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Nate takes Long Beach to Beauvoir



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While Hurricane Nate thankfully packed less punch than was originally anticipated for Long Beach, there were still reports of storm damage. City representatives received a call from a coastal resident informing them that the “Welcome to Long Beach” sign had traveled to the beach in front of Beauvoir during the storm. Alderwoman Tricia Bennett and her husband, State Representative Richard Bennett, went and retrieved the sign and brought it back to Long Beach.

City assesses properties for clean - up

By Traci Bonney

Homeowners and lot owners in Long Beach are reminded not to neglect their property.

If a home sits unlocked and vacant, it can become an attractive nuisance, a vacant property that attracts partying teens and squatters. It might even be labeled by the City as a derelict, an unsanitary, unsafe eyesore in the community.

The City Council took action on several such properties at its first public meeting of the month on Tuesday, October 3. One such property, a vacant house on Kays Drive, a dead end street in west Long Beach, was recently deemed a menace to the public health and safety of the community, according to a resolution passed following a public hearing on July 5. At that hearing, several neighbors and individual Aldermen testified as to the house’s condition, saying it was vacant, unlocked and easily accessible to squatters and anyone else who wanted to enter. Furthermore, it was reported to be so unclean as to be a hazard to the surrounding community.

Attempts by the City to have the property owner clean the property had been unsuccessful as of the October City Council meeting. As a result, in accordance with state law, the Council resolved unanimously by roll call vote to assess a fine against the property owner in the amount of \$3,519.85 to cover the costs of cleanup (\$2,109.85)

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Long Beach spared serious damage

By Fred Weller

The City of Long Beach came through the wind, rain and tidal surge of Hurricane Nate with only minimal damages, says Long Beach Mayor George Bass. While the storm’s winds and rain peaked late Saturday night and into the early hours of Sunday morning, there were no calls to the City’s emergency services for help, according to Mayor Bass. The Mayor said he was especially pleased with residents’ response to the curfew, which was in place from 7 p.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday,

which allowed the first responders to attend to their emergency preparedness procedures.

The Mayor said that, at the time of this interview, only one house was known to have had any dam-

age, which was minor and caused by a falling tree branch. Several trees were uprooted but caused no damage to structures. Power was briefly lost to a number of homes at the height of the storm,

but was quickly restored by power company crews. A side scan sonar evaluation of the harbor showed no obstructions to navigation, and vessels were allowed to return to the Long Beach Marina by Sunday afternoon. Minor damages were incurred to the marina’s walkway planking and to the railings at its fishing dock.

Officials say traffic on Highway 90 was affected with storm surge water covering lanes of the highway in both directions. The east-bound lane was drifted in with windblown sand.

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See photos of storm damage from Nate on page 12.



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Invasive tree species causes local issue in hometown

By Traci Bonney

Sometimes, popcorn is a bad thing, especially when it's a tree growing in a retention pond.

The Long Beach City Council voted unanimously at its first meeting of the month on Tuesday, October 3, to direct the City's Building Official to continue to withhold the Certificate of Occupancy at a property on Oak Haven Drive until the property owner comes into compliance with state and city regulations regarding the retention pond on the site.

Retention ponds are designed to help control and treat stormwater runoff to lessen flooding and ensure local water quality. The Mississippi Storm Water Prevention Plan recommends the use of native vegetation around stormwater runoff basins, such as retention ponds, to help with erosion protection. However, an invasive species growing in a retention pond can become

a hindrance, because it can take over the pond and keep it from performing as designed. This can contribute to flooding and water pollution problems.

According to John Eustace, the City's Building Official, the issue is that the retention pond has several Chinese tallow trees growing in it. The trees are commonly known as popcorn trees due to the appearance of their white fruit. If the retention pond were on public land or City property, the City could remove the trees. However, because the pond is on privately owned land, the landowner is required to remove them. Until the owner does so, he will not be in compliance with the regulations regarding the retention pond.

The Chinese tallow tree was introduced to the United States in the mid 1800s as a seed oil crop. It is native to China, Japan, and Korea, but is commonly grown in the United States as an ornamental tree for its yellow flowers,

red fall foliage, and unusual white arils, which gave it the name popcorn tree. It is an invasive species that has spread throughout several southern U.S. states and Cal-

ifornia, and has generated a statewide campaign called "Help Stop the Pop" aimed at mapping Mississippi's level of infestation as a first step in dealing with the spread of the fast-growing disrupter of native ecosystems.

As of the writing of this article, more than 1,800 sites covering 3,600+ acres of land have been mapped via the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Help Stop the Pop website (<https://help-stopthepop.com>). Several mapped sites are in the city limits of Long Beach. The Oak Haven Drive property was not yet on the map as of press time.



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The Chinese Tallow Tree has been identified as an invasive species in Mississippi and currently is growing in a retention pond of a Long Beach property owner, putting the property in non-compliance with regulations.

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Long Beach celebrates eight days of spooktacular events

By Katherine R. Dougan

A frightfully delightful eight days of spirited Halloween celebration takes place beginning October 24 on the Gulf Coast, with special, family-friendly events planned in Long Beach.

Tammy Devin is the one-woman planning “team” for the event.

“I came up with this idea to do something kind of small for the city of Long Beach,” Devin said. “Then, it just kind of snowballed.”

She wanted to have an event in Long Beach reminiscent of Halloween when she was a child, when “imagination and creativity were encouraged, and candy was plentiful,” a time when children in handmade costumes safely scurried through neighborhoods trick-or-treating, gathering sacks full of candy, and shivering with anticipation as they listened to adults telling deliciously frightening ghost stories.

Long Beach becomes Boo Town for the Spooktacular celebration, with ghosts and goblins, witches, superheroes and all nature of two-legged and four-legged participants invited to don costumes and enjoy a traditional fall festival with a few “really cool highlights,” Devin said.

The Long Beach resident started out by working with merchants, who were all on-board for the

libraries are going to do a story time during the event, Devin organized a book fair with the Barnes & Noble store in Gulfport to get donations and books for the libraries. A portion of the proceeds from the book fair will benefit the library of the purchasers’ choice. Items can also be purchased from the Library Wishlist located at the front of the Barnes & Noble store.



celebration. Devin wanted to promote the arts, so she arranged for students under the age of 18 to submit their artwork, created in any medium, which will be displayed all over the cities of Long Beach and Pass Christian from October 23. She invited artists who create their items by hand.

“I limited the art stuff to handmade only; I wanted it to be a

In addition to a fun event that celebrates all of the arts, she wanted to provide a much-needed economic boost for the merchants. For a first-year event, she says she is happy with the level of interest. Gulf Coast Halloween, with a website and a Facebook page, has logged nearly 4,000 visits to the sites, with vendors coming from “all over the place,” she said.

To participate in the book fair:

To donate books via an in-person Barnes & Noble purchase, visit <https://www.gulfcoasthalloween.com/hal-s-book-drive>, and click on the Library Link to get a printable voucher to present prior to making a purchase at the Barnes & Noble bookstore.

To support the book fair online, visit www.bn.com/bookfair from October 21-27 and enter the book fair event ID on your library’s voucher.

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real art festival. I’d rather have half real art – branding from the beginning – people will know what to expect.” Then she added music. And the event kept growing in scope and scale.

Originally planned as an event for Long Beach, when the neighboring city of Pass Christian also wanted to be part of the festivities, Devin welcomed them, and expanded her own duties, speaking to businesses and boards, merchants and residents. Since

Downtown Long Beach and the Town Green is the scene for the party, with arts and crafts booths, a pet parade, costume contest, a fall fashion show, a pop-up escape room, Barktoberfest, games and kid-friendly events. Pumpkin-carving and scarecrow making will be part of the fun, and kids of all ages can create a Haunted Gingerbread House on Friday, October 27, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Dolce Bakeshop. Cost for the gingerbread house activity

will be \$20 per child or \$35 for two children, all supplies included.

Other events include:

MONSTER CARS AND TRUCKS: Friday, October 27, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., Long Beach; monster cars and trucks, rat rods, art cars, classics and antiques are invited to cruise in for a “Most Haunted” Decorating contest in downtown Long Beach; free entry, www.gulfcoasthalloween.com/monster-car-cruise-in.

BARKTOBER FEST: October 28, 10 a.m., Long Beach Town Green, Jeff Davis Avenue; family-friendly event open to the community with activities for two- and four-legged participants. The Humane Society of South Mississippi, or HSSM, will bring their Love Train trailer filled with adorable, adoptable pets; Dominos will sell pizza to raise money for HSSM; a Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest at 1 p.m.; to register a pet, visit: hssm.org/events/barktoberfest or call 228-822-3802.

With all of the events and happenings for the eight-day celebration, Devin said many residents think a carnival is coming to town.

“This is the cool thing. A lot of people don’t realize – a lot of people believe this is some big carnival coming to town. It’s not a big corporation; it’s me, a Long Beach resident. It’s not a casino,” Devin said.

Both the website and Facebook page are constantly being updated with details and additional events, so be sure to check the pages often, Devin said. The final information will be posted by October 20.

The festival also offers a #hashtag contest, and asks those at the Gulf Coast Halloween event to hashtag #gulfcoasthalloween. It is free to enter, and Devin said, if you post it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter at end of festival, they could win \$250 in a drawing.

For more information, visit:

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Fall festival set for Nov. 11

By Chelsea Floyd

Fall breeze, autumn leaves, and fall festivals are in the air in Long Beach. Carnival Association of Long Beach, a non-profit organization, is having their first fall festival on November 11. The festival is a team Walker/Frost event being held at the Harper McCaughan Town Green.

King Shane Walker and Queen Linda Frost of the Carnival Association of Long Beach, along with their team and volunteers, have been hard at work to raise money for charity. They will be at the festival, so Long Beach residents are encouraged to stop by and say hello.

A 5K Turkey Trot will start the festival off at 8 a.m., followed by many more festivities. There will be a karaoke competition for different age groups, a costume contest for pets, a chili cook-off, kid activities and much more. A choir will be singing patriotic sounds to honor veterans during the festival, as well. The festival promises to be a family-friendly event for the Long Beach community.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome and will be much appreciated. All of the proceeds from the events that the Carnival Association of Long Beach holds are given

to St. Vincent de Paul School and other charities, local and non-local. The Carnival Association has raised over a million dollars, and the money has been donated to many charities, such as the Harrison County Heart Association, The Special Olympics, South MS Regional Center, and many more. The organization's mission is to make connections and give back to the community.

All of the events of the Carnival Association are volunteer-based, and they are always looking for volunteers or volunteer groups to help them out during their events. Those interested in having a booth at the festival or wishing to volunteer are encouraged to contact Angie Johnson at 228-297-9298 or by email at queenrosalie16@gmail.com. To learn about upcoming events, visit the Carnival Association homepage at www.longbeachcarnival.com.

Council looks to improve city's flood insurance rates

By Traci Bonney

Taking steps to improve Long Beach's flood insurance rates was high on the City Council's priority list at its first October meeting.

As the first item of new business on the October 3 meeting agenda, Alderman At-Large Donald Frazer brought up for discussion the city's flood insurance rating. He stated Long Beach has the lowest discount rates of any of the cities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and proposed that the City investigate further to determine what can be done to improve the rating and increase the discount percentage available to residents and business owners.

According to FEMA, as of April 1, 2017, the City of Long Beach has a class rating of eight in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary program that encourages communities to engage in activities that will improve flood insurance rates for policyholders. All of the Coast cities from Waveland to Pascagoula and two counties (Harrison

and Jackson) are among the 1,444 participant communities.

A class rating of eight carries discounts of either five or ten percent, depending on which flood zone a building is in on the city flood zone map. Jackson County's nine is the only rating lower than Long Beach's among the Coast's participating communities. The City of Biloxi has the best rating among local cities; its class rating of five carries discounts of ten and twenty-five percent for flood insurance policyholders.

Alderman Frazer said that some of the steps the City can take are simple, such as posting the city's rating classification on the City website and having the city's flood zone map displayed at the public library. Other actions may require more effort and resources.

The City Council discussed the matter and asked Alderman Frazer to form an ad hoc committee with local insurance agents and members of the Long Beach Planning Commission to review the City's CRS discount and make recommendations on ways to improve it.

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Banner program set to honor local veterans

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The Carnival Association of Long Beach will display banners honoring military heroes from November 4 through November 17. The banners will be placed on street lamps along Jeff Davis Avenue.

The project is designed to be a tribute for the community to recognize and honor Long Beach residents and/or their family



members who are serving, are veterans who have served, or were veterans who gave their life for the country through service in the United States Armed Forces. Each banner will include the veteran's name, branch of service and years of service. If provided, the banner will also include a photo.

For more information, call 703-298-0941.

Residents encouraged to sign up for city alerts

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Citizens, friends and business owners are encouraged to sign up for the new alerts/public information auto-call offered by the City of Long Beach.

To sign up, residents can visit the City's website at www.cityoflongbeach.com and look in the bottom right hand corner for the signup link.

Residents who signed up on the previous system's auto call

must sign up again, as the City now has a new program.

The auto-call program will help residents stay informed in the event of natural disasters and with City updates.

Residents are also encouraged to add City Hall's number to their phone contacts, as that is the number that will show on Caller ID when the alert call is made. City Hall's number is 228-863-1556.

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Long Beach spared in serious damage event

Mississippi Department of Transportation crews were able to clear the sand from one east-bound lane by Sunday evening. Final cleanup on the 26-mile stretch of highway was delayed

on Monday, October 6, by rain but was completed by the next day.

According to the mayor, the total damage to Long Beach was estimated at \$250,000.

Molesworth recently named Educator of Year

Special to Long Beach Breeze

Susan Molesworth was recently named the Fred Walker Educator of the Year by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Molesworth has worked in the field of special education for over

Michigan, before moving back to work in her hometown of Long Beach in 1996.

Molesworth has held the positions of Homebound teacher, lead high school special education teacher, and Transition Coordinator prior to earning her Master's



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Susan Molesworth (center) was recently named the Fred Walker Educator of the Year by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured are Cindy Walker (left) and Long Beach Superintendent Dr. Jay Smith (right).

thirty years, having taught every grade from first through twelfth. She says her love of children with disabilities began while working at South Mississippi Regional Center and with Special Olympics during the summer months while attending USM in Hattiesburg. After graduating with a B.S. degree in Special Education in 1980, she taught in Gulfport for three years before moving to Texas, where she continued teaching. She later taught in Alabama and

degree in School Guidance and Counseling from USM in 2000. Since then, she has been the Positive Behavior Specialist and Assistant Special Education Director. She received her Administrator License in 2012, and that year began as Special Education Director. During this time, Molesworth has served on the Mississippi Autism Advisory Committee. She also oversees the Gifted Department, Section 504, and Teacher Support Teams for the District.

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Trunk or Treat scheduled

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The Long Beach Church of Christ will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday evening, October 29, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature free food and games for kids up to eleven years old, and the public is invited.

The Long Beach Church of Christ is located at 200 North Cleveland Avenue in Long Beach.

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City assesses derelict properties for cleanup

and a \$1,500.00 penalty or half the cleanup cost, whichever was greater, all to be assessed against the parcel of

Hall meeting room at 201 Jeff Davis Avenue.

Mayor Bass also encouraged the Aldermen to report any

To submit a derelict property complaint, contact the Alderman for your ward, or call the Building Office at 228-863-1554.

land where the house is located.

The Council also voted to schedule public hearings on Tuesday, October 17, to determine whether eleven other properties within the city limits should be ruled derelict and subject to mandatory cleanup. According to Council minutes, all eleven parcels are assessed to one owner and are on Lantana Boulevard, Twin Lakes Boulevard and Periwinkle Lane. The hearings were scheduled for October 17 in the City

derelict properties to Building Official John Eustace so notices can be sent to the property owners.

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Long Beach High hosts Bearcat Madness October 23

By Andy Kanengiser

Fans of Long Beach High basketball teams are in for a special treat on October 23.

That's the date for the second annual Bearcat Madness celebration to launch the school's 2017-18 basketball season.

The Long Beach High basketball gymnasium should be packed for the second year in a row, organizers say.

Students will join Gulf Coast fans watching Long Beach hoops scrimmages and shooting contests and seeking to win door prizes. The event that Monday night runs from 6 until 8 p.m., and the public is invited. Organizers say it should be a wonderful night for the Maroon and White family.

"The first year of Bearcat Madness turned out great," said Lady Bearcats head basketball coach Jed Kanengiser. "It was a lot of fun for the players, students and fans."

In his second season as the squad's head coach, Kanengiser is serving as the event's chief organizer once again.

"It's a great way to kick off the season and recognize our winter sports teams," said Kanengiser, a Delta State University graduate.

more. Bearcat Madness helps raise money for the Long Beach basketball teams.

There will be several scrimmage games on the agenda that Mon-

Recruiters from schools like Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University will be on hand to toss T-shirts to the crowd.

The event's cost of admission is \$5 for adults. Kids get in free if they bring a canned food item for a local Gulf Coast charity. Last year's event collected two hundred items for the Long Beach food pantry.

People interested in a sneak preview of the 2017-18 season on the high school campus at 300 East Old Pass Road shouldn't miss Bearcat Madness.

The upcoming Long Beach High basketball season isn't far away.

The Lady Bearcats open at home with Perry Central on Saturday, November 4. The game with the visitors from New Augusta taps at noon. Coach Joel Boone's Maroon and White boys' team opens its season with a home game on Friday, November 10, against St. Martin of Ocean Springs. The non-conference game begins at 7:30 p.m.



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Head Coach Jed Kanengiser and members of the Long Beach Middle School Lady Bearcats pose for a photo at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College summer basketball camp. They will be participating in the Bearcat Madness event on Monday, October 23.

Last year's event featured music by the Long Beach High School Band, the Bearcat cheerleaders, several sports teams, food at the concession stands and much

day evening. The Lady Bearcats will divide up and tangle on the hardwood. So will coach Joel Boone's Bearcats boys' squad on the gym floor that evening.

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Long Beach Live Cruisin' and Groovin' Concert

Long Beach Live recently finished its season with their Cruisin' and Groovin' concert at the Harper McCaughan Town Green. The concert featured Jesse Allen, who grew up in Long Beach.



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Marine Commander to keynote Salute to the Military

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Major General David G. Bellon will be the featured speaker at the 39th annual Salute to the Military on Tuesday evening, October 24, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center in Biloxi.

“The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Inc. will host its annual Salute, continuing a 39-year tradition of bringing the nation’s top military leaders to the Mississippi Coast to join in tribute to our local neighbors-in-uniform,” explained Salute Chairman and Master of Ceremonies John McFarland of the American Red Cross.

The evening will include a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. in the Convention Center and a ceremonial program and seated dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Remarks will be given by Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce President Tommy Murphy, U. S. Congressman Steven Palazzo, and General Bellon to recognize and honor the contributions of area military

personnel. Entertainment will be provided by the 41st Army Band, and the Thomas V. Fredian Community Service award will be presented to one outstanding enlisted honoree.

This year’s program will include video tributes on the 75th anniversary of U.S. Navy Seabees and the 100th Anniversary of Camp Shelby. Guests will also view a unique collection of military exhibits in the convention center and on the coliseum grounds.

The event is open to the public. Civilian tickets are \$60, and reserved tables of 10 are available for \$600. Presenting and Corporate sponsorships are available and include complimentary tickets to enlisted personnel at area installations. Black tie or dress uniform is preferred, but business dress is accepted. Dinner is included.

“Our goal is always to provide sponsored tickets to local installations for enlisted military members who want to come,” McFarland said. “We encourage businesses to sponsor tickets for

the military or, if they purchase a table for themselves and won’t use all ten tickets, to let us know and we’ll distribute the extra tickets in their name.”

Salute co-chairman Bob Coniglione of PAE at Stennis Space Center, a Salute sponsor says, “Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce members have been honoring our military neighbors in this very public way since 1978 – something no other American community can claim. This tradition has been very important to the military and to the community. Every year we have been able to bring one of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff or other top leaders to the Mississippi Coast to help honor our military neighbors.”

Past Salute to the Military speakers include two secretaries of defense, three Air Force secretaries, two Navy secretaries, four chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and more than two dozen other members of the joint chiefs of staff.

To reserve tickets or for sponsorship inquiries, contact the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Inc. office at 228-604-0014. Tickets will not be available at the door on the evening of the event.

Taste of Long Beach set for Nov. 2

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 2017

Taste of Long Beach on Thursday, November 2, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green. The annual event offers attendees the opportunity to sample the cuisine of Long



Beach restaurants and businesses.

Local restaurants, beverage vendors and businesses will display their culinary delights and offer

samples. A silent auction will feature products and services from Long Beach businesses, and the event will also include live music. The annual event is designed to showcase local businesses and expose more people to what Long Beach has to offer.

Advance tickets for the event are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Tickets at the door will be \$35 per person. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, or to find out how to be a sponsor or a vendor, call 228-604-0014.

Fishery Mgmt. Council addresses Gulf issues

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico, met in Biloxi early last month.

In August, the Council had revised the rebuilding plan for greater amberjack after learning that the stock continues to be overfished and experiencing overfishing. The Council opted to close the 2018 recreational season at the beginning of the year while it worked to set a recreational season that best balances conservation and stakeholder use. At this meeting, the Council took final action on a Framework Amendment that modifies the recreational fishing year to begin on August 1 and run through July 31 of the following year. The Council also selected a fixed recreational closed season January 1 - April 30, June 1 - July 31, and November 1 - December 31. Meaning, the recreational amberjack fishing season will be open August - October and again in May with any quota closures occurring later in the fishing year rather than the calendar year.

The Council reviewed a series of draft amendments that would enable the Gulf States to establish

management programs for the recreational harvest of red snapper out to 200 nautical miles.

The Council reviewed a draft related to making federal regulations for commercial spiny lobster bully netting consistent with regulations recently adopted by the State of Florida and allowing Florida to directly submit proposed spiny lobster regulations to National Marine Fisheries Service without requiring Council action. The Council elected to add actions to the document to maintain consistency with Florida regulations that would consider adding a bag limit for commercial divers and bully netters; requiring degradable panels in commercial spiny lobster traps; and defining artificial habitats. The Council will revisit an updated draft of the document at a future meeting.

In addition, the Council addressed coral habitats, sea turtle release gear and protocols, developed a policy statement supporting the use of descending devices or venting tools as needed on board vessels possessing reef fish, reviewed draft amendments concerning allocation based management approaches for federally permitted charter vessels, and discussed issues related to reef fish management approaches for headboat survey vessels.

Support library with book purchases this October

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, Director of Youth and Technology Services, Long Beach Public Library

It is hard to believe that Halloween is just around the spooky corner, but it is. And, as a reminder, there will be a spectacular Halloween happening taking place by the name of the Gulf Coast Halloween Carnival et Fete de Rue during the weekend of October 27 through October 29. The best part about it is it is not only going to be loads of fun for the whole fam-

check out the "Events" link on the site. P.S. There will also be carnival rides on the 27th!

In November, the Long Beach Library will be closed Saturday, November 11, through Monday, November 13, for Veterans' Day and will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and remain closed through Sunday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Long Beach Library Book Club will meet on Monday, November 20, at 1 p.m., and the book for the month of November

The Long Beach Library will be closed

during these times for holidays:

Saturday, Nov. 11 – Monday, Nov. 13

Wednesday, Nov. 22 (closes at noon) – Sunday, November 26

ily but also will benefit so many. Along with all the Halloween fun, Barnes and Noble has teamed up with the organizers of the event to help with a book drive. Pick up a voucher in the library, or you can print one from the link on the website; and between October 21 and October 27, you can use the voucher number with your purchase, and a portion of your purchase will go to help Long Beach Public Library. At this point, there are way too many scheduled events to try and mention, so, if you haven't already done so,

is *A Gentlemen in Moscow*, by Amor Towles.

Preschool story time is always held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and is geared towards preschool-aged children. It includes stories, a craft, song and dance, and games related to our theme. A complete list and description of upcoming story time events, as well other library related events, can be found on our webpage at <http://www.longbeach.lib.ms.us>.

Hope to see you at your library soon!

Long Beach Public Library Events

Tuesday, Nov. 7

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

Monday, Nov. 20

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Southern Miss transitioning to tobacco-free campuses

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The University of Southern Mississippi is transitioning to tobacco-free for all campuses, teaching and research sites, effective January 1, 2018.

The university's new tobacco-free policy will replace the former smoking policy, which limited smoking to certain designated areas.

A Tobacco Free Campus Taskforce has been created through the Moffitt Health Center with members from the Hattiesburg and Gulf Park campuses to assist with policy promotion, awareness and implementation. Efforts will also include the promotion of cessation resources available to those desiring to quit using tobacco.

Research demonstrates that the use of tobacco products is one of the most significant factors in developing serious health problems ranging from heart disease, stroke, and cancer

in smokers and nonsmokers. This includes, but is not limited to, smoking, second-hand smoke or smokeless tobacco. USM joins the many colleges and universities nationwide in demonstrating its commitment to eliminating tobacco exposure and promoting healthy practices and choices for individuals.

Funding from a grant by the CVS Health Foundation will be used to support implementation efforts and to train members of the University community to actively assist in tobacco cessation efforts. The grant is part of the American Cancer Society (ACS)'s Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative. The ACS will provide technical assistance and other resources, including education, communications, support to quit smoking, and evaluation.

For more information, contact the Moffitt Health Center at 601-266-5390.

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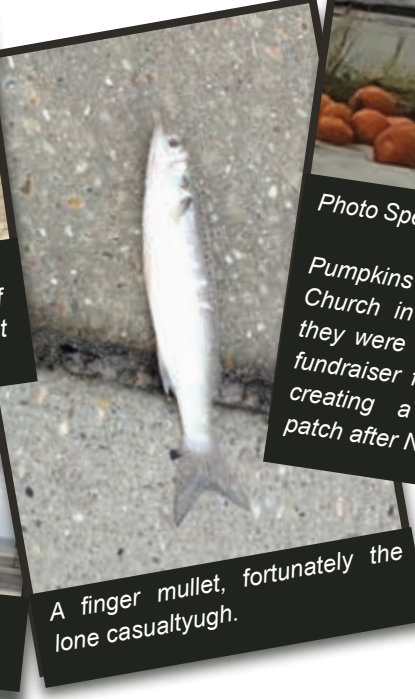
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Storm damage from Nate minimal



Pictured (l to r) are Tom Ponte, United States Coast Guard; Mike Brown, Long Beach Fire Chief; Billy Seal, Long Beach Police Chief and Mayor George Bass Mayor after a group review of conditions at Long Beach Harbor and Marina.



A finger mullet, fortunately the lone casualty.



Photo Special to Long Beach Breeze
Pumpkins from Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, where they were waiting to be sold as a fundraiser for missions, ended up creating a beachfront pumpkin patch after Nate blew through.



A beachfront fire pit and picnic table buried by windswept sand from Nate



A giant log pushed from Gulf waters by Nate's storm surge

*All photos by Fred Weller unless otherwise noted.

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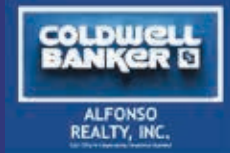
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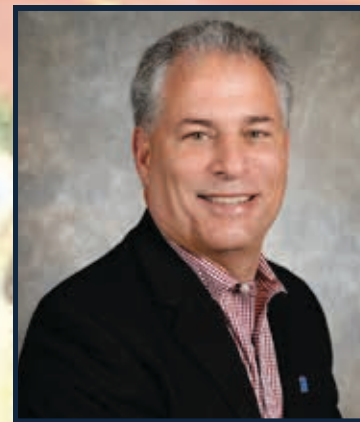
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Garden Club receives award



Special to Long Beach Breeze

The Long Beach Garden Club (LBGC) received a second place District Achievement Award for the 2016-17 year. The Spanish Trail District Awards were presented at a luncheon meeting held last month in Bay St. Louis. Pictured (l to r) are Debbie Cox, LBGC President; Terri Oehmichen, LBGC Treasurer; Lynda Dickerson, President, Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

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Design with nature's colors

By Guest Columnist Vicki Rhodes

There are many things that nature can teach us about decorating. From the colors that you see to the textures you can feel, you can discover ways to draw inspiration from nature to enhance the interior design of your home.

When you think about nature or natural elements in home design, most people think about green landscapes and brown wood tones. However, there is much more in nature than the colors brown and green. For instance, a rainbow is made of several different colors that are on opposite ends of the color wheel. However, when they come together, they make one of the most amazing visual elements in nature.

Keeping the rainbow in mind, think about the colors that are opposite on the color wheel. For example, yellow and purple go great together, as do orange and blue. You know the old saying, opposites attract? Well, it is true in design, too.

Nature is three-dimensional, so texture should play an import-

ant role in your home décor. For instance, consider the roughness of a tree compared to the softness of the grass. You can have a rough wood table in the kitchen, or even as a coffee table in your living space, but you need to add a soft element to offset it. You can add soft, smooth placemats to the table or soft, fluffy throw pillows on the sofa. You would not want to have a rough wooden table with rough placemats, as this can make the space feel cold and unwelcoming.

So, keep nature in mind when creating your overall design scheme. It is much easier and cost effective to have a neutral color, such as a soft grey on the walls, and then add the colors you love in art, decorative pillows and accent pieces. Or even paint one wall, such as your fireplace wall, in a complimenting color. These things can easily be changed out when you decide you want a different look.

Have fun designing the interiors of your home!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Vicki Rhodes is an owner of Floor Trader Gulf Coast.



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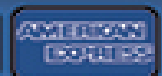
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