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Seabees reach out to Long Beach

By Guest Columnist Brian Lamar

“The Mississippi Gulf Coast community is the warmest and most welcoming group of patriots that I believe I have ever encountered through my entire career,” said Capt. Bill Whitmire, the new commanding officer for the Naval Construction Battalion Center, which is better known in the Long Beach area as the Seabee Base.

Whitmire, who took command from Capt. (ret.) Cheryl Hansen of NCBC during a change of command ceremony in August, has hit the ground running with visits to local municipal and federal leaders on the Gulf Coast. A couple of the first engagements Whitmire completed were a visit to the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce elected officials

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Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Naval Construction Training Center Seabees adopted Quarles Elementary. Throughout the year, Seabees tutor students in reading and math. Seabees also do rehabilitation construction projects on the school as well.

LB Bearcats Homecoming

By Guest Columnist Leigh Anne Briggs

This year’s community Homecoming festivities features some changes. The Oct. 20 parade, beginning at 6 p.m., will start at the high school stadium parking lot and proceed down Cleveland Avenue to RR, turn right onto RR and then turn left on Jeff Davis ending at the Town Green. (Floats will turn on 4th Street to park or disperse.) The Community Pep Rally immediately follows the parade. It will be led by the LBHS award-winning band and cheerleaders.

Line up for floats is at 5 p.m. at the stadium. Contact Tanner Montella or Karen McMillan at LBHS with any parade questions.

There will be another Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 20 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. at Lumpkin Magee stadium.

Evening Homecoming festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with recognition of all the Homecoming maids and the crowning of the 2017 Queen. This celebration will be immediately followed by the Homecoming football game against West Harrison. Attendees are encouraged to wear maroon and show their Long Beach pride as they come out to support the Long Beach Bearcats.

Homecoming Week festivities culminate on Saturday evening as Long Beach High School students celebrate with their annual Homecoming Dance at the LBHS gym from 8 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Leigh Anne Briggs is the Public Relations Director for the Long Beach School District.

MS Encyclopedia is no lightweight



Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

The new Mississippi Encyclopedia was reviewed at Gulf Park recently. Pictured (l to r) are: Karen Shockly, Gulf Park student from Long Beach; presenter Dr. Deanne Stephens; and Edward McCormack, Associate Dean/Professor of USM Libraries.

By Steve Jackson

For those who like their state’s history in small sips but in large bottles, then *The Mississippi Encyclopedia* is just what they need.

The over-sized, hefty book was a 12-year project in the making and includes everything Mississippi, from A to Z, in an interesting, informative manner. Weighing in at more than fifteen pounds, the new, huge reference book features 1,600 entries and 1,451 pages. It is the first such work on Mississippi in 110 years.

Approximately 700 scholars

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Daren Houck new interim CES headmaster

By Guest Columnist Melissa Brown

Coast Episcopal School has hired Daren Michael Houck as the Coast Episcopal School Interim Head of School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Houck has 21 years of educational service, 15 of which have been in leadership positions at outstanding Pre-K through 12 grade schools. In his fifteen years as an educational leader, Mr. Houck was heavily involved in admissions, communications, development, and curriculum design. He focuses on diversity and inclusion to enhance and hone the experience of every community member. Mr. Houck focuses on leading faculty and students in an educational experience that is underscored by integrity, curiosity, and excellence.

Mr. Houck's philosophy is that "who you are" is as important as "what you know"; high standards must be delivered through a holistic, multispecialty curriculum in a diverse and inclusive environment centered on cre-



Photo by Melissa Brown

Daren Michael Houck, above in green shirt, new CES headmaster, with a group of students.

ativity and wonder. Mr. Houck believes that, if followed, this philosophy can and will develop students who can effectively use their heads, their hands, and their hearts in order to find true joy and understanding in this beautiful world – which is ultimately a summary of the mission of CES.

Mr. Houck's many achievements as a Head of School include:

- Created a 5-Star rated Pre-Kindergarten Program.
- Successfully expanded a Pre-K through 6 to a Pre-K through 8 school.
- Increased a school's annual giving by over 2000%.

- Oversaw growth of operations by 300%.
- Established school's first sustainable energy source by creating a solar array to produce 875,000 kilowatts per year of electricity, saving more than \$26,000 per year.
- Developed partnerships with local businesses to increase school's footprint within the community.

Coast Episcopal Board of Trustees Vice Chairman, Dr. April Ulmer stated, "Mr. Houck is such a wonderful addition to our Coast Episcopal School family! His enthusiasm for lower school education, academic vision, and leadership experience as just a few of the qualities that make him an unparalleled asset to our school and the community at large. We welcome him with open arms and are excited to see what the new academic year brings!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Melissa Brown is the Public Relations Director for Coast Episcopal School.

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Exchange Club in Long Beach for 9 years

By Jimmy Johnson, Long Beach Exchange Club President

The Long Beach Exchange Club is part of the National Exchange Club established in 1917. The Long Beach Club was chartered in 2008 with Jimmy Johnson as the first club president. Exchange is a small club with 10 members but very active in the community. The Exchange Club's four areas of service are: Prevention of Child Abuse, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Community Service.

Community Service events include: cook and serve breakfast for Teachers' Appreciation Week; cook and serve a Pancake Breakfast two to three times a year at the Senior Citizens Center; honor LB Police Officer and Fireman of the Year, and provide food to the Long Beach Food Pantry. In October, the Club is involved in a

"Day of National Service" to its community.

The Exchange Club gives every fourth grader in the Long Beach and Pass Christian School Districts a miniature American Flag. The students are informed of the history of our flag, the Star Spangle Banner, and the Pledge of Alliance. The Young Citizenship Award is presented to a ninth grader for their essay of being a Good Citizen. The club is involved in the Veteran's Day event and in November, conducts a "One Nation Under God" event.

Regarding youth activities, we have four Senior Students from Long Beach and Pass Christian High School present their Essay on Youth Volunteerism, and one is chosen as the Student of the Year for the LB/Pass Christian of the Year and can receive \$10,000.00 if chosen as the National Exchange Club Youth of the Year.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the club conducts a fund raiser to give to our National Child Abuse Pro-

gram, and locally we give to the Women's Center. We assist a needy family with food and gifts for Christmas.

This year, Exchange will assist with the Community Halloween Event at the Town Green with the Popcorn Cave. During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we will be requesting that all Long Beach businesses place a Blue Ribbon on their doors.

The club will Long Beach Exchange Club officers, left to right: Paul Hicks, be holding two Jimmy Johnson, Sondra Johnson, Ruthie Williams. John Blake fund raisers to missing from photo.

help pay for projects. One will be the Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and the other is a Shot Gun Raffle with \$5 tickets

or five for \$20.

If anyone has an interest in one of Exchange Club's Programs of Service, the meetings are the



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second and fourth Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church in Long Beach or contact Jimmy Johnson at 228-297-1257 or jimmyj1944@aol.com.



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Truck farming marker severely damaged

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The next meeting of the Long Beach Historical Society is Monday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Beth Hansen History House at 645 Klondyke Rd.

This will be the fourth and last meeting of the year. Dan Ellis, local historian from Pass Christian, is the featured speaker. His presentation will be on the Old Spanish Trail from California to Florida, of which Long Beach is a part.

All are invited to attend the presentation and are welcome to tour the building, which tells the history of the city through the pictures on its walls.

The 2017 Cemetery Tour, held annually in the Long Beach City Cemetery, is Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. People of the Past to be featured this year will include two former, popular teachers from the high school, Emma Fulton and Sarah Hunt, plus two residents who both sold their properties to the city, one for a new school campus,

Ione Thomas of the Gladiola Farm, and butcher Edgar Fillingim, on whose property the library now occupies. Also meet Douglas Donovan, a railroad employee, and his wife, Fannie Donovan, a tireless worker and innovator of the Methodist Church.

All are invited to the Twentieth Anniversary party of the Historical Society, to also be held at the Klondyke Road location, on Oct. 22 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. This will be a treat for non-members to tour the building and see "The Way We Were." Have you seen pictures of Jeff Davis Avenue with horses tied up in front of the stores of the past, instead of cars?

According to Beth Hansen, president of the Long Beach Historical Society, one of its historical markers was apparently vandalized, broken, and now rendered useless, in August. There didn't seem to be any tire tracks, and the very strong pole holding the marker is still standing. It appears

that someone tried to remove it from the pole. If anyone knows or saw anything out of the ordinary at the 3-way stop on Klondyke Road & Cleveland Avenue near Keesler Federal Credit Union, please call 864-6100.

The Truck Farming marker, installed on June 16, 2006, commemorated the actions of the early Long Beach farmers, who garnered much notoriety for themselves and the city by shipping vegetables to northern markets. The shipping of the popular radishes, known as "Long Reds," led to the city becoming known as the Radish Capitol of America.

The society has worked diligently to keep the history of the city alive with these large markers placed around the city at various locations. Great expense is involved, and the society is extremely grateful to local merchants, who have assisted in this endeavor, such as Regions Bank, whose name appears on this particular marker.



Waterless boat parade floats to town Dec. 2nd

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Long Beach Community Development Association (LBCDA), a division of Main Street, will host the Sea Santa Sail-A-Bration on Dec. 2. The city will continue this annual tradition as it kicks off the beginning of the holiday season.

The “waterless” boat parade is a spectacular and unique event. Boat owners from the local area and out of state decorate their boats in a Christmas theme. The Long Beach High School Band will lead boats through the city of Long Beach in a Mardi Gras-esque type parade. The Harrison County Sheriff’s Department, along with the mayor, will “float” through the city streets; the Coast Guard, private boats, and Santa, on a red tug boat (Father Goose) will bring up the rear and conclude the parade at the Harp-

er McCaughan Town Green. Awards for several categories will be given to boat owners at the Town Green during the merriment.

Activities at the Town Green include: Snow Spot, Face Painting, Craft Station, Pictures with Santa, Reindeer, and Tree Lighting.

Music will fill the air during and after the parade and will be provided by the The Well, the Long Beach Methodist Church Children’s Choir and St. Vincent DePaul Elementary School choir.

This event has become a family tradition for children and adults of all ages. Residents are encouraged to join the City of Long Beach and help welcome in the joyous Christmas season.

To enter a boat/water craft in the parade or to sponsor this event, email lbmsmainstreet@gmail.com or call 228-806-7979.

Library friends offer a fruit basket to members



Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Children’s librarian Renee Rayburn reads to children at Long Beach Library.

By Renee Rayburn, Long Beach Library children’s librarian

To encourage membership to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library, anyone who joins the Friends this year could be eligible to win a beautiful bountiful, delicious fruit & more basket.

The winner’s name will be drawn in October. So there is still time to join! Simply come by the front desk in the main wing, fill out the membership form, and pay the yearly dues of \$10. Your name will be included in the drawing for the basket. These dues go to support the library and activities for the children throughout the year. Among the items included in the basket are a Walmart gift card, some autumn hand towels, a Christmas platter, some Jan Karon books, and a tin of cookies.

Coming the weekend of Oct. 28- 29 is the Gulf Coast Halloween “Carnaval et Fete de Rue.”

Being promoted something like a “fall festival,” it is sure to be remembered as much more. So, check out their webpage (gulfcoasthalloween.com) and Facebook link as they are updating both often to let you know all the events being planned. The library will be participating as well with a costumed story time and games on Oct. 28 at 10:30 am. So, have the kids come in costume that morning!

And as a reminder, preschool story time is always held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 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 by going to <http://www.longbeach.lib.ms.us>.

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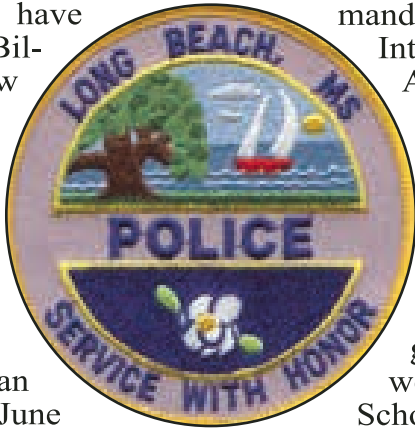
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Seal takes over as new Long Beach police chief

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The City of Long Beach Board of Alderman and Mayor George Bass have named William “Billy” Seal as the new Chief of Police for the Long Beach Police Department effective Oct. 1, 2017. Seal replaces retiring Chief Wayne McDowell.

Chief Seal began his career in June 1994 with the Harrison County Sheriff’s Department. He later transferred to the Long Beach Police Department in March of 1996. Seal



served as Patrolmen, K-9 Officer, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant over training and standards, Commander over Patrol, Internal Affairs and Administration duties. Chief Seal has an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Seal is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Chief Seal is a long-time resident of Long Beach. He is married to Leigh Seal, and they have three children.

Participants are invited to the next Vets parade

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The First United Methodist Church of Long Beach is organizing the Annual Long Beach Veterans Day Parade and Concert on the Town Green. Gulf Coast active military and veterans organizations, service groups, and any churches who would like to participate to hon-

or their veterans are invited to be in the parade. In addition, local bands, choirs or soloists are invited to perform at the Town Green. The parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 5 and the concert shortly after the parade. Those interested in participating can contact Susan Taylor at 228-332-1083 or at the.taylor.family@hotmail.com.

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MS Encyclopedia: A to Z

contributed various topics, all of interest and all interesting about the people, places and things of the Magnolia State. Recently, the Gulf Park campus of USM in Long Beach hosted a review about the new book, presented by Dr. Deanne Stephens, associate dean in the College of Arts and Letters.

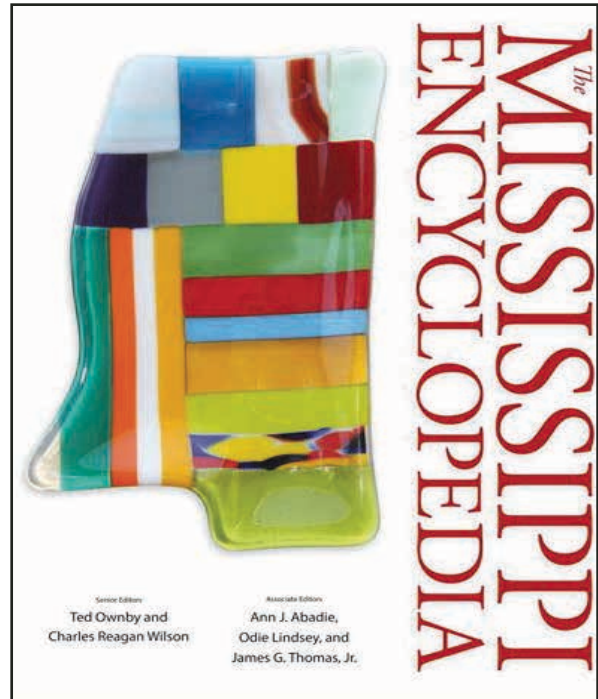
Stephens has contributed six articles to *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, which includes entries on every county, governor, and numerous musicians, writers, artists and activists. *The Mississippi*

Encyclopedia also features long essays on agriculture, archaeology, the Civil Rights movement, the Civil War, education, fiction, folk life, food ways, geography, industry, law, medicine, music, Native Americans, poetry, politics and government, the press, religion, social and economic history, sports, and visual art. The book includes solid, clear information

in a single volume, offering with clarity and scholarship a breadth of topics unavailable anywhere else.

Stephens is an associate professor of history who specializes in Mississippi history, 19-century medical history, and women’s studies.

In addition to *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, she has had articles published in *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*, the *Journal of Mississippi History*, *The Southern Quarterly: A Journal of Arts & Letters in the South*, *Women at War: An Encyclo-*



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pedia, and *The Southeastern Political Review*. Her book, *Plague Among the Magnolias: The 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic in Mississippi*, was published in 2009 by University of Alabama Press. She is currently completing a manuscript titled *The Mississippi Gulf Coast Seafood Industry: A History of People and researching Mississippi boat builders*.

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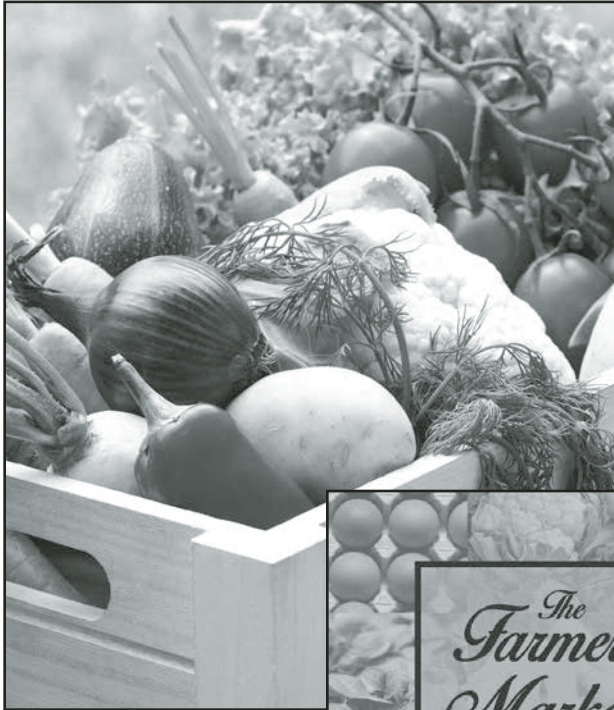
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Farmers Market will have grand opening on Oct. 7

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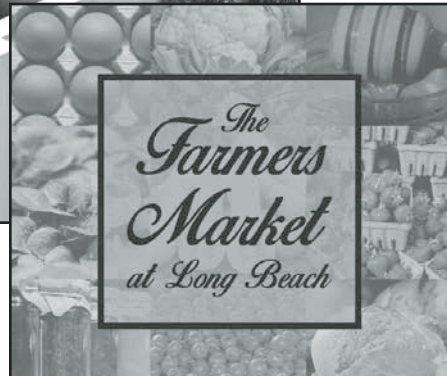
Everyone is welcome to the official Grand Opening of the Farmers Market at Long Beach on Saturday, Oct. 7 for the market's move to the beautiful Town Green just blocks off Hwy. 90 on Jeff Davis Avenue. Everyone is urged to visit this rapidly growing newly-formed market that offers truly unique gourmet foods and gifts. The market will have many free food samples, contests, giveaways and a special guest musi-



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cian. Oct. 7 will also be arts and crafts day, held the first Saturday of every other month. It boasts many great artists selling their exclusive items.

For more info, email TFMat-Long-Beach@gmail.com or go to Facebook: The Farmers Market at Long Beach.



Summer's over, so hit the indoor pool for exercise

By Guest Columnist Sheryl Egan-Olaivar

Swimming pool exercise is suitable for almost everyone, including people with arthritis and those who are recovering from an injury or are overweight. During pregnancy, both mom and baby benefit. Pool exercise is also excellent for people of all ages with disabilities and limited mobility. The American Council on Exercise (ACE) states that water exercise provides all components of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular strength, endurance and flexibility and helps reduce body fat when done regularly.

Why is water exercise so effective for almost everyone?

It's easier to move, because gravity is reduced. Water up to chest deep reduces the "weight" of a person by about 90% and water to waist deep by about 50%. This helps reduce impact on the back and knees.

Walking in water provides 75% more resistance to swimming horizontally and water provides 12 to 14 percent more resistance than air; it's like wearing weights all around your body. This resistance can improve awareness for correct posture, challenge standing balance and

make it easier to stretch, which can help decrease falls and increase independence with daily activities.

Pool exercise is a very effective cardiovascular workout, because the heart rate can be reduced

by 10 to 20 percent compared to land exercise, the water pressure makes the lungs work harder, and warm water helps improve circulation.

Are you ready and don't know where to start? Stop by The Energy Club at 10 a.m. Monday to Friday for a free pass to meet and join the Aqua Arthritis class.

These members are amazingly fit, vibrant and loving life! Many attribute their ongoing independence and health to the exer-

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Sheryl Egan-Olaivar is an occupational therapist in Long Beach.



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NASA Tests RS-25 Flight Controller for SLS Launch

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In the heart of baseball season, NASA completed its equivalent of a clean inning, successfully testing the third RS-25 flight controller for use on the new Space Launch System (SLS) deep space rocket. Engineers conducted a 500-second test of RS-25 Engine Controller Unit No. 5 on the A-1 Test Stand at NASA's Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, July 25, 2017. The test involved installing the controller unit on an RS-25 development engine and firing it in the same manner, and for the same length of time, as needed during launch. With this latest test, NASA continues to set the stage for deep-space exploration missions, achieving another milestone toward launch of the first integrat-

ed flight of SLS and the Orion spacecraft, known as Exploration Mission-1. SLS will be powered at launch by four RS-25 engines, firing simultaneously to provide 2 million pounds of thrust and working in conjunction with a pair of solid rocket boosters to produce up to 8 million pounds of thrust. The four RS-25 engines for the initial flight are former space shuttle main engines, modified to perform at a higher thrust level and with new controllers. The control-



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ler is the key modification to the engines and is characterized as the "brain" that provides precision control of engine operation and internal health diagnostics, and allows communication between the RS-25 engine and the SLS. During launch and flight, the controller communicates with the SLS

flight computers, receiving critical commands and returning engine health and status data. Early tests at Stennis provided critical data for development of the new controller by NASA, RS-25 prime contractor Aerojet Rocketdyne and subcontractor Honeywell. NASA tested the first flight controller on the A-1 Test Stand at Stennis in March. The second flight controller was tested in May. Following review of test data, both controllers were designated for use on RS-25 engines that will power the SLS launch. RS-25 tests at Stennis are conducted by a team of NASA, Aerojet Rocketdyne and Syncom Space Services engineers and operators. Aerojet Rocketdyne is the RS-25 prime contractor. Syncom Space Services is the prime contractor for Stennis facilities and operations.

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Bearcats look to bounce back from first loss of season

By Steve Jackson

Greene County won the battle of the 'Cats 20-14 at Lumpkin-Magee Stadium Sept. 15. The Long Beach Bearcats hit the road Sept. 22 looking to win their Region 4-5A opener against hapless 0-4 Pearl River Central in Carriere.

Long Beach Coach Forrest Williams was philosophical after the heartbreaking last-minute loss to the 5-0 visitors from Leakesville. Coach Williams told news media that the loss was disappointing, "but it does not affect our goal of trying to get to the playoffs. It brings us down to earth a little bit, which is good," commented

the veteran coach.

The Bearcats' defense slammed the door after the Wildcats scored early in the first quarter to post a 6-0 lead. Greene County then rallied late in the game to take a 20-14 advantage.

Long Beach running back Dennis Andrews continued his touchdown rampage, scoring in the second and fourth quarters to give the home team a 14-6 lead. Long Beach could not close the deal, however. Despite some last minute heroics by Cade Crosby and Kai Vancourt, the Bearcats winning skein ended due to their tenth penalty of the game and a sack of Crosby.

Former Lady Bearcat has enjoyed Mississippi College



Photo by Andy Kanengiser

Mississippi College freshmen Gabby Howe of Long Beach (left) and Jyanna Ivy of Shannon (right) enjoyed Mississippi College's Choctaw Fanfare outside Robinson-Hale Stadium. The event combined food, fellowship and an MC football scrimmage. Howe is a former basketball player on the Long Beach High Lady Bearcats team. The Mississippians are among about 600 MC freshmen who took part in the university's Welcome Week activities on the Clinton campus.

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Lady Bearcats capture cross country team title



Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Pictured left to right (standing) Lucy Ingram, Emily Lyons, Alexa Nantovich, Kylah Cuevas, Amanda Anderson, Coach Olan Welch, Ash Osness, Brooklyn Biancamano, Julia Geertsema, Constance Folks, Makailah White. Seated: Katie Osness. Not pictured: Diamond Smith, Reagan Picchi, Lauren Parkinson.

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The Long Beach High School Lady Bearcats varsity cross-country team captured the girls team championship at the Pascagoula-Gautier Cross-Country Meet held at I.G. Levy Park recently.

Long Beach scored 71 points to take the team victory. The Gulfport High Lady Admirals claimed the runner-up girls team finish.

A total of 23 high schools from across south Mississippi participated in the meet. Lady Bearcat Brooklyn Biancamano claimed the over-all girls 5K race individual title. Other Bearcats scoring team points in the victory were Ash Osness, Kylah Cuevas, Katie Osness and Julia Geertsema.

Long Beach High School hosted the annual Bearcats Cross-Country Classic on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Stennis Center employee receives NASA Award

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Stennis Space Center Director Rick Gilbrech and Marshall Space Flight Center Flight Director Todd May presented annual NASA Honor Awards to Stennis employees during an onsite ceremony recently.

Three Stennis employees received NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal. This medal is awarded to government employees for nota-

ble leadership accomplishments that have significantly influenced the NASA mission. The award recognizes an individual's leadership and effectiveness in advancing NASA's goals and image.

Andrew L. Clarke of Long Beach, Mississippi, received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal for 31 years of service at Stennis including as a project engineer, project manager, facilities manager and real property accountable officer. Clarke has worked on – and often led – more than 40 high-visibility projects that have impacted both Stennis activities and physical landscape. He has contributed to the center with achievements and influence in construction projects, refurbishment projects, public outreach and mentoring.

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Andrew Clarke

LB center offers seniors wide array of activities



Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Pictured (l to r) at the Senior Center are Roger Wendler, Dot Hopkins, Diane Evans and Don Evans. Standing are: Donna Hudson, Senior Center Assistant Director; and Joy Necaese, ceramic teacher.

By Steve Jackson

The Long Beach Senior Center offers an array of activities to help citizens maintain a healthy lifestyle. The wonderful ceramic program is supervised by an instructor with over 25 years of experience. The visitors always enjoy getting a fresh cup of coffee and sitting down to play a friendly game of cards or dominoes. Some may just like to sit and work on a jigsaw puzzle. Once a week they have either a bingo or bunco game with various donated prizes.

For the more active seniors there are treadmills, elliptical machines and stationary bikes to enjoy. Also available is an indoor, climate-controlled walking track in the gym. For the more adventurous, there is an outdoor walking track that is just over a mile long. A Tai Chi instructor is here two days a week for people interested in a less stressful workout.

The Senior Center strives to pro-

vide information on services that may be available to them. Each month, representatives from various agencies are invited to talk about the program which they have to offer.

Occasionally, the Center will go on field trips to join other Coast seniors. Seniors have been to Valentine's Day dances, Mardi Gras celebrations, Thanksgiving feasts and Christmas parties.

We are looking forward to an exciting future here at the Long Beach Senior Center. Anyone over fifty is welcome to come in for a visit and join the fun and fellowship. Complimentary bus service to and from the Center is provided for Long Beach residents that do not have their own transportation.

Hours are Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number for the center is 228-868-7517, and their website is cityoglongbeachms.com. They are also on Facebook at City of Long Beach - Mayor's Office.

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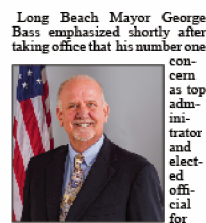


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New mayor stresses economy

By Stephen Flanagan Jackson



Mayor Bass said the coastal city is the "economy." The former fire chief, having moved

up the ladder to CEO of Long Beach, Bass said in an interview with news media he aims to actively seek new developments, including retail and residential. And this includes a casino. "I'm certainly open to looking at it (a casino)," said Bass, stressing that a new casino in Long Beach would have to fit the neighborhood and fit the zoning. According to Bass, Long Beach is the Friendly City. He said Long Beach can be friendly all day long, but if it does not have good sidewalks, bike paths and other amenities that folks are looking for, then it is going

to be hard to sell. Bass identifies the city's marketing effort as tops on his agenda. He has already shifted part of his mayor's salary to hiring a professional public relations person (Jenny Levens) for the city to aid economic development. The mayor also hopes to stay away from increasing Long Beach property taxes, which are the highest on the coast. Bass is a lifelong resident of Long Beach, and, as the first new mayor in 12 years (he won by a landslide with 63% of the vote in five-man race), he is devoted to his hometown. "I'm ready to move forward with Long Beach," Bass said.

Bearcats top Pass

By Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Coach Forrest Williams' offense finally came to life in the second half, and his Bearcats won going away in the Classic match-up at Pass Christian, 27-14, Thursday night, Aug. 17. In the early-season opener, the Pirates jumped to a 14-7 halftime lead behind the power running of Honne Frost. But sophomore Bearcat quarterback Cade Crosby found his groove in the second half and spearheaded the comeback for Long Beach. In post-game comments, Williams noted that the Bearcats "shot themselves in the foot" in the first half, running only 18 offensive plays. "We upped tempo in the second half, and the defense came on at the end," said the veteran coach. Crosby hit 11 of 14 passes for 186 yards and 3 touchdowns. He tackled on 82 rushing yards. Running back Dennis Andrews scored on a Crosby pass and a game-tying 8-yard run in the third quarter. A Crosby to Kai VanCourt 60-yard bomb vaulted the Maroon and Gray ahead for good in the third stanza. WSJ

Sheriff and FBI working cold case

By Stephen Flanagan Jackson



The mysterious and tragic murder of Kimberly Jo Holcomb Watts in her Long Beach home nearly three years ago remains unsolved.

ferred this June from the Long Beach Police Department to the cold case files of the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. Outgoing LB Police Chief Wayne McDowell and Sheriff Troy Peterson, along with County District attorney Joel Smith, all agreed with Bass' request to turn the investigation over to the Sheriff's

Office. A person of interest, or a suspect, has been targeted, but no arrest made. Chief McDowell pointed out that "there is no statute of lim-




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Pictured is a Long Beach fireman installing a free smoke alarm.

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Recently, the Long Beach Fire began taking applications for the installation of free smoke alarms.

The goal is to reduce the chance of a fire fatality in citizens' homes by providing free smoke alarms to low-income families, senior citizens, families with children under the age of 14, and individuals with disabilities. Residents must own their home to qualify. Apartment complexes do not qualify.

To apply for free smoke alarms,

residents must fill out an application, which can be obtained at 645 Klondyke Road, Central Fire Station. Residents may also call 228-863-7292 to request smoke alarm installation. Once an application is received, a person from the fire department will call to make an appointment to install the smoke alarms in the home.

Contact Chief Mike Brown, Assistant Chief Griff Skellie, or Division Chief Joseph Stapleton at 228-863-7292 for more information. Also, see longbeach-firedepartment.com.

Mortons enjoy cruise to Russia



Canal ride in St. Petersburg, Russia

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Bob and Elaine Morton of Long Beach recently returned from a cruise which began in Southampton, England, aboard the Celebrity Eclipse and sailed to St. Petersburg, Russia, with what they report are interesting port stops along the way. Their three days in St. Petersburg were spent sightseeing on an organized tour. A special treat was observing a full moon over the water during White Nights. Sunset is around 10 p.m. in Russia during July. Their

tour package included The Hermitage, Catherine Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress, and several cathedrals. A half-day trip to the countryside offered a visit to the royal residence of Peterhof. They said the gardens there were spectacular, as was the view of the Gulf of Finland.

The Mortons noted that the Russian people were very hospitable, and they highly recommend visiting Russia and Scandinavia. Other port stops on their cruise were Bruges, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Tallinn, and Warnemunde.



2017 Football Schedule

Games start at 7:00 p.m.



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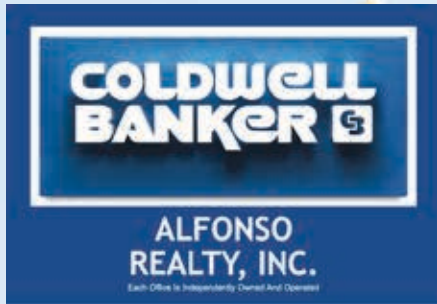


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Coast cities send supplies to Irma victims in Florida



Photo by Stephen Flanagan Jackson

Long Beach Police and Firemen recently collected donated supplies for hurricane victims in Florida and in Texas. Policemen pictured above are: Officer Spencer Lansdale, new Police Chief Billy Seal, and Sgt. Carl Taylor.

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The City of Long Beach and the City of Pass Christian are partnering to collect supplies for victims of Hurricane Irma.

“We are rallying the citizens of Long Beach and Pass Christian and gathering supplies to head to our sister cities in south Florida,” said Jenny Levens, community affairs director for Long Beach.

Supplies can be dropped off at the following locations:

Long Beach Police Department – 201 Alexander Road. The Long Beach Fire Department (all three locations) – 645 Klondyke Road, 120 East Second Street and 21066 Johnson Road. University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park – in

Hardy Hall at the Admissions Office. The Long Beach School District Central Office 19148 Commission Road Long Beach.

-Pass Christian Fire Department (both locations) 808 East Second Street and 707 West North Street Pass Christian.

The City of Long Beach and Pass Christian are in contact with state officials in Florida and will send a group of “Team Relief” to lend a helping hand to their sister cities in Florida.

Needed supplies include: baby items, formula, gift cards, cleaning supplies, water, Gatorade, toilet paper, paper towel, bug spray, mops, buckets, bleach, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, Aleve, Advil, 5-gallon buckets and toiletries. Please, no clothes at this time.

Garden Club has lasting influence on Long Beach

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The history of the Long Beach Garden Club mirrors the spirit of today’s “Friendly City.” The club was organized on June 19, 1930 in the home of Mrs. Charles McDaris. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected. All ladies interested in gardening were invited to attend. Dues were set at 10 cents a year. Members began working on a beautification project and invited city officials, residents, and school children to become involved. The community came together to donate and plant flowers, shrubs, and trees throughout Long Beach. The L&N railroad was a focus for planting to give travelers a “Mile of Beauty.” A municipal rose garden was dedicated on Jeff Davis Avenue next to the Town Hall.

In 1949, a club house building program began with the donation of a plot of land by charter member, Mrs. S. E. Crane, at the corner of Burke Avenue and East Fifth Street. It was through the club’s fundraising efforts, the community’s generosity, and volunteer labor that the club house opened its doors in 1953. It became known as the “House That Friendship Built.” Unfortunately, hurri-

cane Katrina destroyed the house and its contents in 2005.

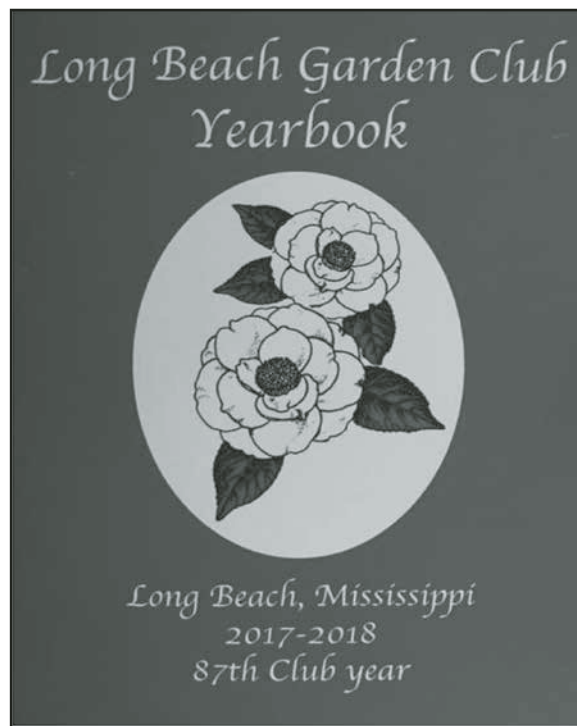
The original club motto of 1930, “Whosoever makes a garden works hand in hand with God,” remains the motto today. The club theme adopted for 2017-18 is “Plant Seeds of Graciousness.” With this theme at the forefront, activities this year include monthly education-

al programs, a beautification program, Arbor Day tree planting, Garden of the Month, and Spring Pilgrimage.

Today, the club has 28 members and meets on the third Thursday of each month (September through May) at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center, 208 Pine

St. Anyone interested in gardening, conservation, and beautification is invited to attend. It’s a great way to socialize with others who enjoy learning, sharing information, and serving the community. The Long Beach Garden Club is a non-profit civic organization.

According to current president Debbi Cox, the Summer project of the Garden Club was participation in the Children’s Library Summer Program. Members of the club read an environmental tale entitled “The Frightened Frog” to children and discussed the ecosystem. Then they provided frog houses for the children to paint and take home to put in their gardens.



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Kelinci Spa Bed and Breakfast will launch its inaugural art exhibition in conjunction with its fifth anniversary celebration in mid-October. Exploring the theme, "Seasons of the Soul," painters Caroline Crosby and Heather Pace have produced new work for an intimate display of pieces reflecting profound depths of the heart and personal aspirations of the spirit that will hold meaning for everyone. The exhibition will also debut the work of RoRo, a gifted fledgling painter.

Caroline Crosby took to painting naturally as a young girl. She was encouraged and tutored by her parents and teachers throughout her high school and college years as a serious talent. She equates painting with music, allowing the brush to shape her work as it moves to her intuitive rhythms.

Heather Pace comes from a family of creative artists. Her formal studies include a graduate degree in graphic design. She has had a lifelong engagement with painting as an emotionally therapeutic release.

8:00 am

- Team Kelinci will be participating in the Pink Heart Fund 11th annual Walk of Hope. Located in downtown Long Beach at the Town Green.
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- Walk of Hope participants: be on the lookout for some pretty pink oyster shells during your walk for your chance to win something special!

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Long Beach Bearcats cruise and claw past the Bay Tigers



Photo by Jeff Andrews

Bearcats running back Dennis Andrews, #38, a junior, is a workhorse for Long Beach this season.



Photo by Jeff Andrews

Senior Bearcat receiver Tony Young, #2, makes a circus catch in the end zone on a toss from QB Cade Crosby.

By Steve Jackson

Long Beach jumped out early to take a 21-7 lead in a 37-7 win over Bay High in Bay St. Louis Sept. 1.

After a near interception on its first play, from the Bearcats (2-0) dominated the Bay Tigers, pulverizing them at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball with solid running by Dennis Andrews and Gerald Jones Jr. and Cade Crosby quarterback keepers. Then Crosby would mix it up, hitting wide open receivers five yards past

the line of scrimmage.

Getting off to a quick offensive start, Andrews had runs of 5, 6 and 4 yards and Crosby had two 9-yard keepers before he went to the passing game, completing three straight — a 10-yarder to Logan Matherne, a 10-yarder to Charlie Wescovich and a 9-yarder to Jaidon Evans for the first touchdown.

Andrews led the Bearcats in rushing with 100 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns. Jones posted 96 yards on 12 carries.

Long Beach routs Vancleave 50-7 in the home opener

By Steve Jackson

The 5A Long Beach Bearcats won their third straight game of the early season, once again tromping a 4A team. This time, it was a Friday night, Sept. 8 home-opener 50-7 victory over Vancleave at Lumpkin-Magee Stadium in Long Beach.

The Bearcats set the tone early, streaking out to a 35-7 halftime lead and coasting to the win. Offensively, it was once again a one-two punch featuring the running of Dennis Andrews and the passing of Cade Crosby, who both accounted for 400 total yards of the Bearcats' 549

yards of total yards on offense. The Bearcats dominated the visitors on defense as well, forcing four fumbles and two pass interceptions en route to the rout, and throwing in a safety to boot. Kai VanCourt continued to display his versatility and his value by grabbing six passes for 93 yards and knocking home six PATs through the goal posts.

In post-game comments to the news media, LB coach Forrest Williams said, "It was a total team effort. We've been looking for a game like this to put it all together."

Bearcats eye 2-0 Region at Gautier after 35-20 stomping

By Steve Jackson

The Long Beach Bearcats scored early and late to pummel the 0-5 Pearl River Central Blue Devils at Carriere Sept. 22.

The win gave Coach Forrest Williams team a 1-0 record in Region 4-5A and 4-1 overall as they head into a stretch of six more Region games to end the regular season. Coming Sept. 29 is a road trip to another weak Region squad, a 1-4 Gautier Gators team which was mauled 56-13 by Hattiesburg in its latest defeat. Then the path to the playoffs gets a little tougher as the Bearcats host Wayne County on Oct. 6. Following that, the perennial power Picayune Maroon Tide comes to Long Beach for a Friday the thirteenth showdown. Oct. 20 is this season's Homecoming game, against West Harrison. After that, Long Beach closes at Hatties-

burg and then Nov. 3 Senior Night at home with Stone.

At the Blue Devils' field in Carriere, Long Beach vaulted to a 14-0 first quarter lead which they extended to 28-12 by halftime. Pearl River Central rebounded somewhat, with the aid of Bearcat penalties and miscues on offense, to make it 28-20 in the fourth quarter. But with seven minutes in the game, the Bearcats scored again to put the Blue Devils out of their misery, 35-20.

Bearcats running back Dennis Andrews continued his knack for the end zone as he scored on rushes of 39 yards and 37 yards in the second half behind a strong offensive line effort. Long Beach was sparked on defense by Tony Phan, Marty Moore, and Tyson Callahan among others. Junior PAT kicker Kai Vancourt hit 4 of 4 to convert 20 of 21 for the season.



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Church seeks donations for annual rummage sale



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Methodist Associate Pastor Ben Barlow welcomes donations for rummage sale.

By Steve Jackson

Jon Kaufman, senior pastor at the First United Methodist Church, says Long Beach First United Methodist Church is a church where the call of Jesus compels its members to give their time and resources to serve others in the local community and in the wider world. Kaufman recently reported that several ways the UMC is serving in the coming weeks include a trip to Texas from Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 to aid in the recovery after Hurricane Harvey. The pastor said, “We are planning to work in Vidor, TX where, like many communities, 80% of the homes

were flooded during the storm.” The church is also planning its fall mission Rummage Sale to raise money for missions. All money raised will be donated to ministries that serve the community such as Back Pack Buddies, the Food Pantry and more such as the Seashore Mission Homeless ministry, Gulf Coast Women’s Ministry, Seaman and Truckers Center, Moore Community House, Gulf Coast Rescue Mission and more.

The Rummage Sale is Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.. Donations of clothes, household goods, and other items can be donated at the church at 208 Pine Street on Oct. 2-6 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m..

City of Long Beach names new assistant police chief

By Steve Jackson

The City of Long Beach announces Bruce Carver, Jr. as the new Assistant Police Chief of the Long Beach Police Department.



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Carver, Jr. holds the position of Assistant Police Chief with the Long Beach Police Department. Carver, a lifelong resident of Long Beach, began his career with the Harrison County Sheriff’s Office as a part-time Transport Deputy while attending college. After

graduation, Carver became a full-time deputy. Throughout his 23 years with the Sheriff’s Department, Carver has held the positions of Transport Deputy, Marine and Beach Patrol Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Criminal Interdiction Deputy, Captain of Special Operations and Major in Charge of Enforcement.

Carver is a 1990 graduate of Long Beach High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1997, he graduated from the Harrison County Law Enforcement Academy. He is a 2017, graduate of the FBI Mississippi Command College. He is parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus #4989 and the Carnival Association of Long Beach. Carver has been married to his wife, Denise, for 21 years and is a proud father to Bryce and Brianna.



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Hare pulls rabbit out of hat at Kelinci Spa in LB

By Samara Bowes Whitesides

Ever wonder what it takes to pull a rabbit out of a hat? Well, that would require the skill and polish of a trained magician, not unlike Teresa Hare, proprietress of Kelinci, a name she chose because it is the Indonesian word for rabbit. Miss Terry herself portrays rabbit-like qualities. She's soft spoken and petite, humble and reserved, gently concealing the driving force behind the flourishing success of her Spa Bed and Breakfast in Long Beach, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary this fall. Interestingly, brawn, not beauty, was Miss Terry's chosen field. A native Californian, she was a firefighter

until a knee injury forced her to reconsider careers. She tenaciously built her second profession as an esthetician, culminating in the establishment of five Spas in the West, before moving to Mississippi to be closer to her retired parents. Despite damage to her knee, she remains physically fit, walking six miles a day and making plans to hike both the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails over the next two years. Meantime, she can be found quietly working her magic throughout day to day operations at Church Avenue and Magnolia Street, inspiring a loyal staff of 16 to pamper, comfort and spoil clients who come from near and far to indulge in Kelinci's charms.

Crusin' the Coast Events

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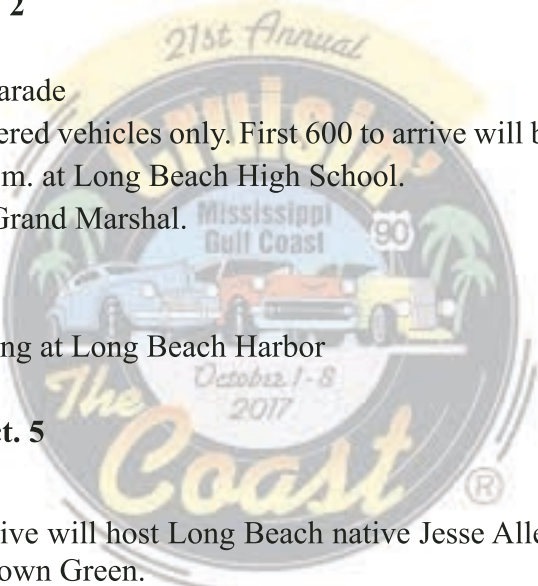
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Tip Tops playing at Long Beach Harbor

Thursday, Oct. 5

6 p.m.

Long Beach Live will host Long Beach native Jesse Allen at the Harper McCaughan Town Green.



cont. from front page

Seabees reach out to LB

breakfast. There he learned what the new city leadership team's goals were for the City of Long Beach. His second engagement was an office call with Mayor George Bass. Whitmire and Bass expressed a desire to continue to strengthen the relationship between the base and the city.

Whitmire is no stranger to the area. He was previously the commanding officer of the Naval Construction Training Center in 2010 and had loved the area so much that after conferring with his wife Krerica, they decided to retire in the area upon completion of his Naval career.

A typical assignment for a commanding officer is roughly two years. During the two years, Whitmire plans to explore new ways that the base and the community can work together and build lasting partnerships that could benefit both the base and the surrounding community. One early example of this participation is the "adoption" of the Quarles Elementary School in Long Beach by the Seabees.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brian Lamar is the public affairs officer at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport.

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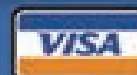
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