

DAR donates flags for historic Quarles Cemetery

By Toni Miles



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New flags are flying high above the Quarles Cemetery in Long Beach, thanks to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

On Wednesday, October 2, members of the DAR presented the City of Long Beach with brand new flags to fly in the Quarles Cemetery, located at Greenvale, the historic home of W.J. and Merinda Quarles.

During the ceremony, members of the Biloxi Chapter of DAR discussed the history and significance of each stripe and fold of the American flag.

Long Beach Mayor George Bass and Long Beach Fire Chief Griff Skellie accepted the new flags on the City's behalf.

The flags that were taken down will be part of a retirement ceremony in the spring with a local Girl Scouts Troop.

Members of the DAR toured the home of W.J. Quarles in August. After their tour, the group contacted Long Beach Community Affairs Director Courtney Cuevas to plan the flag ceremony.



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Long Beach firefighters lend a hand, hoisting one of the new flags donated by a local chapter of the DAR to fly over the historic Quarles Cemetery.

Mayor Bass announces he will not seek a third term

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Long Beach Mayor George Bass, who is serving his second term as mayor of the City of Long Beach, has announced he will not be seeking another term as mayor.

Bass made the announcement as he was wrapping up his State of the City address at the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce's annual Breakfast with the Mayor event at USM Gulf Park in Long Beach on Tuesday morning, October 15.

"I've been serving all my life," Bass told the crowd of more than a hundred people. "I feel like God has other things for me to do. I see the horizon."

Bass's life has been one of community service, as evidenced by the various roles, jobs and capacities in which he has served over the past forty years, including his position as Long Beach Fire Chief, working for the Long Beach Fire Department for thirty-five years, from 1979 to when he announced his retirement from Fire Chief back in 2014. When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, Bass oversaw the fire department and worked with City leaders, other first responders and members of the Long Beach Fire Department as residents and businesses coped with devastating loss of life, homes, belongings and jobs in the aftermath of the hurricane's destruction.

Currently serving out his second term as mayor, Bass has faced his own private struggles. One of them - continuing to lead the City as he has battled non-Hodgkin lymphoma during his second term as mayor. Bass announced in April of 2023 he had been diagnosed with Stage 3E follicular B-Cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which affects the



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lymph nodes in the chest and pelvis. He has been in remission for one year, and says he thanks God for being with him during the ordeal.

Bass told the crowd at the October 15 gathering that he had tossed and turned, praying a lot and seeking direction from God about whether he should run for a third term as mayor. He said his announcement that he would not seek a third term just came out as he stood behind the podium at the meeting.

Bass says don't count him out yet, though.

"I see the horizon," Bass told attendees. "The sunset's there; I'm not ready to ride to it. I'm ready to do some more. I'm ready to do some other things, but I will not do it as the mayor of the City of Long Beach [once his term expires]. I want to thank the citizens for showing their trust in me, for voting for me, and I hope that I have fulfilled your trust. I hope I have served you with integrity. Thank y'all."

The crowd responded with a standing ovation.

Bass, a Republican and newcomer to the political scene, was voted in as mayor for his first term back in 2017, winning sixty-three percent of the vote in the City's primary election that year for mayor. There were no Democratic candidates running in that race, automatically leading to Bass's first four-year term serving as mayor of Long Beach. Bass was re-elected to a second term in 2021.

Residents will decide who the next mayor of Long Beach will be in next year's municipal elections. The filing period for municipal races is January 2-31, 2025. Party primaries will be held on April 1, with the general election scheduled for June 3, 2025. Winners of next year's municipal elections will take office in July of next year.



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Scouts add drive-up book drop to library

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn, LBPL Youth and Technology Services

Looking for a challenge? Check out the community puzzle table in the reading area of the main wing the next time you visit the library.

Please be aware of the construction going on regarding the new porch and ramp entryway that will face the Town Green. During this time, patrons will need to enter the library through the Jeff Davis Avenue entrance. For overnight book returns, please use our new drive-up book drop.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 30 for the Girl Scout Troop that completed the new drive-up book return for Long Beach Public Library patrons. Members of the local community gathered to celebrate with the girls. Great job, Troop 4617! We appreciate what you've done for your library and its patrons.

There is no meeting planned for the Long Beach Board of Trustees for the month of November.

The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library will meet on Monday, November 4 at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the main wing.

Family Movie Day will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, in the children's wing. We will be showing Dreamworks Pictures' *Spirit*.

Preschool story time will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

The library will be closed for the following holidays in November:

Veterans Day

Saturday, November 9, through Monday, November 11
Reopen on Tuesday, November 12 at 9 a.m.

Thanksgiving

Close at noon on Wednesday, November 27, through Saturday, November 30
Reopen on Tuesday, December 2 at 9 a.m.

As a reminder to everyone, the Long Beach Public Library's 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.

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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Sea Santa Sail-a-Bration set for Saturday, December 7

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Long Beach's annual holiday waterless boat parade, dubbed the "Sea Santa Sail-a-Bration," will roll along Long Beach streets on the evening of Saturday, December 7.

Sponsored by the Long Beach Community Development Association, a division of Mississippi Main Street Association, the eleventh annual parade will roll through the downtown area at 5:45 p.m. and end at the Harper McCaughan Town Green, where organizers say there will be family-friendly activities, as well as the opportunity to take pictures with Santa himself.

The family-friendly event is expected to start with thousands of spectators and hundreds of participants for the parade of decked-out boats pulled on trailers, followed by the annual Christmas tree lighting, award presentations and family activities. In addition to the much-anticipated photos with Santa, the evening's festivities

will also include a human snow globe and a live snow play area.

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, take 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.

Advance registration is required to participate in the parade. Applications submitted ahead of the deadline have a \$25 registration fee. Boat owners who wish to participate in the parade will be asked to provide proof of insurance coverage for their vehicle, trailer, boat and/or watercraft that will be in the parade. Entries are limited to a length of sixty-five feet or less, including the tow vehicle.

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CALB Jeep-a-Gras parade, winter tea coming up this month



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The Carnival Association of Long Beach Team Stirrat-Brown hosted the 1st Annual Open Car/Truck/Jeep Show during its Chill-N-Park event in late September.



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Huge crowds are expected to turn out for the 2nd Annual Jeep-A-Gras Parade, scheduled to take place in downtown Long Beach on Saturday, November 23.

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Sunny, warm and a slight breeze drifting in off the waters of the Mississippi Sound proved to be the perfect day for the first-ever Chill-N-Park vintage vehicle/car show in Long Beach.

Dozens of hot rods and classic cars and trucks were on display just north of the intersection of Jeff Davis Avenue and Highway 90 in late September. Locals and tourists alike dropped by for the event, hosted by the Carnival Association of Long Beach's (CALB) Team Stirrat-Brown 2024-2025, and the CALB team is gearing up for another popular coast event that's just around the corner.

Jeep-A-Gras will be returning for its second year - and a little early this time around. Jeep drivers and enthusiasts will gather in the Friendly City for the 2nd Annual Jeep-A-Gras, scheduled to take place in Long Beach on Friday, November 22, and on Saturday, November 23.

Jeepers will complete their registration requirements and pick up T-shirts and goodie bags at a meet-and-greet scheduled for Friday, November 22.

The Jeep-A-Gras Parade, which is expected to draw large crowds, as it did

during its debut last January, is scheduled to take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, and will roll through downtown Long Beach. Jeeps will line up at the Long Beach High School stadium parking lot at 300 East Pass Road, a few hours before the parade rolls out, winding from the starting point, then west on Railroad Street, south on Jeff Davis Avenue, and to the Harper McCaughan Town Green.

The parade is free and will also feature throws, food and other vendors along the parade route.

Earlier in the month, CALB Team Stirrat-Brown 2024-2025 will also put on a Winter Tea Party, which is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday,

November 2, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church Parish Life Center located at 720 East Beach Boulevard in Long Beach.

The Winter Tea will include pictures with Santa, craft tables, activity stations and a special appearance by Studio E. Ballerinas.

For more information on CALB's upcoming Jeep-A-Gras event and parade or the Winter Tea Party, visit the Team Stirrat-Brown CALB 2024-2025 Facebook page.



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Voters to cast ballots on November 5, some at new location

By Toni Miles

Cited by many as perhaps the most important Presidential election in this lifetime, on Tuesday, November 5, millions of Americans, including thousands in Long Beach, will head to the polls to cast their ballots in the General Election, deciding who will be the next President and Vice President of the United States. On the Republican ticket are (former President, 2016-2020) Presidential candidate Donald Trump and his running mate, Vice Presidential candidate and current U.S. Senator for Ohio JD Vance. On the Democratic ticket are current Vice President and Presidential candidate Kamala Harris and her running mate, Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz, who currently serves as Governor of Minnesota. Other Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates listed as the nominees for the Green, Libertarian and Mississippi Constitution parties (Randall Terry for President and Stephen E. Broden for Vice President), along with four Independent Presidential candidates and their running mates (Vice Presidential candidates) will all be on the General Election ballot.

Mississippi contributes six of the nation's total five hundred thirty-eight electoral votes in the U.S. Presidential election, which requires the winning candidate to secure a majority of the nation's electoral votes to become the next President (and Vice President) of the United States. Each state has the same number of electors as it does members in its U.S. Congressional delegation, one for each member in the U.S. House of Representa-

tives (Mississippi has four) plus two U.S. Senators.

Also, if no one candidate (for any of the races) gets a majority of the vote on November 5, a runoff will be held between the top two candidates receiving the most votes on Tuesday, November 26.

The winner of the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election is expected to take the oath of office as the 47th President on January 20, 2025, and the winner's running mate is expected to take the oath of office as the 50th Vice President that same day.

Also on the ballot will be the race for Mississippi's next U.S. Senators in Congress. Local voters will choose between Democratic candidate Ty Pinkins, a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, and incumbent U.S. Senator and Republican candidate Roger Wicker.

Races for all U.S. House districts, including the race for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for District 4 in South Mississippi, will also be on the November 5 ballot. In that race, Democratic

candidate Craig Elliott Raybon of Gulfport faces incumbent Republican Mike Ezell, former sheriff of Jackson County, who lives in Pascagoula.

The 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature will convene at noon on Tuesday, January 25, at the State Capitol in Jackson.

As for the upcoming General Election, South Mississippi voters will also cast their ballots for a number of state judicial offices on November 5.

Polls in the area and across the nation will open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, and will remain open until 7 p.m. The deadline has passed to register to vote in the November 5 General Election.

Voters are required to bring an acceptable form of identification to vote on election day.

The in-person absentee voting deadline in Mississippi is Saturday, November 2. Absentee ballot applications are now available in the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's office. Those qualifying may vote absentee in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday until November 2. The Harrison County Circuit Clerk's Office, located at 1801 23rd Avenue in Gulfport, will be open for in-person absentee voting from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 25, and on Saturday, November 2, as well. For more information, call the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's Office at 228-865-1635 or visit their website at HarrisonCountyMS.gov.

Mail-in absentee ballots must be mailed and postmarked no later than November 5, 2024. The Mississippi Secretary of State's "Y'all Vote" website includes an Absentee Voting FAQ and Step-by-Step Guide to Absentee Voting.

Long Beach voters in precincts 5 and 6 will be casting their ballots at a new location November 5. Residents who used to vote at Long Beach precinct 5, which was located at Grace Lutheran Church on 19221 Pineville Road, and Long Beach precinct 6, which was located at the Long Beach School District's Central Office, will now head over to the Long Beach Senior Center, located at 20257 Daugherty Road, to cast their ballots in the General Election, per a decision made by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors back in June. Voters in the areas where the two former precincts have been combined should have already received their new voter registration cards from the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's Office.

For more information on the upcoming election, visit HarrisonCountyMS.gov; the Mississippi Secretary of State's official webpage at sos.ms.gov; Vote411.org; or Ballotpedia.org.



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Voters will file into their assigned voting precincts, such as this one located at First United Methodist Church in Long Beach, to cast their ballots in the upcoming November 5 General Election.

LBSD retirees invited to "Thanks a Brunch!"

Long Beach Breeze

On Tuesday, November 19, Long Beach School District retirees are invited to a "Thanks a Brunch!" biscuit bar and brunch hosted by the Long Beach Excellence in Education Foundation, in partnership with the Long Beach School District and P.E.O. Chapter B-Long Beach.

Set for 9:30 until 11 a.m. at the St. Thomas Catholic Church Community Center, the brunch will offer retirees the opportunity to enjoy brunch and reconnect with friends while learning what's new with the Long Beach School District.

The Long Beach Excellence in Education Foundation provides support to the Long Beach School District through the award of scholarships to students, the award of grants to staff for educational projects and the sponsorship of several staff and student recognition programs. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic educational organization working to advance the educational opportunities of women through scholarships, grants, and loans. Chapter B-Long Beach was chartered in March 1930. Information regarding both of these organizations will be displayed at the event.

For planning purposes, an RSVP is needed for the brunch, and retirees are asked to call or text Vivian Ward at 228-861-2763, or send an RSVP by email to LBExcellenceInEducation@gmail.com.

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"We felt it was our turn to pay it forward, though we had no idea how to do a food drive or who it would even go to," said Lindholm. They were eventually assisted by the Long Beach School District to help find families in need. Several years later, the food drive was merged into the Rotary Club of Long Beach and has since turned into one of its biggest projects.

Each year for the last nineteen years, a full Thanksgiving basket and a turkey have been provided to thirty to fifty local families, with any leftover food donations going to the Long Beach Food Pantry.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach



is currently seeking food and monetary donations. They are looking for Thanksgiving-specific food items, including mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, deserts, canned veggies, stuffing and gravy. Grocery store gift cards, which are used to buy each family a turkey, are their biggest need each year.

Those who would like to help out may drop off food at Lindholm Wealth Management at 19017 Pineville Road in Long Beach. The club is also taking monetary donations via Paypal @LBMSRotary.

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Live Oak Cemetery Tours bring history to life



Deborah Drennan

Volunteers from the 2023 Live Oak Cemetery Tours ranged from high school freshmen to retirees.

by Emma Ellard

Dueling entrepreneurs, jazz legends and Gilded Age socialites all populate Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. Each year at the Live Oak Cemetery Tours, Lori Fisher and her dedicated band of reenactors bring their stories back to life.

Fisher, a former Pass Christian Middle School gifted teacher, began organizing the tours when she and her students were tasked with designing a community outreach program. Their investigation of the cemetery across the street led them to uncover troves of untold stories from Pass Christian's past. The students' project grew into a fundraiser, and, eventually, into an annual tradition. What began as a short program put on by thirty-five middle schoolers became a historical reenactment project with over one hundred twenty volunteers.

"I cannot express how it has grown leaps and bounds," Fisher said.

On November 8 and 9, the Live Oak Cemetery Tours will return for their second year since Fisher's retirement. The Live Oak Cemetery Association, in conjunction with the Trinity Episcopal Church and the Pass Christian Historical Society, sponsors the tours. They recruit the help of Fisher and volunteers ages fifteen and up to organize and present the tours. The program features dramatized retellings of the stories of those buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

"The tours are historical," Fisher emphasized. "I know this time of year, when people think 'cemetery,' they

think 'spooky.' That is not it at all."

On both nights, tours will begin at 5 p.m. at the gates of Live Oak Cemetery. New tours will start every ten to fifteen minutes and last around an hour; up to six groups can tour the cemetery at a time. Tours end at 8 p.m.

This year, those waiting outside the gate can also enjoy live musical stylings from Trinity Episcopal Church, as well as refreshments from various food and drink trucks.

Visitors of all ages can enjoy the tours, whether they want to learn historical facts, watch the actors' performances, or simply enjoy a hot chocolate and a scenic walk. Even those who have attended tours in the past can find something fresh this year; Fisher, who writes and directs the scenes, has updated the scripts.

"I always say [the tours] are 'historically entertaining,'" Fisher said. "We try to add some humor and an entertainment-type element – it's not just a dry speech. There's banter going on between characters. Every scene is completely different from the next."

Although the stories of those buried in Live Oak date back to the 1800s, the tour volunteers seek to make them as fresh and exciting as ever. Live Oak Cemetery is located at 399-301 St. Louis Street in Pass Christian. Tickets are \$5; admission for those twelve and under is free. Organizers request that each person purchasing a ticket bring cash to buy the ticket. More information can be found on the Live Oak Cemetery Tours Facebook page, or call 228-669-9511.

Program will introduce plein air painting

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Local artist Beth Ann Lotz MacDonald will be presenting a special art program on Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Pass Christian Library. The program is called "Introduction to Plein Air Painting" and will include a description of plein air along with the tools, benefits and resources to learn plein air techniques and an introduction to the local plein air group.

For more information, call the Pass Christian Library at 228-452-4596, or email PassChristianLibrary@gmail.com to register. The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue.



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"Shakespeare's Flowers" to be presented Nov. 7

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Flowers have been used for centuries in literature. Shakespeare used flowers - and their meanings - over two hundred times in his plays.

The Pass Christian Public Library and the Pass Christian Garden Club will host "Shakespeare's Flowers," a garden program with Dr. Gaye Winter, on Thursday, November 7, at 1 p.m. at the library. The presentation will focus on Shakespeare's plays, especially the flowers that he mentions in Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet.

The program is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided by the Pass Christian Garden Club, and those who are 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. For more information, call 228-452-4596.



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Pass High celebrates homecoming, names Homecoming Court



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Pass Christian residents have the opportunity to learn some computer skills on November 21. The library will have two sessions, "How to Copy and Paste," at 1 p.m., and "File and Save," at 2:15 p.m., both in the library conference room.

Participants will learn how to copy, paste and edit images using online computer graphic resources, as well as how to save storage on their PC or smartphone by downsizing and saving files to an external device, like a USB flash drive.

No experience is necessary, and the classes 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.

The Pass Christian Library is located at 111 Hiern Avenue.

All PCSD schools earn "A" rating for first time since 2013



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On Friday, October 4, students, teachers, faculty and staff in the Pass Christian School District celebrated the district's all-A rating at a pep rally.

Special to The Pass Post

The Pass Christian School District (PCSD) is celebrating following the release of the Mississippi Department of Education's accountability grades for the 2023-24 school year.

For the first time since 2013, ALL of the schools in the Pass Christian School District have earned an A-state rating. The PCSD is among the top ten districts in the state of Mississippi, ranking sixth out of 145.

Additionally, once again Pass Christian High School has been recognized as one of the top high schools in the state, earning a rank of fifth out of 232 high schools. The school also scored an all-time high of 855 accountability points.

Joining the A-club this year is Pass Christian Middle School (PCMS). When Jedediah Mooney became the principal, he was given the charge to change the academic culture within the school. In concert with teachers and staff and with a focus on relationships, PCMS students were held to clearly-defined high expectations. When asked, Mooney and Pass Christian High School Principal Dr. Beth Bellipanni credited the hard work of the teachers and students for their achievements.

Dr. Carla J. Evers, superintendent of the Pass Christian School District, expressed her pride and gratitude upon hearing the announcement, saying, "The Board and I are extremely proud of the work of our teachers, students and administration. In our district, we believe that Pirates excel when learning is a shared responsibility. Thus, I would also like to thank our staff, parents and community for their unwavering support. Pass Christian is a special place, where the education of our children is a top priority, which is evidenced by our continued improvement and success. Congratulations, Pirate Nation!"



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For the first time in over ten years, all the schools in the Pass Christian School District earned an A-state rating.

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Long Beach plays host for second year of Trucks-N-Tacos



By Toni Miles

The City of Long Beach hosted a relatively new event, Trucks-N-Tacos (TNT), for the second year in a row during this year's 28th Annual Cruisin' the Coast event.

Dozens of vintage trucks, models from 1998 and prior, were on display Thursday, October 10, and Friday, October 11, alongside the Harper McCaughan Town Green in downtown Long Beach.

Food and merchandise booths lined the venue, and the band Sons of Uh Beech provided a live performance Thursday night.

TNT organizers also set up a site to collect donations, including bottled water, Gatorade, cleaning supplies and gift cards, to help Hurricane Helene victims.



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Noah's Closet Ministry offers support for expectant mothers

By Katelyn Petty

The Brooks family, a blended family of eleven that includes four in heaven and two with special needs, are very active in their church, Coast Community Church in Long Beach. In fact, Coast Community Church Long Beach, MS is a church plant that the Brooks family established in March of 2023, after being in ministry together for nine years and having been leaders in multiple church plants in Tennessee and Virginia. Despite their similar names, Coast Community Church Long Beach is not affiliated with the Coast Community Church in Biloxi. The church conducts ser-

"We help any mothers, single or not," says Tabitha. "We just want them to know Jesus loves them, and so do we," she added.

She explained that they hope they can show their love, along with Jesus's love, and bless a mother who really needs it.

"We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus," Tabitha said. "Whatever they need, we will be there and try to help as much as we can or as much as possible."

The Noah's Closet Ministry appreciates the donations of money, diapers, wipes, formula,

blankets, onesies, diaper creams, and bottles, as well as any other baby-re-



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Justin and Tabitha Brooks

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VICES at the Wittmann Learning Center on Beatline Road, and they try to have services on the beach when the weather permits.

Currently, Justin Brooks is the pastor, but he has served in the positions of worship leader and recovery ministry leader within his nine years of ministry. As a child, Tabitha Brooks grew up home-schooled, because she traveled with her family, as they believed that traveling was a gift from God and often an opportunity to love family and develop Christlikeness.

After the Brooks family established Coast Community Church, they started the Noah's Closet ministry, which they say is deeply personal to them, as it is named after and in memory of their son, Noah Lane Brooks, who was born sleeping and passed away on December 21, 2022, at seventeen weeks, before he was able to take his first earthly breath or meet his parents and siblings.

Noah's Closet serves pregnant women in crisis. It seeks to provide resources for new and expectant mothers, and the Brooks see it as a direct way to minister to struggling mothers.

lated items.

Right now, the Brooks say their biggest request and greatest need are for larger-sized diapers and pull-ups. Donations to Noah's Closet are tax-deductible through the Coast Community Church EFCA, Inc.

The Brooks say that spreading the word about the Noah's Closet ministry in the community and the prayers of community members are

also important means of support that they appreciate.

"Times are hard for so many right now, and we have already helped at least a couple dozen mothers for sure since the establishment of the Noah's Closet Ministry," said Tabitha.

"It's not just these pregnant women who are in crisis or new and expectant mothers who are struggling mothers. It's any mother that will need our help at some point, and the way we run the Noah's Closet Ministry is completely on donations and people's support," said Tabitha. "We are hoping to plan a giveaway event in the future; so, when we do, volunteers would be appreciated to help."

For more information, follow Noah's Closet on Facebook.



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Artists and Artisans Market coming to Long Beach



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Baker Susie Tillson's business, Breaking Bread Baked Goods, will be represented at the market of Tillson's making.

by Emma Ellard

A Sunday afternoon artist and artisan market is coming to Long Beach this fall, thanks to local baker Susie Tillson.

Tillson owns and operates Breaking Bread Baked Goods. Most weeks, she travels to out-of-town markets to sell her sourdough. She saw that there was a need in her hometown of Long Beach for a place where artists and artisans like her could sell their goods locally.

"We were just looking for something in Long Beach, something to help bring activity and customers from out of town and around town," Tillson said.

The Artists and Artisans Market is tentatively set to begin on Sunday, October 27, at the Harper McCaughan Town Green. It will continue to be held weekly on Sunday afternoons for the foreseeable future.

The market is designed to be a fine and folk art market. Craftsmanship of all kinds, including ceramics, glass, metalwork, woodwork, photography, printmaking, jewelry, textiles, paintings, upcycled goods and artisan baked goods, is welcome. Tillson has emphasized that vendors' wares must be truly handmade. Commercial goods and resold items will not find a home in the market's booths.

Other requirements for vendors include the payment of a small vendors' fee and the purchase of a vendors' license from the City of Long Beach. Tillson hopes the market will make it easier for local craftspeople to sell their goods and promote their businesses.

"We have friends that are artists, and their income comes from these art markets and things that they attend; and they sell their art for a living," Tillson said. "Some of them have not been able to attend a market locally for a long time, and it's hard."



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Another featured vendor at the forthcoming market will be MSOriginalDesigns, owned by artist and jewelry maker Sara White.



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Long Beach artist Kevin Hoehner is set to sell his works at one of the market's booths.

Applications being accepted for annual Christmas on the Avenue

Long Beach Breeze

Once again, the Long Beach Concert Choir Association is making plans for its annual Christmas on the Avenue Festival, which will be held this year on Saturday, December 14.

A free family-friendly activity at the Town Green that helps raise funds to support the Long Beach High Concert each year, Christmas on the Avenue typically features holiday performances, arts and crafts vendors, demonstrations, food and plenty of fun to provide a festive weekend option for families. The event serves as the choir's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Applications are being accepted for booth space for the annual arts and crafts fair. A 10' x 10' booth space is \$100 through November 22, and applications will be accepted after that date through December 6 with a \$50 late fee added. Set up takes place from 7 until 9 a.m. that morning, and tear down from 5 until 6 p.m. Booths must be staffed at all times during the event.

The Festival is held rain or shine; and, since it is a school event, no explicit goods may be displayed or sold, and no alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

Additional information about the events and vendor application forms are available at LBH-SChoir.my.canva.site. For questions or further information, call 228-224-3697.

The Long Beach Concert Choir will have a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12, at First United Methodist Church Long Beach. The community is invited to attend.

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Boots and Bowties tickets still available

By Toni Miles

Tickets are still available for Boots and Bowties: The Giving Gala, a full evening of food, drinks, live entertainment, auctions and prizes benefitting the Long Beach-based Pink Hearts Fund nonprofit.

The gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 9, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Slavonian Lodge, located at 159 Maple Street in Biloxi.

Tickets are \$100 and include dinner and a drink; but, more importantly, funds raised will be used to help local cancer victims and survivors through the Pink Heart Funds nonprofit.

The band Dr. Rock and the Interns will provide live entertainment, and the event will be emceed by Carrie Duncan and David Blackwell.

“Emceeing this event in support of the Pink Heart Funds is both an honor and a privilege,” says Duncan. “Nearly everyone has been touched by breast cancer in some way, making this cause profoundly personal for many of us.”

“Pink Heart Funds’ mission to compassionately care for uninsured and under-insured cancer patients by providing essential items such as wigs, bras and breast prosthetics, as well as



Toni Miles

The fitting room, located at the Pink Heart Funds’ Long Beach location on Beatline Road, provides a comfortable and private area for local residents to try on wigs and special-made bras as they battle cancer.

vital resources, is truly inspiring,” says Duncan. “Their partnerships

and encouragement highlight their dedication to helping individuals endure their battle with grace.”

“Together, we are not just raising funds, we are fostering hope and unity in this crucial fight against breast cancer,” Duncan says.

Besides food, drinks and live entertainment, there will be opportunities for those in attendance to

win prizes. Raffle tickets, which are tax deductible, can be purchased for a Split the Pot drawing. One ticket can be purchased for \$2; three for \$25 and fifteen for \$100. The Split the Pot drawing will be held on the night of the event. The winner does not have to be present to win.

There will also be a live and silent auction, with a wide variety of items donated by local people and businesses. Bidding can take place in person and is also available online until 11:45 p.m. on November 9 at the PinkHeartFunds.org website.

Pink Heart Funds is a non-profit group launched in 2005 and headquartered in Long Beach. It is a 501(c)3 charity that provides cranial prosthetics (wigs) for children and adults with cancer-related hair loss or severe hair loss (alopecia). Pink Heart Funds also provides women with free breast prosthetics and post-mastectomy bras, as well as resources for those seeking support or advice.

Sponsor forms and ticket purchases can be made at PinkHeartFunds.org. For more information about the organization, including how to donate hair for the cause, obtain support through their wig and prosthesis programs, and support meeting dates, call 228-575-8299.



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Record-breaking crowd pours into 15th Annual Taste of Long Beach

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An estimated crowd of 600 people attended the 15th Annual Taste of Long Beach fundraiser, which is put on each year by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

By Toni Miles

Fifteen years - and going strong(er) - the annual Taste of Long Beach had another record-breaking crowd this year, with six-hundred people attending this year's event on Thursday, September 26, at the Long Beach Senior Center.

This year's fundraiser, hosted by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, boasted fifty-two vendors and one-hundred-thirty silent auction items up for bids.

Attendees gave rave reviews for this food, liquor and wine-tasting event.

"That's [the food] why we were all there," said Michael McGill, who was among the hundreds of people who purchased tickets for this year's fundraiser. "A chance to taste what this town has to offer, to remind myself to stop chasing



Attendees had the chance to sample much of the food and drink Long Beach has to offer.



Funds raised at Taste of Long Beach go toward local business development through small business grants and also fund scholarships for local high school students.



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Cruisin' the Coast includes parade, vintage beauties and hurricane donations

By Toni Miles

As the sun began to set on Monday, October 7, an estimated six hundred registered Cruisin' the Coast (CTC) vehicles rolled down the streets of downtown Long Beach, thousands of revelers lining the parade route, catching coveted throws and setting the pace for the rest of the week's Cruisin' the Coast events and gatherings in Long Beach, while also providing the area with a much-appreciated boost to the local economy as the fall tourism season gets underway.

Photos by Toni Miles



Property & Casualty Insurance Companies
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As of December 31, 2023
United Casualty Insurance Company of America
12115 Lackland Road
St. Louis, MO 63146

Total Assets	\$18,182,685
Total Liabilities	\$2,808,424
Capital Stock	\$2,700,000
Surplus Funds	\$12,674,261
Total Capital & Surplus	\$15,374,261
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$18,182,685

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United Financial Casualty Company
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Mayfield Village, OH 44143-2182

Total Assets	\$10,702,120,949
Total Liabilities	\$8,613,482,760
Capital Stock	\$3,008,000
Surplus Funds	\$2,085,630,189
Total Capital & Surplus	\$2,088,638,189
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$10,702,120,949

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United Fire & Casualty Company
118 Second Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Total Assets	\$1,971,185,314
Total Liabilities	\$1,335,711,011
Capital Stock	\$7,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$628,474,303
Total Capital & Surplus	\$635,474,303
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$1,971,185,314

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Total Assets	\$59,598,345
Total Liabilities	\$41,275,274
Capital Stock	\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds	\$15,823,071
Total Capital & Surplus	\$18,323,071
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$59,598,345

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United Guaranty Residential Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 20597
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Total Assets	\$1,899,138,694
Total Liabilities	\$1,791,490,556
Capital Stock	\$5,997,300
Surplus Funds	\$101,650,838
Total Capital & Surplus	\$107,648,138
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$1,899,138,694

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United Guaranty Residential Insurance Company of North Carolina
P. O. Box 20597
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Total Assets	\$14,100,151
Total Liabilities	\$2,388,883
Capital Stock	\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds	\$9,211,268
Total Capital & Surplus	\$11,711,268
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$14,100,151

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United Services Automobile Association
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Total Assets	\$38,458,325,119
Total Liabilities	\$13,074,685,972
Capital Stock	\$
Surplus Funds	\$25,383,639,147
Total Capital & Surplus	\$25,383,639,147
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$38,458,325,119

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United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.
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Total Assets	\$3,951,196,848
Total Liabilities	\$3,104,350,871
Capital Stock	\$35,214,075
Surplus Funds	\$811,631,902
Total Capital & Surplus	\$846,845,977
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$3,951,196,848

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United States Fire Insurance Company
P.O. Box 1973
Morristown, NJ 07962-1973

Total Assets	\$7,218,664,454
Total Liabilities	\$4,936,790,383
Capital Stock	\$18,780,000
Surplus Funds	\$2,263,094,071
Total Capital & Surplus	\$2,281,874,071
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$7,218,664,454

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United States Liability Insurance Company
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Wayne, PA 19087

Total Assets	\$2,065,980,191
Total Liabilities	\$637,282,456
Capital Stock	\$4,100,000
Surplus Funds	\$1,424,597,735
Total Capital & Surplus	\$1,428,697,735
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$2,065,980,191

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United Wisconsin Insurance Company
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Total Assets	\$210,401,153
Total Liabilities	\$81,821,698
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$125,579,455
Total Capital & Surplus	\$128,579,455
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$210,401,153

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As of December 31, 2023
Unitrin Auto and Home Insurance Company
12926 Gran Bay Parkway West
Jacksonville, FL 32258

Total Assets	\$49,726,232
Total Liabilities	\$14,256,613
Capital Stock	\$4,225,000
Surplus Funds	\$31,244,619
Total Capital & Surplus	\$35,469,619
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$49,726,232

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Unitrin Direct Property & Casualty Company
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Total Assets	\$11,227,452
Total Liabilities	\$1,075,419
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$7,152,033
Total Capital & Surplus	\$10,152,033
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$11,227,452

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Unitrin Safeguard Insurance Company
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Total Assets	\$36,406,828
Total Liabilities	\$26,761,952
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$6,644,876
Total Capital & Surplus	\$9,644,876
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$36,406,828

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Property & Casualty Insurance Companies
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As of December 31, 2023
Universal Fire & Casualty Insurance Co.
2850 Dixie Hwy, Suite 100
Waterford, MI 48328

Total Assets	\$106,202,996
Total Liabilities	\$46,935,967
Capital Stock	\$4,200,000
Surplus Funds	\$55,067,029
Total Capital & Surplus	\$59,267,029
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$106,202,996

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Missions, concert to benefit food pantry and Veterans

Long Beach Breeze

With the holiday seasons approaching, VFW Eddy Blake Post 3937 is currently conducting two local missions to serve those with needs during this time.

The Post is hosting a food drive to support the Long Beach Food Pantry. A joint effort with Trax Bar and Grill, the drive is collecting non-perishable food, such as canned vegetables, cereal, ramen packages and pasta.

Donations to the food drive can be made every day at the VFW Post at 213 Klondyke Road, as well as at Trax Bar, located at 830 East Railroad Street. The Post has tables set up in their hall for donations.

In addition to the daily food drive efforts, Trax will also host a "Rocking for a Cause" food drive and rock show on Saturday, November 2. Four bands will provide music beginning at 2 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring donations of non-perishable food or monetary/gift card donations for the pantry, or a cover charge of \$10 that will be donated to the pantry. The show, which concludes around midnight, is designed for those ages twenty-one and over, but all ages are welcome until 9 p.m.

The Eddy Blake Post is also collecting cold weather gear and food for homeless Veterans, in conjunction with the Crusaders for Veterans. Those who wish to donate to this effort are asked to stop by the Post any day after noon with non-perishable food, sleeping bags, blankets, socks and the like.

For more information, visit the Post on Facebook, "Eddy Blake Post 3937."



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