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## LB boys soccer team earns second place finish



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By Andy Kanengiser

For three straight seasons, the Long Beach High boys soccer team finished as runner-up in the state’s championship game.

It was mighty close, but the Bear-

cats fell to Center Hill of Olive Branch. The 2-1 loss happened for Coach Andee Wilburn’s talented Maroon and White bunch during the MHSAA 5A finale. The championship game was played in Brandon on February 8.



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The Bearcats lost by a goal to a tough Center Hill boys team; the Mustangs finished the 2019-20 season with an awesome 16-1 record.

Looking back at the 2019-2020 season, there were many positives

for the Long Beach boys. The Bearcats sported a fabulous 14-3-3 record. The state’s 5A South champs, the boys squad played their hearts out on soccer fields all year.

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## Pickleball’s popularity centered in LB Rec Center

By Lindsay Sholes

Long Beach resident John Heinbaugh is a 2019 Italian Open gold medal pickleball player and will represent team North America for the Bainbridge Cup in Nottingham, England, in July.

Heinbaugh regularly plays pickleball at the Long Beach Recreation and Senior Center with his wife, Barb, who serves as an ambassador for the United States of America Pickleball Association and is currently expanding outreach to young players in the community. The sport is widely popular among seniors and is touted as a sport that is easier on the joints than other sports such as

tennis.

Pickleball player and USAPA ambassador Andrea Robertson will be playing in the Mississippi Senior Olympics in May. She said there are around 400 pickleball players across the Coast, and since the recreation center started hosting pickleball, there have been around 25 to 30 players who come to Long Beach from the region to utilize the facility. There are snowbirds who join the group during winter months, as well.

“A large percentage of players will usually spend money going out to eat after play as a group somewhere near the facility,” Robertson said. “This is a very

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Long Beach’s John Heinbaugh, who plays pickleball at the Long Beach Recreation and Senior Center, will play in England in July.



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Sparklight's WiFi hotspot can be accessed in the Sparklight local office parking lot, located at 19201 Pineville Road in Long Beach.

Additionally, Sparklight announced that as of March 13, it is making unlimited data available on all internet services for thirty days, as well as offering payment deferrals and waiving late fees for its customers for sixty days. The



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company plans to reassess after thirty days based on the continued impact and evolving nature of the virus.

"We live and work in the communities we serve, and these are our friends and neighbors impacted by effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19), so we want to do our part to help," said Julie Laulis, President and CEO. "We understand that our customers rely on their Internet service to stay connected to family, work, school and information, and we are committed to ensuring they receive the assistance they need during this time."

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# Long Beach School District offers free lunches for children



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The Long Beach School District will be serving FREE Lunch to all children ages 18 and younger, beginning Monday, March 23, at Quarles Elementary at 111 Quarles Street. Pick-up will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m.

Children DO NOT have to be a Long Beach School District student to be eligible for the lunches. No ID will be required. However, per Federal regulations, children must be present to claim their meal. Meals will be sold

to adults for \$3. Exact change is required.

A LBSD Child Nutrition Staff member will bring meals to each vehicle. To see the menus, visit [LBSDK12.com](http://LBSDK12.com), click "Nutrition," then "Quarles Menu." Two options will be offered daily.

The LBSD will continue to monitor the situation and take guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and the Mississippi Department of Education.

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# How to Protect Yourself

(from [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))



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### Know How it Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

## Take Steps to Protect Yourself



### Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



### Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

## Take Steps to Protect Others



### Stay home if you're sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.



### Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



### Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



### Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- To disinfect:
  - Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.
  - Options include:
    - Diluting your household bleach.
    - To make a bleach solution, mix:
      - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
      - OR
      - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
  - Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.
  - Alcohol solutions: Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
  - Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants.
- Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

Visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) for more detailed information about coronavirus and COVID

# Links to COVID 19 Resources



**Center for Disease Control**  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



**Harrison County**  
[Spark.adobe.com/page/5Ex4AqYWBRQhc/](http://Spark.adobe.com/page/5Ex4AqYWBRQhc/)



**Mississippi Department of Health**  
[www.msdh.ms.gov](http://www.msdh.ms.gov)



**Mississippi Department of Education**  
[www.msachieves.mdek12.org/](http://www.msachieves.mdek12.org/)



**Long Beach Public Schools**  
[www.LBSDK12.com](http://www.LBSDK12.com)



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# LB celebrates Mardi Gras with parade

The Long Beach Carnival Association held their annual Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, February 15. This year's parade marked the sixtieth anniversary of the Carnival Association of Long Beach. King Scott LX and Queen Rosalie 2020 are Jennifer Glen and Rik Dew.



All photos by Lindy Sholes

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## Pickleball's popularity centered in LB

social sport.” Robertson said pickleball is an enjoyable sport for all ages, and if someone is interested in learning to play the sport, all they have to do is show up.

“We offer free instruction and equipment to those new to the sport,” she said. “Pickleball is a life changing, inexpensive, healthy, social paddle sport that is a combination of badminton, tennis and ping pong.”

Currently, the Rec Center is available to players every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon; but, in order to make play times available to prospective players who may go to work or school, the group that plays there is seeking to expand available playtimes into the evening.

A request to use the center two nights a week was brought before the Board of Aldermen. Because expanding to the evenings would require expenses for which the City's Parks and Rec Department had not budgeted, the issue has been tabled as options are being explored.

Rec Center director Robert Paul said that since the pickleball group has several members from Long Beach, the City allows the

group to use the facility for free during regular business hours at the appointed times.

“It's not a situation where the City doesn't want them here,” he said, “but expanding to the evening time puts a large financial strain on the City.”

Someone would have to open and close the facility, and utilities would be turned on, and some times of the year there are other activities, like basketball, that may conflict with the times the center is used by pickleball players.

Robertson said that there are currently no other places in Long Beach to play pickleball indoors

or outdoors, despite the growing popularity of the sport. Besides Long Beach, players travel between Slidell, Hattiesburg, Perkinston and Biloxi to play.

“Jason Aldean and his band members were given private access to the Donal Snyder facility to play pickleball during his recent tour stop on the coast,” she said. “Apparently, he and his band play pickleball and wanted to get in a few games while they were in town.”

For more information on playing pickleball on the Gulf Coast, visit the MS Gulf Coast Pickleballers Facebook page or [www.msgulfcoastpickleball.com](http://www.msgulfcoastpickleball.com).

### A history lesson in pickleball?

*It is thought that the game was named after a founder's dog, Pickles, who would often chase and catch the balls while they were in play. The game was created in 1965 on Bainbridge Island by three dads whose children needed some entertainment during summertime. (Source: USAPA.org)*

*Upon observation, one might determine pickleball to be like a larger version of ping pong, complete with paddles, a grounded net and a quartered court. It is also a lot like tennis, but the courts are smaller, making it easier to move around. The game can be played in singles or doubles, and the players underhandedly serve and volley a small ball with holes. The ball must bounce one time on each side; then players can volley until the ball hits the net, goes out of bounds, or bounces more than once. The players cannot step within seven feet of the net, an area called the kitchen, unless the ball bounces once on their side. The first side to reach eleven points, maintaining a two-point lead, wins the game.*



# Brown awarded grant

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The Long Beach School District recently announced that Long Beach High School (LBHS) Family and Consumer Science teacher Demetria Brown has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Leo W. Seal Teacher Recognition Award Fund, a Fund of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, for her "Shark Tank" project aimed at helping students become entrepreneurs by creating school-based enterprises that can become sustainable businesses in their community.



*Special to Long Beach Breeze*  
Demetria Brown, a teacher at Long Beach High School, was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant.

"It's an honor and privilege to receive the Hancock-Whitney Leo W. Seal award, because of the contributions he made to education and our community," said Brown. "This grant will provide a wonderful opportunity to our students to expand their creative and career opportunities in the area of entrepreneurship and innovation. We have bright students at Long Beach High School. They are the best, and I love working with them in the classroom!"

LBHS Principal Dr. Talia Lock values having a teacher like Brown on her faculty.

"There is not a more deserving

teacher to receive this award than Ms. Demetria Brown," said Lock. "She has dedicated her life to our students to ensure they reach their full potential. She encourages, motivates and inspires them to go beyond what they ever thought they could achieve. Long Beach High School is proud and honored to have a teacher on our campus that makes such a positive impact on others' lives daily."

Brown's "Shark Tank" project will be a school-based and student-focused entrepreneurial center/business incubator. The project will use a portable, dual-sided kiosk strategically placed in a high traffic area of the school. One side will support the Family Careers Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Paw Pastries and the Paw Pastries Artisan Grill. Products from microbusinesses developed and implemented by students will be sold on the second retail side of the kiosk. Businesses for this side will be chosen through LBHS "Shark Tank" competitions, to be held each nine weeks. To win and have a business in the kiosk, students individually or in groups will have to make presentations with a business plan and develop a website.

# Long Beach seniors enjoy recent Mardi Gras party

*Long Beach seniors recently held a Mardi Gras party at the Long Beach Senior Center. They elected Jan Hiles and James Albertson their new King and Queen. The Senior Center is located at 20253 Daugherty Road. For more information, call 228-214-2271.*



**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH DECLARING A CIVIL AND/OR LOCAL EMERGENCY TO EXIST AS A RESULT OF A THREATENED OR EXISTING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, does hereby declare and proclaim that a "state of emergency" exists in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, as of 12:00 noon CST, on March 16, 2020, as a result of the spread of Covid-19, a novel coronavirus, within Mississippi and surrounding areas and the potential impacts thereof (illness, injury and death) which threaten to commence in the area and impact an area that includes the City of Long Beach and Harrison County in the State of Mississippi; and the undersigned Mayor of the City of Long Beach, and under authority of 45-17-3, et seq., Miss Code Ann, and related statutes, finds and declares that a "Civil Emergency" presently exists in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, and under authority of 33-15-17 (d), et seq., Miss. Code Ann, and related statutes, finds and declares that a "Local Emergency" presently exists in the City of Long Beach, Mississippi;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that due to the threat of Covid-19 within the geographic limits of the City of Long Beach causing or threatening to cause illness, injury or death to persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, as of 12:00 noon CST, on March 16, 2020, a "Civil Emergency" and a "local Emergency" in the City of Long Beach are hereby declared to exist as a result of the spread of Covid-19, a novel coronavirus, within Mississippi and surrounding areas and the potential impacts thereof (illness, injury, and death) which threaten to commence in the area that includes the City of Long Beach and Harrison County in the State of Mississippi; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** and declared that said state of emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist in the City of Long Beach until its termination is ordered and proclaimed by the Mayor or Governing Authority; a copy of this proclamation is hereby filed with the Municipal Clerk of the City of Long Beach, and made a public record.

**SO ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED**, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Mayor George L. Bass

Filed and Attested by:

City Clerk Stacey Dahl

# Long Beach High bowlers wrap up super season

By Andy Kanengiser

Count up all the strikes, spares and hard work for Long Beach High's talented bowlers. It was a fantastic season for Bearcats student-athletes, wrapping up in mid-February.

The Long Beach boys bowling team and girls squad captured the South Region title in Class II with marvelous performances on the alleys in Gautier in late January.

At the state bowling tournament in Jackson February 12, the Long Beach boys finished as the Class II runner-up.

The Maroon and White boys fell to a strong Lafayette County High team by a 3-2 margin in the finals. The Commodores of Oxford repeated as state champs in Class II. One of the Commodores bowlers knocked down 255 pins to win one of the contests.

Matt Norra led the way for the Bearcats all season. Norra was named to the Class II Boys All-State MHSAA bowling team in February.

The Mississippi High Schools

Activities Association bowling championships was held at the Metro 24 Bowling Center in Jackson.

Long Beach High boys earned an invite to the Mississippi capital city tournament by grabbing first place in the South regionals against five bowling squads in January.

At the regionals on the Gulf Coast, Matt Norra excelled with a three-game average of 219. Matthew Mulvaney knocked down an average of 168 pins. Joshua Norra chipped in with an average of 167 pins for the trio of games.

Long Beach bowling coach Melanie Hymel is proud of both Bearcats teams, boys and girls.

In Class II girls, Neshoba Central won its fourth straight championship and fifth in six years by defeating Cleveland Central in the finals. Long Beach Lady Bearcats turned in solid performances on the lanes, but it wasn't enough.

Prospects look bright for next season for the Bearcats boys and girls teams at the school along 300 East Old Pass Road.

Coach Hymel reports her All-



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The Long Beach High bowling team competed at the state championships in Jackson on February 12. Melanie Hymel serves as the coach. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Emily Norra, Emma Fisher, Paige Myers, Addyson Seal, Joshua Norra and Coach Melanie Hymel; middle row: Abby Dubuisson, Ayden Mulvaney, Matthew Norra, Gavin Whited, Christopher Whitmore, Laurel Ladner and Manager Alyssa Tinsley; and back row: Coach Brian Smith, Matthew Mulvaney, Jacob Badeaux, Amin Whitmore Jr., Katelyn Schroeder, Lilly Sprinkle and Long Beach Mayor George Bass.

State bowler, Matt Norra, will graduate in the spring, and his departure will be huge next season.

Four other seniors joining Matt at commencement ceremonies and departing the squad will be Paige Myers, Abby Dubuisson, Emma Fisher and Amin Whitmore, Jr. But there are a dozen Long Beach bowlers returning, including: Emi-

ly Norra, Matthew Norra, Matthew Mulvaney, Joshua Norra, Jacob Badeaux, and Laurel Ladner, to name a few.

Whether Long Beach bowlers knock down all ten pins to score strikes on their first try or not, the Bearcats deserve a round of applause for completing an extraordinary season, fans say.

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The library closed to the public starting at noon on Monday, March 16, until further notice.

Materials may be returned via the book drop in the south wall.

All library fines are suspended for at least the next two weeks.

All automated text messages and renewals will continue to be sent via the library Apollo system. However, overdue fines will not accumulate at this time.

Public WiFi will still be available during regular hours.

All interlibrary loans are suspended until further notice.

Please note that we are not taking any donations until further notice.

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- Congress.gov
- DMV-Permit-Test.com
- Driving-Tests.org
- Duolingo - A language-learning and crowdsourced text translation resource.
- International Children's Digital Library Foundation - multilingual historical and contemporary books from throughout the world.
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# Girl Scouts spruce up local walking track



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Girl Scout Troop 3608 of Long Beach recently completed their Bronze Award project. The Bronze Award is the highest award that Junior Girl Scouts (grades four and five) can achieve. For their project, the girls planted native plants near all the benches along the walking track at the Long Beach Senior Center. They also made bluebird houses and hung them up at the walking track. The girls said they enjoyed being outside and learning about the plants they put in and about bluebirds. Their hope is that they have made the walking track a more enjoyable place to visit.



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# Sandberg honored with DKG Red Rose Award



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Pictured (l to r) are Membership Co-Chair Kathy Drummond, Red Rose Recipient Lynn Sandberg, and Personal Growth and Services Committee Trish Stoll.

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Last month, Lynn Sandberg of Long Beach was honored with the prestigious Red Rose Award, presented by Alpha Upsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in 1929 for key women educators with chapters across the nation and world.

Sandberg has volunteered in several areas at the Harrison County Jail for over fourteen years. She teaches a Life Skills class which challenges the inmates to recognize their needs and then implement appropriate behaviors. Sandberg also ministers to individual inmates, providing for personal and spiritual needs. While working with the jail, she established a library with only two dozen books. Today, the library has over five hundred titles.

Sandberg authored *Heaven on Earth*, which is a Biblical model for parenting. She has given away thousands of these books to churches, jails and pregnancy crisis centers, which has made the book available to many who

may be struggling with today's parental challenges. Sandberg is the main storyteller at Beach Club every Thursday at Harper McCaughan Upper Elementary. She is the wife of Bob and mother of three grown children. She is also the grandmother to five children.

The Red Rose Award is a program established to recognize the achievement of a woman in a visible leadership role whose accomplishments have benefited education and the status of women in educational leadership roles. Trish Stoll, Personal Growth and Services Committee representative, and Kathy Drummond, Membership Co-Chair, presented a certificate and a framed red rose, symbolic of the award, to Sandberg.

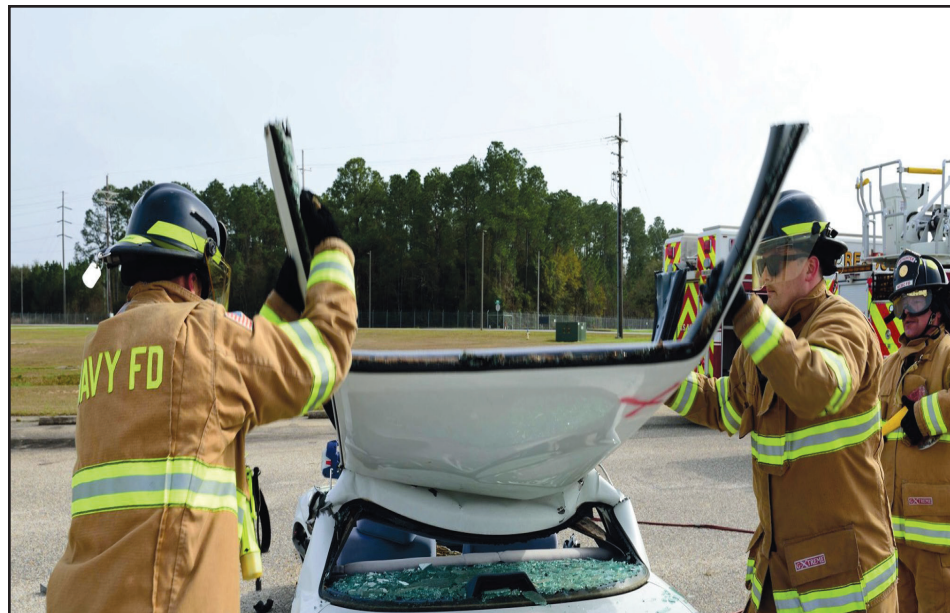
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The Mississippi State Organization and Alpha Upsilon Chapter are made up of key women educators in Hancock and Harrison Counties.

# Firefighters at NCBC practice techniques

Last month, firefighters at Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport practiced with various hydraulic rescue tools to cut open and remove parts of a car, making it easier to extract victims who might be pinned or otherwise trapped inside a wrecked vehicle. The first responders trained using hydraulically-powered shears, which are designed to cut through metal; a hydraulically-powered spreader, which can be inserted into a narrow gap between two vehicle panels, such as between two doors or between a door and a fender; and a hydraulic ram, which can be used to push back parts of the vehicle such as the dashboard in case a person's legs are pinned underneath. NCBC firefighters practice these life-saving techniques twice a year when they have vehicles available to train on.



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# Batman LBMS Animal Rescue Foundation holds drive

The Batman LBMS Animal Rescue Foundation hosted a blood drive on March 7. In addition to donating blood, residents also brought dog and cat food, old rags or towels, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and scoopable cat litter to donate to the foundation. Batman, a black and white cat for whom the Foundation is named, also stopped by to pay a visit to attendees.



(ABOVE) The Long Beach police and fire departments competed to see who could earn the most donations, either in blood or pet supplies, to win the trophy in the first annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. The police department won, with a final score of 22 to 13. Donors got to put their name in a hat for various raffle prizes, and local businesses donated food and drinks that were handed out to participants.



(ABOVE) Batman, the cat for whom the LBMS Animal Rescue Foundation was named, makes a stop at the first annual Battle of the Badges blood drive.



(ABOVE) Dawn Kimble and her grandchildren, Shayne Michael and Karsyn, visit with adoptable dogs at the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. LBPD Animal Control is able to house and provide basic medical care to cats and dogs because of generosity from organizations like the Batman Animal Rescue Foundation.



(LEFT SIDE) Long Beach residents Scott and Linda Petersen were not able to donate blood for medical reasons, but they brought cat food and got to visit with adoptable animals through LBPD Animal Control.

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# Worship at the Beach planned for April 19, 2020

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First United Methodist Church of Long Beach will worship at the Long Beach Harbor Pavilion on the beach, April 19, at 11 a.m. There will not be a worship service at the main campus, 208 Pine Street, or at the Well (USM Flem-

ing Auditorium). Instead, the community is welcome to meet, worship and encounter the love of Jesus by the sea. Afterwards, a fish fry lunch will be shared, and the afternoon will be spent enjoying the day together. The public is invited for worship and lunch.

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# LB boys soccer team earns second place finish

In February 2019, the Bearcats boys soccer team also came up short, losing a 2-1 nail biter to Lewisburg in the 5A championship match.

Coach Wilburn's boys soccer team has been phenomenal ever since he arrived. Before Wilburn became the head coach more than five years ago, the Bearcats notched only nine wins in a five-year period. They've reigned as South State champs for three straight seasons.

The 29-member boys squad will bid farewell to seniors like Joshua Bonds, Kevin Treminio, Noah Shockley, Stanley Trzaska, Dylan Stephens and Simon Nguyen.

As for the Lady Bearcats soccer team, Coach Haley Hammons and her squad ended with an 11-8-1

record. That included a stellar 6-0 mark in district play.

In the state 5A girls tournament on February 4, the Long Beach Lady Bearcats lost 2-1 to the East Central High Hornets. Based in Moss Point, the Hornets team is part of the Jackson County School District.

In February 2019, Coach Hammons and her team advanced to the state 5A championship game. That year, the girls lost 5-1 to champion Lafayette County to finish as the state's runner-up.

Lady Bearcats juniors like Sophia Fimiano, Lauren Bennett and Nathalie Salvador will return to the girls soccer team for the 2020-2021 season on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

# LBPD receives funding for "Lock It or Lose It"



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The Long Beach Police Department recently received a grant for over \$7,000. The United States Attorney's Office and the United States Department of Justice awarded grant funding to three recipients in the Southern District of Mississippi under Project EJECT, Project Safe Neighborhoods and Project Guardian. The goal of the various U.S. Attorney's Office and DOJ programs is to fight and reduce violent crime in communities throughout the country. The Long Beach Police Department plans to use the money to implement a "Lock It or Lose It" campaign. Pictured are U.S. Attorney Hurst (left) presenting LBPD Lt. Patrick Craig (right) with the Safe Neighborhoods Grant check.

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# LB students selected as candidates for U.S. Scholars



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The 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program selected 113 Mississippi students as candidates for the national award, and the honorees include three Long Beach students.

Students that have been selected as candidates have an opportunity to become one of the 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars. The scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.

Selected from Long Beach were Katie Baker, Alaysha LeBlanc and Summer Cunningham, all students at Long Beach High School.

All students that have made it to the candidacy level were mailed the necessary materials from the U.S. Department of Education to continue the next phase of the application process. The application process is a distinguished honor and by invitation only. Only students that have been selected as a candidate in each state received this invitation.

A national review committee of qualified individuals experienced in secondary and post-secondary education evaluates candidates on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and the quality and content of their essays. Semifinalists will be announced in April, and the final scholars list will be announced in May. Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars

Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities.

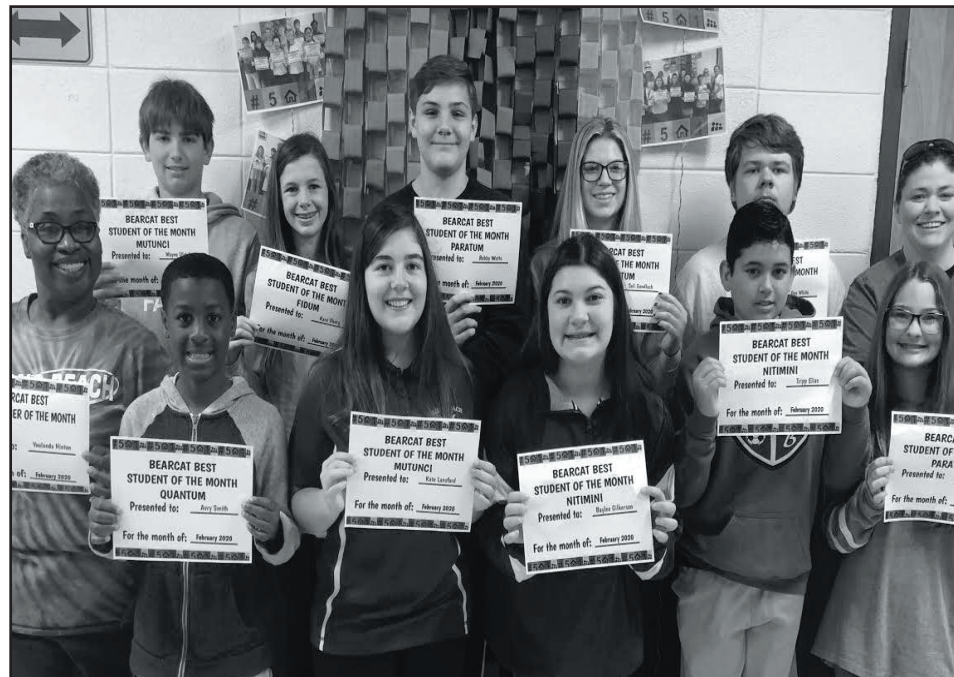
“We are very proud of our 113 student candidates for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and encourage them to complete the next phase of the process by returning all of the application materials they received from the U.S. Department of Education. This is a great honor and showcases the tremendous talents of our graduating seniors in Mississippi,” said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by Executive Order of the President, to recognize and honor some of the nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields

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# LBMS names Students and Staff of the Month



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Long Beach Middle School recently announced the February Students and Staff of the Month. Winners included Bobby Watts and Dannielle Sterner of House Paratum; Seli Gundlach and Avry Smith of House Quantum; Kate Lansford and Wayne Ulrich of House Mutunci; Dax White and Kara Oberg of House Fidum; Tripp Elias and Baylee Gilkerson of House Nitimini; and staff Youlanda Hinton and Haley Young.

# CES robotics team wins



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The Coast Episcopal School Robo Raiders have been nominated for the First Lego League Global Innovation Award.

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Ten middle school students from Coast Episcopal School recently competed against twelve other teams in the first LEGO League Qualifier at Saint Patrick’s High School. Team members included seventh grader Reese Miller and sixth graders Farres Baroudi, Huck Brodersen, Sam Grant, Waits Murphy, Luke Phillips, Nicolas Toner, Mitchell Thompson, Reeves Traxler and Vince Vorrath. Participants competed in four categories: Robot Design, Innovation Project, Core Values Presentation, and Robot Game.

The Robo Raiders received first place in the Innovation Project category, where they were tasked to solve a problem in their community. Their innovation project was to re-purpose an area on campus to create a greenhouse, which would benefit their school lunches and supplement their science classes.

With their first place finish in the Innovation Project category, they are one of only nine teams in Mississippi to be nominated for the First Lego League Global Innovation Award presented by Disney. One team will be chosen to represent Mississippi at the national level.

# McArthur wins GeoBee



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Harry McArthur of Long Beach recently won first place in the Saint Stanislaus National Geographic GeoBee.

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Twelve students from Saint Stanislaus recently participated in the school competition of the National Geographic GeoBee. Seventh grader Harry McArthur of Long Beach won first place, with seventh grader Makhi Smith winning second place.

The school competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Questions cover not only geography, but also ancient and world civilizations, cultures, and physical features.

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School champions, including McArthur, will take an online qualifying test; up to one hundred of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State GeoBee. The winners of the State GeoBees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the GeoBee National Championship in spring 2020. Students will be competing for cash prizes, scholarships, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galapagos Islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavor II. For more information, visit [www.natgeobee.org](http://www.natgeobee.org).



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# Beach Day at the Wheel Way held March 7, 2020

The annual "Beach Day at the Wheel Way" was held at the Long Beach Wheel Way on Saturday, March 7. A celebration of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the event is hosted by the Junior Auxiliary of Gulfport in partnership with the University of Southern Mississippi's Institute for Disability Studies Gulf Park and the City of Long Beach. Children with disabilities and their families were invited to participate in the free event.



(ABOVE) Caleb Gonzalez and Shelby Crosswhite, who live on the Seabee base, enjoyed the activities at the Beach Day for the Wheel Way event March 7. They even got to sit inside a medical helicopter.



(ABOVE) There were many activities at the Beach Day event, including yoga on the beach.



All photos by Lindy Sholes



(ABOVE) Beach Day at the Wheel Way attendees listen to Dwight Owens share his message of hope and confidence.



(ABOVE) Bel-Aire Elementary School first grader Sami-Jo Hardy loves the beach and has used the Wheel Way in Long Beach on several occasions to get down to the sand and play. But on March 7, she left her bucket and shovel at home to enjoy the festivities at the Beach Day event, including visiting with therapy dogs.

(LEFT SIDE) The Long Beach High School cheerleaders demonstrate some of their cheers for spectators at the Beach Day Event.



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# Long Beach HS Belles come home with big win



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The Long Beach High School Belles recently brought home a second place win from DisneyWorld in the High School Large Team Hop Hop Division. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Rachel Knight, Reagan Rainey, Fiona Rigby (mascot), Katie Fruge and Karissa McKlveen; and back row: Coach Leslie Rigby, Lauren Turner, Jillian LaRosa, Karissah Swartz, Ezabelle Janssen, Kennedy Kuntz, Emily Norra, Maddie Dinger, Olivia Prescott, Jillian Deschamp, Ashlynn Roswell, Ella Touchstone, Emma Hughey, Macy Barkum-Robinson and Alana Rowe.

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