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Two precincts get new voting location beginning this November



Toni Miles

The Long Beach Senior Center will be the new location for voters in Precincts 5 and 6 for national, state and county elections.

By Toni Miles

Long Beach voters in Precincts 5 and 6 will be casting their ballots at a new location for this year's General Election on Tuesday, November 5, which will include the candidates for the next President of the United States, who will be installed in January of next year once the final tally is in.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors recently approved this new location for these two voting precincts for national, state and county elections.

Long Beach Precinct 5, formerly located at Grace Lutheran Church on 19221 Pineville Road, and Long Beach Precinct 6, formerly located at the Long Beach School District's Central Office, will now both be located at the Long Beach Senior Center at 20257 Daugherty Road.

Active voters in either Long Beach precinct can expect to receive new voter registration cards from the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's Office before the November 5 election.



Toni Miles

Local pantry receives donation just in time, as needs continue to increase

By Toni Miles

Times are tough, and the numbers don't lie.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's latest Household Pulse Survey, taken in March of this year, just over one in ten adults - more than 23 million people - live in households where there was either sometimes - or often - not enough food to eat over the past week. Unfortunately, it's happening across the nation, not sparing people and families who live Long Beach and nearby communities.

"We end up serving a lot of elderly people who are just probably on social security," says Pat Donald, director of the Long Beach Community Food Pantry. "We see single moms with kids, people who are out of work for whatever reason."

Donald and other food pantry volunteers have seen first-hand how the mix of local residents getting assistance from the food pantry has changed over the years, now including not only elderly or disabled people on fixed incomes, but also working families who are struggling to make ends meet. After paying for childcare, housing, transportation, utilities and other basic needs, there's not much - or even enough - money for a rising number of residents and families to buy enough food to meet their needs.

"We are not providing their groceries. We are supplementing what they can afford to buy," says John Sparacino, who has volunteered with the food pantry for a number of years. "We tell them not to depend on us for their primary source of food, but to be a supplement to help them out with what they already have the capability to buy."

While the runaway inflation that began in 2021 has slowed, prices still remain far higher and continue to put a squeeze on wallets. Groceries cost about 33.5-percent more than they did at the start of the pandemic in 2020, according to DataAssembly's Grocery Price index, which tracks prices in more than 150,000 stores nationwide.

The Long Beach Community Food Pantry continues its long-time mission to help alleviate food necessi-

ty shortfalls in Long Beach, Pass Christian and Kiln, providing food to qualifying residents and families to help them meet their basic nutritional needs.

"Our food comes from different sources," Donald says. "We purchase food from Twelve Baskets, and we purchase food from some of the local grocery stores. Food also comes from the USDA. We receive food from organizations such as Extra Table. They send us a pallet of food each month. We also receive food from individuals who donate and local schools that hold food drives throughout the year."

The church-based pantry also receives much of its funding year-round from four churches in the local community.

"This really helps us revenue-wise," Donald says. "That money goes to purchase food and some overhead expenses. No one is on salary here. Everyone is one-hundred-percent volunteers. We probably have about thirty volunteers who come out here to help on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the three days that we are open."

Two major food drives each year also help stock the pantry.

"We have the Boy Scouts' and Girl Scouts' food drive in Pass Christian in February, and the U.S. Postal Service here in Long Beach does theirs in the second week of May," Donald says.



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The Long Beach Community Food Pantry is located at 21081 Johnson Road in Long Beach and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except for national holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Library gets creative during summer programs



By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn,
LBPL Youth and Technology Services

This summer has been a creative one, and the pictures prove it! Families painted new ceiling tiles for the children's wing, created t-shirts, played games, etc. There will be more pictures next month!

As a reminder to everyone, the library hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. On Saturdays, we hold our book sale in the main meeting room.

The library will be closed for Independence Day from Thursday, July 4, through Saturday, July 6. We will reopen Monday, July 8, at 9 a.m.



There are no scheduled meetings for the Friends of the Library for the month of June.

The Long Beach Board of Trustees will meet in the main wing on Tuesday, July 9, at 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Family Movie Day will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, in the children's wing. We will be showing the classic Charlotte's Web in honor of E.B. White's birthday.

For more information about any of our events or offerings, please give us a call at 228-863-0711. The library is located at 209 Jeff Davis Avenue.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. As always, thank you for your patronage, and stay safe!

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By Toni Miles

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce and Long Beach Chamber of Commerce continue to invest in local businesses, including several businesses located in Long Beach, which were announced as the Chamber's Small Business Grant program recipients at the Long Beach Board of Aldermen's meeting on June 4.

Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Board Chair 2024 Stephanie Mathes; Director of the Long Beach and Pass Christian Chambers of Commerce Anna Claire Perronne; Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Board members Lauren Dubisson, Pam Sanders and Tanner Montella; and Long Beach Mayor George Bass were on hand for the official presentation and announcement of award recipients at the City meeting.

"We worked really hard all year to be able to raise money and funds to give back to the community," said Perronne. "We're really happy to be here and to be able to present these grants."

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that is made up of businesses throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Chamber of Commerce strives to improve the business climate through fostering leadership, advocating for businesses and providing information to the community. This is done through a range of events, including Breakfast with the Mayor, Breakfast with the Superintendent of the Long Beach School District, and Chamber Tables.

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce also hosts the annual Taste of Long Beach and Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Touch-A-Truck fundraisers that are community-wide events for family and friends. The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce gives back to the Long Beach community through various fundraisers throughout the year to fund their Small Business Grant program, scholarships for Long Beach High School seniors, teacher grants and more.

Pictured with grant winners are Chamber Director Anna Claire Perronne, Mayor George Bass, Chamber Chair Stephanie Mathes, and Chamber Board members Lauren Dubisson, Pam Sanders and Tanner Montella. All photos are courtesy of Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Director Anna Claire Perronne. Off the Grid Snowshack also received a grant but is not pictured at the grant award event.



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Local pantry receives donation just in time, as needs continue to increase

“We want to be sure to thank the U.S. Postal Service, our local letter carriers and the folks who live here in the Long Beach community for what they donated, because we received approximately 470 pounds of donated food from the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in May,” Donald said.

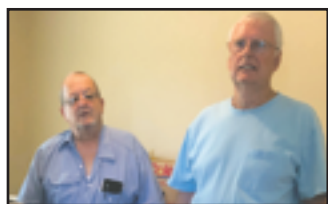
“Last year, in these three communities [Long Beach, Pass Christian and Kiln], we served 898 families,” Donald says. “We allow these families to come in once every thirty days.”

For long-time, dedicated volunteers like John Sparacino, no salary is needed, because he says this “work” is his calling and gives a sense of purpose, while “paying back” dividends.

“I’ve been doing this for so many years,” Sparacino says. “It’s just rewarding to help the people who come in here that you see. They are really in need and appreciate what you’re helping them with.”

The struggle is real, but help is available to local residents and families who qualify.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at the Long Beach Community Food Pantry, which is located at 21081 Johnson Road in Long Beach, across from the old vacuum plant. The pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except for national holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Toni Miles

Long Beach Food Pantry volunteer John Sparacino and Director Pat Donald.

Those who qualify for food pantry assistance can pick up food donations from the pantry once a month.

“You have to fill out an application,” Donald says. “That’s a requirement, and that the application meets the USDA’s poverty guidelines for food.”

According to the USDA’s 2024 federal poverty level guidelines, an individual who makes \$15,060 or less a year qualifies for the program. The threshold for couples and families are \$20,440 or less for a family of two, \$25,820 or less for a family of three, \$31,200 or less for a family of four, \$36,580 or less for a family of five, \$41,960 or less for a family of six, \$47,340 or less for a family of seven and

\$52,720 or less for a family of eight. For families over eight people, the threshold increases by \$5,380 for each additional person.

“Walk in the front door. You can bring food [donations] here through the front door, too,” Donald says with a smile, as he describes a “regular” angel who frequently visits the pantry to give and not receive.

“He probably spends \$300 or \$400 a month on food and brings it in here,” Donald says.

The Long Beach Food Community Food Pantry is always in need of food and monetary donations, as well as volunteers to work either morning or afternoon shifts. The pantry collects and gives out canned goods, non-perishables, such as cornbread mix, grits, soup and canned fruits, as well as other food items, such as eggs and frozen food, when available.

For more information on donating, volunteering, or signing up for assistance, visit the Long Beach Community Food Pantry on Facebook, or call 228-861-1291.

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South MS Bolts U12 soccer team wins State Champ title



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South Mississippi Soccer Club U12 Bolts recently won the State Championship in Southaven, Mississippi, at the Rec Open Cup. The team includes Long Beach players Finn Miller, Jake Bertucci, Braede McClain, Cash Shank, Leo Ruiz and Gunner Satchfield; Pass Christian players Alex Andre, Jaxson Ladner, Carter Hansen, Sage Sayah and Levi Willis; and Diamondhead player Brody Haggerty. They went undefeated through bracket play and advanced to the finals, where they played George Greene County in a game that was tied 0-0 at the end of regulation and went into overtime. At the end of overtime, the score was still 0-0, so penalty kicks would decide the winner of the State title. After nine penalty kicks from each team, the Bolts overtook George Greene County for the state title. The goals scored in the shootout were scored by Miller, Bertucci, Satchfield, Sayah and Ladner. Goalie Shank had the game-winning save. The team is coached by Head Coach Steve Miller and Assistant Coach Kurt Satchfield.

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Class of 1972 awards scholarship

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The Long Beach High School (LBHS) Class of 1972 alumni have funded a \$2,100 scholarship that was recently awarded to LBHS senior Edjuan Trautman. The Class of 1972, through donations from classmates, raised the funds for the award and also donated to a local community non-profit organization. This is the first year of the scholarship, and the classmates say they hope to make it an annual event. The class is currently preparing for their fall class reunion and are pursuing additional fundraising avenues to grow the awards each year.

Edjuan Trautman is a 2024 graduate of Long Beach High School. He plans to attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and hopes to pursue a career in sports medicine. Trautman played football for the Bearcats.

"I enjoyed coaching this young man the last two years. He is very deserving of this scholarship," said Bearcats Head Football Coach Jacob Massey.

Mary Westmoreland, his former teacher, added, "He was one of the nicest, kindest students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. He always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face."

"Our hopes are that this scholarship will help in some small way to ease the financial burden of the ever-increasing costs surrounding post-secondary education. The Class of 1972 is honored to give back to the community and to the school district that gave so much to us," stated Denise Daniel, of the Class of 1972.

The funding for the LBHS Class of 1972 scholarship is managed by the Long Beach Excellence in Education Foundation. The foundation supports the Long Beach School District by supplementing programs for staff and students through donations and fundraising.

For more information regarding the foundation, contact them at LBExcellenceInEducation@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations may be made at <https://bit.ly/LB-EEF>.



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Meet Your Neighbor: Cherie Clark

By Brittany L. Smith

Long Beach resident Cherie Clark has been all over the world. Clark was born in LaPorte, Indiana, where she lived until 1964, before moving to Missouri, where she resided for thirteen years. Clark's next big move came just after she had gotten married, when she and her husband were deployed to Millington, Tennessee. There she resided for two years, before her next military move.

"We enjoyed living in Millington, because it was close to our hometown," said Clark. "When we moved there, my son was just a few months old, so much of my time was spent taking care of him. One of our memorable experiences while living there was the Blue Angels visit. They practiced flying down our street!"

After her stay in Tennessee, Clark and her family were sent to Sigonella, Sicily.

"Sicily was a beautiful island. The center of it is an active volcano, Mount Etna," recalls Clark. "We did have to make some adjustments, though. For example, when it rained, the lights and water would stop and stay off until the rain stopped. It was not like living in the U.S., but I loved being there. The Sicilian people loved Americans and were very kind to us."

After three years in Sicily, Clark relocated to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where she lived on the military base, with access to several beaches. She studied aquatic life and developed a love for snorkeling.

"Snorkeling was a daily thing our first year," she said. "I loved seeing the beautiful fish and coral. The people there were also friendly and had some good cooking recipes to share."

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was Clark's next military move, and this move was a bit of a culture shock for her and her family.

"The culture was not like the last two places we had been. That was an adjustment at first, but we did okay."

However, the experiences of the city did not disappoint. "Philly was a big city, with lots of things to see and do," Clark notes. "We saw

the Liberty Bell and Betsy Ross' house; and, since Philly is one of the oldest cities in the U.S., we admired the architecture and history of all the old buildings. I enjoyed Philadelphia and the things it had to offer."

Clark's final move was to Long Beach, Mississippi, in 1992. She and her family had decided to make Long Beach their permanent home, and they quickly found their ideal house.

Clark transferred to Stennis with the Navy, where she worked as a retirement counselor, preparing retirement estimates and benefit information for employees. In 2006, she transferred from the Navy to work directly for NASA at Stennis.

"I was blessed to set up retirement and benefit procedures for all the NASA centers, and I was able to visit each and every center to discuss these procedures with the employees," Clark said. In December of 2014, after twenty-nine years of federal service, she decided to retire.

Clark has now been a resident of Long Beach for thirty-two years, and she enjoys spending her free time as a retiree with her son, Robert, and daughter, Melanie, along with her two grandsons, Thomas and Michael. Clark is also a devout Christian, and she says she enjoys being part of a church family in Long Beach.



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Cherie Clark

Q. What do you love about Long Beach?

A. "There's sunshine almost every day, and I love the small-town atmosphere. The people are friendly, and they show their love for Jesus."

Q. Do you have any pets?

A. "We have two dogs, a Boston Terrier and a Lab/Cocker spaniel rescue."

Q. How do you like to spend your free time?

A. "I like to visit new places. I enjoy eating out and talking with my friends, and I love to give to others when I can.

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Sales tax holiday extended, dates moved forward

By Toni Miles

This year, Mississippi's sales tax holiday has moved forward a couple of weeks, so parents and guardians of children who start school on a modified schedule can take advantage of the tax break when they are buying school supplies and clothing for the upcoming school year. The back-to-school savings have also been extended to Sunday this year.

The sales tax holiday takes place from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 12, to midnight on Sunday, July 14. It's a temporary sales tax weekend, when the Mississippi Department of Revenue allows certain items to be purchased sales-tax free at participating retailers within the state. The Mississippi sales tax holiday was amended this year to move the holiday to begin not on the last Friday in July, but the second Friday in July. Previous sales tax holidays have only been on Friday and Saturday, but this year will continue through Sunday.

During the holiday, sales tax is not due on the sale of articles of clothing, footwear or school supplies, if the price of a single item is less than \$100. The price of an individual item determines whether the buyer saves on the sales tax, not the total bill.

The tax holiday does not apply to sales of any other items not defined as clothing, footwear or school supplies, nor does it apply to rentals. In addition, articles that are normally sold together, such as a pair of shoes or a uniform, must continue to be sold as a set or a single unit. Components of the unit cannot be priced separately and sold as individual items in order to qualify for the holiday. Likewise, if a retailer advertises a pair of pants as "buy one, get one half off," with the first pair of pants priced at \$120 and the second pair half off, then sales tax is due on the first pair priced at \$120, though the second pair (\$60) would not be subject to sales tax.

Retailers may offer store discounts and store coupons to reduce the price of an eligible item to or less than \$100 in order to qualify for the holiday, but manufacturers' coupons or rebates do not reduce the sales price of an item.

Sales of eligible items that are placed or ordered by mail, telephone or the internet are not subject to sales tax, provided the purchaser orders and pays for the items during the sales tax holiday and the items are less than the \$100 threshold.

Layaway sales of eligible items do not qualify for the holiday, and eligible items purchased during the sales tax holiday using a rain check qualify for the holiday only if the rain check is redeemed during the sales tax holiday. If an eligible item was purchased during the sales tax holiday and returned after the holiday for credit on the purchase of a different item, sales tax will be applied to the sale of the newly-purchased item.





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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR 2024 JEEPIN THE COAST



Toni Miles

Beverly Copeland stands alongside her Jeep, "High Maintenance," which was awarded Best of Show 2024 at this year's JTC event.



Toni Miles

The JTC non-profit Costumes4ACause (C4AC) raised \$93,943 to help local families battling cancer.



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Long Beach served as the hub for 2024's JTC with Vendor Village located off Jeff Davis Avenue.

By Toni Miles

Jeepers across the nation know the drill, as captured by Jeepin the Coast's catch phrase: "Ready...Set...Let's Roll!" And that they did at the 2024 Jeepin the Coast (JTC) event held over five days, from May 29 to June 2, at various locations across the coast, including Jeep Central in Long Beach.

"This year was absolutely amazing," said Jennifer Moran, one of the main organizers and driving forces behind JTC. "We doubled in size, and I can't say enough great things about the City of Long Beach, from police to fire to City employees and City officials. The Jeepers loved them, and they love our Jeepers! Looking forward to bigger and better next year!"

According to JTC organizers, 2,296 Jeeps in all registered for this year's Jeepin the Coast event, but they say the number is nowhere near the total of all the Jeeps and Jeepers who rolled into South Mississippi, as many did not officially register for this year's event. Repeat attendees observed that this year's JTC appeared to be the biggest gathering yet.

JTC organizers had their ducks in a row as this year's event rolled out and up, raising \$93,943 for JTC's non-profit Costumes4ACause (C4AC). One-hundred-percent of the money will go towards helping local families battling cancer.

Chris and Beverly Copeland's neon green Jeep, "High Maintenance," won Best of Show 2024, although the couple reported that there were some major obstacles along their way as they traveled from Kentucky to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Last year was our first year at Jeepin the Coast," Beverly Copeland said. "On our way down, our rig that pulls the Jeep broke down about two hours from Mississippi, so we were

stranded on the side of the road for about four hours."

"We got a mechanic to come and tow us in and had to move everything from the rig to the Jeep to get into Mississippi," Copeland reported. "We didn't want to turn around and go home, since we had made it so far. I'm so glad that we didn't turn back, because we had the best time!"

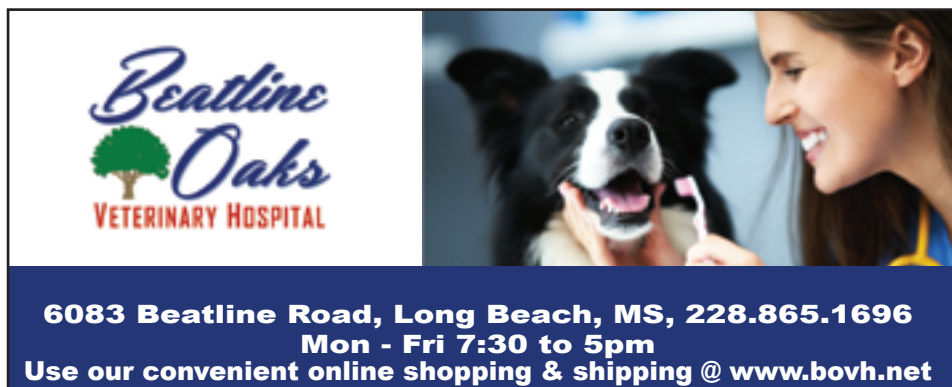
This year's event was the second time around for the couple, and the proud Jeep owners say they're hooked and have already purchased their JTC tickets for next year.

"People in Mississippi are so nice, and the event is top notch! "Jeepin the Coast has something going on for everybody," said Copeland. "I have showed this Jeep all over, and this is by far one of my favorite events that we have been to. We're looking forward to Jeepin the Coast 2025!"

Next year's JTC dates are already scheduled, so those interested in Jeepin the Coast 2025 are encouraged to mark off May 28 through June 1, 2025, on their calendars.

In August, Jeepers will unite for yet another fundraiser, the Shriners' Jeepin for the Kids on Sunday, August 11. The event will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Joppa Temple, located at 13280 Shriners Boulevard in Biloxi. The registration fee for the event is \$25, and it will be a day of family fun and fundraising, with all proceeds benefitting the Joppa Shriners, who carry out numerous charitable events throughout the local community year-round, including the provision of orthopaedic, burn, spinal cord and cleft lip and palate care for local children. For more information about this event, call 228-392-9345.

For more information about Jeepin the Coast, visit their website at JeepinTheCoast.com.



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“Wine and Women” book discussion set for July 16

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Women in the Pass Christian community are invited to gather on July 16 for a “Wine and Women” book discussion of the 2024 One Book, One Pass selection.

The event, set for 6 p.m. that Tuesday evening, will be held at 541 East Scenic Drive. The discussion, which will be accompanied by light refreshments and beverages, will focus on *The Vaster Wilds*, by Lauren Groff.

The special July 16 discussion is for women only; a men-only event will be planned for a different date. As the community joins together to read the book, additional book discussions and programs will be held, culminating in the author presentation on Tuesday, October 22, for the entire city.

Those who have not already read *The Vaster Wilds* are encouraged to check out a copy at the Pass Christian Library. Books are also available for purchase at Pass Christian Books.

For more information about the program, call the library at 228-452-4596, or email W.Allard@harrison.lib.ms.us.

Gone Fishing Ministries raffle tickets available

The Pass Post



Gone Fishing Ministries, an all-volunteer organization established as an outgrowth of the Disaster Relief Committee of the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Pass Christian, is holding a raffle to benefit their weekly feeding program. The 501(c)3 non-profit program provides free meals on Mondays and Wednesdays to those in need, frequently serving more than 300 meals.

Continuing through July 27, tickets are \$5 each, three tickets for \$10, or seven tickets for \$20. The raffle is for a gift basket valued at \$500, which includes over \$200 in gift cards from local businesses.

The organization will also accept tax-deductible donations and notes that a \$50 donation will pay for six gallons of string beans, \$175 pays for enough paper plates for two days of meals, and \$225 pays for about seventy-five meals. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate, text 504-481-9611 or email reimherr@aol.com. The Gone Fishing Ministries’ website is www.GoneFishingMinistries.com.

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Pass Market open every Saturday



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One of the largest certified farmers markets on the Gulf Coast takes place every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in War Memorial Park, weather permitting.

The Pass Market averages thirty to fifty-five vendors each Saturday, offering a wide assortment of goods, ranging from fresh vegetables and fruits, baked goods and treats to skin care products, essential oils and fine art.

For more information, call 601-479-7270. War Memorial Park is located at 103 Fleitas Avenue.

Cooking Matters class to be offered August 1

The Pass Post

On Thursday, August 1, Jenna Quave, Community Wellness Planner with the Mississippi State University Extension, will present the program, “Cooking Matters at the Store,” in the conference room of the Pass Christian Library.

The 1:30 p.m. program will include a free pop-up grocery store tour that will provide adults, including college students, with hands-on learning as they shop for food, giving them skills to compare foods for cost and nutrition. Participants will learn how to plan and budget for healthy and affordable meals for their families. Topics will also include information about canned, frozen and fresh produce; the benefits of buying in bulk; how to read food labels and how to choose the healthiest options when grocery shopping.

Each participant will receive a book to take home with recipes and shopping tips.

The class will be presented in a partnership between MSU Extension, Happy Healthy Mississippi and the Pass Christian Public Library. Class size is limited, so advance registration is recommended.

To sign up for the class, call the library at 228-452-4596. The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiem Avenue.

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Coast Episcopal sixth graders honored at commencement



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Julie Scialdone, CES Business Manager, received the Head of School Award from Jake Winter for her outstanding skills, commitment and loyalty to the school.



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Fischer Hartl received the Seidule Award for achieving the highest academic average of the 2024 sixth-grade graduating class. The award is named in honor of Jim Seidule, interim CES Head of School in the years immediately following Hurricane Katrina.

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Each of the fifteen sixth-grade Coast Episcopal School students honored at commencement services in late May shared with the more than one hundred family, friends, faculty and staff the memories they cherish from their time at the Long Beach school.

Seven of the graduating students became Coast Episcopal School mates at the age of three, and they received an Alpha-Omega cross from their preschool teacher, Yvonne Williams: Sam Burnett, Bennett Cain, Fischer Hartl, Francis Martinez, Anna Nobile, Asher Sanders and Ava Grace Varner.

Head of School Jake Winter presided over the ceremonies. In addition to recognizing the accomplishments of the graduates, he also presented a Head of School Award to Business Manager Julie Scialdone. In announcing the award, Winter stated his belief that the seventy-year-old school fiscal situation has never been as sound as it is today, which he credits as the skills and focus of Ms. Scialdone, who has spent twelve years ensuring the school's smooth financial processes.

Additional awards at the commencement service included the CES Character Cup and the Seidule Award.

Voted upon each year by the sixth grade and all faculty, the Character Cup results were a tie this year. Sixth-grade homeroom Teacher Jessica Greene announced winners Victoria Faith Mossy, daughter of Owen and Vanessa Mossy, and Fischer James Hartl, son of Jacob and Tara Hartl.

Fischer Hartl also received the Seidule Award for achieving the highest academic average. The award is named in honor of Jim Seidule, who was CES Interim Head of School in the years immediately following Hurricane Katrina.

Head of School Winter presented diplomas to Olivia Anzelde, Samuel (Sam) Burnett, Bennett Cain, Corwith (Mike) Davis, Fischer James Hartl, Francisco (Francis) Martinez, Victoria Faith Mossy, Anna Nobile, Leila Pitcovich, Timothy (Asher) Sanders, Robert (Robbie) Smith, William (Liam) Toepfer, Ava Grace Varner and Jacob (Jake) Winter.

Schepens named Girls State delegate



Special to Long Beach Breeze
The Donnie Levens American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 1995 recently presented delegate Long Beach resident Devin Schepens of Our Lady Academy (OLA) for the 2024 Magnolia Girls State. She joined their Long Beach High School and Pass Christian High School delegates at the University of Mississippi in June. ALA Magnolia Girls State participation is designed to provide delegates with leadership skills needed to aid in life as a productive part of their chosen communities. Skills learned include participation in a mock government, complete with debates, elections, making laws and other skills needed from a democratic style government, such as journalism and entertainment activities. Pictured with Magnolia Girls State Delegate Devin Schepens (center) are members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1995, who sponsored the delegates: President Margaret Levens (left) and Legionnaire Wendy Griffioen (right).




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American Legion recognizes top grads



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American Legion Donnie Levens Post 1995, Long Beach, recently recognized Long Beach High School's valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class Of 2024. Each recipient received a medallion and certificate of achievement recognizing their hard work and determination. A cash award was also presented as a token of the American Legion's acknowledgement of their accomplishment. Pictured (l to r) are American Legion School Awards Chairman Ray Chavaree, LBHS salutatorian Vicki Tran, LBHS valedictorian Rosie Mc Donnell, and LBHS Principal Justin Sutton.



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CES adding Oxford University language programs

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Coast Episcopal School (CES) in Long Beach is one of only sixteen schools in the United States that will be implementing LanguageScreen, a language program developed by Oxford University professors Maggie Snowling and Charles Hulme, who also developed an earlier program, the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) Program.

LanguageScreen is an assessment tool to track the progress of students' oral language skills and identify those who would benefit from interventions or specialist support. NELI is an evidence-based intervention to improve young children's oral language and reading comprehension skills.

CES Head of School Jake Winter says that the implementation of both of these programs stems from the attendance of the independent school's learning strategist and dyslexia therapist Brittany Brewer at the Big Sky Literacy Summit, held earlier this year in Montana. There, Brewer had the opportunity to reconnect with professional mentor Dr. Danielle Thompson CCC-SLP, and to meet Oxford University's Emeritus Professor of Psychology in Education, Dr. Charles Hulme. Brewer also is participating in Thompson's Literacy Leadership Mentorship



series this year. She has continued to learn from Hulme and other mentors during weekly classes over Zoom.

Thompson has been instrumental in introducing innovative educational programs developed by Drs. Snowling and Hulme to the United States, and she will lead a professional day of development for the CES faculty. The CES faculty, responsible for educating students ages eighteen months through sixth grade, will be instructed on what the subtypes of reading difficulties are and why educators need to know not only how to teach word reading, but also language comprehension.

"In addition to bringing her own unique skill sets to our school, Mrs. Brewer's professional connections have resulted in our school's being able to enhance its strong tradition of academic excellence with cutting edge tools developed by international education experts. Being the only school in Mississippi currently implementing these programs is an outstanding continuing education opportunity for our teachers, as well as a unique academic opportunity

for our students," concludes Winter.

For information about Coast Episcopal School, call 228-452-9442.

Dog owners urged to be mindful of heat's effect on their pets

By Guest Columnist Ingrid Newkirk



I was driving when I spotted a man walking his dogs. The old dog was lagging behind, his tongue lolling out and his movements slow, and as a humane officer who has seen it before, I knew he was in a quietly life-threatening condition.

I stopped and urged the man to let me drive them to the vet.

He responded, "He's OK; he's just been running in the dog park."

I insisted.

The vet's assistant spotted an emergency the moment we came through the door and rushed us inside, but it was too late. Despite the best efforts, the old dog died of heatstroke.

I often see people walking their dogs in the heat, seemingly oblivious to the first signs of trouble. They think that a lolling tongue and panting are "just a dog being a dog." They don't realize that, unlike humans, dogs have no ability to sweat and are trapped in what is essentially a sausage casing, having to rely on panting to try to shed the heat building up in their bodies. And, when the temperature soars, as with the current heat dome, ridding themselves of excess heat becomes impossible. Their internal temperature rises until they suffer from heatstroke.

When I politely approach someone who isn't paying attention, many say something like, "Thanks, but she's OK. I've got water in my backpack"—as if it does the dog any good there. That water needs to be on and in the dog, and the dog needs to be walked off the searing hot pavement, onto grass and into shade.

With heat advisories in effect across the country, cars are not the only dangers dogs face. Please walk them only early in the morning or late in the evening. Stay on the grass, take water breaks and be hypervigilant for signs of distress. Your dog's life may depend on it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Newkirk currently serves as the president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Author to read debut novel



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Author Ash Clifton will be at the Pass Christian Library on Monday, July 8, to do a reading from and answer questions about his debut novel, *Twice the Trouble*. The book is a thriller that features a private investigator who follows a trail of blood and bodies to either find his latest target – or die trying.

A *Booklist* review remarks, “Noland Twice is a charismatic hero in a riveting story with breakneck pacing, unguessable twists and a heart-stopping ending. Fans of Robert B. Parker and Lee Child will love him.”

Clifton grew up in Gainesville, Florida, home of the University of Florida (UF), where his father was a deputy sheriff and, later, the Chief of Police. He graduated from UF with a degree in English, then got an

M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Arizona. He writes mystery, thriller and science fiction novels.

The 5 p.m. event is free and open to the public at the library at 111 Hiern Avenue. Copies of the author’s book will be available for purchase. For more information, call 228-452-4596 or email PassChristianLibrary@gmail.com



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Author Ash Clifton

Author to speak on “Growing Up Downtown” at Historical Society luncheon

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The Pass Christian Historical Society will hold its monthly luncheon on Monday, July 22, at noon. The group will welcome author Pat Murphy, a Bay St. Louis native, who will do an extended presentation on his book, “*Growing Up Downtown Bay St. Louis: A Memoir of Small Town Mississippi Life, 1950-1970*.”

The book is a personal story of one man’s coming-of-age in a small town on the shores of the Mississippi Sound that was - and continues to be - significantly impacted by major hurricanes and its proximity to New Orleans.

Lunch will begin at noon, and the cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Those who plan to attend are asked to make lunch reservations by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 19. Reservations and more information

are available by calling 228-452-7254 or emailing Info@PassHistory.org.

The Historical Society is located at 201 East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.



Cell Phones for Seniors class planned

The Pass Post

The Pass Christian Library will host Collin Rust of CSpire on Tuesday, July 30, with a class designed to familiarize senior citizens with cell phones and how to use them efficiently.

The goal of the class is to make cell phone use less intimidating. It will begin at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the library.

While the class is free and open to the public, class size is limited. Those who wish to attend or who would like more information are asked to reserve a spot by calling the library at 228-452-4596. The library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue.



Grant to help fund Butterflies in the Pass

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“The goal of the Butterflies in the Pass Monarch Festival is to educate our community about Monarch butterflies and other pollinators: their benefits, lifecycles and what we can do to help them thrive,” said Head Librarian Wendy Allard.

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Historic Friendship Oak witnesses decades of history on Gulf Park Campus



Toni Miles

The massive Friendship Oak on the USM Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach is 537 years old.

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"I am called the Friendship Oak. Those who enter my shadow will remain friends through all their lifetime."

The historical landmark on The University of Southern Mississippi's (USM) Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach, with the marker bearing this message, sparks curiosity and fond memories for many who encounter the 537-year-old oak near Hardy Hall. The mighty tree has stood as one of nature's centurions through centuries of Mississippi Gulf Coast history; some who've walked beneath its branches claim it possesses the power to plant lifelong friendships.

Historians have surmised the oak was a sapling when Christopher Columbus made his way to the Americas, and that when explorer Ponce de Leon reached Florida in search of the mythical Fountain of Youth, the oak started to bear acorns. As the years passed, it witnessed pirate ships sail into the Mississippi Gulf Coast, some with crews led by Jean Lafitte and Blackbeard.

The Friendship Oak then reached its full state of development during Napoleon's reign, and after withstanding an untold number of powerful hurricanes while aging gracefully, it is seen today as a symbol of resilience, resistance, and growth.

Dr. David Holt, associate professor of geography at USM Gulf Park, describes the events the oak has witnessed throughout its time on campus, from the joy of weddings to the wrath of Mother Nature.

"The Friendship Oak is a marquis live oak tree on our campus that holds cultural significance to USM and the Gulf Coast," said Dr. Holt. "We lost part of the tree in 2017, and the break was felt by all of us. Thankfully, the tree survived the damage



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The Friendship Oak in front of Hardy Hall on the Gulf Park Campus in the 1970s

and remains a great symbol for USM's grit."

Dr. Holt has employed the beloved tree as a teaching tool in his classes through the years, with students gaining appreciation for its historical significance.

"We measure the tree every year in my Field Methods class, but we do not core the tree, though every class wants to," he explained. "We also do repeat photography using historic images of the tree to show how the tree adapts to change."

On August 1, 1987, a 500th birthday party celebration was held on the Gulf Park campus; according to an article written about the event by Kat Bergeron, a *Sun Herald* staff writer, the event featured attendees gathering around a tree-shaped birthday cake and reminiscing about the wedding scenes, daydreams and whispered romances under its glorious canopy.

In 1936, Bob Davis wrote *An Autobiography of a Tree*, where he detailed his trip to the Gulf Park campus, recording his experiences as he sat underneath its magnificent branches. In 1975, the Friendship Oak was nominated to be included in a book on historical trees by the State Historical Museum Department of Archives and History Forestry Commission.

Dr. Jacob Breland, USM Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Gulf Park, noted the iconic oak and its uniqueness to the Gulf Coast. For him, it is immensely symbolic of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"Friendship Oak is a classic example of why we love to live, work and play on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," he explained. "It's a beacon for the communities here on what it means to persevere and persist through the storms of life, but also in the joy found in the friendships we've fostered along the way."



Stennis International Airport begins aircraft rental program

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Stennis International Airport recently introduced a new aircraft rental program featuring the Cessna 172. The airport is currently accepting rental applications for hourly rentals. The Cessna 172 will be available at a rate of \$165 per hour, with an overnight fee of \$100 per night. The aircraft rental program aims to provide convenient and affordable flying options for aviation enthusiasts and professionals.

Potential renters are required to complete a rental application, submit all required documents and undergo a check-out ride with a Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission (HCPHC) approved CFI/CFII. Additionally, student pilots looking to rent the aircraft must have their designated instructor complete a check-out ride with an HCPHC approved CFI/CFII. Those interested can contact HCPHC for a list of approved CFI/CFII instructors, who will charge a one-time fee for the check-out flight.

When submitting the application, the Airport Operations Office requires a non-refundable \$50 application fee, as well as copies of the following documents: PPL/CPL/CFI/CFII/MEI, driver's license, valid Airman Medical Certificate, proof of applicable endorsements for student pilots and renter's insurance.

Online booking for the Cessna 172 is available once the application and check-out ride have been completed. Online scheduling will be conducted via the Flight Circle Mobile App or desktop website. For additional details, visit Fly-Stennis.com or contact Raoul Boughton at RBoughton@HCPHS.ms.



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Stanfield receives Excellence in Librarianship Award

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Jamie Stanfield, head of the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Libraries, has been named the 2024 recipient of the University Excellence in Librarianship Award.

Stanfield has been with University Libraries since February of 2018, when she started as a part-time reference librarian. In September of that year, she was hired full-time as the science, nursing and health librarian, and, in December of 2022, she was named the head of the Gulf Coast Library.

Stanfield serves Southern Miss and the librarian profession in numerous capacities, including collaboration with other University departments to provide services to students in new and innovative ways, offering instruction and workshops in the library, and serving on various professional committees.

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