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5 Long Beach seniors named National Merit Finalists

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Five Long Beach High School seniors have been selected as National Merit Finalists. They include Gracie Bush, Michael Chan, Cameron Frye, Alexis LaRosa and Mason Mullins. Bush, Chan and LaRosa all earned perfect 36 ACT scores.

“We are very proud of these students, their continued achievements and pursuit of excellence,” Long Beach High School Principal Dr. Talia Lock said. “The National Merit Scholarship Corporation originally identified 50,000 of their top scores and, out of that, selected 15,000 to be named as finalists. Long Beach High School is privileged and honored to be home to five of these students. Their unique-

ness, drive and determination are what sets them apart from others, and I for one cannot wait to see the amazing things they continue to accomplish.”

Gracie Bush is the daughter of Dewayne and Marcie Bush. After high school, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in international studies and hopes in the future to have a job where she can help people.

Michael Chan is the son of Betty Chan. After high school, Chan plans to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology and major in game design and development. In the future, he would like to work for a game producing company or make games independently.

Cameron Frye is the son of



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Pictured (l to r) are National Merit Finalists Alexis LaRosa, Michael Chan, Gracie Bush, Mason Mullins and Cameron Frye.

Kelly and Jeff Frye. After high school, he plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue an engineering degree leaving his future open to many options.

Alexis LaRosa is the daughter of David and Susan LaRosa. After

high school, she plans to major in biology and attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Duke University or Tulane. In the future, she would like to work for the National Institute

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FETCH Park making progress, bricks still available

By Guest Columnist Barb Reed

The last day to get an engraved brick for the entrance to the FETCH dog park is April 22. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your own permanent message and help build FETCH Park at the same time! Visit our FETCH Park Facebook page or our website at:

www.FetchParkLongBeachMS.com to order online or download the form or for more information.

Now that the permit has been approved, FETCH Park will become a reality soon! The large pine trees have been removed,



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Pictured (l to r) are volunteers at the FETCH Park booth at the Town Green: Barb Reed, Sara Brisolara, Emily Godwin and April Hardy.

and the additional work (clean and grub, fill and grade, install utilities) is progressing quickly. The park will be ready to “SIT.

STAY. PLAY” this summer! While there was a long stretch without physical activity at the dog park property, volunteers

continue to work hard at raising the funds necessary to complete Phase I of the 2.5-acre dog park, which includes fencing, double-gated entry and exit, benches, water fountains, waste stations, and other amenities.

In addition, FETCH Park will be wheelchair accessible with ADA-compliant amenities. The double-gated entries will have enough room to allow wheelchair access throughout the entrance and extend to water fountains, benches and waste stations in both the large and small

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FETCH Park makes progress, bricks still available today

tains are ADA-compliant. The FETCH Park volunteers, along with the Long Beach Community Development Association, have worked closely with the Long Beach City leadership to complete all aspects of this project. Plans for Phase II and beyond include additional benches and planted trees, exercise, training, and agility equipment, walking path, pavilions, and even a water feature or dock-diving area.

Completion of the first dog park in Long Beach will address the high interest and local demand of a large portion of our community, enhance the appeal of our recovering tourism, promote the safety and welfare of dogs and dog owners and improve connectivity among citizens.

An off-leash dog park offers many advantages to promote the welfare of both dogs and their owners by offering off-leash play areas where their owners can enjoy a park-like setting and the chance to socialize with other canines and their owners.

The American Kennel Club and Dr. M. Glasser say that a dog park is beneficial because it allows dogs to exercise and socialize safely, promotes responsible dog ownership and provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize.

Puppies and adult dogs need room to run, and enclosed play areas permit them to do so while preventing them from endangering themselves and others. In addition, dog parks can make for

a better community by promoting public health and safety, as well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively, and destroy property.

In addition, because tourism is such an important component of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, communities with Dog Parks attract 'Pet-Friendly' tourism. More and more, people are traveling with their pets and often look for "dog-friendly" communities with an available dog park. This gives pets and their owners a place to play and exercise after being confined to a vehicle or during travel and promotes a healthier and happier pet.

Our plan is to utilize our dog park to also provide a location that will offer dog training, education and events which will promote the welfare of our canine community by educating those who care for them. It also provides opportunities to host and promote adoption, spay/neuter, vaccination events, agility and other athletic pursuits (e.g., dock-diving) that will also further benefit our canine community and increase responsible dog ownership.

Our next meeting is April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Activity and Senior Center, and we invite everyone to participate and volunteer.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reed is president of the Long Beach Dog Park Association.



PLACES OF WORSHIP



SUNDAY A.M. Bible Classes: 9:00 Worship: 10:00	SUNDAY P.M. Life Group: 5:30	TUESDAY P.M. Men's Group: 6:30 - Various Locations	WEDNESDAY P.M. Dinner Meal: 5:15 Praise Time: 6:00 Bible Classes: 6:30
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Bring It! Free hazardous waste disposal on April 27

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Every day, Harrison County residents unknowingly threaten the environment by throwing out household hazardous waste along with regular trash or by pouring hazardous waste down sinks, storm drains or sewers. This improper disposal can destroy the environment by polluting air, water and soil.

To provide residents with a safe and sanitary alternative, Mississippi Power will host Bring It!, a household hazardous waste collection event. On Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., residents can drop off hazardous household waste products at Plant Watson on Cowan-Lorraine Road in Gulfport.

Waste that will be accepted include aerosols, anti-freeze, batteries, brake fluid, cleaners, drain opener, furniture polish, herbicides and insecticides, light bulbs, oil filters, oven cleaner, paint thinner, pesticides, rug and upholstery cleaner, silver polish, tires,

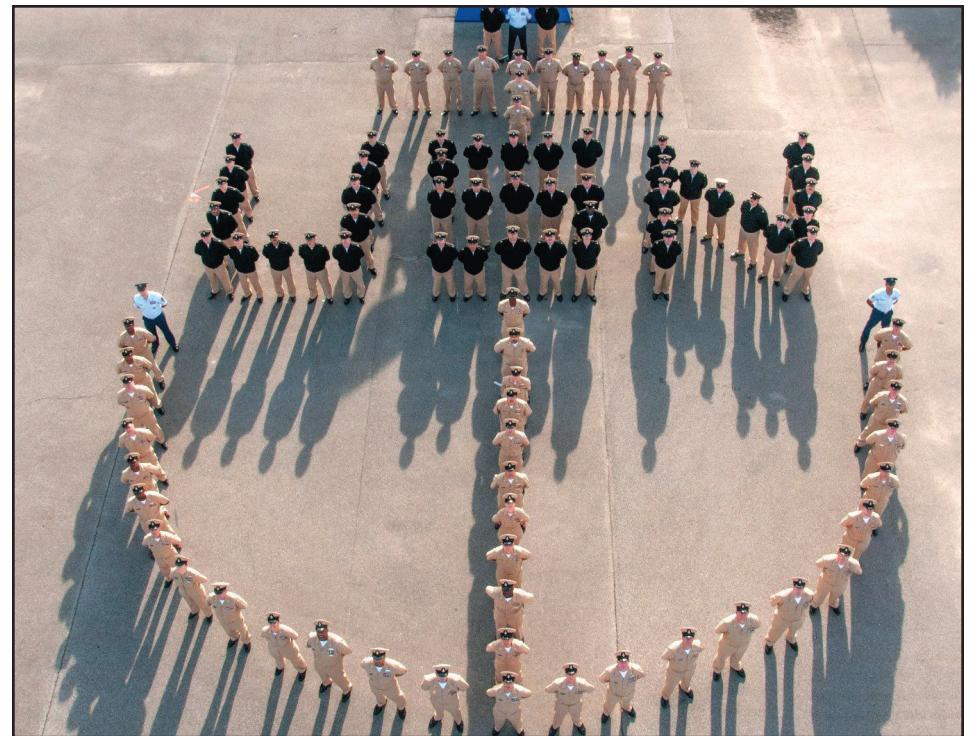
turpentine, transmission fluid, varnish, water seal and wood finish. In addition, paint in one- and five-gallon cans will be accepted, as will motor oil in its original, sealed container.

E-waste can also be disposed of at this event. E-waste includes cell phones, telephones, computers and computer cables, copy and fax machines, TVs, VCRs, and DVD players. Old appliances such as refrigerators and freezers can also be brought to the disposal site.

Some items that will not be accepted at this disposal event are oil in 55-gallon drums, ammunition or explosives, asbestos, furniture, medical waste, non-residential waste, prescription drugs or syringes, PCBs or radioactive material.

The collection event is free. For more information, contact Kelly Griffin at the Harrison County Beautification office at 228-214-1405.

NCBC celebrates CPO ranks in today's Navy



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U.S. Navy chief petty officers at Naval Construction Battalion Center, along with their Air Force counterparts, posed for a group photo, forming the anchor associated with the chief petty officer (CPO) rank used in today's Navy. This was one of many events CPOs have been participating in throughout the week to celebrate the 126th birthday of the chief petty officer rank.

Appetizers

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

Scallop and Shrimp Skewer 12
Diver Scallops and Gulf Shrimp grilled with Citrus Beurre Blanc

Butter Poached Royal Reds 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

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

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

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

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

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

Crab Au Gratin 12
Lump Crab Meat and House Cheese Blend baked golden, served with New Orleans French Bread

Bacon Wrapped Scallops 12
Served with Drawn Garlic Butter

Bruschetta 8
Topped with Tomatoes, Red Onions and Fresh Basil

Entrees

Grilled Gulf Fish MKT
Seasonal Gulf Fish, topped with Pineapple Chutney, served with Seasonal Vegetables and Saffron Rice

Praline Crusted MS Catfish 18
Topped with Meuniere Sauce and served with Bourbon Sweet Mash and Creamed Spinach

Fried Seafood Platter 18
Shrimp, MS Catfish and Oysters golden fried served with Hand cut Fries and Cole Slaw

Fried Shrimp Platter 15

Fried MS Catfish Platter 14

Fried Oyster Platter 16

Seafood Stuffed Flounder MKT Seasonal Availability
Grilled Flounder and House Seafood Stuffing with Jalapeno Hollandaise Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables

Crawfish Etouffee 16
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Filet Mignon Petit 4oz 18 / 8oz 36
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Pork Chop 15
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Farm Raised Chicken 14
Half Rotisserie Chicken served with choice of two sides

Farm Raised Duck 24
Half Rotisserie Duck served with choice of two sides

Ally's Vegan Select 14
Chef Ally's daily Vegan Select Dish, ask your server for all the delicious details

Daily Specials 10

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Red Beans and Rice with Smoked Sausage and Collard Greens

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Calves Liver and Onions with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

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

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

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

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

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New adult clogging class offered at Activity Center

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Long Beach adults have a new opportunity to get some exercise, learn a new hobby, strengthen their brains, and even give back to the community, all at the same time.

Beginning earlier this month, resident Cheryl Batey Nyberg began offering a free adult clogging class at the Long Beach Activity and Senior Center on Daugherty Road.

"I have to give a shout out to the Director of the Long Beach Activity and Senior Center, Mr. Bob Paul," said Nyberg.

"He has been incredibly encouraging and helpful in assisting me. He explained that I could teach a free class, so long as it did not conflict with any existing businesses in Long Beach."

"We do have dance studios in Long Beach, but since they do not offer any adult clogging classes, he thought my class would be a welcome addition to the Activity Center," continued Nyberg. "I submitted a proposal to our Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

and they unanimously approved my class in March."

Nyberg says the goal of the class is to have fun while learning some basic clogging and tap steps.

"Impact aerobics benefit bones by helping to slow down osteoporosis," said Nyberg. "Tap dancing is also great for enhancing balance and cognitive skills."

Tap shoes are not needed for the participant's first class. Nyberg says she can show attendees how to make tap shoes using Vans or Converse-type, flat soled shoes

and pennies, though she notes, "After a couple classes, you're gonna want some tap shoes!"

The class is completely free, but Nyberg is requesting that participants help her in her

mission to support Long Beach public school teachers, "Step Up For Teachers," by bringing a voluntary donation of basic school supplies to each class. The supplies will be distributed to Long Beach elementary school teachers.



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The first adult clogging class was held earlier this month at the Long Beach Activity Center. Free classes are held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

"We're talking crayons, scissors, glue sticks, pencils, etc. — the types of supplies that our public school teachers generously purchase on their own when budgets do not sufficiently fund supplies for their classes. I contribute supplies as well, because I so appreciate being able to utilize our Activity Center space," said Nyberg.

Nyberg moved to Long Beach in 1956, when she was three years old. A graduate of Long Beach High School and USM Hattiesburg, she moved away as a newly-

wed and moved back in retirement. She has extensive experience in clogging and tap dancing, as well as teaching both.

Class is held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, and Nyberg says she plans to use at least the first thirty minutes of each class going over beginner steps, making the class one that can be joined at any time.

For more information, call Nyberg at 228-863-5285, or reach her by email at steppycheryl@gmail.com.

Home inspection is vital part of purchase process

By Guest Columnist Mallory Savner,
Licensed realtor, Veterans Realty

You've just made an offer on a home, and you are so excited the offer was accepted. You are now on your way to becoming a homeowner.

Now what? Well, scheduling a home inspection is typically one of the first steps I recommend to my clients after an offer has been accepted. While a home inspection is not required, it is always recommended.

A home inspection, according to the American Society of Home Inspectors, "is an objective visual examination of the physical structure and systems of a house, from the roof to the foundation." In a nutshell, it is a non-evasive

assessment of the home's current condition and performance. Home inspectors are not licensed plumbers, electricians, roofers, etc. That is, they will identify areas that may be of concern, but may recommend contacting the appropriate contractor for further inspections. For example, a home inspector may discover that there are electrical junction boxes missing covers and can reasonably determine that you need to have covers installed by a licensed electrician. However, he notices that a mast pole on the roof is bent, and while it appears sturdy, recommends contacting the electrical service provider to determine if it is acceptable in its current condition.

You are not required to be at the home inspection, but it is recommended, so you can ask questions. They generally take two to three hours, depending on size of the home. A home inspector

is impartial and is there to point out any area of concerns. You are encouraged to ask questions. You may want to ask how bad an issue that he points out actually is -- is it in a condition that is ready for move-in, or does it need to be fixed first. You may also want to ask what are the most pressing issues -- things that need to be addressed immediately, which often are any safety hazards. Your home inspector can also show you how something works, so you know how your systems and appliances work and how to maintain them.

A home inspection is to inform a buyer as to what can be expected and the current condition of the home. There is no such thing as a perfect home when it comes to an inspection, and most likely there will be issues to report; however, it does not mean these issues are major. Even new homes have their faults. A home inspection

will give you the confidence and peace of mind to move forward with the contract or make you aware of issues that need to be remedied.

If you have never gotten a home inspection, the task may seem daunting at first. After all, it is a vital part of the process in one of the largest investments you will make. With that being said, your real estate agent should be knowledgeable and able to help you navigate this step. Our primary purpose as a buyer's agent is to represent our client's best interests. With the home inspection playing such a vital role, it only makes sense that we need to be involved in this step to help you navigate it. When you work with a real estate professional, you are not left to handle the home inspection alone. You have a partner in the transaction. Let our years of experience work for you.



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LB team wins third in coding challenge

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Long Beach High School students recently returned from Ridgeland, Mississippi, with a third place win in the CSpire Coding Challenge.

Twenty-nine public and private schools from around the state competed in this year's event.



C Spire Coding Challenge

The Long Beach High School team, coached by Trena Attipoe, included Michael Chan, Luke Salisbury, Kyle Huidobro and Maxwell Lam.

The CSpire coding challenge at the company's Ridgeland headquarters featured teams of up to four students each competing for scholarships and other tech-related prizes. Clinton High School came in first place, with Madison Central High School in second.

Students and at least one advis-



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Pictured (l to r) are Long Beach High School students Michael Chan and Luke Salisbury, advisor Trena Attipoe, and students Kyle Huidobro and Maxwell Lam. The team participated in the C Spire C3 Coding Challenge at the C Spire Corporate Headquarters in Ridgeland.

er from each of the competing high schools used critical thinking and problem-solving skills to solve a fun, fresh computer coding challenge during the day-long competition. C Spire employees with IT backgrounds and experience volunteered to help each team. Members of the

top three teams received college scholarships. Lobaki, a Jackson-based company that runs a virtual reality studio, provided demonstrations during the challenge.

C Spire is a Mississippi-based wireless, technology and broadband firm.

DECA club walk to benefit young muscular dystrophy patient set for Saturday, May 4

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On Saturday, May 4, the Long Beach High School DECA club, along with Southeast Louisiana Muscular Dystrophy Association, is sponsoring a muscular dystrophy walk to benefit Blakeley Quinn Hammons.

Blakeley was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy in 2018, and DECA club sponsor Demetria Brown has helped her students organize the event, in keeping with the club's purpose of preparing high school students to become emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in their communities. Funds raised from the walk will help Blakeley's family financially with the costs associated with her treatment.

The community is encouraged to assemble at 9 a.m. on May 4 at the Town Green. In addition to the walk, the event will include face painting and food



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A benefit walk on May 4 will benefit Blakeley Hammons, who has spinal muscular atrophy.

for sale. The cost of registration for the walk is \$25 per person and includes a t-shirt. Checks can

be made payable LBHS DECA, and participants can register by emailing Brown at demetria.brown@lbsdk12.com.

Finally First Friday returns to Town Green on May 3



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The Bruce Smelly Band and Southern Classics will be showcased at the May 3 Finally First Friday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Town Green.

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Long Beach Live will host their monthly concert on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at the Harper McCaughan Town Green on Jeff Davis Avenue.

Long Beach families are encouraged to come out for Finally First Friday, which will feature the Bruce Smelly Band and Southern Classics performing live music starting at 7 p.m. and the return of the Cruis'n crowd.

Those with classic cars are invited to line the streets for a cruise in or join in and slow roll Jeff Davis "like the good 'ol days." Organizers say the evening is a good opportunity for residents to take it easy and relax and spend some time just enjoying the crowds and the music.

Local businesses will be open late and offering specials and deals during the night out. For more information, call the City of Long Beach at 228-863-1556.

Seniors at Long Beach High direct one-act plays



Special to Long Beach Breeze
Long Beach High School seniors recently hosted a series of senior-directed one-act plays. Senior directors were Dillon Smith, Jasmine Swaja and Anecia Flewellen. Senior designers were Tarea Jacobs, Ginny Bell was in charge of scenic, lighting and sound and Tyler Kneiss served as senior stage manager. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: seniors Tarea Jacobs, Jasmine Swaja, Dillon Smith, Ginny Bell, Anecia Flewellen and Tyler Kneiss; middle row: Summer Cunningham, Kaylay Mileham, Emma Marreel, McKenley Hobson, Abby Orand and Alaysha Allen; and back row: Ben Rutledge, Kaiden Johnson, Killian McCaleb, Ally Hatten, Noelle Hatten and June Rodgers.



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USM's Miller and Moeller chosen for KHC Program

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Dr. Steve Miller, Vice President for The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Gulf Park campus and Pam Moeller, Director of External Affairs for USM's School of Ocean Science and Engineering, have been selected for the 403rd Wing Honorary Commander Program at Keesler Air Force Base (AFB).

The Honorary Commander Program offers an opportunity for local civic and community leaders to gain insight and experience about the U.S. Air Force and Keesler AFB operations and programs. In addition, Air Force commanders and personnel have the opportunity to connect to the local community and its key leaders.

Program objectives include fostering a supportive relationship between Keesler AFB personnel and key members of the local community, increasing military involvement in civic endeavors, and strengthening relationships between the community and

Keesler AFB.

"It is an honor to be selected to participate in the Honorary Commander program with the 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base. Establishing connections and developing relationships with external partners, such as Keesler, help to advance the work that we do in higher education across the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Miller.

Honorary commanders are nominated by local chambers of commerce and Air Force commanders. When possible, the nominee will be aligned with a wing, group, squadron or staff agency commander that parallels the individual's background or interest.

"This is an exciting opportunity, and I am grateful to the leadership at Keesler Air Force Base for selecting me to represent the School of Ocean Science and Engineering as an Honorary Commander. I look forward to learning more about the role of Keesler in our community and the work they do," said Moeller.



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Participants in the 403rd Wing Honorary Commander Program at Keesler Air Force Base include USM's Dr. Steve Miller, Pam Moeller and Dr. Casey Maugh Funderburk.

Over the course of the program, participants will interact with unit personnel to learn more about the U.S. Air Force and the mission of Air, Education and Training Command and Keesler AFB, attend various activities hosted by the training wing, and provide opportunities for the host commanders to visit

and interact with the University community.

Miller and Moeller will join Dr. Casey Maugh Funderburk, Vice Provost for the Gulf Park campus and Acting Director for the School of Communication at USM, who is serving her second year in the Honorary Commander program.

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of Health to study neurology and genetics after she completes medical school.

Mason Mullins is the son of Brian and Stacey Mullins. After high school, he plans to attend the University of South Alabama, where he will pursue degrees in both biomedical sciences and economics before heading to medical school. In the future, he would like to enter the diagnostic radiology field and participate in medical research.

The five Long Beach students were among the nearly 15,000 Finalists named in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They will now continue on to compete

for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered in the spring of 2019.



All winners of Merit Scholarship® awards (Merit Scholar® designees) are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments—without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A variety of information is available for

NMSC selectors to evaluate: the Finalist's academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

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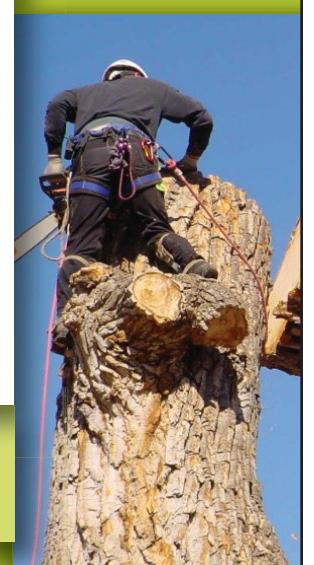
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Six LB Middle School soccer players recognized

Pickens named Kiwanis athlete of the month



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The Long Beach Middle School girls soccer team recently recognized six players for being awarded the MHSAA District 4 All Conference Soccer Team. Pictured (l to r) are Natalie Crapps, Amy Treminio, Caroline Geertsema, Camdyn Biancamano, Allie Cruz and Chrisjenn Dominick.



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The Kiwanis Club recently named Destini Pickens as their athlete of the month. Pictured (l to r) are Alesha Pickens, mother; LBHS sponsor David Felder; Destini Pickens; and Kiwanis representative Seth Towles.



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St. Thomas youth group attends jr. high youth rally



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The St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Edge group recently participated in the Diocese of Biloxi Junior High Youth Rally. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Lexie Griffith, Leah Halstead, Felicity Madigan and Brandy Zink; second row: Caroline Taylor, Halle Jones, Morgan Eleuterius, Ava Levens, Addison Herodes, Jett Zink and Gracelyn Myers; third row: Peyton Lacy, Natalie Madigan, Secilia Gundlach, Alex Eleuterius and Chris Johnson; fourth row: Brendan Madigan, Blake Shaw and Timothy Stanley; and back row: Peyton Lighthart, Elizabeth Mink, Kaylin Kouba, Sammy Starita and Cathy Warden.

Students accepted to Boys and Girls State



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Five Long Beach High School students were recently accepted into the American Legion Boys and Girls State. Students are sponsored by the American Legion Post 1995 and will attend Boys and Girls State this summer. Pictured (l to r) are Anderson Dulaney, Alyssa Pepper, Katie Baker, Andrew McMillan, Jackson Dulaney, Post 1995 Commander Jerry Larson and Post 1995 Boys and Girls State Coordinator and School Board member Tom Carpenter.





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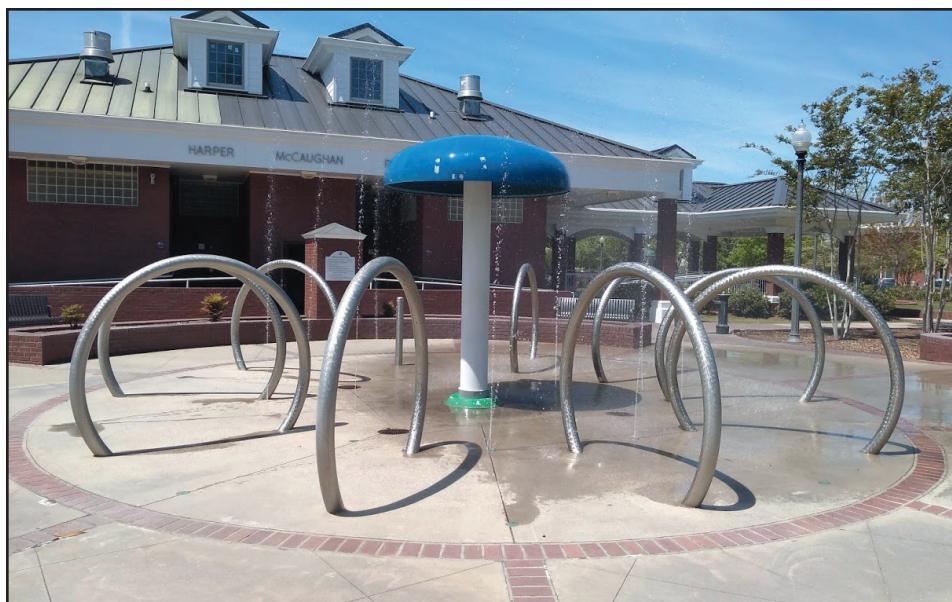
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Splash pad set to open April 27th at Town Green



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The splash pad at the Town Green will open on April 27 at 8 a.m.

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The splash pad at Harper McCaughan Town Green is conveniently located just minutes away from shopping, restaurants and beaches, yet still has a small community feel.

Featuring a waterfall mushroom surrounded by multiple ground geysers and polished stainless steel water rings, the splash pad is free to the public and offers restrooms, picnic tables and two gazebos, as well as a well-kept

lawn for picnics.

This year, the city's Parks and Recreation staff will open the splash pad early, on Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. The splash pad will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., weather permitting, and will stay open through the month of September.

For any questions about the splash pad rules or operating instructions (such as the water not coming on), call Robert Paul at 228-669-7601.

Students at St. Vincent DePaul observe 3/21 Day



Sixth grade students sport crazy socks

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Elizabeth Mink and Christian Mink

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By St. Vincent DePaul School Student Reporter Kimber Pennell

On March 21, St. Vincent DePaul School observed National Down Syndrome Awareness Day, which is observed on "3/21" because those with Down Syndrome have three copies of Gene #21, instead of two.

For three days leading up to March 21, students watched short videos about Down Syndrome during morning assembly. Then

on 3/21/19, teachers and students paid \$3 to wear crazy socks, with all the proceeds being donated to Civitan Camp, a camp for kids with Down Syndrome and other disabilities.

The crazy socks were meant to be a conversation starter, so that when someone asked why the students were wearing crazy socks, they could explain about trying to raise awareness for Down syndrome. The effort raised over \$1,000.

Splash Pad Rules:

1. No running or horseplay, as splash pad may be slippery when wet. Water shoes are recommended.
2. Do not drink the water.
3. No animals allowed.
4. No skates, bicycles, skateboards, etc.
5. No motor vehicles of any type.
6. Vacate the premises during thunderstorms.
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Long Beach proclaims IDD Awareness Month



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The City of Long Beach recently proclaimed the month of March as Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month. Pictured with Long Beach Mayor George Bass (back left) are (l to r): Lenora, Jonathan, South Mississippi Regional Center Director Lori Brown, South Mississippi Regional Center Client Services Director Glenda McMillon, and Craig.

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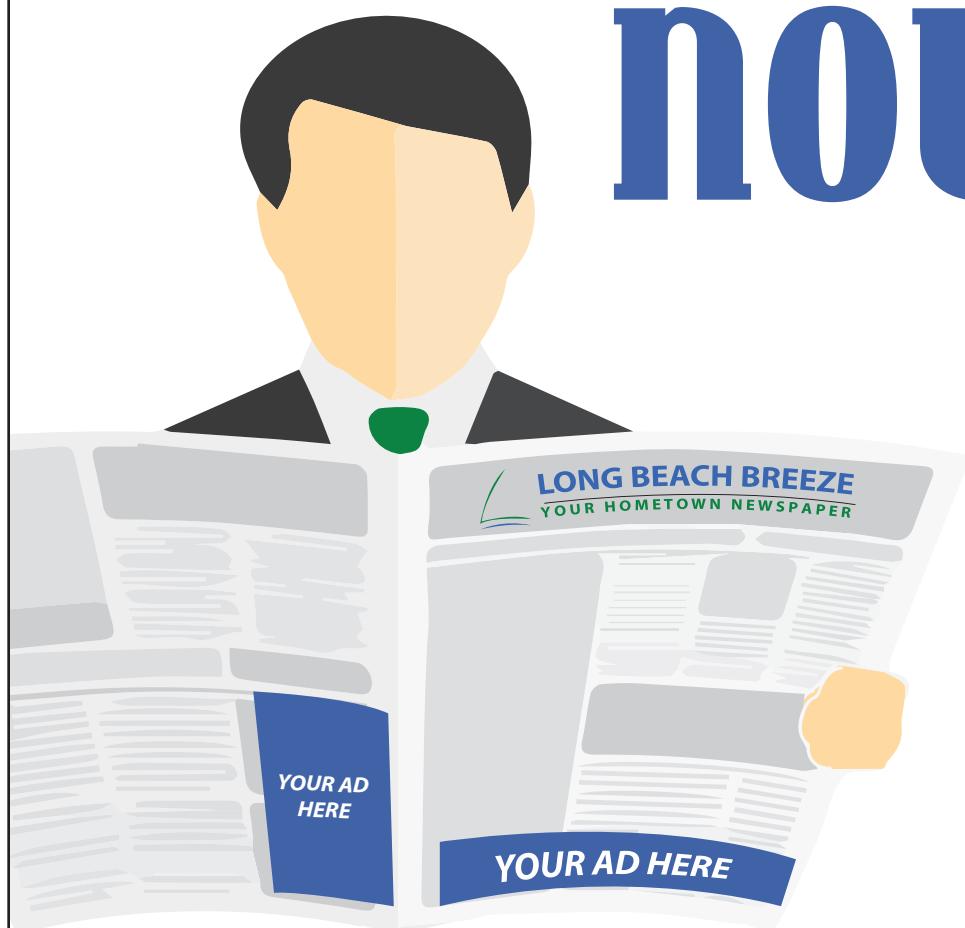
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Library plans luncheons, summer reading program

By Guest Columnist Renee Rayburn,
LBPL Children's Librarian

During National Library Week on National Library Worker's Day, our library staff was given gift bags of our favorite snacks from the Women's Club of Gulfport. The Friends of the Long Beach Library also provided lunch for the staff that day. We would like to thank these two wonderful groups for such a sweet gesture.

The Long Beach Public Library Book Club will meet on Monday, May 20, at 1 p.m. for their end of the year luncheon. They will resume monthly meetings again in September of 2019. For more information on joining the Long Beach Library Book Club next year, please contact the library.

The Friends of the Library will

also meet in May for their end of the year luncheon. Current members of the Friends should receive an email regarding the time and location of when this will be. Like the Book Club, they will resume monthly meetings in September of 2019. Call the library if you would like to know more on how you can become a member of the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library.

Summer Reading 2019 is upon us here at the library. I have included some important dates in this issue's calendar of events. Registration for all children entering grades K through 7th is May 13. Programs begin on May 28 at 2 p.m. Our theme this year is "A Universe of Stories."

For more information about library events and programs, please call 228-863-0711.



MAY LIBRARY EVENTS

Parent's Coffee Break

May 2, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration for Summer Reading 2019 Begins

May 13, 9 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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May 28, 9 a.m.

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LBHS winter guard completes successful season



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Long Beach High School color guard members include (l to r), front row: Dakota Outlaw, Cassie Crain, Julie Tinsley, Susanna Collins, Madison Kneiss and Baylee Outlaw; middle row: Emily Eaton, Vy Nguyen, Asia Bui, Kayla Mileham, Cindy Ogilvie and Allie Powell; and back row: Jade English, Kayla Watros and MaKenzye Boyer. Not pictured are Skylar Pickens and Sierra Morrison.

Special to Long Beach Breeze

The seventeen-member winter guard/color guard team at Long Beach High School have participated in four competitions this season with their “Made of

Steel” show. The show is based around the propaganda poster featuring Naomi Parker as the original “Rosie the Riveter” and represents female empowerment, inner strength and encouragement.

In their four competitions, the group, comprised of freshmen through seniors, earned fourth place, third place and second place recognitions, including a fourth place in Scholastic Novice A at the state champion-

ships. The group is coached by Chancey Parker and is part of the band program in the Long Beach School District, under the direction of Director of Bands Mickey Mangum.

LB Yacht Club to kick off summer with new pool

Special to Long Beach Breeze

Just in time for the summer season, the Long Beach Yacht Club is making capital improvements to its harbor location by replacing its swimming pool. The original pool has served its membership well, withstanding hurricane Katrina while the yacht club

structure was lost to the storm. The new pool will be placed in the same location as the previous pool but will be somewhat larger and will include additional in-pool seating. The Long Beach Yacht Club has been in existence since 1980 to encourage the sport of boating and promote the science of sea-

manship and navigation, as well as to foster the spirit of cooperation and good fellowship. Members work towards that mission through the active participation and sponsorship of races, sail and boating instruction and community events. The club also hosts an annual Junior Sail Camp. Ricky Welch,

a young sailor who participated in the junior sail camp, has been recognized internationally and recently sailed with the U.S. team in Europe. The next Junior Sail Camp is scheduled for June 2019. For more information about the Long Beach Yacht Club, the Junior Sail Camp and club events, visit LongBeachYachtClub.com.

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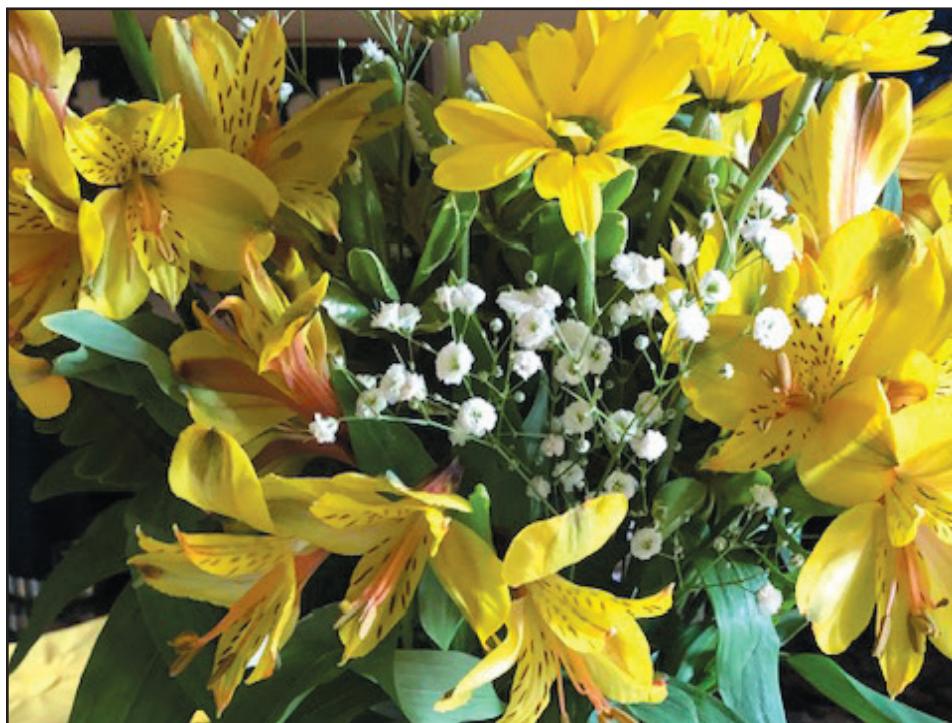
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Garden Club tours Long Beach homes in Pilgrimage



Some of the floral designs created by the Long Beach Garden Club for the recent tour of homes.



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of Garden Clubs. Lovely homes, gardens, flower shows and museums were all showcased for visitors to explore the "Coastal Treasures."

Twelve Garden Clubs along the Coast coordinated the four-

day event this year, and the tour included two Long Beach homes. The Long Beach Garden Club hosted the tour on March 27, with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pierce and Ms. Lorna McElroy welcoming 140 guests

from eleven states to view their homes and their outdoor living spaces that were designed for entertaining.

For more information about the Long Beach Garden Club, visit their Facebook page.

Program honors vets

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The Carnival Association of Long Beach will display banners during military holidays to both celebrate and remind the community of the heroes' dedication to their country. The banners will be placed on street lamps along Jeff Davis Avenue.

The project is designed to be a tribute for the community to recognize and honor Long Beach residents and/or their family members who are serving, are veterans who have served, or were veterans who gave their life for the country through service in the United

States Armed Forces. Each banner will include the veteran's name, branch of service and years of service. If provided, the banner will also include a photo.

In between display dates, banners can be stored as a courtesy of the Carnival Association of Long Beach and Storage Choice-Long Beach, or the family can choose to keep the banner. The banners will be displayed on a rotational basis.

The initial cost of a banner is \$150, which includes production, installation and removal of the banner.

For more information or to purchase a banner, call 228-860-4000.

Beach Day held in LB



Special to Long Beach Breeze

In celebration of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the Junior Auxiliary of Gulfport's Provisional Class hosted "Beach Day at the Wheel Way" in partnership with USM's Institute for Disability Studies Gulf Park and the City of Long Beach. Children with disabilities and their families were invited to participate in the free event.

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Jr. high students place in MCTM math competition



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Four Long Beach Middle School "mathletes" recently competed in the regional Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition. Pictured (l to r) are seventh grade winners Vicki Tran, who placed ninth, and Riley McDonnell, who placed fifth; and eighth grade winners Jacob Whittington, who placed fifth, and Caleb Haber, who placed first.

Troop 3608 Girl Scouts enjoy gardening locally



Special to Long Beach Breeze

Earning gardener badges is a goal of Girl Scout Troop 3608. They recently visited the garden in front of the Long Beach Children's Library and learned about landscape design and plant selection from the Long Beach Garden Club. The troop also planted annuals to add a pop of color to the garden. Pictured (l to r) are Charlotte Kahl, Audrey Keeton, Samantha Beardon and Phoebe Gilchrist.

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