introduce and argue bills in their own legislature. Each citizen will have the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is exactly what he makes it.

The entire program is non-partisan. Problems will be considered without reference to existing political parties and will be free from propaganda. The sole purpose is to enable the delegate to grasp the meaning and responsibilities which he will be called upon to assume when he becomes an adult. The selection and assignments of citizens to parties is in no way connected to existing political parties in Mississippi. Boys State "political parties" are called "Nationalist," "Federalist" and "Independents." They are purely mythical, and none of the principles typifying any of the existing parties will be adopted. In this way, organizers try to assure a democratic government in its purest sense.



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Girl Scouts clean up local park



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Long Beach Girl Scout Troop 3603 recently completed a Take Action Project, picking up trash at Long Beach War Memorial Park. The Troop also revitalized the planters under the gazebo by pulling weeds and adding plants and mulch.



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Vernon Ehlers honored by MS Gulf Coast Community College

played and lettered in baseball, football, basketball, and track. He received "All State" and "All American" honors in football in 1959.

Throughout his time at the Perkinston campus, Ehlers had very impressive achievements. He was president of his freshman class and sophomore class. He was elected Mr. Perk Jr. College, and he was selected by the faculty to deliver the graduation speech in May 1959. After graduation, he signed an athletic scholarship with Florida State University to play football and baseball.

During his professional career in education, he began as a classroom teacher and coach, and rose to the level of Superintendent of Education in Long Beach Schools. He has been a lifetime member of the local Jaycees. While serving as President of the Jaycees, he initiated and completed the building of a Youth Center in Long Beach. He also received the Doyle Ray Garrett Award from the Mississippi State Jaycees for signing up the most new members, 34, which still stands

today. He is also a lifetime member of the Lions Club, as well as being a lifetime member of the Gulfport Elks Lodge for the last 59 years.

He has continued his service and dedication to the college over the years. He was inducted into the Gulf Coast Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 and the State Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Ehlers has served as president and vice president of the Bulldog Club at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and remains a member of the governing board. He has raised more than \$50,000 for the club by selling \$100 signs for the college's annual golf tournament and raising more than \$3,500 for prizes at the golf tournament each year.

While serving on the governing board of the Bulldog Club, Ehlers initiated the motion to create the Bulldog Hall of Honor, which recognizes members of the support groups from athletics, including band, cheerleaders and Perkettes.

Investing in real estate for financial growth

By Guest Columnist Mallory Savner,
Licensed realtor, Veterans Realty

Let's talk real estate investing. I love real estate (obviously), and I love real estate investing. In a blog I read recently, the author said, "If you want to diversify your income streams, make yourself less susceptible to economic downturns, and reap tax benefits, then rentals are still one of the best assets you can invest in." I couldn't have said that better myself. I wholeheartedly believe that real estate should be a part of any long-term strategy to achieve financial growth.



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Now, let me start by saying this: I am not telling you that investing in real estate will build massive wealth. It's a long game—slow and deliberate. It takes discipline. It is not a "get rich quick" scheme. But I do believe investing in real estate is key to building a diverse portfolio that will achieve financial growth and independence. There's a reason some of the wealthiest people in the world-- including Warren Buffett, George Soros, Jeff Bezos, Mark Cuban—invest in real estate.

A vast majority of investments are centered around the idea of buying something that we believe will be worth more later, such as stocks,

collectible items, etc. Other times, an investor may buy a business that is performing poorly in hopes of increasing its performance, and thus, increasing its value. In essence, investing in this manner means you are banking on appreciation. Sometimes we may even see real estate investing done in this manner—buying properties when prices are rising, with the intent to sell later.

In my opinion, real estate investing should be done with the intention of a positive cash flow, not solely on the basis of appreciation. Absolutely you want the property you buy to appreciate, but that shouldn't be the only goal. When your intent is to generate a positive cash flow from the very beginning, your investment is not so heavily influenced by the ebbs and flows of the market. I would dare say that, when invested properly, your properties will be shielded from any downturns in the market.

In saying all this, you need to know what your goals are and what you hope to accomplish before investing. Every investor has a different formula for determining which investments are right for them, but having a game plan and knowing exactly what you want to get from each investment will keep you focused and on track to building wealth with real estate.



This is in Loving Memory of my wife Ella.

We were married for 42 years. She gave me 2 great lovely children Michael and Ruth. Some marriages are up and down. Not this one. Thanks to her, it was always up and getting better every day. When we first met, Frank Sinatra had the #1 song on the charts. Strangers In The Night. The last line of that song is, Strangers in the night it turned out so right. How true that was. I was so Blessed.

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Long Beach Kiwanis Club performs road cleanup



Dom Fimiano

Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Alex and Avery Dunaway; and back row: Howard Lock, Ashton Dunaway, Key Club Sponsor Aimie Dunaway, Deb Kurts and Ingrid Miscavage.

By Dom Fimiano

Kiwanis Club is an international organization making a difference in communities by serving children through school programs and clubs for students ages six to eighteen. Recently, the Long Beach Kiwanis and Long Beach High School Key Club participated in an adopt-a-road cleanup project on Klondyke Road from Cleveland Avenue to Commission Road. Organizers say it was a successful community service activity, and plans are to continue the event as needed.

Kiwanis have multiple service leadership programs that help children and improve communities. One of the most common is the high school Key Club. Kiwanis programs offer children, teens, and adults with disabilities opportunities to develop leadership skills through school and community service activities. Some mentorship programs focus on goal-setting skills, developing positive character traits and improving academic performance. Key Clubs are one of the oldest and largest high school student-led service programs in the world. Students promote and manage activities at their schools and in their communities. The activities vary depending on the needs of the community.

Long Beach Kiwanis sponsor four to five activities annually involving the Key Club. These events are in addition to their student-led activities. Kiwanis have regular pancake breakfasts, host school supplies programs and attempt monthly community projects. Kiwanis are member-driven clubs that make an impact through local hands-on service activities.

The Long Beach Kiwanis meet weekly at 6 p.m. on Monday evenings. To learn more about joining the Long Beach Kiwanis Club, email officer Howard Lock at mrhe@cableone.net. Students who would like to join a high school Key Club are encouraged to look for information when they return to school in August.

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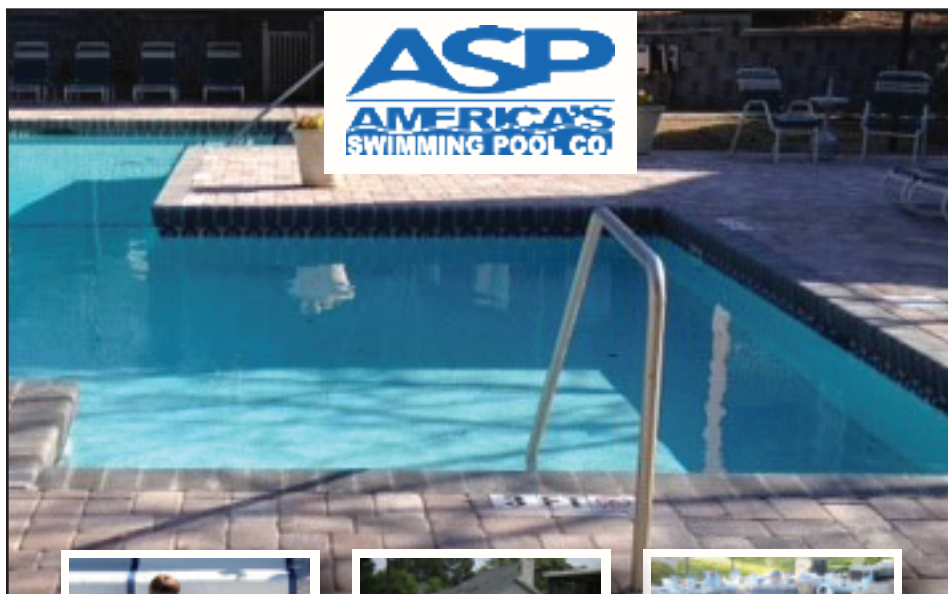
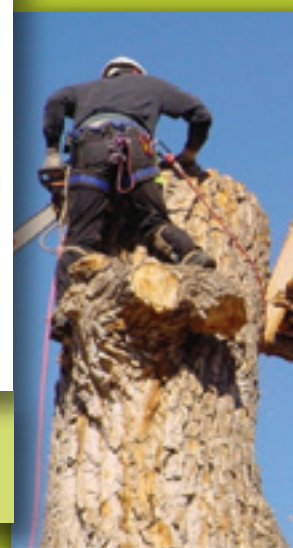


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Our Lady Academy graduates Class of 2021

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Our Lady Academy's Graduation mass was celebrated on Friday, May 21, 2021, at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis. There were thirty-seven graduates in the Class of 2021, and Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III was the principal celebrant.

Faith Janae Anderson, daughter of Scott and Jane Anderson, was named Valedictorian of Our Lady Academy's Class of 2021. She has achieved Principal's Honor Roll throughout high school. While at Our Lady Academy, she was a member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Honor Society. She held title as Student Council President and was a member of the Robotics Club, Interact Club, Ambassador Club, and the varsity volleyball team.

Anderson will enter Mississippi College, where she has been accepted to the Honors College and awarded the highly-coveted Honors College Scholarship. She is also the recipient of the Presidential, the Math and Science, the Sibling, Academic Excellence and STAR Scholarships. She will be studying biology on a pre-medical track and computer science.

"I'm honored to be this year's OLA valedictorian. God has blessed me with caring and competitive sisters that pushed me to be the best I can be to serve Him," Anderson said.

Kaylee QiuAnne Hardenstein, daughter of Donald and Anne Hardenstein, is the Salutatorian of Our Lady Academy High School's Class of 2021. She has achieved

Principal Honor Roll status throughout high school. She was involved in various extracurricular clubs and sports at OLA, including National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Honor Society and a four-year letterman in archery. She was a member of the Interact Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and a representative of the OLA Ambassador Club.

Hardenstein will attend the University of Mississippi, where she has been accepted to the Honors College and awarded the Luckyday Success Scholarship, the Academic Merit Scholarship and the 1848 Scholarship.

Hardenstein said, "It is an honor to be class Salutatorian. I wouldn't be here without the help of my teachers, family, and friends challenging me to be the best I can be."



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Members of Our Lady Academy 2021 Graduating Class included Addison Renee Altese, Faith Janae Anderson, Olivia Catherine Breisacher, Laci Angelle Bridges, Kayla Dianne Broome, Katelyn Anne Casey, Amelie Roy Alexander Clark, Chloe Kathleen Cornell, Camille Roth Cottone, Danielle Rita Dey, Reagan Elizabeth Fairley, Kate Olivia Funk, Natalie Elizabeth Garcia, Breanna Marie Gipson, Ava Elizabeth Gordon, Melissa Frances Gremillion, Kaylee QiuAnne Hardenstein, Sara Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Claire Elizabeth Housey, Grace Marie Koons, Elena Marie Lorenza Lucore, Emilie Ann Martin, Eileen Carol Masterson, Hannah Marie McCall,

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OLA's valedictorian Faith Janae Anderson (left), Bishop Louis F. Kihnemann, III (center) and salutatorian Kaylee QuiAnne Hardenstein (right).

The Class of 2021 posted an overall GPA of 3.82 and have earned more than \$5.2 million in scholarships, translating to an average of over \$140,000 per student.

Outstanding Academic achievement and character awards were presented to members of the Class of 2021.

The Spirit of Mercy Award, given in honor of the many Sisters of Mercy who have helped throughout OLA's history, was given to the student that exemplified mercy through her outstanding commitment and dedication to her community. The Spirit of Mercy Award was presented to Anna Schmidt.

The Principal's Cup was presented to the student who was a member of the National Honor Society and who had demonstrated outstanding degree qualities of character, scholarship, leadership and service. The Principal's Cup was awarded to Cali Reinhart.

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