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Long Beach police to host Night Out Against Crime

By Andy Kanengiser

America celebrates the 35th anniversary of the National Night Out Against Crime this fall, and Long Beach will be among more than 16,000 U.S. communities taking part.

Long Beach Police Department leaders invite local residents to join them for the event on the Town Green on October 19. There will be plenty of food and drinks, fun games and much more from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Friendly City’s downtown. The event that Saturday evening is free.

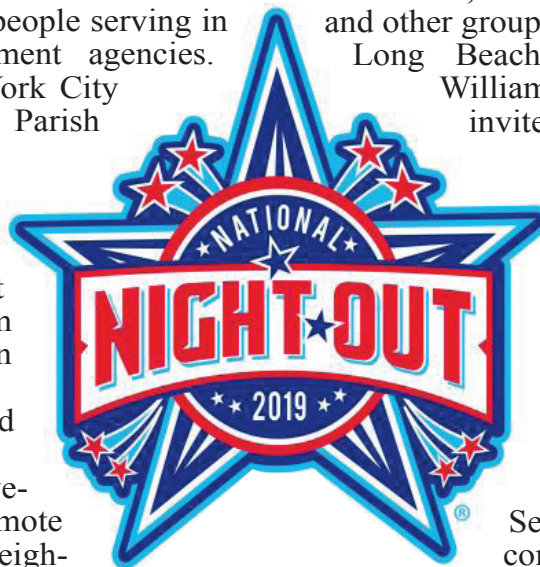
The National Night Out Against Crime remains an established

way for millions of citizens to get to know people serving in law enforcement agencies.

From New York City to Jefferson Parish in the New Orleans area,

National Night Out is a program working in communities both big and small.

It’s one avenue to promote police and neighborhood partnerships. From one year to the next,



businesses, civic organizations, and other groups get involved.

Long Beach Police Chief William “Billy” Seal invites folks in his

Harrison County hometown to attend the Night Out Against Crime.

“We are looking forward to another fun-filled event,” Seal said. “Please come out and join us!”

There will be community infor-

mation booths and police vehicle displays, he says, as well as the free food, games and activities.

“This is a wonderful event that allows children and parents to interact with and get to know the officers in our Friendly City,” Seal said.

Visitors can also meet with business leaders and officials with different organizations providing vital services in Long Beach, the chief noted.

Residents seeking to set up a free booth to provide community information can contact Jeaneen Knight, office manager for the Long Beach Police Department, or send an email to jeaneen@cityoflongbeachms.com.

LB’s Seavey wins World Food Championship

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Jackie Seavey of Long Beach, executive sous chef at Island View Casino Resort, was declared champion of the 7th Annual World Food Championship. Chef Seavey competed earlier this summer in The World Food Championship’s Final Table, keeping it a secret until a special two-part docu-series on CNBC revealed the winner. Seavey mastered three Cajun/Creole Challenges in the final event, making her the newest member of the \$100,000 Club.

This year’s final table food destination city was set in New Orleans, a city whose unique cuisine is as diverse in its history and culture. The challenge was to prepare food

in the style of that city.

Along with winning the largest prize purse, Seavey’s winning dish, titled “Kumquat Duck and Cornbread Waffle Canapés,” will be featured at America’s oldest family-run restaurant, Antoine’s in New Orleans. Considering the infamous Big Easy restaurant has not made any additions to its menu in over one hundred years, this marks a huge achievement for any chef’s culinary career. Now, foodies visiting the NOLA area can stop in to taste Seavey’s winning recipe.

Last fall, Chef Seavey took first place in the World Open Chili Championship in Orange Beach, Alabama, earning her a spot at the Final Table. Seavey compet-



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Chef Jackie Seavey with the trophy engraved with all past winners from the World Food Championships’ Final Table.

ed against nine other chefs from around the world to make it to the final three.

“This is the first time in Food Sport history that a Chili Champi-

on won the World Food Championship title,” stated Mike McCloud, CEO of World Food Championships. “This is the third consecu-

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In between the concerts, parades, drag races, sock hops, swap meets and entertainment, car enthusiasts are invited to "drive through" the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) located at 1800 East Beach Drive in Gulfport so that the "heroes" living there can enjoy the cars.

AFRH staff is hoping to enlist

the support of all Crusiers, who are invited to pass through its gates along Highway 90 from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, as a way to salute the heroes, honor their service to the U.S. and include them in the festivities of Cruisin' The Coast. Most of the residents are unable to attend the crowded events of Cruisin' the Coast, and therefore appreciate the Crusiers visiting their campus.

For more information and a Cruisin' the Coast events schedule, visit CruisinTheCoast.com.

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Cruisin' the Coast activities planned in Long Beach, MS

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October 6-13 will bring the annual influx of Cruisin' the Coast participants, and Long Beach will again host a portion of the fun, which extends all across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Each day, Cruisers can be viewed on the USM Front Lawn, and residents are also likely to see them Cruisin' the Strip, also known as Jeff Davis Avenue.

On Monday, the Cruisin' the Coast kickoff parade begins in Long Beach at 5:30 p.m. It is open to registered vehicles only, with the first six hundred to arrive being in the parade.

Line up begins at 1 p.m. at Long Beach High School.

Following the parade, there will be live music featuring the Tip Tops at Long Beach Harbor, from 6 until 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, from 7 until 10 a.m., there will be a Country Cruisin' Breakfast at the Long Beach Yacht Club, and Saturday night, October 12, Harper McCaughan Town Green will host a Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee.

For more information about the event schedule and activities, visit www.CruisinTheCoast.com.



SUN. OCT. 6	All Day All Day	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue
MON. OCT. 7	All Day 5:30 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Coast Kick Off Parade Live Music - Tip Tops - Long Beach Harbor
TUES. OCT. 8	All Day All Day	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue
WED. OCT. 9	All Day All Day	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue
THR. OCT. 10	All Day All Day 7-10 a.m.	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue Country Cruisin' Breakfast - Long Beach Yacht Club
FRI. OCT. 11	All Day All Day 7-10 a.m.	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue Country Cruisin' Breakfast - Long Beach Yacht Club
SAT. OCT. 12	All Day All Day 7-10 a.m. 6 p.m.	View The Cruisers - USM Front Lawn Cruisin' The Strip - Jeff Davis Avenue Country Cruisin' Breakfast - Long Beach Yacht Club Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee - Harper McCaughan Town Green
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Bacon Wrapped Scallops12	Served with Drawn Butter
Crab Fondue12	Lump Crab Meat and House Cheese Blend baked golden, served with tortilla chips
Butter Poached Royal Reds 14	Served with Drawn Butter
Fried Green Tomatoes12	Crispy Fried Tomatoes, Lump Crab Meat with Remoulade
Hummus Du Jour10	Crudit�, Kalamata Olives served with warm Pita Bread
Shrimp and Crab Martini *13	Jumbo Gulf Shrimp and Lump Crab Meat with Avocado tossed in a Lime Cilantro Vinaigrette
Seasonal Tomato Salad12	Sliced Locally Farmed Tomatoes over Succotash with Fried Goat Cheese, Honey Vinaigrette and Balsamic Gastrique

Choice Sides	3
Collard Greens	
Sweet Potato Souffle	
Succotash	
Hand Cut Fries	
Jalapeno Cornbread	
Buttermilk Mash Potatoes	

Premium Sides	5
Local Vegetable Medley	
Local Legume Du Jour	
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**Ask your server about proteins options.	

ENTREES	
Fresh Gulf Catch	MKT PRICE Choice of Almondine, Andouille Crusted, Blackened or Grilled with Chef Seasoning, served with one Choice side
Fried Seafood Platter18	Shrimp, USA Catfish and Oysters golden fried served with Hand cut Fries, Cole Slaw and Corn Fritter
Fried Shrimp Platter 15	
Fried USA Catfish Platter 14	
Fried Oyster Platter 16	
Fried Scallop Platter 24	
Pork Chop *12	Center Cut 6oz Chop grilled or fried to order served with one Choice side
Ally's Vegan Pasta14	Vegetable Ribbons with Romesco Sauce garnished with Walnuts and Sunflower Seeds
Mahi Mahi25	Pan seared with Scallop and Gulf Shrimp over Succotash and Beurre Blanc Sauce
Filet Mignon 6oz *32	Certified Angus Beef grilled to order with Herbed Compound Butter, served with Baked Potato or one Choice Side
Free Range Chicken 14	Half Chicken with House BBQ sauce served with one Choice side
Wagyu Burger *16	6oz Patty with Bacon Jam, Cheddar, Fried Tabasco Onion Strings on a Sourdough Bun served with Hand Cut Fries
Half Pound Burger * 10	8oz Certified Angus Beef Patty with American Cheese served dressed on a Sourdough Bun served with Hand Cut Fries Additional: Blue Cheese Crumbles 1 Bacon 1.50 House BBQ Sauce .50 Grumpy Man pickled sweet jalapenos .75

LOUNGE COCKTAILS

Harbor Sunset 10
Ketel One Peach Orange Blossom with Passion Fruit Puree, House Simple Syrup and Sparkling Wine

New School 12
Eagle Rare Whiskey, El Guapo Spiced Tea Cocoa Bitters, House Made Simple Syrup, Ginger Beer and Garnished with Spiced Rum Soaked Cherries

Pineapple Cilantro Rita 10
1800 Silver Tequila, Pineapple Juice, Muddled Cilantro Leaves, Cointreau, Agave Nectar and Fresh Lime

Parrish Paloma 10
Monte Alban Mezcal, Grapefruit Juice, House Rosemary Simple Syrup and Sparkling Wine

Summer Day 10
Don Q Rum, Strawberry Puree, El Guapo Summer Berries Bitters, House Basil Simple Syrup and Fresh Lemon Juice

Fleur Tini 12
Bristow Gin, St. Germain Elderflower, El Guapo Cucumber Lavender Bitters, House Simple Syrup, and Fresh Lemon Juice

LOUNGE MENU

Crab Cake 12
Ms. Reenie's House Made Blue Crab cake with Creole Cream Sauce

Scallop and Shrimp Skewer 12
Diver Scallop and Gulf Shrimp Grilled with Citrus Beurre Blanc

Butter Poached Royal Reds 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

Sliders 10
Choice of Crab cake, Fried Green Tomato BLT or Cheddar Burgers

Ceviche 12
Shrimp, Scallops and Gulf Fish with Citrus, Cilantro and Avocado

Truffle & Parmesan Fries 8
Hand cut Fries and a House Made Aioli

Chef's Select Hummus 10
Crudit , Kalamata Olives served with warm Pita Bread

Fried Green Tomatoes 12
Crispy Fried Tomatoes, Lump Crab Meat with Remoulade

Crab Au Gratin 12
Lump Crab Meat and house cheese blend baked golden, served with New Orleans French Bread

Bacon Wrapped Scallops 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

Bruschetta 8
Topped with Tomatoes, Red Onions and Fresh Basil

Operation Round Up has donated to Buddy Ball



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Pictured (l to r) are: Melissa Russo, Coast Electric Power Association; Patty Hammons and Lisa Birmingham of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation; Mike Taylor; Keith "Sparky" Clark and Mike Crawford of Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports; and Janell Nolan of Coast Electric.

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Buddy Ball is one of fourteen recipients of this quarter's Operation Round Up grant recipients, a program funded by Coast Electric members. Coast Electric members "round up" their monthly bills to the nearest dollar, and those donations are put into a community trust, administered by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Each quarter, charities that have a positive impact for people in Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River counties are able to apply for grants of up to \$10,000. This quarter, fourteen local charities have received \$83,850 in grants, including a \$4,000 donation to Mississippi Gulf Coast Buddy Sports for

their first-ever fishing opportunity.

The MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports nonprofit organization makes recreational sports and leisure opportunities available and affordable for youths and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through their Buddy Sports programs.

This year, the program is adding near-shore charter boat fishing, saltwater pier fishing, and freshwater pond fishing to their program of activities. Part of their funding for these events is from the Coast Electric Power Association's Community Roundup Grant.

For more information on these events, to volunteer, or donate, visit www.msgulfcoastbuddysports.org.

Pink Heart Funds Walk of Hope battles cancer

By Andy Kanengiser

Long Beach residents are encouraged to join the battle against cancer by taking part in the 2019 Pink Heart Funds Walk of Hope.

The thirteenth annual event at the Town Green in Long Beach is set for October 12. There's a 5K run to begin at 8 a.m., followed by a one-mile run that Saturday at 8:15.

Organizers say they hope citizens will lace up their running shoes and join the cause.

Registration begins that morning at 7 a.m.

JoAn Niceley serves as the founder of Pink Heart Funds. The mission of the non-profit is to "encourage and restore hope to persons affected with cancer and extreme hair loss disorders."

This fall, the Gulf Coast resident is committed to this mission stronger than ever before.

The fight against cancer is never ceasing. In the United States alone, there are 4,700 new cancer diagnoses each day. In 2018, there were 1,735,350 cancer cases reported.

The facts continue to be alarming. There were 609,640 cancer deaths in the U.S. in 2018. That's a death rate of 158.6 per 100,000 population in 2015. Cancer touches so many families and impacts people of all ages, young and old

alike. During their lifetime, the probability of being diagnosed with cancer is 39.7 percent for men and 37.6 percent for women, reports show.

Worldwide, the most common types of cancer for women are breast, colorectal and lung cancer. Breast cancer tops the list as the most common for females.

Pink Heart Funds events like the 2019 Walk of Hope in Long Beach on October 12 will help raise funds to fight cancer as well

as spread awareness about the deadly disease.

The Pink Heart Funds golf tournament at the Diamondhead Country Club in on October 3 is another Gulf Coast event that Nicely is promoting non-stop. Golfing at the scramble runs from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The deadline to register is September 26.

The cost to enter the Pink Heart Funds Walk of Hope is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Pre-race registration will go on until October 7.

Participants at the road race will receive T-shirts, but they will get much more back by investing in America's ongoing battle against cancer.

For more information about Pink Heart Funds events, visit www.pinkheartfunds.org or call Niceley at 228-575-8299.

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LBHS Bearcats soccer season begins

By Andy Kanengiser

The U.S. women's team captured the World Cup in 2019 to rev up the sport of soccer's incredible popularity nationwide. The winning players were treated to a festive ticker-tape parade in New York City.

It's going to be hard for any team to match their acclaim, but on Gulf Coast soccer fields, the Long Beach Lady Bearcats are quietly racking up triumphs. The talented girls are consistently making their story known across the Magnolia State.

The Lady Bearcats won the South State Championships for 5-A in 2018 and 2019. And the future shines bright as a new soccer season begins.

Coach Haley Hammons raves about another extraordinary roster led by team captains Sydney Spataro, Lauren Bennett and Julia Geertsema.

Since classes began in August, the girls worked on conditioning and teambuilding. They started ball work, as well. Everybody is hustling.

It's not just coach-speak. Hammons gets excited about what the 2019-20 season will bring.

"This season, I have high expectations for these ladies...on and off the field," Hammons said. "They are working hard con-

ditioning and strength training daily. Our goal is to continue last year's success and grow as a team."

To help the soccer team, Lady Bearcats supporters are busy raising funds. On October 18, fans at the Long Beach High football game can donate to their cause. Raffle tickets will be sold that evening, and fans buying tickets are eligible to win a YETI cooler. Tickets cost \$5, or \$20 will pay for five raffle tickets.

Businesses interested in sponsoring events to benefit the Lady Bearcats soccer team can contact Booster Club President Alissa Cuevas at alissacuevas@cabl-one.net

In early September, there were twenty-seven Long Beach girls on the roster. The girls' fall schedule kicks off with the Biloxi Jamboree on October 26, followed by the Gulfport Classic at the Sportsplex on November 1. A varsity road contest with Harrison Central at 5:30 p.m. on November 8 is next. Home contests with Bay St. Louis for the varsity and JV are set for November 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Lady Bearcats hit the road for away games against East Central on November 15, Vancleave on November 16, D'Iberville on November 19 and Biloxi on November 22. More con-

tests come versus regional rivals before the first round of the state playoffs in early February.

In February 2019, the Lady Bearcats and the Long Beach boys soccer team both advanced to the State Finals.

The Lady Bearcats started things off with a 3-0 South State win over West Jones in front of their hometown fans at Lumpkin-Magee Stadium.

The Long Beach boys prevailed in a nail biter versus West Harrison. Trailing against the Hurricanes 2-0, the squad bounced back with senior Kai Vancourt scoring three straight goals. In overtime, Vancourt scored the go-ahead goal, followed by junior Stanley Trazska adding one more for the 5-3 Long Beach win.

Among early season games this fall for the Long Beach boys soccer squad is a road trip to Bay St. Louis on November 12, set for a 7 p.m. start. The boys JV squad meets St. Stanislaus at home (at 5:30 p.m.) on November 15. Games follow against D'Iberville on November 19 and Biloxi on November 22, with both starting at 7 p.m. in Long Beach. Home conference battles for the boys include a December 10 contest versus Picayune and a January 7 match with George County. Both games start at 7 p.m. for the Maroon and White.

Long Beach High construction continues



Construction began at the first of this month on additional classroom labs at Long Beach High School.

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A is for “appraisal” - the basics of residential appraisals

By Guest Columnist Mallory Savner,
Licensed realtor, Veterans Realty

Most people only think about an appraisal for residential or commercial real estate transactions, which is a large part of the real estate industry. Most real estate transactions involving a lender will require an appraisal, whether it is buying, selling or refinancing. However, appraisals are used for a number of things, including estate planning, tax assessments, dispute resolution, feasibility studies, et cetera. For the purposes of this article, we will primarily be discussing residential appraisals.

A residential appraisal is an unbiased estimate of a home’s true or fair market value. Lenders, and even individual consumers, order an appraisal to objectively assess

a home’s market value. Appraisers are highly trained and licensed in their state. They are strictly regulated and must substantiate every finding in their report that influences the home’s value. Consequences for misleading or biased appraisals can be severe.

An appraiser looks for several things when determining your home’s value. Most importantly are the home’s physical characteristics—square footage, location, view, age, condition, etc. Appraisers also look at the neighborhood conditions and comparable sales in the area. The appraiser’s inspection is the one part of the appraisal process you can somewhat control by ensuring your home is in the best possible condition. While the tidiness of your home does not affect the value (although a tidy home certainly doesn’t hurt), there are things homeowners can, and are advised, to do to get the home ready.

First, start by ensuring you do not have any safety or health issues, such as a leaking sink or exposed wiring. Exterior rotten or

damaged wood, peeling exterior paint, plumbing issues, exposed wiring—basically anything that is a safety or health hazard—will more than likely be a required repair. A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself, “Is it safe, sound, and sanitary?” This is not a home inspection. However, if there are minor repairs that can be done, such as patching walls and touch up work, having those completed before the inspection will certainly help with the home’s value.

Secondly, itemize improvements. Make a list of repairs and updates in recent years to give to the appraiser, such as a new water heater or roof. The appraiser will also include neighborhood information, which will discuss in depth the location and neighborhood conditions. If there are improvements to your neighborhood that may not be readily apparent, such as improved drainage, the appraiser would appreciate knowing about that, as well.

Once a contract is executed in the sale of a home, and the lender receives a copy, they will begin

the financing process. The lender will then request an appraisal. The appraiser will inspect the home, as well as gather information on the property, neighborhood and comparable sales. The appraiser then creates the appraisal report, which will go to the lender. If the appraised price meets or exceeds the sales price, the loan moves forward. If the appraised value is less than the sales price, the buyer and seller will work towards a solution. The seller may lower the sales price to reflect the appraised value. If the seller refuses to lower the price, the buyers may be able to pay the difference (depending on type of loan) or walk away from the sale without penalty.

In the state of Mississippi, buyers are never obligated to purchase a home for more than the appraised value, as long as the contract states the offer is contingent on an appraisal. On that note, if the buyer is securing financing through a bank or lender, an appraisal will usually be required and should be reflected as such on the contract.



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Volunteer workdays mean progress for F.E.T.C.H.

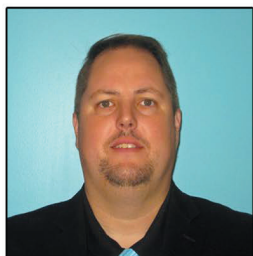
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The F.E.T.C.H. Park volunteers have made progress in a series of several recent workdays. The Charlie Company 169 soldier trainees at NCTC assisted in pouring concrete, and

visible results are evident. The park is located at 20257 Daugherty Road. For more information about F.E.T.C.H. Park and upcoming workdays, visit their Facebook page or their website at www.FetchParkLongBeachMS.com.



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LB Library seeks president

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Children's Librarian

The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library have not yet elected a president for their group for this upcoming year. If you are interested in the position, please contact our director, Denise, at 228-863-0711. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4, at 1 p.m. in the main wing. Remember, it is only \$10 per year to join the Friends, and the money goes to support the library. Forms for joining can be found on the library's website or at the

front desk.

The book that the Long Beach Library's Book Club has chosen for the month of October is *The Child* by Fiona Barton. They will meet on Monday, October 21, at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the main wing.

The Long Beach Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 22, at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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

Levens named as MBJ 50 Leading Business Women

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Jenny Levens, community affairs director for the City of Long Beach, was named one of 50 Leading Business Women by the *Mississippi Business Journal* last month.

Mississippi Business Journal launched the first 50 Leading Business Women of Mississippi Awards program in 1997. The purpose of the program is to recognize profes-

sional women who have made a significant contribution to society and the workplace. Selections are made from a list of women who are nominated based on professional accomplishments, personal accomplishments and levels of

influence.

Levens is a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in business. She is the first community affairs director for the City of Long Beach. She is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organization Management and is a member of the Leadership Gulf Coast Class of 2014 and the Leadership Mississippi Class of 2017. Additionally, she is in the current Gulf Coast Business Council's Masters Class.

Levens was recognized in 2016 for the Top 10 Under 40 One Coast Awards, *Mississippi Business Journal's* Top 50 Under 40

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Pictured are (left) Chief Operating Officer of the Mississippi Economic Council Cathy Northington, with the City of Long Beach Community Affairs Director Jenny Levens.

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Breakfast with the Mayor

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The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce will hold a Breakfast



with the Mayor, featuring Long Beach Mayor George Bass, on Wednesday, October 2.

Mayor George Bass will speak at the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce breakfast on October 2.

The event will be held from 8 until 9 a.m. in the Hardy Hall Ballroom on

the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Campus.

Residents are invited to attend to hear updates from Mayor Bass, as well as join the Long Beach Chamber in honoring the First Responders of the Year, the Aline Doherty Citizen of the Year and the Public Works Employee of the Year.

Tickets to the event are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for Chamber members.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 228-604-0014.

36th annual Toast to the Coast planned for Oct. 18

Special to Long Beach Breeze

Coast Episcopal School will hold its 36th annual Toast to the Coast event on Friday, October 18.

Long Beach residents are invited to hoist their sails and set course to the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Jan van Meerveld's home on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, where event organizers will treat guests to an evening of music and dancing.



There will be a galley tent offering the flavors of more than thirty Mississippi Gulf Coast restaurants, and attendees can participate in a silent auction featuring items collected from celebrated artisans and local businesses. New this year is a featured port of call, a one-night-only Gail Keenan Art Center (GKAC) Pop-Up Art Gallery, featuring fine art from acclaimed Gulf Coast artists.

Music will be provided by D-Play. The event will also include a raffle of four club-level seats for the

New Orleans Saints vs. Carolina Panthers game on November 24.

The package includes a premium suite at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans and \$150 gift certificate to Galatoire's 33 Bar and Steak restaurant. Raffle tickets

are current available in the Coast Episcopal School front office for \$50, and the drawing will be held at the Toast to the Coast event.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100, and sponsorships are available. For sponsorships, tickets, and additional information, visit www.TheToastToTheCoast.com.

Coast Episcopal School is an independent school serving toddlers, preschoolers, and children ages kindergarten through seventh grade. Coast Episcopal School has fostered a life-long love of learning since 1950.

For more information about the school, visit: www.CoastEpiscopalSchool.org.

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Levens named as MBJ 50 Leading Business Women

for 2018, and by the 2018 Success Conference as a Top Influencer and One to Watch. Levens is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach, the Gulfport Junior Auxiliary, Boys and Girls Club, the Carnival Association of Long

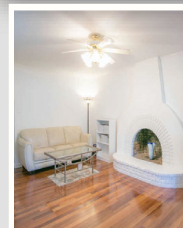
Beach, Coast Young Professionals and Make-A-Wish. Additionally, she serves as a Lynn Meadows Boogie Nights Committee Member, Beach Day at the Wheel Way Chair and Keesler Air Force Base Honorary Commander.

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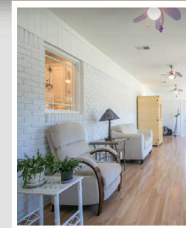


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LB girls track team gets an championship rings



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The 2018-20 Long Beach High School girls track team won the 5A Girls Track State Championship last spring, and the girls were recently presented with their championship rings. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Alex Segura, Americus Knight, Zymond Frazier and Marlana Moore; and back row: Jakiyah Holland, Muonie Pickens, Jasmyn Holmes, Treasure Jones, Noel Harris, Brooklyn Biancamano and Gabby Osness.

Long Beach High names LB Homecoming Court



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Long Beach High School celebrated their 2019 Homecoming the weekend of September 12-13. The freshman, sophomore and junior classes each elected two representatives to serve as Homecoming Maids, and the senior class elected five. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Freshman Camdyn Biancamano, sophomore MaKenna Currie, junior Lauren Bennett, junior Asia Bui, sophomore Ella Touchstone and freshman Gracie Sumrall; and back row: seniors Jolee Johnson, Paige Myers, Katie Huey, Melinda Golden and Meredith LeMasters.

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Taste of Long Beach is set for October 24, 2019

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The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 2019 Taste of Long Beach on Thursday, October 24, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Senior Center.

The annual event, which is in its tenth year, offers attendees the opportunity to sample the cuisine of Long Beach restaurants and businesses.

Local restaurants will sample their culinary delights and beverages.

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



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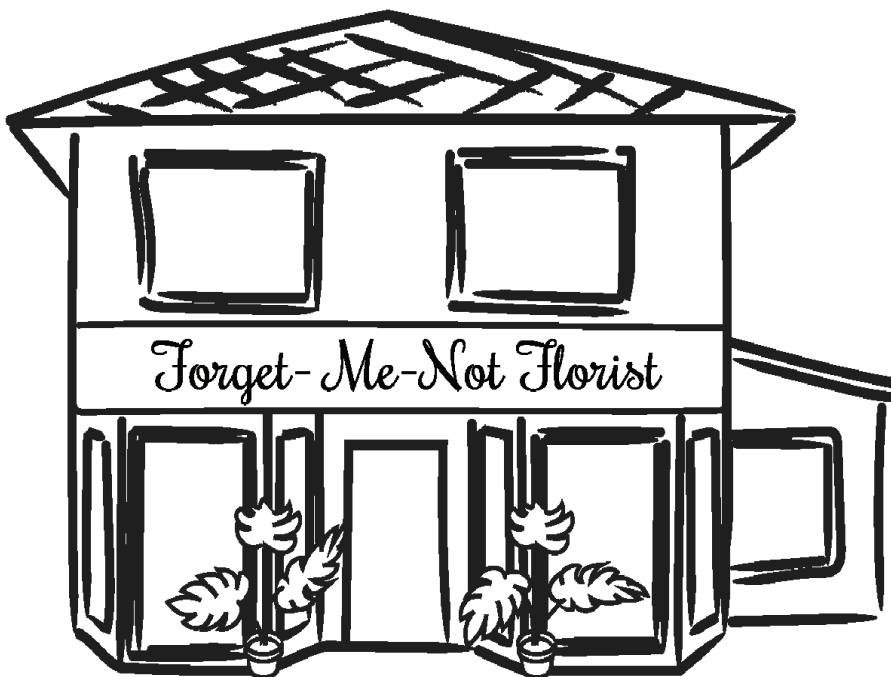
Ribbon cutting held for Forget-Me-Not Florist



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Forget-Me-Not Florist recently held a grand opening and ribbon cutting for their shop, located at 100 East Railroad Street in Long Beach. City and Chamber officials, family and friends joined owner Theresa Cuevas for the celebration. For more information about Forget-Me-Not-Florist, call 228-863-5740.

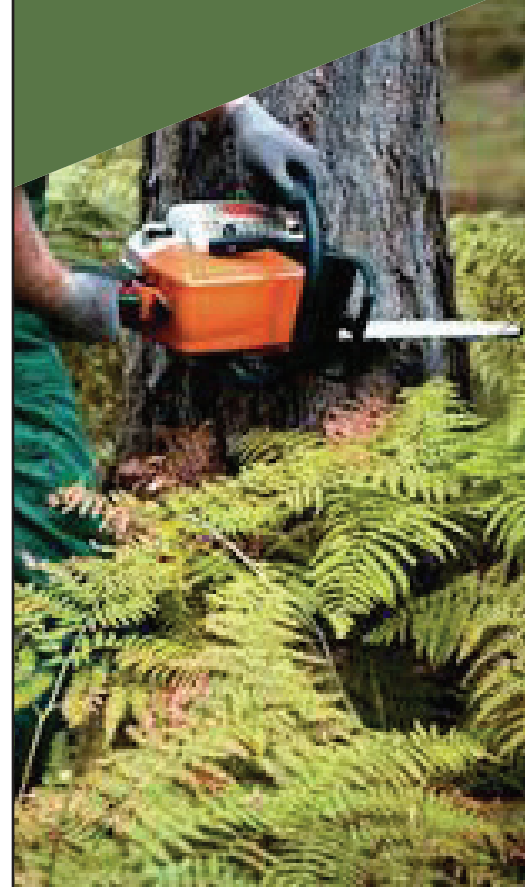
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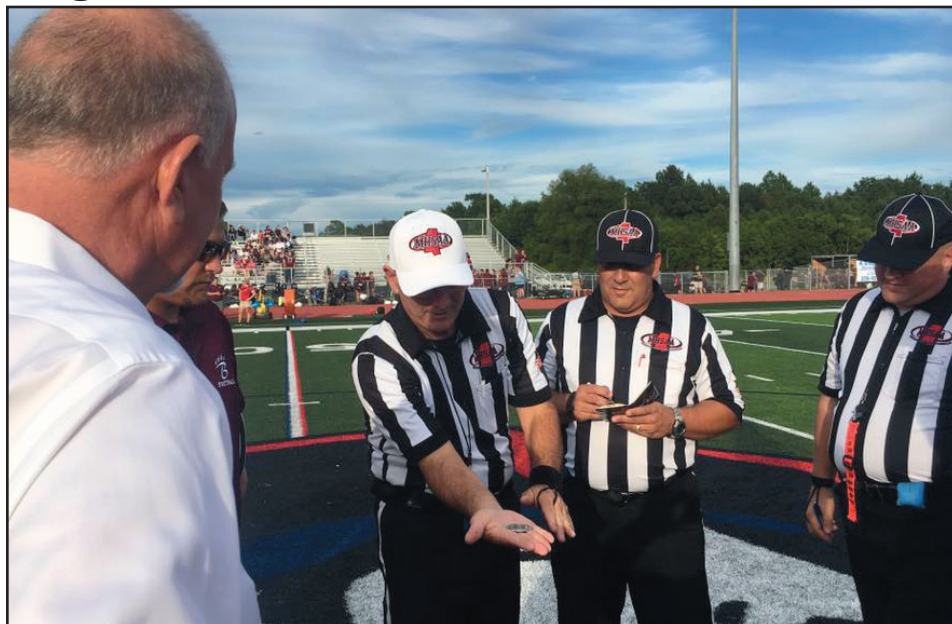


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Mayor flips coin for the Oyster Bowl with PCHS



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Long Beach Mayor George Bass took part in the Annual Mayor Coin Flip of the Oyster Bowl late last month, as the Long Beach High Bearcats football team prepared to square off against rival Pass Christian Pirates. Long Beach Head Coach Philip Pigott and Pass Christian Head Coach Blake Pennock invited Bass and Pass Christian Mayor Chipper McDermott to start the game with a coin toss. The mayors had a friendly bet for the first game of 2019 season, with the loser of the "friendly" city line rivalry treating the other to lunch of their choice in their respective city. Mayor Bass called the flip, as LBHS was the guest team at the Francis McDonald Stadium in Pass Christian. The Pirates won their second consecutive Oyster Bowl in a 42-27 victory.

Sailors drag Humvee in the NCBC competition



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Sailors assigned to the Naval Construction Battalion Center compete in a Humvee drag competition at the Fitness Center late last month. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 won the event. The purpose of the event is to showcase strength and endurance. The goal was for a team of five participants to drag a 12,000 lbs. Humvee across 155 feet as quickly as possible.

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Schepens accepted to Duke Talent Identification Program



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Several Our Lady Academy seventh graders, including Devin Schepens of Long Beach, have been invited to join Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP). Only students scoring in the 95th percentile or better on standardized tests qualify. Participants are invited to take the above-grade level ACT or SAT tests designed for college-bound tenth and eleventh graders so that their academic abilities and potential can be more accurately evaluated. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Ava Schmitt, Lily Fontenette, Margaret Compretta, Anastasia Nguyen and Riley Cruthirds; and back row: Hallie Zimmerman, Caroline Dufrene, Madison Ladner, Devin Schepens, Emily Reinike, Leigha Zimmerman, Emily Johnston and Camille Boudreaux. For more information about TIP, visit www.tip.duke.edu.

Sailors commemorate 50th anniversary of Hur. Camille



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Commodore, Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2, Capt. Peter Maculan, right, and a member of the Salvation Army carry a wreath that will be placed in front of the Hurricane Camille monument at the War Memorial Park in Pass Christian.

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U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to commands on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC).

Gulfport recently held the 50th Commemoration Ceremony of Hurricane Camille at the War Memorial Park in Pass Christian. Camille was a category

five hurricane that made landfall in Pass Christian on August 17, 1969, leaving its mark on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for years to come. The 50th Commemoration Ceremony was held to pay tribute to the victims lost during Hurricane Camille and to honor those who assisted with the recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast.

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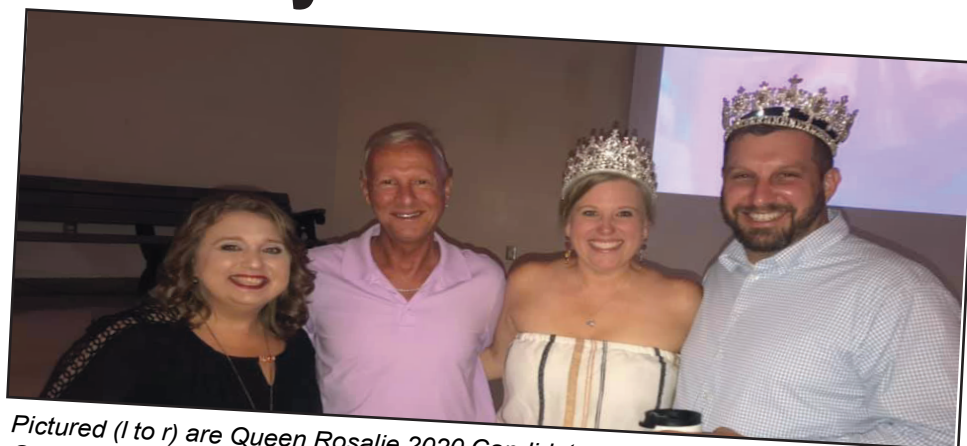
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The Carnival Association of Long Beach (CALB) recently held their annual Announcement and Mem-

bership Party at the Long Beach Senior Citizen Activity Center. Rik Dew and Jennifer Glenn were named the CALB Royal Candidates for Mardi Gras 2020.



CALB President Jason Green and Vice President Rachel
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Pictured (l to r) are Queen Rosalie 2020 Candidate Jennifer Glenn and King Scott LX Candidate Rik Dew with Queen Rosalie 2019 Kelly Griffith and King Scott LIX Chris Boudreaux.
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Phyllis Seal, Queen Rosalie 2000
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Queen Rosalie 2018 Linda Frost and Mike Frost
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Long Beach Live presents Kelsey Moran on Oct. 4th

By Andy Kanengiser

Long Beach Live is the Friendly City's popular concert series that's always a hit with fans. Concert-goers on October 4 can catch talented singer and guitarist Kelsey Moran at the Harper McCaughan Town Green.

The entertaining series of free concerts in the amphitheater is booked for the first Friday of the month. For music lovers, it's hard to miss the Town Green at 301 Jeff Davis Avenue in the heart of downtown Long Beach. The concert series typically cranks up at 7 p.m. and runs a couple of hours, if the weather's

nice. Those with classic cars are invited to line the streets for a cruise in or join in and slow roll Jeff Davis "like the good 'ol days."

No stranger to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Moran played

at the Blind Tiger in Bay St. Louis,

Tube doing Doobie Brothers smash hits like "Long Train Runnin."

Booked for the November 1 Long Beach Live

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Bruce Smelley. Known as "Saraland's Favorite Son," Smelley recently performed at the Flora-Bama Lounge, Your Mama's House in Biloxi, Luckys in Saraland, and the Blind Tiger in Bay St. Louis. His show starts at 7 p.m. in Long Beach that Friday evening. It's free. Bruce Smelley Music can be found on Facebook.

Long Beach Live concerts allow residents to meet new people and get together with old friends on the Gulf Coast. Friendly City visitors can stroll from the Town Green and enjoy a meal at one of the city's restaurants or shop in the stores, many of which stay open late and offer specials and deals during the night out. For more information, call the City of Long Beach at 228-863-1556.



Kelsey Moran will entertain at Long Beach Live's Finally First Friday concert on October 4.
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Bacchus on the Beach, and at the Murky Water BBQ in

Gulfport in early September. She performed at the Island View Casino Resort in Gulfport with Bob Guidry on September 7.

The Ugly Pirate in Bay St. Louis and a previous Long Beach Live engagement in 2019 have been other stops along the way for the Kelsey Moran Band.

To find out a little more about the Gulf Coast entertainer, visit Kelsey Moran's Facebook page. Catch her lively band on You-

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Long Beach's Seavey wins World Food Championship



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Chef Jackie Seavey (third from left) and her team, Deborah Thomas and David Crabtree, stand with Mike McCloud, CEO of World Food Championships.

...tive year a woman has won it all.”
“The amazing thing about the world food championships is the diversity of its competitors and the complexity of its challenges,” said Seavey. “Just to get to be a competitor at the WFC Final Table was nerve rattling, but it was a rewarding experience. As with my culinary career, I never thought I’d make it as far as I did. This win is the pinnacle of my entire culinary career.”

As seen on the one-hour special, *The Final Table: New Orleans*, Seavey was one of ten category champions who emerged from WFC’s Main Event in 2018. After three intense rounds of competition, Chef Seavey proved to be the best at mastering creole-inspired cuisine while impressing local restaurateurs like Dickie Brennan and Chef Rich Lee at Antoine’s along the way.

“This field of talented chefs and cooks truly made this year’s Final Table one of the most memorable and exciting events in our history,” commented McCloud, President and CEO of WFC. “Our Main Event, which features over five hundred teams, has always produced fantastic champions. But it was extraordinary to witness the level of culinary creativity that Jackie and our other 2018 champs displayed in this new destination cuisine format.”

Three Island View Casino Resort chefs, Seavey, David Crabtree and Deborah Thomas, have earned a qualifying place in their divisions in the upcoming 2019 World Food Championships in Dallas, Texas, this October. Seavey served as Crabtree’s sous chef in 2016 in the WFC steak category and in 2017 for the seafood category.

The World Food Championship celebrates the cooks, chefs, and competitive teams that compete throughout the year around the globe in Food Sport. WFC brings chefs from all over the world to compete for the number one spot in each category. The champions from each category earned more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes while earning their world titles and compete at WFC’s Final Table, where the grand prize is \$100,000. Seavey described her overall experience during the production as one-of-a-kind.

“WFC is not like other competitions, it is not cut-throat or gimmicky at all and it’s truly refreshing,” she commented. “You could feel the harmony in the kitchens. The clock was our only enemy.”

Added Seavey, “it also helped to have talented teammates, my boss David Crabtree and co-worker Deborah Thomas, who are both amazing southern chefs in their own right.”



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USM Library to host conservationist Cook

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Dr. Cathy Shropshire will present “Pursuing a Dream: Protecting Mississippi’s Natural Resources, A Portrayal of Fannye A. Cook” on Monday, September 23, at 3 p.m. at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library, located at the Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach. Shropshire, who portrays Cook, will be joined by Marion Barnwell and Libby Hartfield, co-editors of the book *Fannye Cook: Mississippi’s Pioneering Conservationist*, for the presentation and book signing.

Shropshire, a wildlife biologist, retired from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in 2001 after working twenty-six years in the Game Division and at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. She learned of Cook’s work and enormous contributions to conservation in Mississippi while at the Museum of Natural Science. Shropshire offers a glimpse into Cook’s remarkable life in her half-hour, biographical portrayal.

Dorothy Shawhan, an instructor at Delta State University, authored the book *Fannye Cook: Mississippi’s Pioneering Conservationist*, but when Shawhan unexpectedly passed away in 2014 during the second editing, Marion Barnwell and Libby Hartfield stepped in as co-ed-



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tors and completed the project.

Barnwell is a writer and professor emerita of English at Delta State University, and Hartfield is director emerita of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and co-host of “Creature Comforts” on Mississippi Public Radio.

Cook (1889 – 1964) founded

and directed the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. She led the push to create a system of wildlife management areas and to protect the Gulf of Mexico barrier islands. Cook also formed the Mississippi Association for the Conservation of Wildlife and used

it to lobby politicians, leading citizens, and the general public on the need to reform game laws. In 1932, the state Legislature finally created the Game and Fish Commission, leading to the development of an organized system of wildlife conservation including state refuges, restocking programs, licensing procedures, and effective law enforcement.

This event is free and open to the public. Copies of *Fannye Cook: Mississippi’s Pioneering Conservationist* will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Janessa Ullendorf at 228-214-3409 or Joyce Shaw at 228-872-4213.

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