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Jeepin the Coast back again, June 1-5

By Toni Miles

As the hub of Jeepin the Coast, the City of Long Beach is setting the stage for this year's event, scheduled for June 1-5. So far, about 2,500 participants have signed up for Jeepin the Coast (JTC), coming from as far away as Illinois.

Although the vast majority of the festivities of the five-day event take place in the Friendly City, this year's Jeepin the Coast kicks off Wednesday, June 1, with a Parking Lot Party at Champion-Dodge Jeep dealership in Gulfport and the start of a scavenger hunt. Event founder Jennifer Moran likens this yearly event to the kick off of summer in South Mississippi, just as Cruisin' the Coast is seen as the beginning of the fall tourism season on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"What better way to kick off summer time than in a Jeep with no top and doors?" Moran said.

Jeepin the Coast is also a driving force for summer tourism in South Mississippi.



"We are proud to partner with Jeepin the Coast for the fourth year," said Jenny Levens, community affairs director for the City of Long Beach. "Jeepin the Coast brings thousands of people into our city for a weekend of fun and entertainment. Our local businesses see a huge increase in sales with the Jeepers in town."

Overall, the annual event spans several coastal cities, with events planned in Long



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Beach, Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis. As in years past, Long Beach will be the main host city, and those without Jeeps have plenty of opportunities to get in on the fun throughout the weekend. Long Beach will host Jeep Central, as well as the Jeep-only parade, and organizers encourage everyone to roll on out for this annual event.

The official hangout for the event –

Coastal Daiquiri – is also in Long Beach.

A group of South Mississippi friends, Jennifer Moran, Julie Bradley and Kim Favre, are the ones behind this family-friendly event revving up here on the Coast. They love Jeeps, are passionate about the Mississippi Gulf Coast and are geared up about supporting charitable causes

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2022 hurricane season expected to be an active one







Toni Mile

These exclusive photos of Highway 90 in Long Beach, taken by Long Beach Breeze's Toni Miles in 2005, just days after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, show how destructive hurricanes and other storms in the Atlantic Hurricane Season can be.

STORM PREPARATION

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STORM PREPARATION INFORMATION

By Toni Miles

Hurricane season officially starts on June 1, but forecasters with the National Hurricane Center have already tracked the first tropical wave of this year, in early May, about three weeks before the official start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Storm categories, in order of increasing strength, are tropical depression, tropical storm and hurricane, categories 1 to 5, with the number increasing based on each storm's strength. Mississippi has seen all three over the years, and anyone who has lived in South Mississippi for any length of time knows lower-graded storms can

be massive rain-makers and cause damage by flooding, sometimes worse than stronger

graded storms or hurricanes.

Researchers with Colorado State University predict there will be at least nineteen named

storms and nine hurricanes, four of which will be Category 3 or higher, this year, compared to the average hurricane season, which normally has fourteen named storms and three major hurricanes.

Coastal residents know all too well it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active and destructive season and that preparations should be the same for every season, despite how much activity is predicted.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season ends November 30.



Community laces up to help in fight against cancer 1



Pink Hearts Fund volunteers Athan Alexander, Cassandra Alexander, Debbie Albrecht and April Hardy



Adler the dog, a local, four-legged supporter of those battling cancer



JoAn Niceley, CEO and founder, Pink Hearts Fund

There was plenty of hope, support and answered prayers to go around at this year's Walk of Hope in Long Beach on April 30, an annual walk and fundraiser held the last Saturday each April to help those in the local community fighting

"I was a little concerned when we first got here, but the sun came out," said Brenda Long, president, Pink Heart Funds. "The community and volunteers and everybody have gotten behind us, and they've helped us so much."

The support was evidenced by the estimated three hundred people from all walks of life who turned out for this year's event, which was put on jointly by the Pink Hearts Fund and Memorial Foundation Oncology Funds. The non-profits joined forces two years ago to help in the fight against cancer.

"This would have been Pink Heart Funds' 17th annual walk, but, two years ago, we decided to take it out of October, because everybody thought it was just for breast cancer," said JoAn Niceley, founder and CEO of Pink Heart Funds. "We provide wigs and other services for ALL cancers, women and children."

"The Pink Heart Funds is known for breast cancer and prosthetics, but, when we joined with Memorial Foundation Oncology Funds, we support all kinds of cancers. It helps with gas cards, transportations, whatever needs they have, really. The great thing is, it stays local and helps locals battling cancer."

Through their combined forces, the Pink Hearts Fund and Memorial Foundation Oncology Funds provide prescription assistance, as well as gas vouchers to help provide those battling cancer with transportation to their medical appointments and treatments, because, according to Nicely, sometimes radiation treatments are five days a week.

Volunteer Debbie Albrecht knows first-hand how much that assistance means. 'Me personally, I'm a cancer survivor," said Albrecht, a Pink Hearts Fund volunteer who was also running the event's silent auction. "JoAn is the one who gave me the free wig and support; the whole group did. They encouraged me, gave me hope, and just helped me get through it.

We give them hope, and we inspire them to be strong through their battle," Albrecht said. "We give out free wigs, breast prosthetics and prosthetic bras."

Participants bid on donated items in this year's silent auction, and also purchased raffle tickets for prizes that were given out at the walk.

But this year's event wasn't confined to just the fight against cancer. There was a butterfly release and a celebration of local survivors and their personal metamorphosis and transition back to remission and good health.

We have a survivor's area and a segment just for them," Long said. "We give them tiaras and medals. We celebrate them. This is why we do this, to celebrate our survivors and let the people battling cancer know they don't fight alone. We are right here with them.

Niceley was decked out head-to-toe with accessories – a tiara, sparkling accessories and a tutu, but make no mistake. She and all those at the annual event are fighters, reflecting this year's theme: "No one fights alone," and their mission is to inspire, encourage and give hope to those in the local community fighting cancer.
"I would say we've definitely helped - it could be 4,000 – I've lost track, but we've

definitely helped 2,000 women and children here on this Coast," Nicely said.

To learn more about the Pink Hearts Fund or to donate, visit www.PinkHeartsFund.org.



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CES gardeners visit La Terre Farms



La Terre Creative Director and Designer Lisa Lamulle introduces CES students to

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Five hundred acres in Kiln became a classroom, when Coast Episcopal School (CES) students visited La Terre Farms recently. In keeping with the Long Beach independent school's tradition of experiential learning to encourage students to appreciate the world around them, the youngsters who experienced the bucolic property are members of the school's newly-formed garden club.

The students were provided hands-on opportunities to appreciate the wide variety of plants in multiple gardens by La Terre's Creative Director and Designer



Coast Episcopal School garden club members prepare school beds for planting with seeds donated by La Terre

Lisa Lamulle, who concluded the visit by providing the students with seeds for planting in garden beds their club will cultivate on the school's twenty-fiveacre campus this spring. Dormant for the past several years due to the COVID pandemic, CES's garden beds will be tended by forty students from transitional kindergarten through sixth grade who have volunteered to oversee the school's agricultural endeavors.

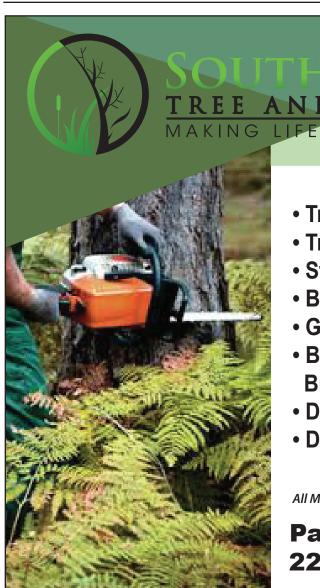
Coordinated by CES faculty member Amanda Wood, the students' visit came at the invitation of the Wyly family, who have owned the property for the last forty years, and who, in the last several years, have been transforming the origi-



Terre owner Teri Wyly welcomes CES students and faculty members Kim McWilliams and Amanda Wood

nal timber farm into a multi-faceted enterprise of lush flower gardens harvested for online, retail and wholesale sales of cut flowers, garlands, and wreaths; luscious vegetable and herb gardens used for private farm-to-fork culinary events held on the estate; and the production of gourmet hot sauce sold at local farmers markets and online.

"Coast Episcopal School holds a very special place in our hearts," said Teri Wyly, who explained that all three of her now-adult children attended the school in their youth. She added that her son, Connor, is her partner in overseeing the farm's existing operations and future development.



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Locals take home One Coast Awards

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The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce recently announced the recipients of their 2022 One Coast Awards, and several have ties to Long Beach. The awards, given in partnership with the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, recognize outstanding business and community leaders across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Long Beach Community Leaders who were recognized include Guy Johnson, of



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The 2022 One Coast Community Leader award winners are (I to r), front row: Brandon Elliott, Sam Sandoz, Leslie Kelley, Charles Oakes, Michael Sunderman, Bridget Turan, W. Crosby Parker, Leonard Papania, Pam Moeller and Guy Johnson. Pictured with them (I to r) are, back row: Julie Gresham, chair of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Regan Kane, chair of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce; and Carole Marie Stuart, president of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Coast Electric Power Association; Pam Boeller, director of external relations for USM Gulf Coast; Charles Oakes, system general manager of Sparklight; and Sam Sandoz, of Hancock Whitney.

Winners were recognized at a breakfast. The goals of the program are to carry on the ideal that One Coast is a regional belief that common interests far outweigh any difference; an awareness that what benefits one ultimately benefits all; a celebration of the unique communities; and an attitude of no boundaries.

For more information about the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, visit MSCoastChamber.com.



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The 2022 One Coast Top 10 Under 40 award winners are (I to r), front row: Jeffery Ellis, Senator Jeremy England, Brandi Hough, Kendra McArthur, Lauren Santa Cruz, Jase Payne, Nicole Martz, Shyra Galloway, Dr. Racheal Butler and Kimberly Aguillard. Pictured with them (I to r) are, back row: Julie Gresham, chair of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Sam Sandoz, chair of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce; Regan Kane, chair of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce; and Carole Marie Stuart, president of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce.

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Sewage infrastructure questions answered by City

Long Beach residents have questions - leaders with the City of Long Beach have answers. The ongoing series and partnership between the Long Beach Breeze and the City of Long Beach continues, and each month's print edition of Long Beach Breeze will include three questions about the city's ongoing, multimillion dollar sewer improvement and infrastructure project.

Long Beach's hometown paper will present readers' questions and get the answers residents are looking for, as Long Beach Breeze reporter Toni Miles will sit down each month with Community Affairs Director for the City of Long Beach Jenny Levens to provide "news you can use" in regards to the project, continuing the direct link between local businesses, residents and City leaders,

Each month, readers can watch these questions and others be answered in the full interview with Levens, available at: LongBeachBreeze.com.

To submit a question about the project, visit LongBeachBreeze.com and fill out the question submission form.



Scan the QR code to submit your questions.

As work on the City's infrastructure continues, is it possible to put enough rock in patched areas to provide safe passage for our vehicles?

Contactors put the right amount of limestone and gravel in the areas of work. The gravel does settle, and then a temporary patch is made. The HCUA project is not finished and does not have the final pavement. We understand the patches cause slowdowns for traffic. This project has been a huge undertaking, and we are in the final stretch. Once all the pipe is in place and in service, the old pipe will be shut off and the final pavement will be done. We thank you for your patience, and understand – it is worth it!



C: Other than fixing the ailing sewer pipes, does this project offer any other benefits to Long Beach residents and businesses?

A:

We had an aging sewer pipe that would have breaks often. With the new pipe, the City will not have to pay \$300,000 to \$600,000 in emergency repairs with taxpayers monies

When the streets are dug up and graveled, they are not clearly marked ahead of the construction area, which is dangerous for motorcycles and others, who are (too late) caught unaware of the ruts and gravel. Currently, there are only white/orange cones set to the side of the area only. Why is signage not being placed in advance of the change of surfaces?

The contractors have signs all over the project area. If there is an area without a sign, we suggest reaching out to the contractor at this email address: lbinfo@jlb-co.com.

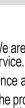












Jenny Levens, Long Beach Community Affairs Director

Looking ahead from Levens:

"We are anticipating the laying of the sewer pipe to be done in June. After all the pipe is laid, they will get the new sewer pipe in service. Contractors will then fill the old sewer line and cap it off."

"Once all that is completed, streets will be paved in the project area."

"The project is expected to go on into late August and possibly September – this, of course, is without any unforeseen issues and weather."

Visit www.longbeachbreeze.com/sewage-infrastructure to submit your questions.



Now's the time to prepare insurance coverage for storm season

By Toni Miles

State Farm insurance agent and business owner Elvis Gates, Jr. not only works in Long Beach, but has lived here with his family for decades. Having weathered Hurricane Katrina, he knows first-hand how destructive these storms can be and how critical it is to prepare and protect one's family, belongings, property and business before a storm strikes.

Gates, a native South Mississippian, has worked in the insurance industry with State Farm since 1985, for thirty-six years total. He opened his State Farm Long Beach insurance agency in 2001, four years before Katrina wreaked havoc in the region. He says a lot of lessons were learned during the "Storm of the Century," especially in the hardest-hit areas in South Mississippi, which includes Long Beach.

"As a new agent, I was able to really meet a lot of my customers, to meet and go over their coverages with them, so a lot of our customers were prepared for what went on during Hurricane Katrina," Gates said. "Having been on the insurance adjuster's side of it, I had worked a lot of catastrophe claims. That experience helped me to formulate what I needed to discuss with my customers when I moved to the agency side. I could tell them how to be prepared for these things, because they happen where we live. We are exposed to hurricanes, and everybody's exposed to the possibility of a flood."

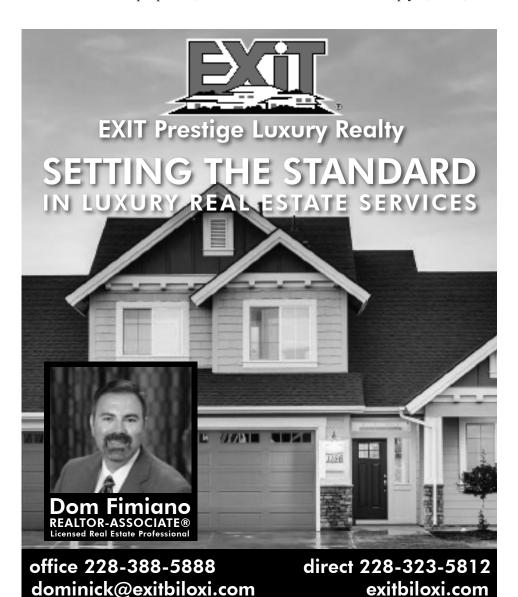
Gates says about forty percent of all flood claims handled by the National Flood Insurance Program occur in areas that are not in high-risk or mortgage required flood zones.

"An example of that with Katrina here in Long Beach would be 4th Street and Magnolia Street. A lot of those homes in the area, during Katrina, were not in what FEMA had mapped as a high-risk flood zone, which meant people didn't have to buy flood insurance for a federally-backed loan on a house," Gates said. "A lot of people back then said, well, our house didn't flood here during Camille...That's the worst there could ever be, so we don't have to get it [flood insurance]. Well, that cost a lot of people."

Fast-forward to present day: Gates says people rely on using Katrina as a standard as to whether or not they decide to get flood insurance, hoping history will not repeat itself. This is something Gates warns against. While Hurricane Katrina packed a powerful punch, it was only a Category 3 hurricane when it made landfall here, as opposed to a more catastrophic Category 5.

"Just because it was as bad as it was, doesn't mean it can't get worse," Gates said. "We live in an area that's on the Gulf of Mexico. It is one of the higher risk areas, because the Gulf of Mexico shelf, as shallow as it is, means that we are more prone to disastrous events from hurricanes."

"Down here when people ask, 'Do I need flood insurance?' Our reply is, 'Well, does





Toni Miles

Repairs still continue at the Long Beach Harbor after storms from the past hurricane season.



Toni Mile

Insurance agent Elvis Gates, Jr., at his Long Beach office

your address have anything to do with water?' Long Beach. Waveland. Bay St. Louis. Ocean Springs, Biloxi, as in Biloxi Bay - there's just about no place on the Coast that doesn't have an address to do with water; so, the answer to that question is always yes."

And this isn't the only factor to consider. Long Beach Alderman-at-Large Donald Frazer says while the number of people living in Long Beach took a hit after Katrina, the area's population is coming back strong, and, with that, more development.

"We are just shy of 17,000 residents, according to the last census. We are still shy of pre-Katrina numbers, but we are steadily growing," Frazer said. "So, we're seeing these growing pains because of the growing."



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"When people say, 'My house has never flooded like this; what's wrong with the City?' It's not necessarily what's wrong. It's just the growing pains. You had three empty lots to your east or west, and now they have houses — where, in the past, that water had a place and time to drain, it no longer has green space to; and that's why we're making sure to do upgrades to our drainage and different basins," Frazer said.

While the City of Long Beach has several projects going on citywide to help ease flood threats and to strengthen the City's infrastructure, both Frazer and Gates agree now is the time to get things in place before hurricane season officially starts on lune 1

STORM PREPARATION

Prepare now - inside and out - for hurricane season

Hurricane season is just around the corner, beginning June 1 and running until November 30. While some severe weather pops up suddenly and unexpectedly, the good news is residents and businesses here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast usually have time to prepare for natural disasters before they even show

up.
"Here in South Mississippi, our biggest threats, we normally have a lot of time to plan for," says Elvis Gates, Jr., who owns and operates a State Farm Insurance agency office in Long Beach. "We know when a hurricane is coming usually several days out."

"Having a plan means you've thought it out when there's not a threat."

As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure, and Gates says now is the time to put an emergency plan in place - or review and update an existing one - as well as designate a safe area for storing important documentation before a storm

"Secure your important photos, documents - anything that you really just don't want to lose in the event of a catastrophe - in whatever safety box or strong box you have. Put it in a safe place," Gates

Gates says those who do decide to stick around during an approaching storm this hurricane season should let people know they are staying. Those who choose to evacuate should be sure to take all important documents with them and let loved ones have contact information as to where they will be.

Those who decide to "ride out the storm," Gates says, should be sure to have essentials on hand - flashlights, water, non-perishable food stored in a secure area - and charge cell phones and all electronics before the storm arrives. Buying battery backup units is a good

Gates also reminds residents to "know the different exposures you have to disaster. It's not just your house. It could be your car. It could be your boat. There are so many facets of Coastal living that are exposed to that risk of disaster that sometimes people just don't think about.'

"A very important thing about boats - a boat can be sunk in your front yard. People bring their boat to their house, and they can take all the precautions in the world - park it between the house, garage, or somewhere that's not under a tree that may fall on it – and that boat fills up with water, because they forgot to pull the drain plug. A boat hull that fills up with water, weighing approximately eight pounds per gallon, results in several thousand pounds of water that will just destroy the hull of a boat, warp the boat, sink the boat, completely deform the trailer. It's sunk in your yard."

Gates also recommends removing limbs that hang close to a house and removing or securing items that could ultimately pose a danger to residents and neighbors.

"The number of times I've seen bikes and garbage cans through windows is just amazing," Gates said. "If it's laying in your yard, it's a missile. Wind can pick it up. If wind has ever blown over your garbage can, imagine what it does when



that wind is 100 miles an hour, and that garbage can is going into the side of your house. That's a big deal."

As for the interior of a home, Gates advises everyone to turn off their electricity to all non-essential appliances and to close all the blinds and shades through-

"Close your blinds, because a lot of rocks and things that get thrown up could hit your windows. If your shades are open, then that glass is going to penetrate all the way into that living space," Gates says.

Another preparation tip before the storm - photograph, video and document everything of value before a storm. This includes photographing and writing down any identifiable serial numbers on property, as well as keeping receipts that serve as proof of an insured item's value and date of purchase.

"One of the toughest times customers have after a claim is explaining what they had before the loss," Gates said. "Katrina taught us something. Houses were completely gone. How do you now itemize and show us what you had in that house? We're really big fans of video inventories. Nowadays with cell phones, you can just go through your house, roomby-room, just pan around, and get video footage of what you've got.

"After the loss, you are traumatized," Gates said. "You're going to try to remember what you had. It's the worst time to be pulling on your memory if you have to go through that. Having that video inventory that you can sit there and watch and look at on your phone and remember-there's nothing that beats that.'



The battered remains of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church after Hurricane Katrina evidences how destructive storms can be. Katrina made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane on August 29, 2005. This Long Beach Church has since built back stronger.



Splintered boards were all that was left of some Long Beach residents' homes after Katrina made landfall in 2005. This photo was taken by Long Beach Breeze's Toni Miles just days after Katrina.



Meet Your Neighbor: Will Devi

When Will Devin realized he had a passion for cutting hair, he was inspired to open a business back home on the Gulf Coast. Devin had originally began cutting hair for those in his barrack while he served in the military, and, once he got out, he went to school to learn the trade. Today, Devin now owns The Bearded Owl barbershop in Gulfport, just a short drive away from his hometown of Long Beach. Devin says he enjoys running a business on the Gulf Coast and is proud to serve the community he calls home.

"I like the versatility and freedom of owning a business on the Gulf Coast," Devin said. "It gives me the freedom to make my own hours and spend time with my daughter."

Devin grew up in Long Beach and lived there until he was in the sixth grade. After briefly moving to Pennsylvania, Devin returned to Long Beach shortly before Hurricane Katrina, and he says he has seen the ways the community has recovered from the devastating storm.

'A lot of my friends are business owners in Long Beach," Devin said. "They have a lot of goals and ambitions they are working toward."

Devin originally opened The Bearded Owl in 2018 and moved the shop into its downtown Gulfport location in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The shop faced a number of challenges during this time, such as being forced to shut down that spring and having to wait to reopen until most other businesses had already done so. "We were the first to be forced to shut down, and the last to reopen,"

Devin said.

Devin said The Bearded Owl was well-equipped to survive the pandemic, and

he had previously saved enough money to handle the shutdowns, as well as to purchase the land for the Gulfport location. The Bearded Owl now has four employees, and, despite the challenges of the pandemic, the business is now running fluidly with minimal challenges. Going forward, Devin says he hopes to continue to provide high-qual-

ity, affordable haircuts to everyone from doctors to lawyers to working people throughout the Gulf Coast.

"I enjoy what I do," Devin said. "It's pretty second nature at this point."

Q: What is your favorite things about Long Beach?

A: I know a lot of people, have a lot of friends.

Q: What are your favorite hobbies outside of work?

A: I compete in beach volleyball; I love volleyball. I play men's softball. I fish, and I play a ton of pool, but volleyball is my favorite hobby. My favorite thing to do is spend time with my daughter, whether that is going to the beach or going to the park, or walking down the street and going to Sonic.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant in Long Beach?

A: Probably the Long Beach Deli.

Q: What are some of your favorite books and movies?

A: Anything classic, whether reading or movies. I like older stuff.

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and what is your favorite place you have traveled to?

A: Somewhere away from civilization, someone natural, whether that's a forest, mountains, coastline, just where there are not many people and just where its Mother Nature in

Q: If you won the lottery and got one million

its natural glory. I like everywhere I've been.

dollars, how would you spend the money? A: Honestly, I would probably use it to create better facilities and housing for



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Lifting up Long Beach at National Day of Prayer rally



Toni Miles

Captain Bob Wren, Associate Pastor of Bible Fellowship in Pass Christian, led the prayer for business and the workplace at Long Beach's National Day of Prayer event on May 5.



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Brenda Rolison, Long Beach's Coordinator for National Day of Prayer, speaks at the opening of the rally.

Local students in prayer

By Toni Miles

This year marked the 71st National Day of Prayer. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by then-President Harry Truman, declared an annual National Day of Prayer, assigning the first Thursday in May each year as a day of reverence and offering up prayer and petitions across America.

The City of Long Beach was among thousands of cities and counties throughout the nation that took time out to observe National Day of Prayer on May 5, with the event taking place outdoors this year at the Harper McCaughan Town Green.

Long Beach's National Day of Prayer rally got off to a slow start several years ago, says Brenda Rolison, Long Beach's Coordinator for National Day of Prayer. However, after a hiatus due to COVID-19, she says this day of reverence has grown exponentially in the area, pointing to the turnout at the May 5 event, an answered prayer, according to Rolison.

"Nothing happens without prayer," Rolison said. "Who do we go to for the Source? We have to go to the Source. Only He (the Lord) can answer those prayers."

The times have changed since then, but not the nation's needs, just one reason why about one hundred people gathered for this year's event in Long Beach, attracting people and speakers from across state and denominational lines.

Pastor Dan Bearden is Pastor of Corner Stone Baptist Church in Pass Christian. He led the unified prayer for the legislative and judicial branches of our federal government.

"We serve the same God," Pastor Bearden said. "It's about reaching people for the Lord and being there when they need you."

Captain Bob Wren, Associate Pastor at Bible Fellowship in Pass Christian, led the prayer for business and the workplace.

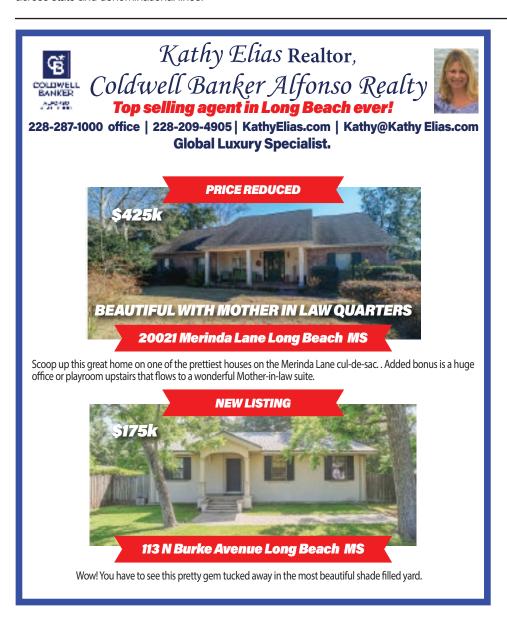
"I was trying to give an example of how we should be praying as believers for the business that we work with, whether it's our own our not, and the people that we work with, whether they work for us, or we work for them. We have this responsibility to pray for one another," Captain Wren said.

Captain Wren, who also serves as Mississippi's State Pilot of Gulfport, knows how important a good plan and guiding light can be, whether it's on the water or navigating our lives at home, in the community or the workplace.

"If we want to see things improve in the workplace and the businesses in which we work, it all starts right there," Captain Wren said. "You start everyday as you're driving up to your workplace. You're praying for the people you are working with, because you love them."

A sentiment echoed by Rolison.

"Reach out. Be bold as never before in our faith. That's our mantle, to be able to pass on Jesus Christ to people for eternity," Rolison said.





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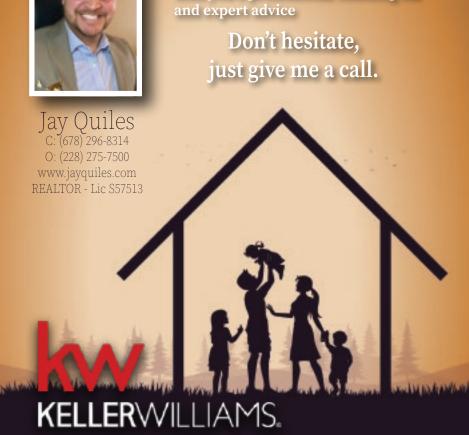
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Buddy Sports recognizes long-time key supporter



Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports recently honored Barry Dreyfus, Jr., a long-time key supporter and sponsor of Buddy Ball. Dreyfus is the CEO of United States Marine, Inc., which builds high performance boats and other vessels for the armed forces. One of the company's values is family, which is reflected in their partnership with Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports. Dreyfus and his team have provided hundreds of tickets for players and families of Buddy Ball to enjoy a day of baseball with the Biloxi Shuckers. Mississippi Buddy Sports organizers say they could not provide the opportunities they do for families and children with special needs to enjoy sports and the outdoors without the support of their loyal sponsors and volunteers. Pictured (I to r) are Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports founder Mike Crawford, board member Mike Taylor, USMI CEO Barry Dreyfus, Jr., USMI representative and U.S. Marine CiCi Lamb, Buddy Ball player Emily Crawford, board member Stella Wolf and board member Keith "Sparky" Clark. For more information about Buddy Sports or to become a sponsor or volunteer, visit www.MSGulfCoastBuddySports.org.

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If you meet this criteria and are interested, please contact me at BirthDoulaLB@gmail.com



Summer's coming, and the library is ready

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Youth and Technology Services

Hello, Long Beach!

The weather is getting warmer. It is hard to believe it is almost June. Do not fret, though. We have something for everyone this summer. So, let's get right to it!

Registration is now open for the Long Beach Public Library's Summer Reading Program 2022. Programs begin on June 1, continue through June 30, and are designed for readers (of all ages) to explore the theme of "Oceans of Possibilities" through reading and activities.

Online registration is available at www.LongBeach.lib.ms.us from through June 3. Patrons are encouraged to visit the library if they need assistance in creating or updating an existing account prior to Summer Reading. Schedules of this year's events will be posted to the library's calendar page, as well as to our Facebook page. Upon registration, you will also be sent links to both schedules. If you have any questions regarding the Summer Reading Program, please call the library at 228-863-0711.

This year's program will allow our younger readers to earn their certificates by logging their number of minutes of reading. Readers are allowed to choose a goal that best suits their reading levels. Reading minutes for printed, digital and audio books, as well as picture books, will be accepted.

Special activities include ocean-themed arts and crafts for all age groups, a scavenger hunt, family movie day, a photo contest for the tweens and teens, database and resource information training for our patrons (a list of these can be picked up at the library), and visits by the Long Beach Garden Club and the Department of Marine Resources.

Programs will be geared for Preschool (ages 0-5), Children (ages 6-11), Tweens and Teens (ages 12-17), Adults (ages 18 and up), and Family (all ages). Beginning in June, Preschool Story time will be held on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings

There are no meetings scheduled for the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library or the Long Beach Board of Trustees for the month of June.

Thank you for your patronage, and continue to stay safe!

TUESDAY

June 7

June 14

Preschool Story Time

June 21

June 28

Preschool Story Time

WEDNESDAY

June 1

TEEN ROOM PAINTING DAY 1 p.m.

June 8

TEENS

OCEAN JEOPARODY GAME 1 p.m.

June 15

TEENS

June 22

TEENS

T-SHIRT UPCYCLING DAY
Bring in an old t-shirt and
turn it into something nev
1 p.m.

June 29

TEENS

ESCAPE FROM THE TEEN ROOM

THURSDAY

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

SATURDAY

June 4 **FAMILY**

Make a sea urchin air plant to take home 10:30 a.m.

June 11 **FAMILY**

June 18

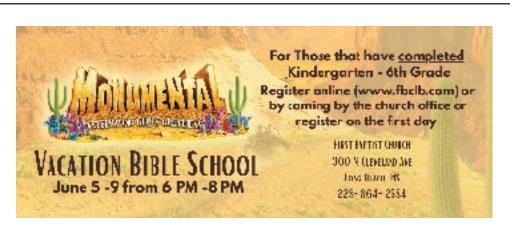
FAMILY

June 25

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Oceans of Possibilities Register through June 3 Programs begin June 1









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Blood drive set for June 9



Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Fleming Education Center Auditorium on the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, June 9.

Organizers say the need for blood is constant, and only by having volunteer donors can that need be fulfilled for patients in the community. Across the country, someone needs a unit of blood every two to three seconds, and most people will need blood in their lifetimes.

According to the American Red Cross, the gift of a blood donation can help up to three people, but donated blood has a shelf life of only up to forty-two days. Blood donations from the community help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs.

Donors must be at least sixteen years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and feeling well. The donation process typically takes about an hour, with the blood donation itself only taking eight to ten minutes. Check-in and registration, health history and follow-up refreshments make up the remainder of the appointment.

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

The blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Appointments can be made online at www.RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code USMGC and select the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus.

The Fleming Education Center Auditorium is located at 203 Bear Point Drive in Long Beach.

For more information, call the Gulf Park Health Center at 228-214-3300.



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Jeepin the Coast back again, June 1-5

Jeepin' the Coast 2022 events* include:

Years ago, Julie Bradley founded the 501(c)3 non-profit Costumes for a Cause (C4AC), which raises money for families impacted by cancer. A portion of the proceeds from Jeepin the Coast are donated to C4AC each year, this year included.

The hub, Jeep Central, located at 506 Jeff Davis Avenue in Long Beach, will be set up for Jeepers to pick up registration packets June 2-4. This location will also be the site for JTC's Vendor Village.

Following the June 1 kickoff party, Thursday, June 2, brings another day of the scavenger hunt, which will continue through Sunday, and a party is planned. Also on Thursday, Lightin the Night and Shakin the Streets will take place in Pass Christian at 8 p.m., with a sound competition immediately following. Ryan Foret and Foret Tradition will play from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Friday, June 3, people can check out and purchase Jeepin merchandise at Vendor Village, which opens along Jeff Davis Avenue (across from Coastal Daiquiri) in Long Beach. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Also on Friday, the Poker Run begins, two Beach Crawls will be held, and a concert and after-party are scheduled with the 3 C's Band playing from 6-9 p.m.

Saturday brings a full day of events,

Wednesday, June 1

3-8 p.m.Kick-off party with music, food and give-aways
Champion Jeep, 11477 Northpark Drive, Gulfport

3-8 p.m.

Registration (for Wednes ednesday only) will be at Cham-pion Jeep

Thursday, June 2

8:30 a.m. – **6 p.m.** Registration, Jeep Central, Long Beach

5-8 p.m.JTC Party in the Pass, with live music, 200 Davis Avenue, Pass Christian

10 p.m.After party with live entertainment, Tripletails, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis

Friday, June 3

8:30 a.m. – **6 p.m.** Registration, Jeep Central, Long Beach

9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Jeepin' the Coast Vendor Village, Long Beach

10 a.m. – **2 p.m.** Beach Crawl, Bay St. Louis

TIME TBD

Beach Crawl, Long Beach

6-9 p.m.Concert TBD with live entertainment

10 p.m. After party with live entertainment, Tripletails, Bay St. Louis

Saturday, June 4

8:30 a.m. – **noon** Registration, Jeep Central, Long Beach

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Jeep Cruise to Long Beach, meet at Edgewater Village parking lot

9:30 a.m. – **7 p.m.**Jeepin' the Coast Vendor Village, Long Beach

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Beach Crawl, Bay St. Louis

TBD

Beach Crawl, Long Beach

6 p.m. Jeep-Only Parade, line up by 5 p.m., Downtown Long Beach, Jeff Davis Avenue

2:45 – 5 p.m.Show & Shine Jeep Show, be in parking area by 2:45, Downtown Long Beach

7:30 – 10 p.m.Concert in the Streets and Block Party with Category 6, Long Beach

Sunday, June 5

9:30 - 10 a.m.

"See Ya Later Sunday" Party, meet at Anita's Bar in Bay St. Louis, cruise to Coastal Daquiri, Long Beach

* Event details are subject to change, and additional events may be planned that are not listed. Visit Jeepin' the Coast on Facebook for a full list of events and event updates

including a Jeep Cruise, more Beach Crawls, and the Show & Shine Jeep show at Jeep Central in Long Beach.

Jeep Central is the place to be Saturday afternoon, to catch the Mardi Gras-style Jeep parade, which will roll down Jeff Davis Avenue at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to line the parade route and encouraged to bring their own chairs. Pre-registration is required to participate in the parade, and Jeepers will toss beads to the crowd.

Afterwards, there will be an awards show. Then the Concert in the Streets, with live entertainment by Category 6, will start around 7:30 p.m. on Jeff Davis Avenue. Everyone is invited to take part.

The scavenger hunt will wrap up on Sunday, June 5, and prizes for the scavenger hunt will be given. The five-day event will end with a final party at Coastal Daiquiri in Long Beach.

Each year, the event attracts thousands of Jeepers and others to the area, filling up local hotels and exposing visitors from all over to South Mississippi's unique cuisine and attractions, boosting the local economy.

"Ready. Set. Roll!" Moran said, as she does each year with much excitement. This year is no exception.

For additional details, visit the Jeepin the Coast Facebook page or www.JeepinTheCoast.com.







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Motorcycle safety awareness and education advocates recognized



Toni Miles

Long Beach Mayor George Bass presents Connie Fero, with the Gold Wing Riders Association, a City Proclamation at the May 3 Board of Aldermen meeting.

By Toni Mile

In 2020, there were 5,458 motorcycle fatalities in the United States. Louisiana, South Carolina and Mississippi have the overall highest rates of motorcycle fatalities in the nation, but some in the Magnolia State have made it their mission to save lives. One of them is the Gold Wing Riders Association.

At the Tuesday, May 3, Board of Aldermen meeting, the City of Long Beach and Mayor George Bass took time out to recognize these efforts with a Proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mayor Bass presented Connie Fero, with the Gold Wing Riders Association, with the proclamation, praising the ongoing efforts by her, the Gold Wing Riders Association and other motorcycle safety advocate groups for their countless hours of volunteer work to make riders, as well as other motorists on the road, more aware, and reminding residents to be on the lookout for motorcyclists while driving.

Open Gym available for area youth this summer

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Long Beach Recreation Center will host an "Open Gym" daily from June 6 through July 15 for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade. The program will run from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily.

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

Activities will include basketball, volleyball, hockey, wall ball, base-

ball and softball, dodgeball and much more. Lunch and an afternoon snack are provided daily. A morning snack will be available for purchase for \$1.

Aftercare will be available from 3 until 5 p.m. for \$40 a week. Aftercare payments will be by the week only.

The Long Beach Recreation Center is located on 20253 Daughtery Road. For more information, contact Amanada Yarbrough at amyarbrough@gmail.com or the Long Beach Senior Center at 228-868-7517.

Advance registration is not required.



Splish Splash! Having fun in the sun!

By Toni Miles

The splash pad at the Harper McCaughan Town Green reopened on May 1, and local kids, their family and friends wasted no time jumping in on the fun.

On Saturday, May 7, cousins 11-year-old Gauge Penton and 4-yearold Maverick Burgess took a ride with their uncle all the way from Picayune just to check out the Long Beach splash pad, a trip apparently well worth taking. About a dozen Long Beach kids and their parents were also basking in the sun and splash pad spouts midday Saturday.

The splash pad is located behind the Harper McCaughan Town Green pavilion, located at 301 Jeff Davis Avenue, off East 3rd Street, and is part of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, offering children in the area - and beyond - a fun safe place to play in the water and bask in the sun. Like all of the City's parks, the splash pad is open sunrise to sundown seven days a week. The Long Beach splash pad is scheduled to stay open until October 1.



group of kids cool off in the midday sun at the Harper McCaughan Town Green splash pad. The upper trajectory of the water was taller than some of the children having fun in the sun.



One local youngster gets a kick out of the splash pad.



Cousins Gauge Penton and Maverick Burgess marvel over the Long Beach splash pad after their uncle drove all the way from Picayune to let them get in on the splash pad fun.







High school grads, there's a big world to discover!

By Toni Miles

The good news - you've done it,

grads! Congrats.

Now, you have your whole life ahead of you, with new decisions to make at almost every turn. Some of these decisions will be life-affecting on all the major fronts of your life. The decisions you make during this season of your life will ultimately lead you to your career, possibly into various job fields over the course of your life, and possibly to whom you will wind up marrying and who your children will be not to mention the financial means by which you will live.

A LOT of pressure, right?

I was there once, years ago, and I have the unseen bumps, bruises and battle scars to prove it. Fortunately, I've learned a few things along the way that may help you. Maybe not. I know I myself didn't listen to all the wise counsel I was given during these formative and exciting years of life. Hopefully (and likely) you're smarter than I was, and will find at least some value in these thoughts I share with you.

First and foremost - stay true to yourself, your authentic self, the parts of you even your parents and best friends might not know. Each of us is made uniquely. Embrace this. Share it. The world needs it. Carve your own path in life, uniquely created and made just for

How do you know what this path is? Glad you asked. This leads to number two - follow your passion, your heart. There will be naysayers along the way. Some of them will be well-intending and closest to you, but your passion indicates your purpose in life, no matter how "crazy" it may seem.

Before I even began kindergarten, I knew what I wanted to be - a TV journalist, which I was for more than twenty years (and now I have switched back to my first love - print journalist, one of the career change possibilities I referenced earlier). I remember the excitement I felt over watching TV news, and how I was over the moon and full of questions (good trait for a wanna-be reporter) when a real, inthe-flesh TV news reporter from the local station came to visit my second-grade class.

Plenty of people, even those closest to me, discouraged this, pointing out that the odds (truly) were stacked against me. I'm glad I went with my heart. Yes, the struggle was real. I lives off cans of green beans and potatoes, which were 33 cents when I started out (and I was dozens of pounds lighter), but the short-term sacrifices were worth it in the long run. I'm a firm believer the money will come when you follow your passion and connect to your purpose.

Before you embark on your career of choice and finish college (if this is the path you choose) - or even if you go straight into the work force and get vacation



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, California



French Riviera



Horseback riding in Hawaii

time - GO. This is the time of your life when you won't likely be "saddled" with responsibilities that will keep you from traveling, especially places around the world

A college professor advised me my freshman year to travel as much as possible. Travel broke, if you have to (have the means to get back home, of course). You want to go to Rome - do it. Save up money from your side or summer job, and just GO. I did (not long after I got out of college, anyway).

Traveling, especially outside of the U.S. and overseas to Europe, opened a

Traveling, especially outside of the U.S. and overseas to Europe, opened a vast, new, amazing world I can't imagine having never discovered. If you can be part of an exchange program, my suggestion would be to jump on it. The

world is made up of a kaleidoscope of people beyond the 39560 zip code, and meeting, living in and experiencing the cultures of others enhances your life and understanding of this big world we live in.

Strike a balance. Find time for rest and recreation, but make sure you do the best you can and put in the effort required, no matter what you choose to do.

no matter what you choose to do.

Also, be careful who you choose as friends. We truly do, knowing or not, become a reflection of those we keep in our inner circle. Choose wisely. People, over time, should earn your trust and be supportive, positive, encouragers and good influences. You've likely seen or read stories about how one stupid decision in a young person's life turned his or her world, reputation and future

upside-down. This is the day of social media, selfies and cell phones. You never know who is watching, so live upright and transparently.

And lastly, have faith. If you are a person of faith, hold tight to that faith. It's the one thing that will never leave you, if you cling closely to it. There is something to the law of attraction - where our mind leads, our lives shall follow. I can tell you first-hand, and, believe me, I've faced some tough trials in life and made some not-so-smart decisions more than once or twice, but it does end up all working out

alright.
Go for the gusto, while you are still young. Shoot for the stars.

And remember, you can always find your way back home.

Long Beach High seniors honored at awards night











Photo Courtesy Leigh Anne Meador, Long Beach School Distr.

A LBHS graduating senior is given her copy of the yearbook.

Proud mom Tashunda McCall clicks a snapshot of her son, graduating senior AJ Allen

By Toni Miles

Applause and cheers shook the rafters of Long Beach High School's (LBHS) gymnasium the evening of Thursday, May 5, but, on this night, the applause was not for an athletic team. Rather, the 212 students of the LBHS 2022 Senior Class were honored at the district's annual Senior Celebration Night.

Members of the Class of 2022 are leaving Long Beach High School with 115 graduating students accepting more than \$3.1 million in scholarships to colleges and universities across the country.

Every single senior was honored during Senior Celebration Night, and school awards and scholarships were also announced. Seniors who purchased a yearbook were also given their copy of this year's LBHS yearbook, themed "Shift."

Leslie Rigby is the yearbook advisor. She and Brandy Zink coordinated the Senior Celebration Night so family and friends could celebrate the accomplishments of every graduating senior at LBHS, most of whom were decked out in all-white clothing.

It was a picture-perfect moment for Tashunda McCall, as she her husband and children cheered on her son, AJ Al-

CLASS OF 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- 212 graduating seniors in Long Beach High School's Class of 2022
- 115 students accepted more than \$3.1 million in scholarship money to colleges and universities
- 33 eminent scholars students with a minimum score of 29 on the ACT

len, the first student honored at the public celebration.

"I'm so proud of him," McCall said, grinning ear-to-ear after snapping a lot of photos of her son.

The night's celebration was a bittersweet moment for Long Beach School District Superintendent Dr. Talia Locke, who is a Long Beach High School graduate herself.

"I can remember my Senior Day, [which] took place in 1995. There are lots of similarities, such as the traditional all-white attire and the receiving of the yearbooks. I have wonderful memories of those times with my friends, but this event has also evolved into something much more," said Dr. Locke. "Now,

we get to celebrate each unique student by sharing their advice and/or quote for freshmen, their scholarships and awards and their plans after they leave the doors of Long Beach High School."

Long Beach High School Principal Justin Sutton says this class, like every graduating class and its students, holds a special place in his heart. He also praised this class for overcoming unprecedented challenges.

"The Class of 2022 holds a unique place when looking at the impact of COVID on education," Sutton said. "They were the class that had a pre-pandemic freshman year, saw their sophomore year end early, had a junior year completely impacted by COVID, and

started to see the beginning of a return to school as it had once been during their senior year. Through all of this, they have had to adjust to many changes in the realm of education and the rest of the world."

As for Superintendent Locke, she hopes her life's story, with local roots and strong ties to the community she lives and works in, shows that hard work, perseverance, drive and learning from failure can help students achieve their dreams.

"I definitely didn't have what others may consider an easy life, and I didn't go the traditional route in college; but, once I made up my mind that I wanted to work with children and do something that would make a difference in someone else's life, I did it and have tried to be my best," she says. "I've made mistakes throughout my educational journey, but there is never a day that I don't think about how I could have done something better or different to make a stronger impact."

The entire Senior Celebration Night event was livestream broadcasted by LBTV and the students with the Bearcat Broadcast Network.

Long Beach High School's Class of 2022 graduation was held May 17 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.



Toni Miles



Maci Dennison is honored at LBHS's Senior Celebration Night. Her shared words of choice to freshmen: "Your mistakes don't define your character. It's what you do after you make the mistakes that make all the difference."



Photo Courtesy Leigh Anne Meador, Long Beach School District



Finally First Friday Concert Series begins







By Toni Miles

About a hundred people were swaying to the tunes of cover songs as the Lisa Lee Albritton Band opened the first of a series of live bands and entertainment known fondly by locals as the Long Beach Live Finally First Friday Series. Those in the crowd were resting and relaxing, some lounging in lawn chairs they brought with them, others taking in the sounds of the evening from the seating

at the Harper McCaughan Town Green venue, where this year's kick-off concert was held.

The May concert was the first of six free concerts planned monthly through October.

Long Beach families are encouraged to come out and enjoy the live entertainment each month. Those with classic cars are invited to line the streets for a cruise in or enjoy a slow roll or stroll down Jeff Davis Avenue, where the ven-

ue is located, before and after each concert. At the May event, dozens of vintage vehicles, hot rods and their owners were lined up, ready to give all the details on their classic beauties.

All concerts start at 7 p.m. and are free.

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.

The schedule for the rest of the year includes:

June 3: Little Jimmy

July 8: Kelsey Moran

August 5: Da Real Band

September 9: Barstool Cowboy

October 7: Starz

FAMILIES ROLL OUT FOR RECORD ATTENDANCE AT TOUCH-A-TRUCK

All photos by Toni Miles.



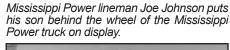
Dad Matt Loup and his sons Caleb and James take a pizza break after playing with the gadgets in the trucks and vehicles on display at this year's Touch-a-Truck event.





The owners and employees of a local tree service







By Toni Miles

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the annual Touch-A-Truck event at the Long Beach Harbor rolled out stronger than ever this year. Kids of all ages had the opportunity to experience life-size vehicles and interact with community support leaders, including police officers, firemen, construction workers and more on Saturday, May 7.

More than 52 vehicles and equipment of all shapes and sizes were on display, representing 35 organizations.

Over six hundred people attended this year's event, with funds raised allocated towards scholarships, small business grants and program of work events. It's one of the two biggest fundraisers held by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce each year.

"The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Touch-A-Truck event is a wonderful way for children and their families to interact, explore and learn about safety from our local heroes," said Michelle Kinsey, Board Chair of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, a division of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Scouts BSA Troop performs canoe training ahead of summer trips



Special to Long Beach Breeze

To prepare for their summer trip, Scouts from BSA High Adventure Troop 321 train how to work together to right a swamped canoe at Silver Run Lakes. In addition to righting a swamped canoe, scouts also work on general swimming, the J-stroke and other skills necessary for canoeing a fifty+-mile trek.



Special to Long Beach Breeze

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Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 321 recently completed canoe training at Camp Tiak and Silver Run Lakes. Pictured are scouts working on the basics for canoe training at Camp Tiak.

By Guest Columnist Tommy Carroll

Boy Scouts of America, Scouts BSA, Troop 321 from Long Beach, recently completed canoe training on two separate weekends in order to prepare for big adventures this summer.

During the months of March and April, Troop 321 completed two separate training events in order to be prepared for two upcoming treks in which the scouts will be participating in the near future. trained Scouts LONG BEACH at the LO Crosby Reservation, known to scouts as Camp Tiak, and at Silver Run Lakes, on private property owned by family members. During the training exercises, scouts covered swimming, basic risk mitigation from potential hazards, canoe familiarization and canoe operation basics.

Scouts from High Adventure Troop 321 are preparing for two significant upcoming treks. The first trip will be a fifty-mile combined canoeing and hiking trip down the Black Creek over Memorial Day weekend. The scouts will be canoeing from Dantzler Landing to the Fairley Bridge Landing, a trek of about forty miles on the water.

In order to earn the fifty-mile award, Scouts must complete a total of fifty miles over five days and perform a service project of ten hours.

Scouts will canoe the forty miles of the Creek, then hike as they do trail work, completing the

remaining

necessary in order to reach their fifty miles. This will be the second time the troop earns the fifty-Miler award. The first time was earned by hiking and backpacking the first fifty miles of the Appalachian Trail in 2018.

The second big canoeing trip will be in July, when the troop heads to Minnesota to canoe and portage the boundary waters between the U.S. and Canada. The trip to Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Base Northern Tier, in Ely, Minnesota, is a life-changing trip for scouts who make this trek. The seven-day trek will include not only include lake-canoeing, but will also include portaging, the carrying of canoes across sections of land in order to make the journey. Typical canoeing/portaging treks at Northern Tier generally range upwards of sixty miles.

Hobbs graduates with honors, scholarships



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Vaeda Trudeau Hobbs, a thirteen-year resident of Long Beach, graduated with honors from Our Lady Academy on May 20. She has been accepted into the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College and Engineering Program at Louisiana State University and will begin her freshman year in the fall. Hobbs has received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, a \$1,250 scholarship from the Mississippi Rural Water Association, and is a semi-finalist for LSU's PRISE scholarship program (Preparing Resilient Individuals for Success in Engineering). She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, the National Honor Society, Rotary International Youth Leadership, Hancock Youth Leadership High School Academy, the District Interact Organizational Committee, National Beta Club and Mu Alpha Theta. She is also a founding member and first President of the Interact Club of Bay St. Louis, a youth subsidiary of the Rotary Club. Throughout her time in Long Beach, Hobbs participated in six years of year-round travel softball as a pitcher and contributed to the Long Beach middle and high school softball and volleyball teams. She is a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach.

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Voters to cast ballots in June 7 primary for U.S. Congressional seat

By Toni Miles

The clock is ticking down to this year's primaries. On Tuesday, June 7, voters throughout the state of Mississippi, including Long Beach residents, will head to the polls to cast their votes in the 2022 primary election. On the ballot is Mississippi's U.S. Congressional seat for the area.

On the June 7 ballot, voters will determine which party candidates will represent their party in the race for the U.S. House Mississippi District 4 seat in the U.S. Congress in the November 8 general election.

Primary candidates in the 4th Congressional District for Mississippi's seat in the United States House of Representatives will appear on the June 7 ballot. Republican Steven Palazzo currently holds the office and will be running as



the incumbent. He will square off with Jackson County Sheriff Mike Ezell, Mississippi State Senator Brice Wiggins, Carl Boyanton, Clay Wagner, Kidron Peterson and Raymond Brooks for the Republican nomination in the November election.

Former Hattiesburg mayor Johnny Dupree and David Sellers are the two candidates running on the Democratic primary ticket.

Libertarian Alden Patrick Johnson is the only candidate on the

ballot for this party on the June 7 primary ballot.

The May 8 deadline to register to vote in person, or via mail ballot, in the June 7 primary election has already passed, as well as the filing deadline for candidates to run in this race.

Polls will open on Tuesday, June 7, throughout the City of Long Beach at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

Mississippi requires voters to present valid photo identification to vote in any election. Accepted forms of ID include a driver's license, Mississippi Voter Identification Card and a U.S. passport. Voter ID cards are available for free at the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's offices located in Gulfport and Biloxi.

Voting precinct location information is available by calling the

Harrison County Circuit Clerk's Office at 228-865-4005 or by visiting HarrisonCountyMS.gov and clicking on the "Elections and Voting" tab.

If no party's candidate receives a majority of the votes in the June 7 primary, a run-off will be held between the top two vote-getters. The winner of the run-off race will represent that party's nomination on the general election ballot.

This year's general election will take place on Tuesday, November 8. Not only will the general election ballot contain the names of the party nominees, also on the ballot will be any independent or third-party candidates who have qualified. The deadline to register to vote in the November general election is October 9. Mail-in ballots must also be postmarked October 9 for the general election.

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Holiday decoration sponsorships needed

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Even though the weather is getting consistently warmer and progressing towards summer, Pass Christian Main Street is currently in the process of making plans for holiday decorations. Many of the existing decorations are fifteen years old, so, this year, the organization is seeking to refurbish the decorations that are salvageable. Many of the original community-sponsored lighted stars require repairs, and all of them that are usable need to be updated from incandescent bulbs to LED bulbs. In addition, some new and replacement decorations need to be purchased.

Pass Christian Main Street is working with the City's Beau-

tification Department on the project, but is asking for public support to help fund the repairs and purchases. Multiple options and levels are available, starting with a \$250 sponsorship, which



would pay for rust treatment, painting, wiring and replacement of bulbs in a small star. The organization has forty small stars that need to be repaired. A \$400 sponsorship will cover refurbishment of a large star, of which the organization has sixteen needing repair.

New decorations also need to be purchased. The new designs range in price from \$500 to \$1,700 and include stars, pelicans, sailboats and turtles.

All sponsorships are tax-deductible.

Pass Christian Main Street President Anita Giani said, "We hope you will consider one of these options so that, together, we can continue to make Pass Christian a magical place during the holidays!"

Sponsorship checks can be sent to Pass Christian Main Street, P.O. Box 403, Pass Christian, MS 39571. For more information, call 228-452-3315.

Donation options for holiday decorations

\$250

Small star refurbishment, 40 needed

\$400

Large star refurbishment, 16 needed

\$500

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PCHS graduates Class of 2022

The Pass Christian High School Class of 2022 had their commencement on May 13. Saniia Turner earned the title of Valedictorian, and Mallory Williams was named Salutatorian.



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2022 PCHS Valedictorian Saniia Turner

2022 PCHS Salutatorian Mallory Williams

Adams recognized, promoted by USAF

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WWII veteran, centenarian and Pass Christian resident Major Thomas D. Adams was recently recognized and

promoted by the United States Air Force. Adams was also presented with a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Founda-tion. Pass Christian Police and Fire Department representatives were on site to witness the ceremony.

Adams enlisted in 1941 after working for the Navy in Norfolk, Virginia. At the age of twenty-one, he was in the first class of aircraft mechanic students in the 305th School Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base.

His 25-year career in the Army Air Corps and the Air Force took him to Guam, the Philippines, Korea, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Colorado, New Mexico, Turkey, Vietnam, Louisiana and many other locations for training, assignments and temporary duty. He also

served as an instructor at Keesler and the Gulfport Army Airfield.

Adams trained as a B-29 flight engineer and combat crew and flew twenty-four missions with his crew and

substituted on two others during World War II.

He reenlisted Keesler in 1946 and was sent to Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of the Manhattan Project research and development program for bomb drop test flights as part of the 509th Bomb Group.

Adams moved into the officer ranks and became an aircraft maintenance chief and maintenance control officer at England Air Force Base,

Louisiana. When he retired in 1966, he had achieved the rank of chief warrant officer 4.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Adams' military history courtesy of 81st Training Wing Public Affairs.



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Summer meal program begins June 1



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The Long Beach School District Child Nutrition Program, through the United States Department of Agriculture, will provide a Summer Feeding Program at Quarles Elementary School. The program is available to all students and children ages eighteen years old and younger.

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

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

Families are encouraged to make seasonal fruits and vegetables a high priority for snacks, meals and any time.

The meal program will offer a lunch to all children, no matter the district in which they attend school, each weekday from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meals must be eaten in the Quarles Elementary School cafeteria, and masks are not required. Adult meals will be available for purchase for \$3.75.

The program begins on Wednesday, June 1, and continues through Friday, July 29, with no meals served on July 4.

"We hope the community will take advantage of this service, which offers free nutritious meals for the summer," said Long Beach School District Director of School Nutrition Deedee Hurt.

Quarles Elementary is located at 111 Quarles Street.

For more information, call 228-864-1337. Long Beach School District is an equal opportunity provider.

