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LBHS grad looking at Atlanta Falcon success

By Andy Kanengiser

When the Atlanta Falcons signed linebacker Ritchie Brown to strengthen their roster, it was his ticket to their summer training camp and a shot at strengthening the squad’s depth chart.

A former Long Beach High and Mississippi State University standout, Brown competed at the NFL team’s open practice at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. It was the Falcons Military Appreciation Day on August 4.

Certainly, fans of the undrafted free agent out of Mississippi State are thrilled he’s getting another opportunity to showcase his talents in the pro ranks.

Ritchie’s wife, Erin and their young daughter, Kate, who was dressed in an Atlanta Falcons

cheerleader outfit that humid summer day, saw him perform at the Georgia stadium that Sunday.

“We had a great time today watching dada play,” Erin Brown posted along with a nice family photo on her Facebook page.

Members of the Brown family, Long Beach friends and MSU Bulldogs are all cheering the 25-year-old will get the chance to play many Sundays in the NFL. The Mississippian stands 6’2” tall and weighs 237 pounds.

The Atlanta Falcons open the regular 2019 NFL season with a September 8 game against the Minnesota Vikings. That’s followed by a September 15 contest with the Philadelphia Eagles. The club led by quarterback Matt Ryan is still trying to erase the bad memory of blowing a 25-point



Former LBHS standout Ritchie Brown goes through drills during Atlanta Falcons training camp.

lead in Super Bowl 51. It resulted in a heartbreaking loss to the New England Patriots.

Ritchie Brown, though, is focused on winning a spot on the team in 2019 and making dreams

come true.

As a junior and senior with the Mississippi State Bulldogs, the versatile starting middle linebacker led the team in tackles. That was

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Incumbent Dawkins loses State District 48 race

By Rob Sigler

State Senate Dist. 48 will have a new representative after longtime incumbent Deborah Dawkins was defeated in the primary election Aug. 6.

Dawkins, who represented Dist. 48 for since 1999, was soundly beaten by Gary Fredericks in the Democratic Primary. Fredericks received 2,147 votes to 1,472 votes for Dawkins, or 59 percent of the vote to 41 percent.

Fredericks will face Republican Mike Thompson in the Nov. 4 general election after Thompson rolled to victory over Jason Boyd in the GOP primary. Thompson

received 2,647 votes, or 59 percent, to Boyd’s 1,833 votes, or 41 percent.

In other races, one Harrison County supervisor will return to her seat on the board, while there will be a familiar new face occupying another supervisor seat.

Connie Rocko was re-elected for another term in District 5, while former TV news personality Rebecca Powers was elected as District 2 Supervisor.

Meanwhile, Brian Switzer, who has served as deputy coroner in

Harrison County, was elected coroner.

John McAdams will continue as chancery clerk in Harrison County.

Jeff Migues won election as District 5 Constable.

Paula Ladner won the Republican nomination for tax assessor and will meet Libertarian candidate

Mario Lozano.

David LaRosa captured the Republican nod for tax collector and will take on independent candidate Guy Harness in the November general election.

Some voters in Harrison County will return to the polls for the Aug. 26 runoff.

Republican candidates Nick Patano and Patrick Williams will face each other in the runoff for the Justice Court District 5 nomination. The winner will meet independent candidate Alphonso Gines in November.

Former Gulfport city councilman Ricky Dombrowski will face former Harrison County supervisor Angel Kibler-Middleton in the runoff for the Constable District 2 Republication nomination. The winner advances to the general election against independent Neil McInnis.

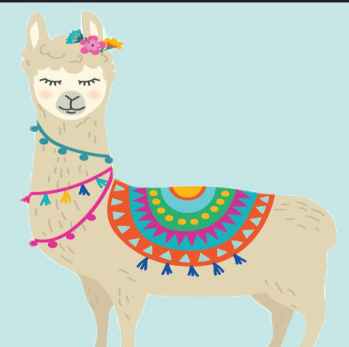


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InvestWrite names students as new National Essayists



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Brianna Carver of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School was recently named the ninth place winner in the InvestWrite national Essay Contest.

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St. Vincent dePaul Catholic School has two national winners in the InvestWrite Essay Contest. The contest is sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation and is designed to allow students to showcase what they learned about saving and investing by playing the Stock Market Game.

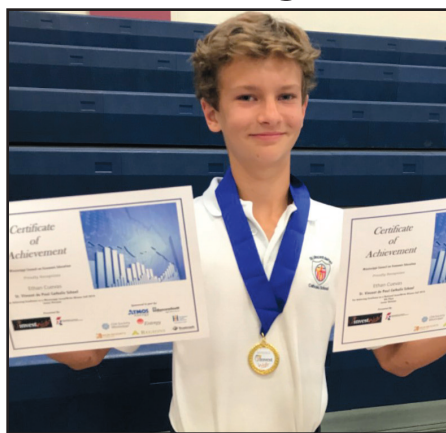
Each division – Elementary, Junior, and High School – has its Division (6th – 8th grade) own essay topic. For the Junior prompt asked students to choose an entrepreneur; write a little about him or her; then give the entrepreneur some investing advice based on what they learned playing the Stock Market Game.

Over 12,000 students from across the country participated in this contest, and ten are chosen to receive awards. Brianna Carver, a sixth grader, came in ninth with

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during the 2015 and 2016 seasons in Starkville after a superb career as a Long Beach Bearcat. In previous bids to land on NFL rosters, Brown played on practice squads. Starting in 2017, he's had stints with the Tampa Bay Bucs, the Carolina Panthers and Atlanta Falcons. These days, as August spills into September, Ritchie is competing for a backup linebacker spot and to play on the Falcons special teams unit.



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Ethan Cuevas of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School was recently named the eighth place winner in the InvestWrite national Essay Contest.

her essay about a local Long Beach entrepreneur, Jordan Morris, owner of Sister Swank Boutique. Ethan Cuevas, a sixth grader, came in eighth place with his essay about Elon Musk. Cuevas also won first place in the state's contest.

Both were surprised and honored with awards and medals at a ceremony at school in front of their classmates, teachers and families. Both received a \$100 gift card from the SIFMA foundation, and Cuevas received a cash prize from the MCEE for winning first place in the state contest.

For more information on the InvestWrite Essay Contest visit investwrite.org. The contest is sponsored in Mississippi by the Mississippi Council for Economic Education (mscee.org), which coordinates the Stock Market Game, among many other programs for Mississippi teachers and students.

Perhaps his biggest cheerleader is his wife, Erin. The Mississippi couple married on May 15, 2015. The same day in August when the Atlanta Falcons signed Ritchie Brown, the squad also inked a contract with another linebacker, Stephone Anthony, a former New Orleans Saints starter as a rookie.

Competition always remains keen to make any 53-man roster in the NFL.

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Inclusion Park is now open at War Memorial Park



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Equipment at the new inclusion park in War Memorial Park is designed for children and adults with special needs

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By Rob Sigler

Long Beach officials and residents dedicated a new area of War Memorial Park designed to make the facility more inclusive. The Inclusion Park play area is designed for children and adults

with special needs and also includes expression swings that allow parents with infants and toddlers to swing together. Some of the equipment can also be used by older children and adults with special needs. "I just think it's a great opportunity

for our special needs children to be able to have the opportunity to get out here and swing," Long Beach Mayor George Bass told WLOX TV. "We have some that's 15, 16 or 17 years old that have never felt the pleasure of having the

breeze in your face as you swing back and forth and that enjoyment we've all taken for granted growing up with children to be able to do that." According to Bass, the inclusion park was built with the help of the state legislature.

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FUMC Long Beach offers Pathways to Hope seminars

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First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Long Beach is offering three seminars on Sunday evenings in September called

Pathways to Hope. The seminars and included meals are at no charge to attendees.

Reverend Jon Kaufman, pastor, explains that "Pathways to Hope comes from a desire that we have as a church to offer hope and to help people in our community discover a path of restoration and wholeness amidst the challenges in day-to-day living. Included are three learning opportunities intended to equip and encourage individuals to understand each challenge. We are blessed to have professionals in our church who are skilled in each of these areas who will lead each session."

The first seminar is September 8



Photo by Rob Sigler

and will address Addiction in Families, providing an understanding of addiction and how it physically affects the body. This seminar is especially presented for those suffering through addiction and their families.

The second seminar on September 15 is centered on Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness and will educate persons about the physical nature of psychiatric illnesses. The final seminar on September 22 teaches Financial Freedom for Individuals and Families.

These Pathways to Hope meet at FUMC, 208 Pine Street, Long Beach. A meal will be offered at 6 p.m., followed by the seminar. Attendees should RSVP at 228-863-9619 or fumclb@cableone.net. Childcare will be provided as requested by RSVP.

Onboard Navy Seabees base receives new commander

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The U.S. Army's Charlie Company, 169th Engineer Battalion onboard Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, received a new commander July 24.

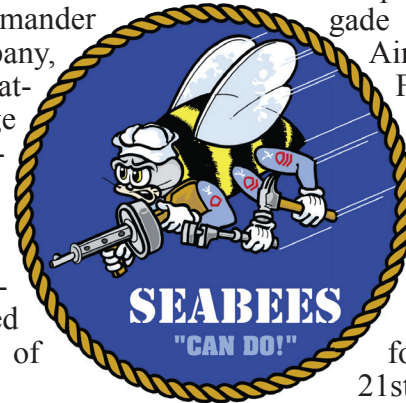
Capt. David Stephens took over as the new commander of Charlie Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, in a change of command ceremony. He replaces Capt. Patrick Drury, who will be heading to a new assignment with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Hawaii.

Charlie Company, 169th Engineer Battalion, trains U.S. Army Soldiers in carpentry and masonry skills and develops them in coordination with the U.S. Navy and Air Force personnel at the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) in Gulfport, in order to provide support to commanders in various areas of operations around the world. NCTC staff train Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen in these and other construction trades in a

joint-training environment, highlighting the inter-service cooperation among these branches of the U.S. military.

Stephens first served as the Battalion Battle Captain in Afghanistan and then as an Assistant Operations Officer for 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. He then served as a Sapper Platoon Leader in Alpha Company, 21st Brigade Engineer Battalion for 12 months, and then as the Executive Officer for Bravo Company, 21st Brigade Engineer

Battalion for 12 months. Following his time at Fort Campbell, Stephens served as the Project Engineer for the Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C. for 24 months. From there, he moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Mont., and completed the Engineer Captains Career Course. His most recent assignment was as the Company Commander of Charlie Company, 35th Engineer Battalion for 13 months.



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Farmers Market attracts visitors to LB

By Andy Kanengiser

The Mississippi Farmers Market in Jackson remains a huge operation.

Situated in an all-weather building on High Street near the Mississippi Fairgrounds, the massive indoor facility offers 18,000 square feet of space. Fresh farm produce – from persimmons to peaches and butter beans - gets sold directly to consumers coming to the capital city. Craftsmen, artisans, cooking demonstrations and families are weekly fixtures.

On a smaller scale, the Farmers Market on the Town Green in Long Beach has become a popular destination point for shoppers and visitors to the Friendly City.

Its kickoff in the vibrant Gulf Coast community took root in January 2017. A committee of longtime farmers market vendors at other operations got things started.

Fast forward to the summer of 2019. As the temperatures climbed to the 90 degree mark on July 27, customers of all ages stopped by to make purchases in downtown Long Beach.

At the same time, musicians Robin Rea and Robert Wink performed some of their favorite tunes. The Bobby Gardenia Band members were a hit with the crowds visiting their tent. Robin & Robert will take requests, and are delighted to plug their hometown.

Statewide, there are nearly three dozen Farmers Markets, including five in Harrison County.

The Long Beach enterprise near City Hall continues to enjoy success with its home-grown flavor.

“What makes this market different from most others is that there are no vendors who don’t grow or make what they sell,” said Monica Morel, manager of the Long Beach Farmers Market in downtown. “We are all first-hand farm-



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ers, and that is very hard to find in the markets,” she said. “We only allow first hand growers, meaning the vendor actually grows what they sell.”

Rain or shine, the Long Beach market stays open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon.

It’s a place where vendors discover a platform to “expose their products to the public before opening their business,” Morel noted. The Dolce Bakeshop on 112 West Third Avenue is a good case in point.

While remodeling the building where the bakery was to be located, the vendor worked the market for a month to test out her baked goods. Run by the husband-and-wife team Brooke and Bill Rester, their Long Beach business sells banana pudding cupcakes, pumpkin cake, chocolate chip cookies and much more.

For newcomers or longtime residents, the Farmers Market on the Town Green is worth the visit. It’s also a convenient spot for leaders of non-profit groups to raise money or share information. Members of school organizations, the Audobon Society, the Long Beach Police Department, and animal adoption groups, have all made

stops.

There are special occasions as well for arts and crafts vendors to team up with farmers. That happens in the Fall and Spring. Mark your calendars for upcoming Fall events on the first Saturdays of October, November and December.

What are the costs to vendors? It is \$15 per week or \$400 annually. Vendors are each assigned 10’ by 10’ spaces. It’s hard not to make new friends.

Folks can sample from a variety of Farmers Markets across the Magnolia State. Besides the biggest one in Jackson, others are located in Natchez, Brookhaven, Kosciusko, Ellisville, Florence and at the Gulfport Harbor. There’s also one off U.S. 49 in the Lyman community of Gulfport. The Ocean Springs Fresh Market at 1000 Washington Avenue is another terrific place to shop on Saturday mornings for fresh fruits and vegetables.

For additional information, go to the link to the Long Beach Farmers Market Facebook page. It is <https://www.facebook.com/TFMatLongBeach/> Monica Morel can be reached by email at TFMatLongBeach@gmail.com


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Sept. is Natl. Library Card Month

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn,
LBPL Children's Librarian

September is always a busy month at any library. It is National Library Card Sign Up Month, which means if you do not have a library card...

this is the month to do so. One way to look at it is if you do have one, it's a great yearly reminder to check and make sure all of your information is still valid on you and your family members' cards,

especially if you like to place reserves, receive text messages or emails about renewals, etc.

September is also the month in which the Friends of the Library begin meeting again. This group is always looking for new members, and membership for active or inactive participation is only \$10 per year. Their first meeting

will be held on Tuesday, September 9 at 1 p.m., and it will be held in the main wing of the library.

The Long Beach Library's Book Club will be meeting again in September, as well. Their monthly meetings begin on Monday, September 16, and their book choice

for September is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

We had a great turnout for our Harry Potter Day this year, and plans are already being made for next year's event!

Thanks to everyone who helped out and volunteered their time, services, and generosity! It made the day...well...magical.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Renee Rayburn is the Director of Youth and Technology Services for the Long Beach Public Library.



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Long Beach Board of Trustees to Meet - Public Meeting

August 27, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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August 31 - September 2

Parent's Coffee Break

September, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

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Friends of Library Meeting

September 16, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LB Book Club Meeting

September 16, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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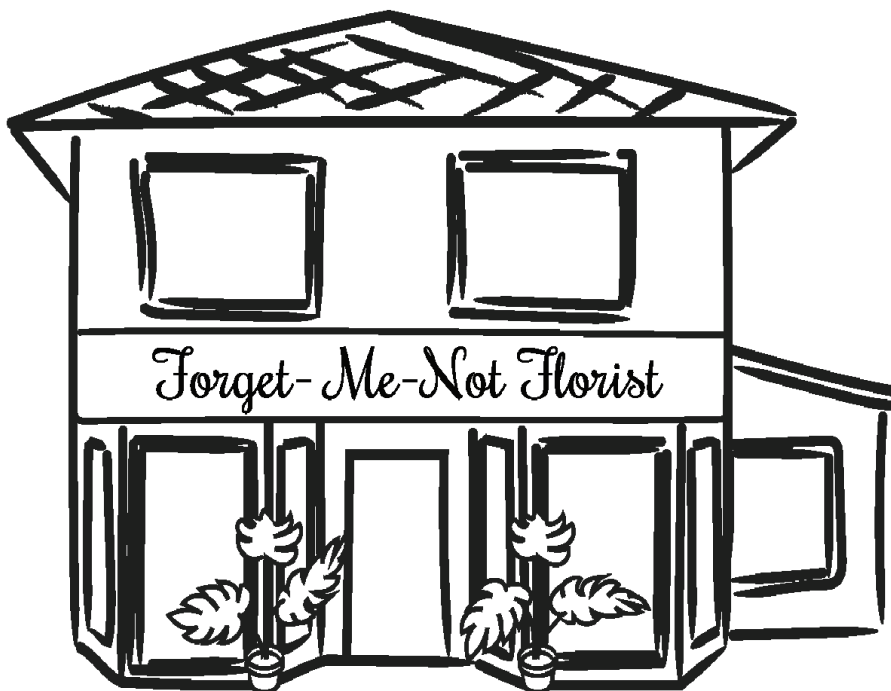
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Step Up For Teachers has donated school supplies



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Teachers at the three Long Beach elementary schools began the school year with donated school supplies from the community.

Step Up For Teachers Adult Clogging Class organized the effort to ensure teachers had school supplies to begin the school year.

Cheryl Nyberg with the dance class said they wanted to make sure teachers had the supplies as soon as possible.

“Everyone was very appreciative of our efforts to supplement school supplies for their classrooms,” Nyberg said after nine boxes of school supplies were delivered. “We may even have a few teachers who will join us for our class on Tuesday nights.”

Nyberg said they delivered more than 700 crayons, 400-plus pencils, 150-plus pens, the equivalent to one gallon of Elmer’s Glue and more than 2,000 sheets of filler paper.

“Everything from balloons to rulers, pocket folders, highlighters, composition books, book covers, flash cards, hand sanitizer ... the list goes on and on,” Nyberg said. “All of this was donated by our adult cloggers in only four months.”

Nyberg said it’s their goal to support teachers throughout the year. “Imagine what we will accomplish going forward,” Nyberg said. The clogging classes are held Tuesdays at the Long Beach Senior & Activity Center from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

LB Schools receives award from Healthier US School



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District employees accepting awards for their schools are Karen Dykes, W. J. Quarles Elementary School Nurse; Kim Bertucci, Thomas L. Reeves Elementary Teacher; Wesley Strickland, Long Beach Middle School Teacher; and Alice Monroe, Harper McCaughan Cafeteria Manager.

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The Healthier US School Challenge, sponsored by USDA, is a voluntary certification initiative that has recognized thousands of schools for their efforts in improving food and beverage offerings, teaching kids about nutritious food choices and being physically active, providing opportunities for physical activity, and having supportive school wellness policies and practices.

Upon application, the LBSD Child Nutrition Department, which meets and exceeds the

standards for this challenge, received \$10,500 from the State Department for use in the program.

Harper McCaughan Elementary, Reeves Elementary and Quarles Elementary met all the challenge criteria for the Silver Award. They each received a plaque and monetary award of \$1,000, which they used to purchase physical education equipment for their schools. Long Beach Middle School met the criteria for the Bronze Award. They received a plaque and \$500 for the purchase of physical education equipment.

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Long Beach Bearcats open 2019 football season

By Andy Kanengiser

Long Beach Bearcats fans can't miss Andrew McMillan during the upcoming football season.

A Long Beach senior, McMillan is a standout offensive and defensive lineman for the Maroon & White. He stands tall at 6' 4" and weighs 280 pounds. He's got the talent to be showcased among 27 stellar football players on the "Sun-Herald" All-South Mississippi Team for 2019.

McMillan's success on the football field caught the attention of college scouts. He's a University of South Alabama commit. Head coach Steve Campbell believes the Long Beach player will be an asset to the NCAA Division I Jaguars team in Mobile next season. Campbell remains a familiar face along the Gulf Coast. He served as head football coach at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College from 2004-13.

Count Andrew McMillan among the bright spots as Long Beach High opens its 2019 football season. It gets started with

an August 23 road game against Pass Christian. Kickoff is 7 p.m. that Friday. Bearcats fans will travel to nearby Bay St. Louis to see their favorite team battle the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-Chaws on August 30. The game kicks at 7 p.m.

Maroon & White supporters can stay close to home when Long Beach hosts Gulf Coast

rival West Harrison on September 6. The action is set for a 7 p.m. Friday evening kickoff. A week later, Long Beach welcomes Vanclave on September 13 under the lights at 7 p.m. The home schedule includes dates

with Picayune on October 18 and Wayne County November 1.

McMillan, who wears No. 54, will be among 18 Bearcats seniors this season. Other seniors include



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wide receivers Kobe Cook, Dalton Cook, and Jervey Foxworth, running back Tyree Peters, kicker Simon Nguyen, and tight end Roderick Walker.

Juniors

include quarterback Guice Tripp (No. 12), cornerback Julius Wells, running backs Dyvonne McCord and Johnny Pham along with defensive back Daniel Outlaw. A 5'10", 145-pounder, Tripp is on track

to graduate in 2021. He's also played baseball for Long Beach. Other quarterbacks are sophomore Nathan Notter and freshman Junior Kozlowski.

For rookie head coach Philip Pigott, the Bearcats finished with a disappointing 3-9 record in 2018. That included a blow-out 60-3 win by the powerful Hattiesburg Tigers to close out the year.

Pigott served as defensive coordinator for the Petal High Panthers before taking the Long Beach job. Philip played outside linebacker for the 2007 national champs, the LSU Tigers.

The Long Beach High Bearcats schedule includes road dates with Gautier on September 27, East Central in Moss Point on October 4, and Pearl River Central in Carriere on October 11. Other contests on the road for the Maroon & White will be Hattiesburg on October 25, and Pascagoula on November 8.

Long Beach High lists 61 players on their 2019 football roster. Go Bearcats!

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Long Beach Senior Center sets Sept. 16 digital program

By Andy Kanengiser

There's never a shortage of things to do at the Long Beach Senior Center.

The welcome mat stays open Monday through Friday to serve senior adults in Harrison County. Activities include: ceramics, oil/water painting classes, quilting, and Bingo. Want to stay in shape? There's a wellness room with treadmills, bicycles and a walking track.

On September 16, visitors at the center will focus on the topic titled the "Digital Culture of Kids." The Monday evening program begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Program organizers are expected to explore the latest trends in the digital world for the younger generation. It's one way to help understand what the younger generation is doing with new cell phone apps, the Internet, media and other fast-changing

communications.

What's digital culture?

It refers to culture shaped by the spread and widespread use of digital technologies. Definitions really touch on all aspects of life, going beyond the Internet or modern communication technologies. Some USA colleges offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in digital culture. It's really a dynamic and growing field.

The Long Beach Public School District is sponsoring the informative community event.

The Long Beach Senior Center is located at 20257 Daugherty Road. For those missing this event, there's much more happening at the Gulf Coast center year-round. Hours at the center are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on upcoming events, contact the Long Beach Senior Center at 228-868-7517.

ANNOUNCEMENT

LB Public Library Board of Trustees to meet Aug. 27

THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019 AT 4:00 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LONG BEACH. THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURES AND THE INTERNET SAFETY POLICY. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

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LB fire dept. aids in battling blaze at iconic home

By Rob Sigler

An iconic Pass Christian home went up in flames Aug. 6, destroying the 25,000 square foot structure.

Fire units from Long Beach, along with Gulfport, Bay St. Louis, Harrison County, and the CRTC firefighters, provided mutual aid to Pass Christian firefighters when the massive Monroe home, located on East Scenic Drive, caught fire in the early morning hours.

It took fire personnel approximately 10 hours to bring the blaze under control. They say the way the structure was constructed and the materials used made it difficult to battle the fire.

Modeled after their summer home in Rhode Island, the main house was built in 1964 by New Orleans businessman J. Edgar Monroe and his wife Louise. The Ramsey family bought the home in 1993, adding two additional wings to the structure.

“Once it got a hold of some of the heavier timber and material,

we just weren’t able to get ahead of it,” Pass Christian fire chief Dwight Gordon told WLOX TV.

Gordon said the home is a total loss.

“We tried to get paintings and some mementos and stuff that was important to the family,” said Gordon.

According to a family friend, two family members were home at the time the fire started but were able to escape safely. They believe lightning hit the chimney around 4 a.m., but fire officials haven’t officially determined what started the fire.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

When J. Edgar Monroe and his wife Louise built the home, it was modeled after their Rhode Island summer home, Rosecliff Mansion, which was made famous in the 1974 film version of *The Great Gatsby* starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow.

Charles Ramsey bought the house in 1993, overseeing a massive expansion to the property that included the addition of the



Photo by Pat Sullivan

Drone video captured by Pat Sullivan shows firefighters working to extinguish the fire at Pass Christian’s historic Monroe House.

east and west wings, tripling the home’s square footage.

The property has been on and off the market since 2011, when it was originally listed with an asking price of \$15 million. In 2015, the price was reduced to

\$12.5 million, which was still reportedly “Mississippi’s priciest listing” at nearly double the price of its nearest competitor in the state.

Zillow currently lists the house at \$6.5 million.

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Advanced Water Solutions gives solutions to water

By Guest Columnists Stephen and Hollie Creel

Years ago, while serving as missionaries in a country that doesn't have access to safe drinking water, Stephen and Hollie Creel started using Reverse Osmosis (RO) to purify their water. With the RO system, they could drink water directly from the city in which they lived. After returning home, they realized that water from U.S. cities needs filtration and purification as well. In June 2018, they opened Advanced Water Solutions, LLC.

With their headquarters right here in Long Beach, Advanced Water Solutions is providing customers with a cost-effective solution to their water purification needs. After being in business just over a year, they have installed RO systems in homes, offices and condos throughout south Mississippi and Alabama. They pride themselves on providing their customers quality products and great service before, during and after the sale.

They are large enough to handle home water filtration needs, but small enough to provide personal service.

Many people ask, "Isn't the water from our kitchen tap clean?" It is true, municipalities work hard to provide water to its consumers that meet EPA guidelines.

But the truth of the matter is, harmful chemicals can infiltrate city or county water sources. Deteriorating water lines may allow contaminants to be introduced to drinking water even after leaving the water treatment facility. Some of the most commonly found impurities in municipal water are bacteria, chlorine, asbestos, pesticides, industrial waste, and cadmium.



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Is Reverse Osmosis worth the investment? Absolutely! It not only provides peace of mind knowing that a family is drinking quality, but the investment can also save money. Many households use RO water as a means to cut down on buying bottled water. Instead of spending

hundreds of dollars each year on bottled water, they purchase a reverse osmosis system. With the national average for a gallon of purified water costing \$1.35, the savings are obvious, as the average cost of a gallon of RO purified water is less than one penny.

Some of the advantages to Reverse Osmosis are:

- 1- Improves taste, odor and

appearance

- 2- Purification process consumes no electricity
- 3- Flushes pollutants away instead of keeping them
- 4- Low water production cost
- 5- Low maintenance

Advanced Water Solutions services systems annually, which includes new filter, flushing and sterilizing, lubricating the RO faucet and replacing the leak detector battery.

In addition to Reverse Osmosis systems, Advanced Water Solutions also sells and installs filtered shower heads. Not only do the shower heads remove the chlorine from water, they add minerals such as zinc and copper to the water which are beneficial to hair and skin. By removing the chlorine and other contaminants, the shower heads make the water much less harsh, leaving skin feeling significantly softer.

For more information, contact Stephen at 228-641-1060 or via email, stephen@advancedwater.net.

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Kiwanis “TOTY” is chosen

By Fred Weller

W. J. Quarles Elementary School teacher, Dianna Miller, was awarded “Teacher of the Year” for 2018-2019 by Rhett Hamiter representing Kiwanis District of Louisiana, Mississippi and West Tennessee. According to Kiwanis rules, “Nominees were required to submit a portfolio justifying the individuals’ love/respect for students, dedication, and ability to work with colleagues, superiors and involvement in extracurricular/school related functions.” The award included a \$250 donation to the charity of the winner’s choice. Miller donated her prize to First United Methodist Church’s “Backpack Buddy of Long Beach” whose efforts provide weekend necessities for students facing food insecurity issues. Miller’s role at Quarles as an



Rhett Hamiter presents award to Dianna Miller

Intervention Assistant places her at the head of the school’s “Power Up” reading skills program. The resource program matches students who can benefit from being paired with adult volunteers. Miller said, “The students benefit by sharing their reading efforts with the volunteers, who enjoy watching the student’s improved reading skills and personal growth.”

The “Power Up” program states “Reading is fundamental as it develops the mind in so many ways. Children develop stronger analytical thinking skills, builds cognitive stimulation, improves focus and concentration and is simply the foundation to academic success across all subject areas.”

Interested persons should contact Miller by email at Dianna.Miller@lbsdk12.com or call 228-864-3946.

Cable ONE awards LBHS



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The Long Beach High School Theatre Department was recently awarded a \$3,000 donation from Cable ONE.

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Schools and organizations serving K-12 students in communities across the twenty-one states served by Cable ONE recently had the opportunity to win \$3,000 to fund their technology project or club as part of the Cable ONE “Dream Bigger” social media campaign.

Among the five winners is the Long Beach High School Theatre Department, which produces up to eight shows a year despite limited funding. The donation will be used for production costs and equipment upgrades, including a new sound system computer and a projector.

“It is hard to find the words to describe how much this donation means to us,” said Carrie Ferguson-Bellew, who submitted the nomination on behalf of the department. “In a world of shrinking budgets, it is hard to keep up with the growth of technology in our field. As we continue to grow in a digital age, theatre itself begins to morph to reflect this. The donation will help offer students the ability to dream, design and create more than they have ever been able to do before. Thank you, Cable ONE, for helping us Dream Bigger.”

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