



Coach Coln leads Long Beach High boys' basketball team

By Andy Kanengiser

When Brandon Cobb stepped away as the Long Beach boys' basketball coach, he left his successor with a pretty solid foundation.

"I think the program is in good hands with Coach Nick Coln," Cobb said.

Departing to take a staff position at his alma mater, St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Cobb left his Long Beach Bearcats hoops coaching job after two years.

"Coach Coln's got a great group of young men, and I'm sure he will do well," Cobb said. "I wish them the best of luck next season."

Coln brings to the Gulf Coast a dozen years of coaching experience in north Mississippi.

During his twelve years, Coln guided Smithville, Olive Branch and Alcorn Central hoops teams. He served as an assistant basketball coach at Northeast Mississippi Community College.

The former University of Louisiana-Monroe basketball player brings

a 124-153 coaching record to the Gulf Coast from North Mississippi. Last season, Coach Coln was 23-7 with state 1A Smithville and landed a spot in the playoffs.

Brandon Cobb took the Bearcats to a 5A district championship in 2018-19 with an impressive 24-7 record.

Long Beach Superintendent Jay Smith says he is thrilled to bring Coach Coln aboard.

"It is with excitement that the Long Beach School District hires Coach Coln to lead our varsity boys' basketball team."

Coln served the past six years at Smithville.

During his two years at Long Beach, Cobb, a former St. Stanislaus hoops standout, was 33-26 at Long Beach High.

In 5A Region 7, fans of the Maroon & White closed out the 2019-20 regular season February 7 on a positive note. Long Beach defeated Coast rival Bay High 70-53, while hosting Senior Night.



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Coach Coln

Anderson graduates from West Point

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Cadet Brandon Anderson, son of Michael and Alicia Anderson of Long Beach, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, June 13.

Anderson graduated from Long Beach High School in 2016. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Chemical Engineering. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Infantry branch and will report to Fort Benning, Georgia, for his first assignment.



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Brandon Anderson

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army.

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located fifty miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering.

Special election set for August 4

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The City of Long Beach will be conducting a special election on August 4, 2020, for the Mississippi Power Franchise Renewal.

In-person absentee voting will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Municipal City Clerk's office, located in City Hall, at 201 Jeff Davis Avenue. The

Municipal Clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, July 25, as well as Saturday, August 1, from 8 a.m. until noon for absentee voting. The deadline for voting absentee is Saturday, August 1, at noon.

Requests for absentee voting by mail can be made by calling 228-863-1556. All ballots submitted by mail must be received by Monday, August 3, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Library again closed to the public due to COVID-19



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By Guest Columnist Denise L. Saucier

The Long Beach Public Library is again closed to the public to help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in our area.

However, our dedicated staff is still working and available for curbside services. Patrons may call the library to request up to five items.

In addition, there will be no late fines charged for the foreseeable future, and items on hold can still be picked up.

Please call the library when you arrive, and items will be brought out to you. Items to be returned can be put in the outside book drop. You may also come by to drop off or pick up Summer Reading information or packets.

Please call the library to make your requests and when you arrive.

Also, with your library patron number, you can log into your account and see what you have checked out, put items on reserve, and renew your items that are able to be renewed. To do this, visit <https://longbeach.biblionix.com/catalog/>.

At the top right, where it says "Log into your account," put your patron number that is on the back of your library card (exclude the "P"), then put in the phone number that we have on file for you.

If you have any questions, or to make a curbside request, please call us at 228-863-0711. Questions can also be e-mailed to us at LongBeachLibrary@cableone.net.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Denise L. Saucier is the director of the Long Beach Public Library.

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