

Dr. Joseph S. Paul sworn in as USM's 11th president

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Dr. Joseph S. Paul eschewed the spotlight during his presidential inauguration October 5 at The University of Southern Mississippi's (USM) Hattiesburg campus, deflecting the focus instead on the institution to which he's been called to serve as leader.

A beloved son of the University, Dr. Paul was installed as the 11th president of his alma mater during an investiture ceremony held in historic Bennett Auditorium as the school also celebrated homecoming week. The 1975 graduate of Southern Miss first served in the post on an interim basis beginning in July 2022 before being named president starting November 1 of last year by the State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

"Today's events may appear to be about me, the person just inaugurated as the eleventh president," Dr. Paul said in his remarks to the hundreds of USM faithful in attendance. "But what today is really about is the celebration of this noble institution, The University of Southern Mississippi, a collection of people and purposes and



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USM President Dr. Joseph S. Paul

challenges and opportunities that is both ineffable yet tangible, that passes from one generation to another, that has outlived its founders from one hundred thirteen years ago and will outlive us gathered here today."

"This ceremony is about what endures in the culture and spirit of this place, and the work we do here is greater than us as individuals and more lasting than our moment in time," continued Paul. "It is about constant

change and about our steadfast calling to serve our students well."

A Bay St. Louis, native, Paul most recently served his alma mater as vice president for student affairs before retiring after a forty-year career at the school, holding various roles in student affairs administration. He earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Alabama and is a member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association Alumni

Hall of Fame.

He hailed his alma mater for its deeply held values of "caring, community and grit."

Representatives of the university's student body, faculty and staff were on hand to formally welcome Paul as their president, praising his leadership and commitment to academic freedom, student development and achievement, and commitment to fostering an environment of collegiality and cooperation among all USM employees and its stakeholders for the good of the institution.

"Dr. Paul has accomplished a lot this past year and has undoubtedly pushed Southern Miss further in the right direction," said Student Government Association President Jonathan Jenkins. "Southern Miss has significantly benefited from his leadership, and I am confident we will continue to see Southern Miss soar to new heights during his presidency."

Dr. Jennifer Courts, president of the USM Faculty Senate, said that, in his time as president, Paul has proven he recognizes the importance of the Uni-

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Veterans Day parades, celebrations planned

By Toni Miles

Veteran's Day, a national holiday, will take place on Saturday, November 11, and, this year, both Long Beach and Pass Christian will be hosting parades and celebrations to honor and celebrate military veterans.

The Long Beach Community Development Association and Coast Cares Foundation are hosting a Veterans Day Celebration and Parade from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on November 11 in Long Beach.

The Veterans Parade will roll out at 11 a.m. in downtown Long Beach and will end at the Harper McCaughan Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue, where crowds can enjoy live performances and the Veterans will be treated to lunch. Money

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Marching bands, choirs, dancers and singers will be among those participating in this year's Veterans Day Parade in Long Beach.



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A celebration will be held at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian after Pass Christian's inaugural Veterans Day Parade, hosted by the Gulf Coast Veterans Association, ends on November 11.



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raised will be donated to local military groups.

The parade will begin at First United Methodist Church of Long Beach on Pine Street, turn onto Fifth Street and will end at the Harper McCaughan Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue.

Marching bands, choirs and singers will provide live performances as they march down the parade route, along with veterans and civic groups and other parade floats packed with people honoring local veterans.

This is the eighth year the Veterans Day Celebration and Parade has taken place in Long Beach. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ward 3 Alderwoman Angie Johnson at 228-297-9298.

Also on Saturday, November 11, the Gulf Coast Veterans Association will roll out its inaugural Veterans Day Parade at 11 a.m. in downtown Pass Christian. This first-ever parade is being held to honor all who have served in the military.

The parade route begins south of the railroad tracks at Davis Avenue and will wind south towards Scenic Drive, then will head east on Scenic Drive and will wrap up on the eastern side of War Memorial Park, where there will be a gathering and celebration, including music, food trucks and veteran-owned business vendors on site.

Everyone is invited to line the parade route to honor local veterans from multiple generations and active-duty service members serving along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

“We think it’s incredibly important, especially around these times, to remember why we have the freedoms that we have,” says Moises Espinal, president and founder of the Gulf Coast Veterans Association, the organization putting on the parade. “We formed this organization to make sure that veterans, active service members and their families are recognized for their contributions to our freedoms.”

There will be various units, including soldiers from the 169th Engineer Battalion and Seabees, participating in the November 11 parade, as well as parade floats, veterans and service members riding in golf carts and the Pass Christian High School Band.

Espinal says that individuals and organizations who would like to participate in the parade or vendor fair are still welcome to sign up. An affiliation with the military is not required in order to join in the parade procession, but floats must have displays that are veteran- and military-friendly.

Those interested can contact Espinal at 228-256-2685 or visit the GCVA.ms Facebook page.

Espinal encourages everyone to take part in this inaugural event, whether it’s by joining the parade procession or cheering along the parade route.

“All are invited to join,” Espinal says. “The more, the better!”

For more information about the Pass Christian parade, visit the Gulf Coast Veterans Association on Facebook, or call 228-256-2685.



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Movie day and auction planned, new app available for library patrons

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Youth and Technology Services

Happy Fall!

The Friends held a membership drive during National Friends of the Libraries Week, but they are still taking new members. Become a member of the Friends of the Library by picking up an application at the front desk. It is only \$10 a year.

The Friends' next planned event will be in December. It will be a silent auction, which will include items such as porcelain dolls, framed artwork, jewelry, kitchenware, etc. Patrons may begin viewing the items and placing their bids on Saturday, December 9, and continuing through noon on Thursday, December 14. Winners of the bid items will be notified that afternoon, and items can be picked up Thursday afternoon, Friday, and Saturday.

For our Axis360 patrons, you may have noticed Axis360 is now called Boundless. If you use the Axis360 app, though, you will need to download the Boundless app. However, logging in from the library's website and/or catalog is still done in the same manner and does not require an app. If you have any questions regarding the new features, please call the library for assistance at 228-863-0711.

Family Movie Day will be held on Saturday, November 18, at 10 a.m. in the children's wing, and our book sale will continue to be held on Saturdays, as well.

Holiday closings for November include Veterans Day

on Friday, November 10, through Saturday, November 11. We'll reopen on Monday, November 13, at 9 a.m. We'll also be closed for a few days for Thanksgiving beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and reopening on Monday, November 27, at 9 a.m.

There will be no meetings for the Friends of the Library or the Long Beach Library Board of Trustees in November.

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Science Café on the Coast set for Nov. 17

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On Friday, November 17, Science Café on the Coast will host a presentation on “Living Shorelines” at 2 p.m. at the Orange Grove Public Library in Gulfport. Speakers will be Dr. Eric Sparks and Sara Martin with the Coastal Marine Extension Program. Their talk will address how living shoreline projects can reduce or reverse erosion and how they can help the environment.

Science Café on the Coast is a collaboration between The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Libraries, the Harrison County Library System, the Long Beach Public Library, the Hancock County Library System, the Infinity Science Center and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. It is designed to offer those with minimal background in science the chance to meet and discuss scientific issues in a relaxed social setting.

Admission is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be available. For more information, call Head Librarian Mike Alexander at 228-832-6924. The Orange Grove Public Library is located at 12135 Old Highway 49.



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Mississippi voters head to the polls November 7

By Toni Miles

Absentee voting is now underway, but the majority of Mississippi voters, including those in Long Beach and Pass Christian, will show up in person to cast their ballots in the state's November 7 General Election.

For South Mississippians, the ballot is dominated with races for statewide office, including the race for Mississippi's Governor. Incumbent Republican Governor Tate Reeves is vying for a second term. He faces Democrat Brandon Presley. Both candidates advanced to the November election ballot after winning their party's nomination during the August 8 primary. Independent candidate Gwendolyn Gray withdrew from the race on October 9, but will still appear on the ballot.

Presley, along with several other candidates running for statewide office, participated in a South Mississippi political rally on October 7, where all candidates were invited to speak and share their platforms.

The Long Beach Breeze asked Presley why South Mississippi voters should cast their ballots for him.

"I want to make sure people on the coast know that I've been a fighter for the Coast, even when I didn't represent the Mississippi Gulf Coast (because I am from north Mississippi). I was fighting for the Coast even before I ran for Governor. My opponent was willing to let power bills down here go up forty-one percent.



Toni Miles

Dozens of South Mississippians attended the October 7 political rally, where several candidates running for state office shared their platforms and answered questions from the audience.

I wasn't willing to let that happen," Presley said, referencing the Kemper County plant overruns in the northern part of the state, which caused a major economic shortfall for the Magnolia State.

Presley also says saving the state's hospitals and improving the health care system in Mississippi will be among his top priorities if he's elected Governor.

"I want to pass historic ethics reform in Mississippi to clean the system up, and then also get the sales tax off groceries," Presley says. "We've got the highest tax on food of any state in the USA - in the poorest state of the USA. We need to cut the taxes in Mississippi, sales tax on groceries. I want to make sure we do something about that."

Presley's opponent, current Governor Tate Reeves, was not at the rally.

Reeves took office as Governor on January 14, 2020. His current term ends on January 9, 2024. Reeves became the first Republican state Treasurer in Mississippi's history when he was elected to the position in 2003. Reeves held the position until he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 2011, serving alongside then-Governor Phil Bryant for two terms. Reeves succeeded Bryant as Governor following his election in 2019.

As far as other races on the ballot, incumbent **Delbert Hosemann** will face Democrat **D. Ryan Grover**, who ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination, in the November general election for **Lt. Governor**. Grover addressed the crowd at the October 7 political rally in Wiggins. Hosemann did not attend.

Republican incumbent **Lynn Fitch** is seeking re-election and will face Democrat **Greta Kemp Martin** in the race for Attorney General. Coast native and incumbent Republican **Michael Watson** is seeking re-election and will face Democratic opponent **Shuwaski Young** in the race for **Secretary of State**. Republican **David McRae** and Democrat challenger **Addie Green** will be vying

for the office of **Treasurer**. Republican incumbent **Shad White** is also seeking re-election and will face Democratic challenger **Larry Bradford** in the general election for **State Auditor**. Incumbent Republican **Mike Chaney** will face Democrat **Mitch Young** in November's state race for **Insurance Commissioner**. Republican Incumbent **Andy Gipson** will face Democrat **Robert Bradford** in the race for **Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture**.

For more information about candidates, visit sos.ms.gov.

The registration deadline for in-person voting in the November 7 general election was October 9, and the deadline for mail-in voter registration had to be post-marked by October 10.

Absentee ballots must be returned by mail and postmarked by Tuesday, November 7, and received by Tuesday, November 14, to be counted in the general election.

Polls in Long Beach and Pass Christian will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

For more information on the upcoming general election, as well as candidates running for office, visit Ballotpedia.com.



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Mayor shares updates on City projects at breakfast event



Long Beach Mayor George Bass spoke to business and community leaders at the 2023 Breakfast with the Mayor event.



More than a hundred business and community leaders turned out for the annual Breakfast with the Mayor event at USM's Gulf Park campus.



Mayor Bass provided an update on several city projects, including the Mitchell Road widening project.

By Toni Miles

USM's Gulf Park Campus's Hardy Hall ballroom was packed at this year's annual Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event on Tuesday, October 10, where Mayor George Bass shared a number of updates on the completion and progress of City projects, including repair work at the Long Beach Harbor that has been underway since Hurricane Zeta battered the harbor back in late October of 2020.

While some repairs are complete, there is still much work to do. Mayor Bass says repairs to the Harbormaster Building are expected to be complete in 2024 and that the southeast shoreline bulkhead is still under construc-

tion and is scheduled to be finished in early 2024.

The mayor acknowledged widespread frustration with the delay in completing all the needed harbor repairs, and the importance the harbor has for locals, such as crabbers and fishermen, who make their living on the water. Bass told the crowd the City has been wrangling with FEMA over the repairs, which has led the City to ask for arbitration to get back on track and eventually be able to carry out the much-needed repairs to the harbor.

"We're still fighting for our harbor," Bass assured the crowd. "Our Board [of Aldermen] is ready to fight."

Bass also provided updates on the progress of several major projects going on throughout the city, including

work on the historic Quarles House, which, when complete, will be home to a welcome center for visitors. He also shared the ongoing progress with Fire Station Number 3, located on Johnson Road in west Harrison County, where a building under construction can now be seen, as well as the latest information on infrastructure projects throughout Long Beach.

In closing, Bass praised the City of Long Beach, the Board of Aldermen, firefighters and organizer Caitlin Kelly, as well as others, for helping to expedite, give approval and secure funding for the implementation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Central Fire Station in Long Beach, which provides a safe, and in some cases, life-saving, option for newborns to be

dropped off safely and anonymously by parents who for whatever reason cannot care for them. Long Beach was the first city in the state of Mississippi to launch the Safe Haven Baby Box program.

"The Safe Haven Baby Box is one of things I am most proud of," Bass told the audience, pointing out that other mayors throughout the state had called him to ask how they can participate in such a program. "If only one baby is saved, It's worth it."

At the meeting, Bass appeared to be the picture of health, although he's been battling and getting treatment for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer which affects the immune system. Bass says he's in eighty percent remission, having his last scan in August.



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Mayor Bass shared an update on the harbor repairs schedule, sharing that the city has entered into arbitration with FEMA, whom the mayor says has been wrangling with the City over much-needed repairs to the harbor in the wake of Hurricane Zeta's destruction in October of 2020.



Mayor Bass gave a progress report of construction of Fire Station Number 3 in West Harrison County on Johnson Road. The frame of the fire station's building can now be seen.



At this year's annual Breakfast with the Mayor event, Mayor George Bass praised firefighters as well as community, city and business leaders, along with project organizer Caitlin Kelly who helped Long Beach make history this year, implementing the state's first Safe Haven Baby Box at Central Fire Station.

Long Beach honors workers, Citizen of the Year for 2023

All photos by Toni Miles



Ricky Skinner (right) received the 2023 Utility Person of the Year Award. He is pictured with h20 Innovation's Joe Culpepper (left).



Long Beach police officer Jordan Cutrer (left) has been named the 2023 Long Beach Police Officer of the Year. He is pictured with Long Beach Police Chief Billy Seal (right).



Long Beach firefighter Clayton Maxwell (left) received the 2023 Long Beach Firefighter of the Year Award. He is pictured with Long Beach Assistant Fire Chief George Byrd (right).



AMR's Gregory Doyle (left) received the 2023 AMR Responder of the Year Award. He is pictured with AMR Chief Dana Thrower (right).



Jimmy E. Levens, III (second from right) received the 2023 Aline Doherty Citizen of the Year Award. Pictured (l to r) are Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Chair Colette Byrnes, Long Beach Mayor George Bass, Levens and Long Beach/Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Director Anna Claire Perronne.

By Toni Miles

More than one-hundred people gathered for the Long Beach Breakfast with the Mayor event at USM's Gulf Park campus on October 10, where four of the city's top first responders were recognized and the 2023 Aline Doherty Citizen of the Year award recipient was announced.

Long Beach firefighter Ricky Skinner was awarded the Long Beach Utility Person of the Year Award. Joe Culpepper with h20 Innovation praised Skinner for his loyalty and dedication on the job before presenting the award to Skinner.

Long Beach Police Chief Billy Seal praised the 2023 Long Beach Police Officer of the Year award recipient Jordan Cutrer for having "a servant's heart" before presenting Cutrer with the award.

Assistant Chief of the Long Beach Fire Department George Byrd shared accolades for

the top-notch work ethic of Long Beach Fire Department Driver Operator Clayton Maxwell before presenting him with the 2023 Long Beach Firefighter of the Year Award.

American Medical Response Chief Dana Thrower praised AMR's Gregory Doyle for "always going above and beyond" the call of duty during his lengthy career as a first responder before presenting Doyle with the 2023 AMR First Responder of the Year Award.

The ceremony concluded with a tribute to a long-time familiar face within the City of Long Beach. Mayor George Bass praised the 2023 Aline Doherty Citizen of the Year Award recipient Jimmy E. Levens, III, for his tireless efforts to improve the local community and for "always being the first to step up to the plate" over the decades to help Long Beach citizens, businesses and organizations with their endeavors. Many of Levens' family members were on hand to help celebrate the distinguished honor at the event.

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Hinds cheer team members announced



Toni Miles

Under the direction of Cheer Coach Karlee Nobles, Hinds Community College recently announced the fall 2023-24 Hinds Eagles' cheer team. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Emma Daniel of Clinton, Madyson Small of Winona, Kaitlyn Hill of Clinton, Brijohnay Knight of Gulfport, Amber Robinson of Clinton, Olivia Scallions of Vicksburg, Kaylan Robinson of Bolton, Hillary Hathcock of Brandon and Katie Beth Holmes of Richland; and back row: Troy D. Vance of Long Beach, Jarren Sanford of Florence, Tristin Cruthirds of Gulfport, Elliot Cruthirds of Gulfport and George Drake of Jackson. Not pictured is volunteer coach Anna Lynn Sills.

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Long Beach paints the Town Green pink

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A light pole in downtown Long Beach is decked out in pink in observation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Pink banners showcasing local breast cancer survivors and remembering those who have passed due to the disease hang in the heart of downtown Long Beach at the Harper McCaughan Town Green Pavilion on Jeff Davis Avenue as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Two of the featured Breast Cancer Awareness Month banners hanging in downtown Long Beach honor local breast cancer survivors Jennifer A. Glenn and Lucille Benoit.

By Toni Miles

Orange pumpkin jack-o-lanterns and kids in costume are usually what comes to mind when it comes to the month of October; but, in recent years, pink has become the signature color for this fall month. With a pink ribbon being the international symbol for breast cancer awareness, many organizations and municipalities embrace Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October, with splashes of the color, to bring attention to the impact of the disease. The City of Long Beach is no exception, and the Friendly City is doing its part, as evidenced by all the pink decorations and personalized banners hanging downtown that honor local breast cancer survivors and the memories of loved ones who have since passed due to breast cancer.



While the banners and pink décor are eye-catching, there is a serious message that applies to both men and women when it comes to breast cancer – early detection can be life-saving.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States

for 2023 anticipate that about 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. About 55,720 new cases of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) will be diagnosed, and, sadly, about 43,700 women will die from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer worldwide, surpassing lung cancer for the first time in 2020, and it is the most common cancer diagnosed in American women.

Early detection is a key to increased survival rate. Regular screening with a mammogram can catch cancer early, so that it can be treated. At age forty, women are strongly encouraged to get a mammogram each year. Women in their twenties and thirties should have a clinical breast exam as part of their periodic health exam by a health professional at least every three years.

Additionally, those have family members – especially a mother or a sister - who have had breast cancer, and, if they had breast cancer before reaching menopause, are urged to tell their doctor, as their own risk of cancer may be higher than average.

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Darden honored for service



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Pictured (l to r) are Long Beach Alderman-at-Large Donald Frazer, Ward 5 Alderman Mike Brown, Long Beach Fire Department Inspector Timothy Darden and Long Beach Fire Department Chief Griff Skellie. All were on hand for the special recognition bestowed upon Darden by the Long Beach Board of Aldermen.

By Toni Miles

A long-time Long Beach firefighter recently received public recognition for outstanding service and dedication on the job.

Long Beach Fire Department Inspector Timothy Darden was honored at the September 19 Long Beach Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall for the twenty-five years he has served with the Long Beach Fire Department.

Alderman-at-Large Donald Frazer and Long Beach Fire Chief Griff Skellie presented Inspector Darden with a certificate of recognition for the Long Beach Fire Inspector's service with the fire department.



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Trucks 'N' Tacos inaugural event goes full throttle



Toni Miles

Vintage trucks were on display in downtown Long Beach during the inaugural Trucks 'N' Tacos event.

By Toni Miles

Cruisin' the Coast is going on its twenty-eighth year now that the 27th Annual Cruisin' the Coast has wrapped, but this year's popular weeklong event set the stage for a new venue and attraction in Long Beach.

The inaugural Trucks 'N' Tacos event unrolled in downtown Long Beach on Thursday, October 5, and Friday, October 6. The two-day event, put on by organizers Quincy Uzzell, Jeff Simpson and Chris Setnikar, was



Toni Miles

Trucks 'N' Tacos event organizers (l to r) Quincy Uzzell, Jeff Simpson and Chris Setnikar display their event banner on Day 2 of the Trucks 'N' Tacos event in Long Beach.



Toni Miles

Nikki Setnikar, Addie Gilkerson and Erica Webb take time to pose for a photo at a Trucks 'N' Tacos booth.



Toni Miles

Long Beach residents Michael and Samantha Collins check out custom-made cups at the Coastal Soul Custom Cups booth set up at the Trucks 'N' Tacos event on October 6. The inaugural event, occurring in tandem with Cruisin' the Coast, took place October 5 and 6 in Long Beach this year.

held at the Harper McCaughan Town Green in downtown Long Beach and featured a cruise-in for antique and classic trucks.

"What we're trying to do is bring in older trucks, and give them a break from being on Highway 90," said Setnikar, one of three organizers of Trucks 'N' Tacos. "We have food and vendors. It's just a great place for everyone to hang out. We also have a section for all the trucks."

Dozens of proud truck owners showed off their hotrods and classic four-wheeled beauties.

Several local vendors, including Coastal Soul Custom Cups, set up booths to show off their wares and sell their merchandise.

Event organizers say the debut of Trucks 'N' Tacos is off to a great start.

"Day One, we kind of got bombarded with a lot of people, but it was a great day," Setnikar said. "We filled up four fields, more than the just one field we had planned. Coastal Daiquiri down the street also had a taco special, as well, and we had all the vendors down here, so the first day was a great day, like this day."

The new, two-day event ended with a free, live concert at the Town Green. Organizers say they plan to hold Trucks 'N' Tacos in Long Beach for years to come at future Cruisin' the Coast events.

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Crowds from near and far roll into Long Beach for Cruisin' the Coast events

By Toni Miles

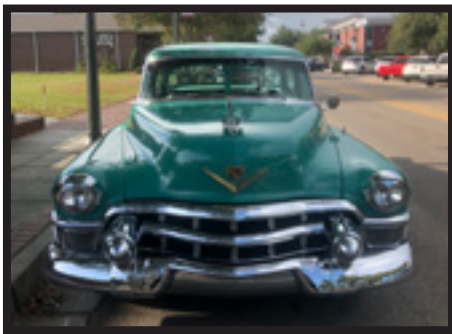
There were plenty of vintage cars and trucks to go around throughout the City of Long Beach during this year's Cruisin' the Coast event, October 1 through 8.

Dubbed "America's Biggest Block Party," tens of thousands of visitors, from as far away as California, rolled into South Mississippi in record-breaking numbers for the 27th Annual Cruisin' the Coast.

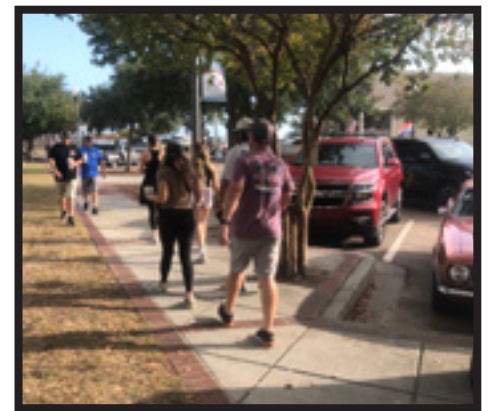
It was a friends-and family-affair for thousands who said they enjoyed the more laid-back pace of this year's Cruisin' the Coast events in the Friendly City, including the annual Cruisin' the Coast Parade, which rolled through downtown Long Beach and ended with a live concert by the Tip Tops at the harbor on October 2.

Now heading into its 28th year, Cruisin' the Coast is viewed by many as the launch of the fall tourism season and is a welcome boost for local businesses, restaurants and other venues that reap the economic benefits of this world-renowned weeklong event each year.

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Pink Hearts Fund expands mission, plans two upcoming fundraisers

By Toni Miles

Pink Heart Funds, headquartered in Long Beach, a non-profit that provides funding, support and services for people battling cancer, as well as those with extreme balding and hair loss disorders, has a duo of events planned to raise funds and awareness for the cause.

This year, the First Annual Pink Out the Park, scheduled for Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green, will mark an expansion to the mission of the organization.

“We as a Board [Pink Hearts Fund Board], voted to continue the mission of providing free wigs, breast prosthetics and bras to local cancer patients, as well as expanding our mission to help with other needs while the patient is fighting the fight,” says Brenda Long, president of Pink Heart Funds. “Last month [September], we provided three different patients with beds and other items that they needed, as well as one patient with assistance of groceries and utilities.”

Long says that proceeds raised at the October 28 fundraiser can literally be the lifeline someone in the local community needs to continue their fight.

“We have an application for assistance that can be obtained from one of the [Pink Heart Funds] Board members,” Long says. “It’s best to go through the social worker that the patient is currently working with through their oncologist.”

As for the October 28 Pink Out the Park event, the public is invited to attend, and organizers say there will be a little something for everyone.

A Halloween costume contest will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with prizes for the winners. The band Sweetie will be providing live entertainment from 2 to 5 p.m. on stage at the Harper McCaughan Town Green Pavilion off Jeff Davis Avenue in Long Beach.

Throughout the day, there will be

vendor booths and food trucks with goodies, merchandise and treats available for purchase. Bellson Ventures is hosting the vendor and food truck event at the fundraiser to donate money to Pink Heart Funds. Pink Heart Funds will have a booth, as well, where shirts and raffle tickets can be purchased.

As in years past, there will be cancer survivors, those still battling cancer and the loved ones who have lost a friend or family member due to the disease.

The following Friday, November 3, Pink Heart Funds will host Shaving for Erryn, another fundraiser to help locals, like six-year-old Erryn Warren, in their fight against extreme balding and hair loss disorders, such as alopecia areata, a disease that happens when the immune system attacks hair follicles and causes hair loss.

Warren, a Long Beach resident who attends St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, has a Facebook page, “Erynn’s Alopecia Journey,” which can be visited to learn more about her and her condition. The page includes photos of Warren trying on and wearing wigs provided by

Pink Heart Funds, showcasing just one of the many services the organization provides.

Warren’s spirit is clear for all to see on her Facebook page, which opens with: “Hi. My name is Erryn. No, I don’t have cancer. No, I am not sick. No, I am not contagious. No, I was not born without hair. I have alopecia, and I’m beautiful, inside and out!”

Shaving for Erryn will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Lazy Magnolia Brewery, located at 7030 Roscoe-Turner Road in Kiln. Warren will be attending with her mother, who plans to shave her head at the event in support of her daughter and others. Attendees can opt to do the same, can simply have their hair cut, or can just show up to provide support.

For more information about Pink Heart Funds, Pink Out the Park or the Shaving for Erryn fundraiser, visit PinkHeartFunds.org.



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Erryn Warren, a six-year-old student at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, pictured after a flare up of alopecia areata. A fundraiser scheduled for Friday, November 3, Shaving for Erryn, will help provide funds to help those like Warren who battle with extreme balding and hair loss disorders.





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Third USM employee receives elite credential

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Tina Bishop, business coordinator at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) Physical Plant, has earned APPA's Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP), the third for the University.

The APPA credential is tailored for professionals focused on achieving goals related to higher professional expertise and superior understanding of the core competencies for education facilities professional.

Bishop said she's honored to hold the credential and excited to highlight the work done at the GCRL Physical Plant.

"This certification gets you involved in every aspect of the physical plant, such as operations, designing and planning," said Bishop.



Bishop has been at USM for more than four years. She said GCRL focuses on every aspect of research, and she's proud to be a part of it.

Lucas Applewhite, director of facilities planning and management of Coastal Operations, introduced Bishop to the opportunity to earn the certification.

"Coastal Operations now has their third Certified Educational Facilities Professional," said Applewhite. "Tina Bishop has taken on this challenge and blown it out of the water."

Bishop obtains her credential following Kelly Johnson, business coordinator at USM's Gulf Park Campus. Johnson received her credential in August.

The mission and vision of the GCRL Physical Plant is to maintain and provide buildings on campus a safe and enriching environment.

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Dr. Joseph S. Paul sworn in as USM's 11th president

versity's faculty "in achieving the vision of Southern Miss to be a student-centered public research university with an unparalleled student life experience."

"In creating a community that values faculty feedback, he has confirmed that he understands that this vision can only be fully realized in collaboration with faculty," Dr. Courts continued. "Dr. Paul knows that including his constituents in the decision-making process helps move our institution into the future, leading to a more stable and cohesive community and greater innovation. He is a strong leader who serves not for the prominence the position can offer, but for the good it allows him to accomplish."

Dr. Shea Kidd-Brown, vice president of campus life at Wake Forrest University, presented the inauguration address. A native of Hattiesburg, Dr. Kidd-Brown earned her undergraduate degree from USM, where she says she leaned on Paul's mentorship in navigating her way through her academic career at the University and was inspired by his example to pursue a career in higher education.

"Dr. Paul, no one is better suited for this appointment, at this time, than you," she said. "May you continue to leave USM better than you found it."

University officials report that many positive developments have already occurred at the University during Paul's presidency, including an increase in new student enrollment, as well as a surge in alumni and Eagle Club memberships and season ticket sales for the University's athletics programs. A recent anonymous endowment of \$6 million made to the school's capital campaign has pushed it well past its goal of \$150 million.

Paul called on all members of the USM family to join him in a collective effort to maintain the momentum in every aspect of the University, particularly in how it serves the needs of its students, which he referred to as the school's "Why."

"Let's set our sights on being distinctive in the content of our academic programs, course offerings and student life, and provide for our students in all we do a value added they won't find in other places," Paul urged. "Let's help our students, who often come from ordinary backgrounds and circumstances, go out into the world and do extraordinary things. Let's help them be ready for life, and ready for their journey To The Top."

Dr. Heather Annulis, director of the School of Leadership at USM's Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach, said the events of the week recognizing Paul's investiture "continues our excitement and momentum at Southern Miss," further noting, "We stand behind him with our full support as he leads our institution, including Coastal USM, to the top."

Save the date(s) for holiday events coming in December

By Toni Miles

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner, and, just like the holiday season rolls around each year, so do a number of annual holiday celebrations in Long Beach.

One popular event is the Sea Santa Sail-a-Bration waterless boat parade hosted by the Long Beach Community Development Association and the City of Long Beach. This year's event kicks off on Saturday, December 2, rolling throughout the downtown area at 5:30 p.m. and ending at the Harper McCaughan Town Green, where organizers say there will be plenty of fun things for the entire family to do, including pictures with Santa himself!

As for the parade, revelers can expect to see a procession of decked-out boats pulled on trailers, winding down the crowd-lined streets of the Friendly City for this year's annual event.

Organizers recommend finding a place on the route before the parade begins. Boats will line up in the Long Beach High School parking lot and then travel south on Cleveland Avenue, take a right on Railroad Street, a left on Jeff Davis Avenue, then



a left on 5th Street, followed by a left on Burke, ending by parking along the Harper McCaughan Town Green, where the festivities will continue.

After the parade, the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place at the Town Green. There will also be a Human Snow Globe, photos with Santa, a live snow playground and family activities and games on site. There will also be a parade award presentation at the Town Green.

Advance registration is required to participate in the parade. The deadline for applications, along with the \$25 registration fee, is November 25. Applications received after this date will have a \$50 registration fee.

Props must be covered or removed during the parade for safety reasons. Boats are allowed (and encouraged) to play Christmas music, but on-board music must be adjusted in volume so as not to overpower the music of other parade participants. Only Christmas music is allowed, and no obscene or vulgar music or speech should be played.

The maximum height, including riders, for a boat in the parade is fourteen feet, and the maximum length (including the tow vehicle) is sixty-five feet. Any second level riders must have adequate railings around them to protect against falling.

Beads may be thrown, but the City has requested that candy not be tossed from floats.

For more information or for an application form, visit LongBeachCDA.com.

The following weekend, the Long Beach Concert Choir Association will host its annual Christmas on the Avenue and Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 9.

Christmas on the Avenue will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green. There will be arts, crafts, food and live performances at this event. Admission to Christmas on the Avenue is free.

Beforehand, a Santa Breakfast will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Long Beach, located at 208 Pine Street. Santa will be on hand to share breakfast and chat with local kids, and he will also be available to take pictures.



First responders, volunteers join forces for Coastal Cleanup



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Representatives of the Long Beach Fire Department were among those who volunteered to help remove debris and beautify the beach during the Coastal Cleanup. Pictured (l to r) are Driver Operator Rick Dubuison, Firefighter Travis Bradshaw, Firefighter Jessie Peterson, Battalion Chief C Jarod McGill and Lieutenant Brandon Bates.

By Toni Miles

Even in early fall, the sun and heat can be enough to keep people indoors, but high temps didn't deter dozens of volunteers from pitching in and taking part in this year's Mississippi Coastal Cleanup in Long Beach on a recent Saturday.

A number of Long Beach firefighters traded their axes and firehoses for trash bags, joining the estimated two hundred volunteers who combed the shores of Long Beach, collecting trash, debris and other eyesores in the Friendly City.

The cleanup in Long Beach was the final monthly city cleanup site through the



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Long Beach firefighters traded their axes and fire hoses for trash bags to pitch in and help out with Long Beach's Coastal Cleanup.



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Crews were given buckets and trash picking equipment before the Long Beach Cleanup launched.

Mississippi Cleanup Program hosted by the Mississippi State University (MSU) Extension program. On October 21, volunteers at multiple locations along the Mississippi Gulf Coast participated in MSU Extension's final Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup event.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup program has been put on by MSU Extension for years and was formed with the mission of preventing and removing litter from the coastal environment through education, outreach and research, as well as clean up events. Tons of trash have literally been removed over the years, thanks to this program.

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Annual farm-to-table event set for Nov. 5

The Pass Post

Pass Christian Main Street will host their annual farm-to-table dinner on Sunday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m., outdoors at the Pavilion, located on the corner of Second Street and Davis Avenue.

This is the eighth iteration of the popular event, but the first time at this location. The event will feature local chefs who will create a five-course dinner that fosters a local, fresh food culture. This year's chefs will include Joann York, preparing the appetizer; Marie Lamb, preparing the salad; Frank Corso of Whiskey Prime, preparing the soup; Howard Harrien of Bacchus on the Beach, preparing the entrée; and Lauren Jaffrion of Radish, preparing the dessert. Miles Hawthorn will provide live music for the evening.

The fundraiser has consistently drawn upwards of one hundred participants each year, with tickets selling very quickly. Tickets for the limited-seating event will be on sale through October 27. This year's event will seat 108 people.

Partnership and sponsor opportunities are available and help support the sustainability of Pass Christian Main Street programs, including Art in the Pass, Jazz in the Pass, Theatre in the Pass, Trinity Dog Park, and participation in special community programs, such as Cruisin' the Coast and Christmas in the Pass.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit the Pass Christian Main Street Facebook page.



Changes approved to STR ordinance

Special to The Pass Post

On Tuesday, October 3, the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen approved changes to the City's short-term rental ordinance.

The changes allow for a maximum of one hundred fifty short-term rentals (STR) in residential (T-3R) and mixed-use (T-4L) areas. According to City officials, there are currently around one hundred STRs.

There will be no maximum number of STRs in commercial zones (T-5C), with the exception of an eighty percent density limit that will apply to T-4+.

In addition, density limits in the residential (T-3R) and mixed-use areas (T-4L) will be implemented, allowing no more than twenty percent of homes in a neighborhood to be STRs. As an example, Seal Avenue, between Scenic Drive and East Second Street, has five lots on the east side of Seal Avenue and seven lots on the west side. Of the twelve lots in the square block, only two could be STRs. Because there are already currently two STRs in that block, no additional STRs will be allowed there.

The City's Community Development Department will distribute the names of each STR owner and his/her local contact to all residences surrounding an STR. This information will also be made available on the City's website.

Previously, public safety complaints regarding a violation of an ordinance by an owner or occupant of a STR were directed first to the local contact person for the STR. Following the ordinance change, any complaints, including disturbing the peace and obstructing traffic, should be directed to the Pass Christian Police Department.

Non-public safety complaints regarding a violation of the ordinance should be directed to the local contact person. If the local contact person is not able to resolve the issue within one hour, the complaint should be directed during normal business hours to the City's Community Development Department, who will determine the appropriate enforcement action.

Upon the sale of a property, the STR permit can be transferred to the new owner, except in a residential (T-3R) and mixed-use zone (T-4L) if the density cap has already been exceeded in the neighborhood.

City officials say the ordinance changes are monumental for the City of Pass Christian, giving the City the ability to support the growth of STRs in a measured way but also prevent STRs from overwhelming a neighborhood. Officials say not having a cap on STRs in commercial areas will encourage the growth of STRs in those areas, and visitors can walk into town and support local businesses.

Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee members Ronnie Daniels, Claudette Jones, Carl LaRosa, Perry Pezzarossi and Sydney Wall conducted research and recommended changes to be made to the STR ordinance and worked with Community Development personnel Mark Savasta and Jenny Lowery.

Yoga with Donna returns on Tuesdays

The Pass Post

The Pass Christian Library will host a new Yoga with Donna series on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., beginning Tuesday, November 6.

The instructor, Donna, will incorporate physical postures, breath work, meditation and journaling. Postures will be adapted to individual ability.

The one-hour sessions will begin promptly at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the library, which is located at 111 Hiern Avenue in Pass Christian. The series will continue each Tuesday through December 19.

Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and bring an exercise mat. Sessions are free, but donations will be accepted for instructional costs.



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Free composting program offered



Special to The Pass Post

The Pass Christian Public Library and the Pass Christian Garden Club are partnering to host a garden program with Elizabeth Englebretson from Plastic Free Gulf Coast on Thursday, November 2, at 1 p.m. Englebretson will present a program on how to compost at home that includes reasons to rethink food waste and how to start composting.

The program is free and open to the public. The Pass Christian Garden Club will provide light refreshments. Those interested in joining the Garden Club are welcome to attend the meeting following the program.

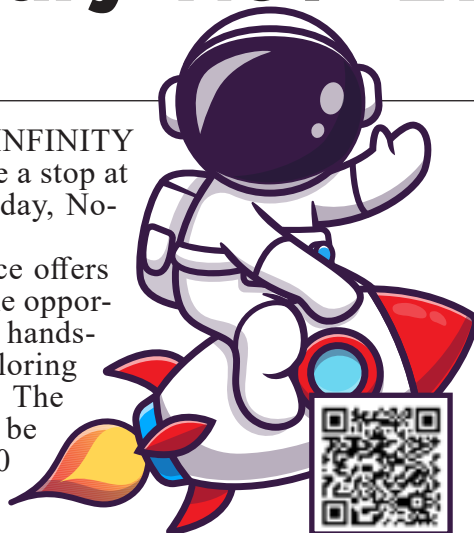
The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue in Pass Christian. For more information, call the Pass Christian Library at 452-4596.

STEM program headed to Pass library Nov. 21

Special to The Pass Post

The Infinity Science Center's INFINITY Outreach STEM Program will make a stop at the Pass Christian library on Saturday, November 21.

The two-hour hands-on experience offers children ages six through sixteen the opportunity to have hands-on fun exploring things that fly. The free event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, and space is limited. Parents are asked to pre-register to secure a spot in the program for their child by using the QR code or calling the library at 228-452-4596.





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Computer classes offered at library

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The Pass Christian library is hoping to help residents to use instead of fear their computers with two computer classes planned for November.

On Thursday, November 30, at 1 p.m., the library will offer "Hoopla and More" to explore and explain the free e-services offered by the Harrison County Library System. The course will cover digital and audio e-books, music and movies, as well as Kanopy and Rocket Languages.

Following, at 2:15 p.m., patrons (even if they don't own one) can learn the basics of using an iPad, tablet and smartphone, including downloading and installing applications.

Both classes will be held in the library conference room and are free and open to the public. However, class size is limited, and reservations are recommended.

To reserve a spot or for further information, call the Pass Christian Public Library at 228-452-4596 or email PassChristianLibrary@gmail.com.

The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue.

Stars over the Pass sponsorships needed

Special to The Pass Post

Donation options for holiday decorations

- \$250 Small star refurbishment, 40 needed
- \$400 Large star refurbishment, 16 needed
- \$500 4' majestic star purchase
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- \$1,700 Lighted turtle purchase

Pass Christian Main Street, in collaboration with the city's Beautification Department, have announced a "Stars over the Pass" initiative to update and enhance the community's holiday decorations, and they are asking the residents of Pass Christian to lend their support and participate in making the project a success.

Many of the community holiday stars need to be refurbished, a process that involves rust treatment, painting, wiring improvements and the replacement of bulbs. Multiple options and levels of support are available,

starting with a \$250 sponsorship, which would pay for rust treatment, painting, wiring and replacement of bulbs in a small star. The organization has forty small stars that need to be repaired and restored to their former glory. A \$400 sponsorship will cover refurbishment of a large star, of which the organization has sixteen needing repair.

Donations for the purchase of new stars are also being accepted. New stars are outfitted with LED bulbs and have improved durability. Four-foot majestic stars are \$500, and eight-foot falling stars are \$700.

For those seeing to sponsor the purchase of a unique design, there are pelicans (6' by 7') for \$1,500, sailboats (5' by 8') for \$1,600, and turtles (5' by 5') for \$1,700.

All sponsorships are tax-deductible. Sponsorship forms are available online at PassMainStreet.com/stars-over-the-pass/.

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The Fleming Education Center at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus will host the final installment of USM's fall University Forum series, offered by presenters who are defined as "equal parts passionate and fearless in the work of their callings, whether in the fields of science or politics."

Dr. Jay Hakes, an energy policy expert with a long record of service in federal and state government, will be the presenter for the November 14 forum events, which will be held at the university's campus in Long Beach and live streamed at its Bennett Auditorium in Hattiesburg.



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"This year's University Forum reminds us that the personal is always political," said Dr. Andrew Haley, director of University Forum and a professor of history. "Whether scientist or politician, each presenter draws on their experience to confront

new challenges, both individual and global."

"As University Forum nears its 50th anniversary of bringing provocative speakers to Southern Miss, we invite followers of our programming to join us in conversations certain to challenge how you see yourself and the world.

Hakes was administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration and director for research and policy for President Obama's BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Commission. He also served for thirteen years as director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Hakes will present "Biggest Resilience Challenge: Twenty-Year Strategy on Climate Change" at

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14. The public is invited to attend, and the event is free.

For more information about University Forum, including a preview of the spring schedule, visit www.usm.edu/forum.



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