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Board votes to condemn 4 properties

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In its February meeting, the Long Beach Board of Aldermen began the meeting with public hearings to address four properties that the City had considered neglected. They included 108 Park Row, assessed to Percy and Sharolyn Massey, of El Sobrante, California; 247 Reinike Road, assessed to James P. Elrod, of Gulfport; 20019 Sunshine Drive, assessed to Heath Cuevas, most recent address of Long Beach; and 118 Carroll Avenue, assessed to Jack and Nancy Brandau of Long Beach.

Only one property owner came forward, Nancy Brandau, who stated that they were trying to sell their property “as is.” Following each hearing, Board members voted unanimously to begin the process of condemning each of the four properties.

The City is authorized by Mississippi law to conduct proceedings to condemn properties that are “in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community.”

Notice of the public hearings for all four properties were posted on the subject property; on the bulletin boards at City Hall, the Water Department, and the Building Office; and at

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USM Jazz and Blues Fest March 30th

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The smooth sounds of local jazz and blues musicians will soon fill the coastal air as The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Gulf Park Campus hosts its 11th Annual Jazz and Blues Festival on Saturday, March 30.

From 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., on the South Lawn of the University’s Gulf Park campus in Long Beach, festival attendees can expect to enjoy live musical performances; art, products and food; and family- and child-friendly activities.

“The Jazz and Blues Festival is the largest, community-centered event that we host on our Gulf Park campus,” said Steve Miller, Vice President for the Gulf Park Campus. “We enjoy welcom-



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ing family, friends and visitors from across the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the southeast region to our beautiful beachfront campus for this annual event.”

New additions to this year’s festival include an Eagle Fever online crowdfunding project, a Jazz and Blues Art Competition, an interactive children’s village, and musical performances by local high school jazz bands.

Eagle Fever, an online fundraising tool operated by the USM Foundation, provides an

opportunity for individuals to donate online to the Gulf Park Scholarship Endowment Fund. All net proceeds from the Jazz and Blues Festival will support scholarships for Gulf Park campus students. To make a gift to the Gulf Park Scholarship Fund, visit eaglefever.usm.edu/gulf-park.

“This new Eagle Fever fundraising campaign makes the Jazz and Blues Festival more special and important, since funds raised

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Political contests await Long Beach voters

By Andy Kanengiser

Mississippi voters will go to the polls in 2019, including hotly contested races for governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general, among others.

Long Beach residents will be among those casting their ballots in key elections this summer and fall. Others on the ballot for voters in Harrison County communities include Mississippi House and Senate contests. Party primaries will be August 6, with the runoff date set for August 27. The general election across Mississippi will occur on November 5.

March 1 was the deadline for candidates in the Magnolia State to qualify.

And when that Friday deadline rolled around, state Rep. Richard Bennett of Long Beach discovered he would face no political opponents this year.

A retired DuPont employee, Bennett is a Republican who represents Mississippi House District 120. A graduate of Gulf Coast Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, Bennett serves at the Capitol as chairman of the House Education Committee.

In making the appointment to the highly visible education post

in January 2018, House Speaker Philip Gunn praised the veteran lawmaker from Harrison County.

“Rep. Bennett is a seasoned legislator and a former school board member,” Gunn told reporters at the Capitol. “He demonstrated great knowledge and interest in education. Furthermore, he had the endorsement of numerous House members.”

Bennett succeeded former Rep. John Moore of Brandon, who resigned in December 2018. Rep. Bennett formerly chaired the House Gaming Committee.

Born June 25, 1957, Bennett retired from DuPont, which

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during this month-long campaign go toward scholarships specifically for Gulf Park campus students. Contributions can be made online the entire month of March, and we hope to reach our fundraising goal by March 30 – the day of the festival,” added Miller.

The inaugural Jazz and Blues Art Competition will celebrate visual art representing the spirit of the festival and the Gulf Park campus. The overall winning artwork will be the featured artwork for the 2020 Southern Miss Jazz and Blues Festival. Additional information on the art competition can be found online at usm.edu/gulfcoast/jazz-blues/art-competition-and-activities.

For the first time in the festival’s

history, local high school jazz bands from Gulfport, Long Beach and St. Stanislaus will perform at the event.

More than forty vendors will be on site at the event, offering arts and crafts, information, and food and beverages throughout the festival grounds.

2019 Southern Miss Jazz and Blues festival T-shirts and posters will also

be available for purchase during the event.

Student organizations at the Gulf Park campus will offer a number of children’s activities, including carnival games, a dunk tank and a bounce house. Families and children will also have an opportunity to take part in the inaugural interac-

tive village, featuring USM’s Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Science, Nursing, and Criminal Justice programs, along with external partners Lynn Meadows Discovery Center and the Humane Society of South Mississippi.

Representatives from the Long Beach Fire Department and Long Beach Police Department will bring a fire truck and police car, and American Medical Response (AMR) will have an ambulance on hand for children and families to interact with during the festival.

The USM Gulf Park campus is located at 730 East Beach Boulevard in Long Beach. For more information on the 2019 Jazz and Blues Festival, visit usm.edu/jazz-blues.

The musical lineup for the 2019 Southern Miss Jazz and Blues Festival will include:

Main Stage

- 10 a.m. to noon - Coast Big Band
- 12:45 to 2 p.m. - Jamell Richardson and Hi Def Soul
- 2:30 to 4 p.m. - The Stooges Brass Band

Side Stage

- Noon to 12:45 p.m. - St. Stanislaus High School Jazz Band
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Warrant Clearance Program offered through April 30th

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The Long Beach Municipal Court recently announced its Warrant Clearance Program, an opportunity for individuals to make contact with the Municipal Court and address outstanding warrants, fines and misdemeanor charges that are pending in the Long Beach Municipal Court, without being arrested on the warrant or having to bond out.

If a person has an outstanding or unresolved misdemeanor warrant, he/she may contact the Municipal Court Clerk at 228-865-7840 ext.6958 or in person and request an opportunity to resolve his/her misdemeanor warrants, regardless of the reason for the warrant. There are various reasons a warrant is issued by a Court, including because an individual failed to appear on their initial court date, failed to appear for their trial, or failed to complete certain obligations ordered by the Court. Other warrants may have been issued based on affidavits of other individuals or a law enforcement officer.

Child support warrants and related summons are not covered in the Warrant Clearance Program. Individuals with those types of warrants and summons must appear at the Court that issued the warrant and/or summons.

The warrant will be processed, and the individual will be released on his or her own recognizance. Those individuals who voluntarily appear at the Municipal Court during this period will not be incarcerated or handcuffed because of the outstanding warrant, and the person will be released on his or her own recognizance without having to post bond. The individual may be required to pay fines, court costs, state assessments, and/or restitution as a result of the outcome of the underlying charge, but no fees will be charged to have the warrant cleared.

Those who have outstanding fines, court costs, state assessments and fees, and/or restitution may contact the Court to make payment arrangements. The Court has a separate docket each month to help people who are unable to pay their outstanding fines. Individuals will have an opportunity to discuss their outstanding fines with the Judge and to discuss a reasonable time-frame for resolving these obligations.

Online payments, cash, money orders, credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover with a 3% convenience fee), and cashier's checks are accepted as forms of payment.

Court officials explain that the clearance of the warrant does not

necessarily resolve the underlying misdemeanor offense. Unless the underlying charge can be resolved immediately, the individual will be given another court date on which to appear before the Municipal Court to resolve the original charge.

If desired, those with warrants will be given an opportunity to meet with the Long Beach Public Defender during the Warrant Clearance Program. Once the warrant is cleared, the individual will be scheduled on an upcoming docket and be given an opportunity to discuss his or her case with the Municipal Court Prosecutor, Municipal Court Public Defender, and/or the Municipal Court Judge.

The program is open to all those with qualifying warrants, including those with multiple warrants and a prior arrest history, as well as undocumented immigrants; immigration status will not prevent an individual from having his or her misdemeanor warrant resolved in the Warrant Clearance Program. Individuals cannot, however, address someone else's warrant at the program; the judge will only consider cases where the individual in question is present. In addition, only warrant holders are allowed in the courtroom; family members are not allowed. All warrant holders should bring a form of photo

identification with them.

To expedite admittance to the Warrant Clearance Program, pre-register by contacting the Municipal Court Clerk.

Court officials explained that even those individuals with outstanding warrants who have not received a notice about the Warrant Clearance Program still qualify for the program. All warrants qualify, even if the individual has lost his or her summons or paperwork. The court has access to all warrants dated before January 1, 2019.

However, only misdemeanor warrants pending in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, will be handled in the Warrant Clearance Program. Those with a more serious offense may contact the Long Beach Public Defender for counsel as to how to handle other warrants.

Resources will be available on site related to employment opportunities, anger management classes and substance abuse counseling programs.

The Warrant Clearance Program began early last month and will continue until April 30, 2019.

The Municipal Court Clerk's office is located on the first floor at 201 Jeff Davis Avenue.

For questions about the Warrant Clearance Program or to pre-register for the program, contact the court at 228-865-7840 ext. 6958.

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LB boys standout heads to England

By Andy Kanengiser

Stanley Trzaska's soccer season isn't finished in 2019.

The Long Beach High Bearcats soccer standout is soon bound for the United Kingdom to become much more familiar with his favorite sport.

The 16-year-old will arrive in London, England, on March 30 for a little sight-seeing and trips to soccer stadiums in Wales. But then his soccer marathon starts twenty-four hours later in Stoke-on-Trent in the UK. On March 31, the Long Beach junior begins

the 2019 Stoke City/Wolves Academy Elite soccer trip.

The seven-day experience includes soccer training sessions at Stoke City Academy and at Wolves Academy, plus matches against the area's soccer club players. Trzaska will also tour Old Trafford stadium, home of the Manchester United soccer team.

In addition, the Mississippi Gulf Coast resident will make a trip to Warwick Castle and attend an English Premier League match on April 6. He will be in the stands as the Wolves face Manchester United. On April 7, the Mississippian

travels back to the U.S.

Trzaska recognizes that this is an exciting time for him. The Long Beach High student-athlete says he's looking forward to going abroad to immerse himself in the fast-moving international sport.

"I think it is an excellent chance to showcase my ability and to talk to top level coaches and players." And it's a great way



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to make new friends, he adds.

Soccer is quite a big deal in England, so being around the sport for a week in the United Kingdom can only enhance Trzaska's game, Long Beach soccer supporters believe. Trzaska participated in the Stoke City North American camp in Rome, Georgia, last summer after being nominated by the South Mississippi Soccer Club. His solid performance in Georgia led to his invite to the United Kingdom.

Trzaska remains a familiar face to Bearcats soccer fans. He was a starter on the Long Beach boys soccer team that recently finished as runner-up in the Mississippi high schools 5A championship game. The South State champs, the Bearcats team coached by Andee Wilburn, lost a 2-1 heart-breaker to Lewisburg in the season's finale in February at Brandon High. Trzaska has also played seven years for the South Mississippi Soccer Club.

Fans may see the Long Beach Bearcat refereeing local Gulf Coast tournaments or rec soccer matches. Trzaska is also a Mississippi Gulf Coast All Star and All District player. He says he hopes to play college soccer someday, perhaps for a NCAA Division 1 team, after he graduates at Long Beach in 2020.

In addition, he's seeking to boost his game skills on the Gulf Coast. On March 10, he was invited for a tryout with the Port City Sounders, a U23 soccer team at the Gulfport Sportsplex. It's a local Gulf Coast Premier League team. But his academics are very important, too, and he reports he is pondering college studies in either architecture, marine biology or sports science.

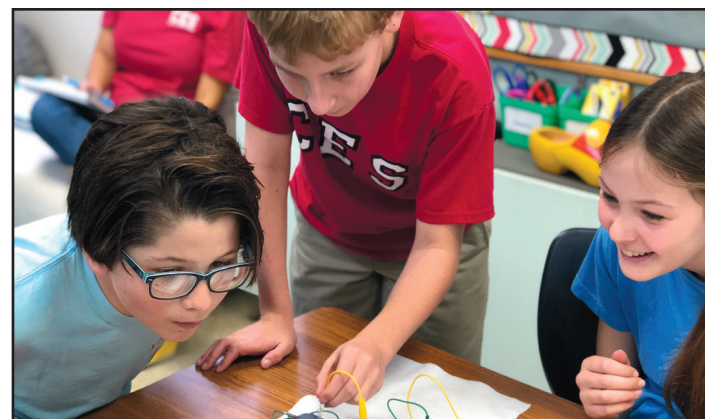
Students learn more about circuitry

Coast Episcopal School alumni Will Ashley teaches sixth-graders circuitry using MIT-created Makey Makey boards.



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Pictured (l to r) are Will Ashley, Rylen Hunt and Harry McArthur.



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Pictured (l to r) are Hyatt Anthony, Jude Necaise and Sarah Taylor.

Students make trees from used water bottles



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The art classes at Harper McCaughan Elementary School began saving empty water bottles when school started in August. The students studied Dale Chihuly's art and used over 2,000 water bottles to make a Chihuly-inspired art tree to represent the kindness and unity of their school and community. Each part of the water bottles was used, with roses constructed from the tops and bottoms, and kindness quotes were written out to give to their classmates to spread kindness. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Dixie Howell, Rebecca Candland, Cleana Pines, Bella West and Ella Bishop; and back row: Morgan Eleuterius, gifted teacher Jamie Flowers, art teacher Jennifer Fruge' and Wayne Ulrich.

LB Presbyterian to celebrate 110 years



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Long Beach Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 110th anniversary on Sunday, March 31.

Long Beach Presbyterian Church was organized on April 4, 1909, with seventeen charter members. In 1964, the church moved into its current building at 125 East Second Street in Long Beach.

On Sunday March 31, the public is invited to join the congregation in celebrating their 110th anniversary. Worship begins at

10:30 a.m. with the church's pastor, Dr. James Hightower Jr., and a special sermon by the church's Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Charles Holland. Communion will also be served.

Immediately following the service, the congregation will be presenting a celebration luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 208 South Burke Avenue behind the church.

The public is invited to join the church for worship, celebration, food and fellowship. For more information, visit: LBPCUSA.org.



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operates a plant in DeLisle. He's served in a number of roles, stretching from the Long Beach Drug Task Force to the Gulf Coast Council of Governments, as well as the Foreign Trade Zone. Rep. Bennett is considered to be among House Speaker Gunn's inner circle of top advisers. With no opposition, Bennett would begin his new four-year term in January 2020.

On the Senate side, Sen. Deborah Dawkins of Pass Christian is also seeking re-election to a

four-year term. She serves District 48. A state senator since 2000, Dawkins is a Democrat. Part of her district includes Long Beach. She faces Gary Fredericks in the Democratic primary on August 6.

There are two Republicans seeking the Mississippi Senate District 48 post. They are Mike Thompson and Jason Boyd. The two Gulf Coast men will square off in the GOP party primary in August for a spot in the November general election.

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LB properties condemned

the Long Beach Public Library.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will hold a work session on Tuesday, March 26, at 5 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room to discuss project ideas for the BP/MDA assistance program.

Regular meetings of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the City Hall meeting room at 201 Jeff Davis Avenue. Meetings are scheduled for 5 p.m. and are open to the public.

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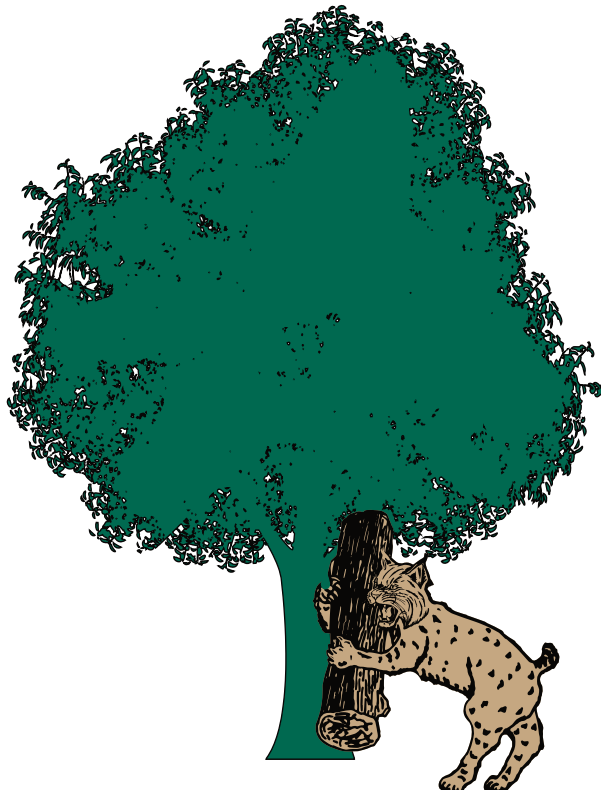
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St. Vincent dePaul Catholic recieves energy grants

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Representatives from Mississippi Power recently visited fourth and fifth grade students and teachers at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic School to deliver two \$250 grants.

Late last year, company representatives had visited the school-children with their Energy Efficiency Program. After the presentation, the students were asked to go home to teach their families how to conserve energy.

Each student was given an LED kit to help them explain to their parents how to replace incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs to conserve energy. They were also taught to save energy by regulating the temperature in their homes to

68 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter and 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer.

Students were given a timer for the shower. To save water as well as energy needed to heat the water, showers should not last longer than five minutes.

Finally, the students had to record their observations and bring the surveys back to school, and the classroom teachers sent the information back to Mississippi Power.

Since every student followed through with the Energy Efficiency Program by teaching their families how to conserve, recorded their observations, and brought the surveys back to school, each grade received a \$250 grant from Mississippi Power.



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Fourth and fifth grade students at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School recently worked to conserve energy and received grants from Mississippi Power as a result.

Garden Club gives gift

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Each year, the Long Beach Garden Club, in union with the Long Beach Tree Board, celebrates Arbor Day by planting a tree in the city. Over the years, the city has been blessed with many beautiful trees. This year, however, Garden Club members turned their thoughts to Panama City, Florida, which lost thousands of trees in last year's Hurricane Michael.

Even though home recovery and yard cleanup are still the focus of Panama City residents, replanting trees is vital to the community. The city's goal is to replant 100,000 trees by 2025. This task has already begun with Florida's celebration of Arbor Day on Jan-

uary 18. A tree planting was held with many more to follow.

The Long Beach Garden Club decided this year to make a donation to help replant trees in Panama City that were destroyed last year by Hurricane Michael.



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FBC of Long Beach, MS holds 110th anniversary

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First Baptist Church, Long Beach, will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of its establishment during special morning and evening services on Sunday, April 7.

The church was formally organized on April 15, 1909, with twenty-one charter members, and its first sanctuary was erected in 1910 on the corner of Jeff Davis and Fifth Street. The church facilities on Jeff Davis and Fifth Street were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and new facilities were built on North Cleveland Avenue.

Dr. LaRue Stephens, pastor, said the Sunday morning service, beginning at 9 a.m. will feature special music by the church sanctuary choir. Guest speaker



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will be Dr. John A. Temple, pastor of Popular Springs Baptist Church in Meridian, Mississippi. Dr. Temple previously served as Minister of Education at First Baptist Church, Long Beach, from 1978-1981.

On Sunday evening, starting at 6 p.m., the Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David W. Young of Jackson, Mississippi, will present a free concert of Christian Music. The eighty-plus member orchestra, which is composed of musicians living in Mississippi and near-by states, each year presents five concerts throughout Mississippi.

The public is invited to come celebrate with the congregation on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, April 7.

Farmers Market plans for Arts and Crafts Days

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The Farmers Market at Long Beach will hold their 2019 Arts and Crafts Days on the first Saturdays of the months of April, May, October, November and December. The next event is set for Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Organizers say the goal of the event is to promote the community's artists by allowing them the opportunity to showcase and sell their arts and crafts. The Farmers Market is

open every Saturday year-round and features local and sustainably grown and raised produce, dairy, meats, honey, eggs, and more. It is a State-Certified Farmer's Market. Future Arts and Crafts Days are scheduled for May 4, October 5, November 2 and December 7.

The Arts and Crafts Days at The Farmers Market at Long Beach accepts any local vendors of hand crafted, non-food arts and crafts. The market is located at 310 Jeff Davis Avenue.

For more information or an application, contact: TFMatLongBeach@gmail.com.



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New Kiwanis Club now starting in Long Beach



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Pictured (l to r) are Dennis Oliver, Club Advisor; Howard Lock, Club Opener; Barbara McCay, Trustee Region 3; and Travis Moore, Division 14 Lieutenant Governor.

By Fred Weller

There has not been a Kiwanis Club in Long Beach since Hurricane Katrina. Local Kiwanis members were resigned to participate with the Orange Grove club. When Howard Lock and the group from Long Beach complete their membership drive, Long Beach will have a club. The founding group met March 4 at Bull's Restaurant and presented their intentions to the Kiwanis organization. Subsequent meetings selected and installed officers before beginning involvement with programs for Key Club and Terrific Kids.

Key Club is designed for high school students, while Terrific Kids is for elementary age (6-12). Both programs focus on developing an individual's self-esteem. According to Lock, "The programs are coordinated with school advisors and are designed to teach children to plan, set goals, work with others and celebrate success. The efforts are realized through participation in

service hours on projects."

Retired school teachers like Deb Kurtz and Barbara Olsen are members, and their continuing interest in youth development is the reason. Kurtz has been a member for five years, and Olsen is a recent member.

"Retired school teachers are perfect members. Their interest and available time to work with the kids is the perfect formula," says Kurtz, who volunteers for other civic causes three days a week. Olsen also enjoys volunteer work with youngsters and said, "I plan to keep going with Kiwanis and the programs that I learned about from Deb."

The Kiwanis Mission Statement is "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time."

Enrollment in Kiwanis is year-round, and any inquiries about the Kiwanis and the youth-oriented community service programs can be directed to Lock at mrhe@cablone.net.

Local Fabergé art now featured on MPB show

Special to Long Beach Breeze

Long Beach resident Judy Caylor Noble will be featured on the Mississippi Public Broadcasting *Mississippi Roads* segment on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. The show will also air on Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The show is hosted by Walt Grayson.

Noble is a long-time resident of Long Beach, having permanently moved to the city in 1968 after vacationing there three times per year for the ten years prior. She is a 1976 graduate of Long Beach High School.

After high school, Noble attended Fresno State in California, receiving her bachelor's degree in deaf education. She worked in special education, educating the deaf and deaf/blind, and received her Master's degree from USM Gulf Park in 2000. In 2002, she moved back to California to teach for two years, but returned to Mississippi in 2004.

While in California, Noble attended an art show, where she learned about Fabergé egg artistry. She took lessons, learned

several techniques in the medium, and then came home to Mississippi and taught others how to create the art. Noble creates her designs on eggs as small as quail eggs up to the size of ostrich eggs. She carves eggs as well as decorates them; and, on some pieces, she even creates the settings on which she displays them.

Mississippi Public Broadcasting received information about her egg artistry and decided to film a show on her art for their *Mississippi Roads* segment. It originally aired in January and again in February, on Super Bowl Sunday. It will

have a re-airing on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Noble's granddaughter, Amanda Rudder, and her friend, Audrey Coughlin, both Long Beach High School freshmen, are also featured in the *Mississippi Roads* segment.



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Long Beach resident Judy Caylor Noble's Fabergé egg art will be featured on Mississippi Public Broadcasting later this month.

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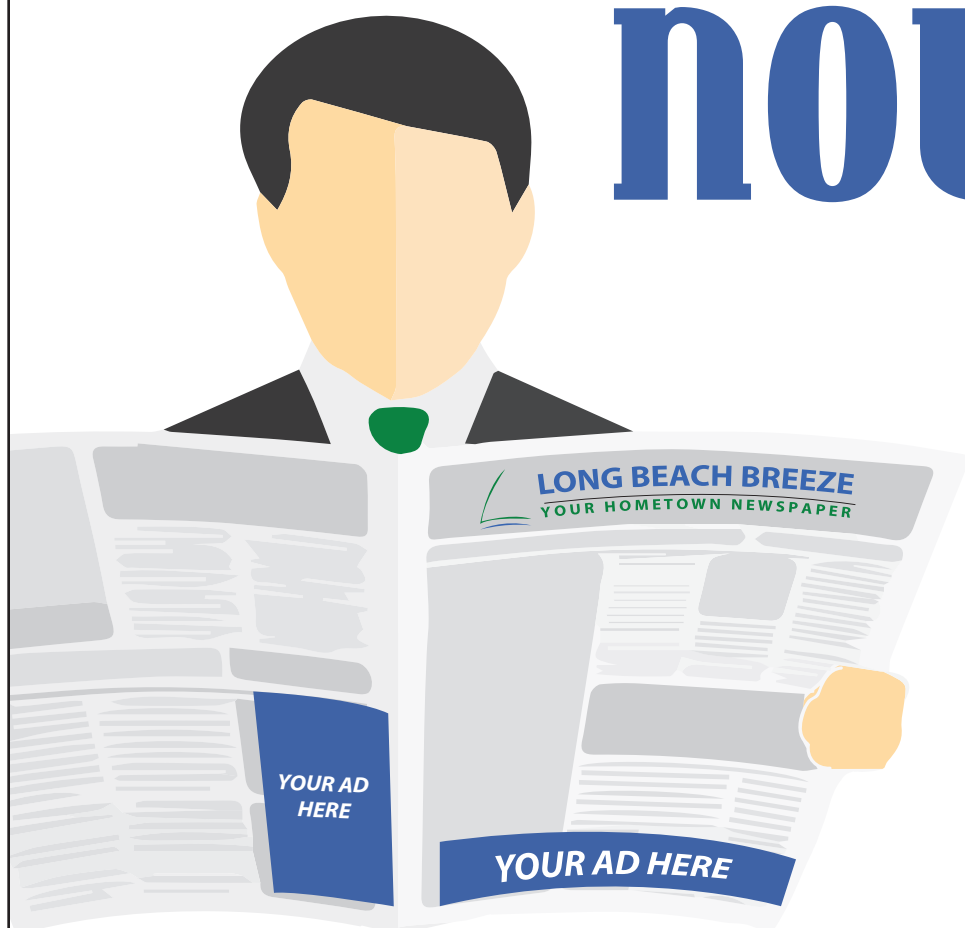
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National Library Week to be celebrated April 8-13

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn,
LBPL Children's Librarian

This year, National Library Week falls from April 8 through April 13. During that week, a special guest from the Mississippi Maritime Museum will be giving a presentation at the City Hall Annex at 5:30 p.m. It is open to the public and free of charge.

The Friends of the Library will be having Patron Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon in the main wing. Refreshments will be served. The Friends do not have a meeting this month. Their annual end-of-the-year luncheon will be held on Monday, May 6. A location has yet to be decided upon, but all members will receive an email with any updated information.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Dr. Seuss events we planned for Dr. Seuss week. In

case anyone is wondering, after all the votes were counted, your overall favorite book by Dr. Seuss is *Green Eggs and Ham*. We had so much fun with the favorite book contest during Dr. Seuss week that, during National Library Week, we will be taking votes on your favorite book by author Beverly Cleary.



The Long Beach Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in the meeting room of the main wing. This meeting is open to the public.

The Long Beach Public Library Book Club will meet on Monday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at the Long Beach Public Library. This month's novel is *The Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

For more information about library events and programs, please call 228-863-0711.

APRIL LIBRARY EVENTS

Parent's Coffee Break
April 2, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Library Closed - Staff Conference
Wednesday, April 3
Reopens April 4 at 9 a.m.

Long Beach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Open to the public
April 9, 2 p.m.

Science Cafe - Mississippi Maritime Museum
April 9, 5:30 p.m.

Preschool Story Time
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Long Beach Public Library Book Club Meeting
April 15, 1 p.m.



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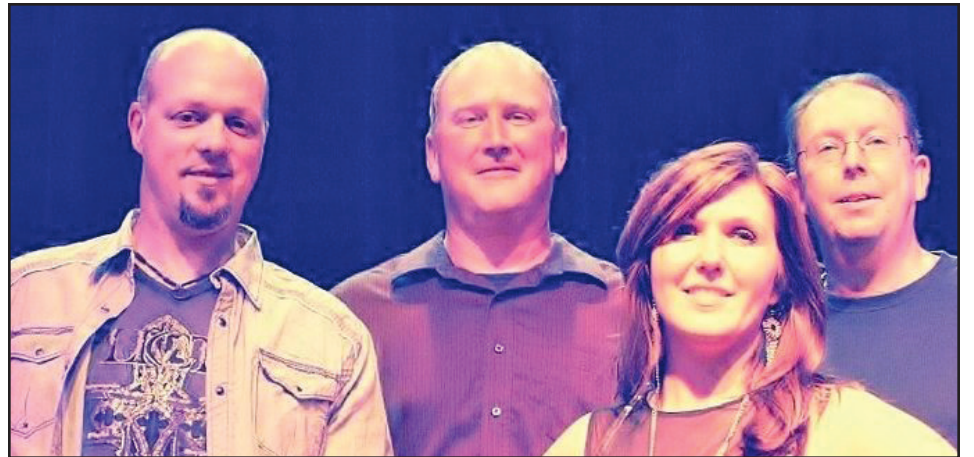
Local students win the Stock Market Game



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, coached by Tara Meleones, were recently named Region Six first place winners in the middle school division of the Mississippi Stock Market Game (SMG). The simulation, which teaches about the free enterprise system, is available for students in grades four through twelve. The program enables teams of students to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in the stock market over a 13-week period. Winners are determined on the percentage return above or below S&P 500 growth. The St. Vincent first place team outperformed the S&P by 10.1%, and grew their portfolio to \$101,787. Pictured (l to r) are: Margaret Compretta, William Magandy and Rylan Fairley.

First Friday starts April 5



Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Lisa Lee Albritton Band will be the first act to kick off Finally First Friday for the 2019 season on Friday, April 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

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Long Beach Live will host their first concert of the 2019 season on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue.

Long Beach families are encouraged to come out for Finally First Friday, which will feature the Lisa Lee Albritton Band performing live music starting at 7 p.m. and the return of the Cruis'n crowd. Those

with classic cars are invited to line the streets for a cruise in or join in and slow roll Jeff Davis "like the good 'ol days." Organizers say the evening is a good opportunity for residents to take it easy and relax and spend some time just enjoying the crowds and the music.

Local businesses will be open late and offering specials and deals during the night out. For more information, call the City of Long Beach at 228-863-1556.

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Cable ONE staff install Little Free Library in LB

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A new Little Free Library is now available in Long Beach for Gulf Coast residents to share books, thanks to Cable ONE associates in Long Beach who want to lend a hand in their community.

The library was a collaborative effort between all Cable ONE Long Beach associates, including warehouse technician Lonnie Reynolds, who proposed the idea and donated \$100 to stock the library; customer service representatives who used their team-building meetings to paint and decorate the box; and field technicians

and technical care center associates who collected and donated books. Lead advance technician Kyle Snyder used his own tools to mount and install the library once it was completed.

“Not only have we made sure there are reading books for all ages, but we have stocked the library with bookmarks as well as coloring and activity books for children who are not yet of reading age,” said Jessica Fowler, Cable ONE administrative assistant. “All of us here at Cable ONE are committed to giving back to this great community and thrilled to be a part of



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Cable ONE associates recently pooled their resources and efforts to build, equip and install a new Little Free Library in Long Beach.

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The Little Free Library, located at the Cable ONE office at 19201 Pineville Road in Long Beach, features a beach theme, representing the beauty of the Gulf Coast. Community members are invited to leave or take a book at any time. The new Little Free Library

has been registered on the official Little Free Library website at littlefreelibrary.org and can be found by searching Charter #84455.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

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Fire Chief Mike Brown announces retirement



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Earlier this month, Long Beach Fire Chief Mike Brown announced his plans to retire after forty-two years with the Long Beach Fire Department, including his first ten years as a volunteer. Brown will retire at the end of next month and says he plans to spend time travelling in his retirement. Griff Skellie has been named Brown's successor and will begin his duties as Chief on July 1.

Seabees read to kids at Long Beach library



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CM2 Stefanie Jantz and MA2 Faith Devisscherknudtzon, both assigned to the Naval Construction Battalion, recently participated in the children's story hour at the Long Beach Library.

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