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Fire Destroys Lillian Landmark

By Goretti Lysek

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

The call came out at 2:20 a.m. Friday, March 15. Our first reaction was a possible false alarm that the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department is used to receiving. Then viewing further on the 'Active 911' we read "heavy smoke coming from Pirate's Cantina." An adrenaline rush ensued and we quickly got dressed and made our way to the fire department to retrieve the fire engine and tankers.

Lt. James Fletcher, one of the first on scene, promptly advised smoke was billowing out the back of the restaurant.

At this time, the smoke was so thick it was difficult for traffic to drive through on Highway 98.

In a joint effort between LVFD Chief Jim Ellis and other fire departments, a decision was made to request Baldwin County officers for traffic control.

The Tanker Task Force was also put into action to start emergency water provision which helped us get in position to work on the fire.

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Building, Contents a Labor of Love

By Janel Smith

There's simply no way of knowing how many hours it took Tim Lett to build his restaurant, nor the countless times he has shared the stories of construction and the unique items that filled the building.

According to Lett, it was about 25 years ago when he bought a juniper log that had been pulled from Perdido Bay for \$100. Realizing there were more to be found, he bought a bulldozer and hired help to pull them out. At first he thought he could use the wood for decoration or to build a small real estate office, but soon realized he had enough to think larger. He ended up deciding to build a restaurant here in Lillian.

In 1997, he applied for a building permit and started creating a log cabin design with the old logs he had been accumulating. Most were about 60 feet in length and from three to five foot in diameter. The work included cutting notches into the logs and getting them stacked into place, all carefully and slowly done by Lett.

• *Building, continued on Page 24*



Photo by Joe Eisenbarth

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department remained on site for just over 100 hours, making sure the fire stayed under control for the safety of neighboring businesses and residents. Crews finally left the scene around 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 19.



Photo by LVFD

A picture from the west side of the building, by the Chevron station, shows the widespread flames and heavy smoke.



Photo by Janel Smith

The restaurant continued to smolder and burn, causing Lillian and other area fire departments to stay on site for several days. Additional photos on Pages 22 and 24.

Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on April 15, 2019. The public is invited.

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Easter Bunny Ready for Egg Hunt April 20

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, in the Lillian Recreational Park.

This year the Easter Bunny is providing five special bicentennial eggs with a special prize inside.

This is part of the Optimist Club commemoration of Alabama statehood.

In addition, the playful bunny will hide dozens of eggs for the boys and girls, aged one to 12, to find. There will be five categories: ages 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

The friendly rabbit has instructed the Optimist Club members to have prizes for the boys and girls in the five age groups who find the most eggs. There will be three prizes in each age group.

After the hunt, all children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Mr. Bunny.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served for all who attend. This is a free event for all children and their families.



Thaddeus Sutton was one of dozens of children who enjoyed visiting with the Easter Bunny last year at the Optimist Club Easter Egg Hunt. This year's event will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, in the Lillian Recreational Park.

First Baptist Church Hosting Conference April 27

The First Baptist Church of Lillian will be hosting a "Women Making a Difference" conference on Saturday, April 27, at the church.

This year's theme is "The Family of God."

Registration is from 9-10 a.m. with service from 10-11:30 a.m. and a luncheon to follow at noon.

Tickets are \$5 each and seats can be reserved by calling the church at 251-962-2180. Call between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Easter Son Rise Service Planned

The First Baptist Church of Lillian will be holding a community Easter Son Rise service at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, April 21. The service will be held at the Lillian Boat Ramp with coffee and donuts provided. Some chairs will be available, but attendees are urged to bring their own.

Power Squadron Offering Boating Knowledge, Safety Course

The Perdido Bay Power Squadron is offering its Boating Knowledge and Safety Class on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, 33914 Widell Ave.

Certified instructors from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron provide instruction as a courtesy to advance recreational boating knowledge.

The course includes information on getting started, what is needed, required and recommended safety equipment, boating rules to live by, navigation chart overview and related topics.

The cost is \$50 for

student materials and lunch. Please make out your check to Perdido Bay Power Squadron.

Student materials include a student manual, graduation certificate and copies of federal and state rules.

Two persons in the same household may share a single book. For those sharing a book, there is an \$8 charge for the additional lunch.

Classes are limited to 16 students. Minimum age is 12, and an adult must accompany anyone under 16. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

Successful completion of the course meets the basic boating knowledge

requirements of most states and territories. Education on Alabama boating law is included in the course and comprehension assessed as part of the course final examination.

Purchasing and reviewing the student manual prior to the class is recommended.

Register and buy the student manual at Blue Water Ship's Store, 8103 S. Hwy 59, Foley. Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Lillian Recreation Park. Make checks out to Perdido Bay Power Squadron.

For additional information, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.

Shepherd of the Bay Hosting Easter Sunrise Service

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church is inviting the public to an Easter sunrise service at the Spanish Cove Clubhouse on April 21 at 6:15 a.m. to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

There will be a light breakfast served after the worship service. An Easter service will also be held at 10 a.m. at the church at 12851 Perdido St.

Garden Walk to Benefit Local Scholarship Fund

Baldwin County Master Gardeners will be holding a garden walk on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will feature six home gardens, the Magnolia Springs Arboretum and the Wilbourne Antique Rose

Trail in Foley.

The gardens will stretch from Fish River to northeast Foley. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour.

Tickets are on sale at Earth Day in Fairhope and

Foley, Old Tyme Feed in Fairhope and Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market on Saturdays in April.

For information go to www.baldwinmastergardeners.com.

Kids Welcome at Annual Fishing Rodeo

By Sally McKinney

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the 19th Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, April 13, at Schaff's Pond in Lillian. Poles will be in the water at 9 a.m. and a free hot dog lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event is open to girls and boys ages two to 15. Awards are given in a variety of categories.

Door prizes will also be presented. Participants are asked to bring their own poles and bait, however, a few poles and bait will be available.

Catch and release when possible is recommended. The required permission forms will be available at the pond.

Schaff's Pond is located on Bartel Road, west of County Road 93. From Lillian travel west on US Highway 98, turn north on CR93 for one mile. Go west on Bartel Road four tenths of a mile. The pond is on the right.



Morgan Gardner enjoyed the sun, fresh air and catching fish at the 2018 Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year's event will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at Schaff's Pond in Lillian.

Free Vessel Safety Checks in Lillian

A major component of a fun-filled outing is a reliable boat that has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check is an important safeguard, and certified examiners from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron will perform the check for boaters on Saturday, May 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lillian boat ramp.

There are no consequences if you don't pass. The group's goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends through education.

The United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are partners in this program offered to the boating public. All examiners are certified and trained on the latest requirements. The vessel safety check is similar to the review that is

performed by the U.S. Coast Guard if you are boarded, except that it is voluntary, and only you receive the results.

Vessel safety checks are timed to coincide with National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24). Created by the National Safe Boating Council, the campaign encourages boaters to always wear a life jacket, take a safe boating course, get a vessel safety check, check the weather forecast, file a float plan and never boat under the influence.

The Lillian boat launch is located on the south side of the Lillian Bridge on Perdido Bay. It's a 5.3 acre launch and waterfront recreational area with parking, lights and two boat ramps.

For additional information about vessel safety checks in Lillian, call Richard Carson at 251-980-1536 or Dave Packett at 850-375-2579.

Optimists Announce April Speaker Schedule

April is a busy month for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. In addition to the Fishing Rodeo on April 13 and Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, members will attend the weekly 8 a.m. Saturday meetings in the Lillian Community Club.

At every Saturday breakfast meeting, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hears about some subject of interest. The April schedule is:

• April 6 is Respect for Law Day. District Attorney Bob Wilters, a Baldwin County judge for over 22 years and an OCPB member, organizes this annual event. We

thank our judges, county attorneys and police officers and recognize exceptional people in our law community.

• April 13: Hank Graves will discuss the Master of Environmental Education program developed by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Baldwin County is unique in the state and possibly the nation by delivering this curriculum to our K-12 students.

• April 20: Congressman Bradley Byrne, Republican congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives, will give us his perspective on national events as he runs for U.S. Senate in 2020.

April 27: Christy Kelley, community relations specialist, will describe services provided by the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center.

Everyone is encouraged to come hear these speakers.



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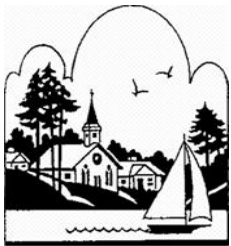
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Grateful for Lillian

In Lillian we have a unique community. The natives have known about it forever, but when you come to purchase your home here, whether it is for retirement, a job change or to help with your parents, you might not realize the sense of family you acquire.

Never was it brought to light more than when we all found out about the fire at Pirate's Cantina Mexican Grill. We might not know the owner Tim Lett or the people who were leasing the building, but we all felt the loss for them and our community.

Originally opened as Pondera, the building had become a landmark. You might never have eaten there or tried the Mexican cuisine, but unless you are a hermit, you'd probably heard about the years it took to build it, the wonderful antiques that filled every nook, cranny and ceiling joist.

For days the loss was the topic of conversation.

The details as told by each individual were different, but the common theme was sympathy for those involved in the business, especially Tim.

He had spent a good portion of his life building the unique structure and collecting hundreds of antiques. Now they are gone. Yes, it's just stuff, but



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally
McKinney

it meant the world to him.

So we all mourn the loss and pray that Tim and all involved move forward and feel the heartfelt wishes from our community.

And speaking of heartfelt wishes, thank God for our Lillian Volunteer Fire Department.

They were on the job hour after hour, day after day, protecting the surrounding structures, making sure that the rest of the community was safe. Their extensive training and their association with other fire departments really paid off. But I wouldn't have expected any less.

These men and women have demonstrated time after time that they care about our community and work hard to keep us safe, whether it is a medical call, a fire or an accident on the road.

It is important that we all support them, because they are on duty 24/7 to support us. I really am so happy to be a part of this wonderful community.

You should be, too.

A Firefighter's Point of View

When it came time to write our columns this month, Sally McKinney and I were thinking alike. As a Lillian resident for just a year, I'm continually impressed by the number of folks who volunteer for our community and the amount of hours they put in.

A perfect example of this was the huge fire that gutted the Pirate's Cantina restaurant. Starting in the early morning hours of Friday, March 15, our local volunteer fire department worked around the clock, staying on the scene until the morning of Tuesday, March 19.

We can't thank them enough, not only for doing what they were trained to do, but for giving selflessly of their time to keep residents and nearby businesses safe.

The whole situation leads to a lot of questions that have yet to be answered by the state fire marshal's investigation. What can't and should never be questioned is the dedication of the LVFD.

It's hard to imagine what the firefighters were dealing with over those several days, but Mark Beyerl, a firefighter with our LVFD, was kind enough to share some insight as to what they were dealing with.

• *When a building of that size catches fire, you can't just put some water on it and put the fire out. First, the entire building is wood, so the entire structure is fuel. Second, the building was built anywhere between 1-3 feet off the ground, which allowed for air pockets. And when parts of the building collapsed, that also created air pockets. Those*

areas had smoldering wood and other combustibles.

The only way to put those fires out was to get into each pocket and that simply wasn't possible. There were still support beams and roofing that hadn't come down and it was just too dangerous to go in. We did several times, but had to pull back out because of the danger.

In the back of the building, the second floor collapsed and there was fire that we couldn't get to under the floor. The wind pushed the fire from front to rear under the building. Thus the floor wasn't stable enough to stand where it hadn't yet collapsed.

As of Sunday, we estimated that we had doused the fire with over 100,000 gallons of water. We could have used 500,000 and it would have still been burning in places. We knew we would be there for the next 2-3 days around the clock.

I thank Mark for allowing me to share what was originally an online post. I felt he clearly explained what they were dealing with and his words were much better than what I would have come up with.

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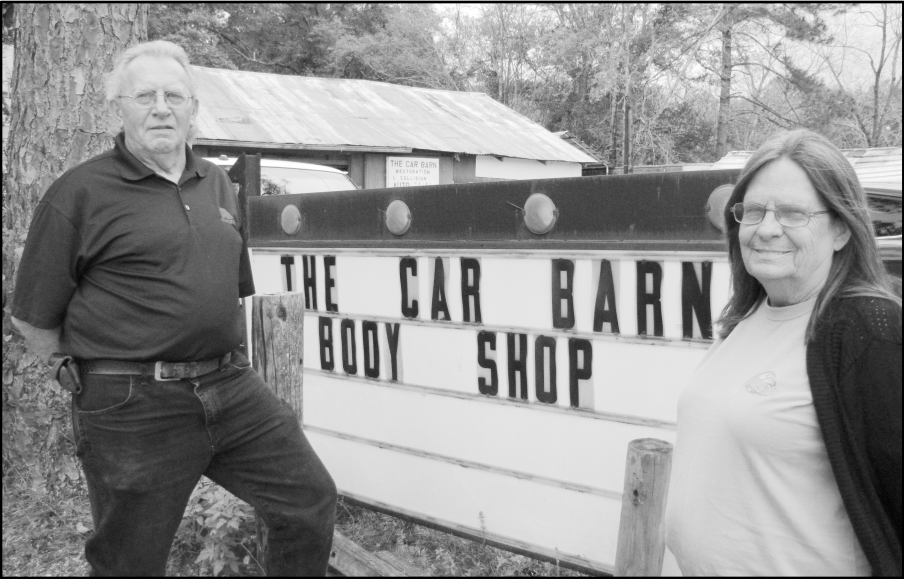
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The Car Barn location on Highway 98 in Lillian will soon take on a new look. After 22 years at that location, Cliff and Mary Collier will be moving the business to their property on County Road 91. They plan to spruce up the current property and have possible new plans for it.

Colliers Making Changes at Car Barn

By Sally McKinney

Cliff Collier has been working on vehicles since he was in high school. He has been servicing the Lillian community for more than 20 years with vehicle body repairs and restorations at The Car Barn on US Highway 98.

Now he and his high school sweetheart, Mary, have decided to move the business to County Road 91 where he has a two-acre lot with his home and two large structures to repair everything from small cars to large motor homes. This will allow an upgrade of the repair shop as well as expand the use of the Highway 98 locale.

Due to the changes in the automotive industry with electronics and chemicals, an upgrade is necessary. Repairs on older cars are a large part of Cliff's business, but he also is proficient in modern procedures.

"We offer local service that the new car warranties don't cover at a hometown location," he said. Many times Cliff has been able to convince insurance companies that he can repair "totaled" vehicles at a cost that is reasonable and covered by the policy.

"Since customer service is what The Car Barn is all about, updating the workplace is necessary," Cliff says. "We need to keep up with new repair procedures and refinishing products."

The transition will take a while, but eventually the location will be cleared of vehicles and equipment. The new hours of operation are planned with mornings on Highway 98 and afternoons on CR91 and finally full-time at the new location.

Always a service-oriented person, Cliff wants to continue to help make Lillian better.

A talented singer/songwriter, he's thinking about starting a Saturday morning "picking" event where musicians can enjoy using their talents and visitors can hang out to enjoy the music.

The property would be spruced up so visitors to the area can stop by and find out about how great the Lillian community is.

As a youth in Missouri, Cliff

helped his dad with chores at his body shop, the farm and a saw mill. While in high school he won the top mechanic award three years running and was named Most Outstanding Mechanic.

Cliff and Mary have been together since 1969 and in 1973 they moved to Pensacola where they raised their three daughters, Denise, Brenda and Terry. Cliff worked in a paint and body shop there until they returned to Missouri in 1992 to help with family matters.

After putting up with the cold weather for as long as they could, in 1997 they came back south to Lillian and opened The Car Barn. Mary has always been at Cliff's side, raising the kids and as co-owner, doing whatever needed to be done, from office manager, bookkeeper and partner.

The move will give Cliff a better location for keeping up with his craft and it will give Mary more time to enjoy her home and growing flowers.

Customer service has always been their goal and they will work with customers and insurance companies to make sure the job is done properly. Cliff is certified and can fix just about anything brought to him, from that little ding from a pine cone to major repair and replacement. He has kept abreast of the changes over the years by attending special classes and reading the literature that manufacturers provide.

Car restoration is very special to Cliff. Some are quick fixes, but others are more challenging, like the 1953 Studebaker that took two years to bring back to its former glory. A 1926 Rolls Royce took four years, but you wouldn't know whether it was a restoration or one that had just rolled off the production line.

But it's not all work for Cliff and Mary. They are long-time members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. All you need to do is ask and they are there, helping the Lillian community.

Moving to a new location, changing, rearranging is a big step, but there are things that Cliff and Mary will not change; their dedication to each other, their family, their customers and the Lillian community.

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Optimist Club Helps Feed Special Olympics Participants

For many years the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has served food to the participants of the Special Olympics held in Fairhope each year. This year they prepared fresh fish, hot dogs, cole slaw and baked beans for approximately 600 students and helpers.

Under the leadership of Optimist Lee Hoffman, members gathered on the day before the event to do the prep work. Cookies were placed in plastic bags, tartar and cocktail sauce were placed in covered containers and condiments counted out.

The food, cook trailers and other items were transported to Volanta

Park in Fairhope the next day. Hot dogs were cooked and wrapped. The fish was breaded and deep fried and all was taken to the distribution table where other Optimists filled the Styrofoam containers and placed them in boxes for the teams to pick up.

Men and women who would like to be a part of this organization that exists to “bring out the best in kids” are invited to attend a meeting.

The group meets for breakfast at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club. Guests eat free.

Red Hats Hold Monthly Gathering

The women of Grande Dame Red Hats met March 12 at LA BBQ in Summerdale.

Hostesses were Barbara Dixon and Elaine Cooley with a St. Patrick's Day theme. A birthday was celebrated by Elaine Cooley, a door prize was won by Judy Wargo and the game winner was Deborah Donin.

The group will meet again on April 9 at the Wolf Bay Lodge on Gulf Beach Hwy., with Pat Bonner and Renee McGrail hosting.

Others attending included Lorraine Standish, Marcia Little Pocreva, Renee McGrail, Mary Ayres and Sandra Jurries.

Grande Dame Red Hats

By Renee McGrail



Mary Stenzel and Harriet Shields were on hand recently to help diners at the St. Joseph Lenten Souper Supper. The event is held every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Mary Hall. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. A recent supper provided 13 different homemade soups, plus bread, desserts and beverage. The last supper will be held Wednesday, April 10.

St. Joseph Church Hall to Reopen After Renovations

By Sally McKinney

After many months of assessment, bidding, fund raising and repairs on the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall in Lillian, Immaculate Mary Hall is once again open for fun, food and frolic.

To celebrate this accomplishment, the parishioners will host a pot luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

In conjunction with the event,

parishioners are selling raffle tickets for \$25 each.

The prizes are \$500, \$250 and \$100.

Tickets may be purchased from any parishioner or visit the church office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Since the hall is fully functional again, it is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions and other special occasions. Contact the church office for details, 251-962-3649.

Sewage Issues Discussed at Meeting

Sewage spills in Baldwin County were discussed at the March Lillian Civic & Legislative Committee meeting. Robert Monk, a private citizen interested in the welfare of the county, spoke about the problem and how he and other citizens are trying to help find solutions.

He reported that in 2016 Alabama had 1,271 raw sewage spills, 41 in Baldwin County. This amounted to between 28.8 and 46.2 million gallons flowing into Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. There are at least 12 sewage utilities in the county.

Monk says there are four major causes of the spills - heavy rain, grease back up, third party line breaks and lift station outages. He also says that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is understaffed, which also contributes to the spill problems.

He said there will be a public forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 9, to

discuss how the sewer companies are planning to handle growth in the county. The event will be held in the Baldwin County Coliseum, 19477 Fairground Road, Robertsedale.

In other discussion, President David Bergsland reported the ventilation system in the Lillian Community Club lounge is being replaced and upgraded and although the project had not been completed at the time of the meeting, air quality improvement was already being noticed by members.

He also said there will be a casino trip from the LCC on May 4.

The Lillian Recreational Park Market in the Park began in March and will continue until fall. Outdoor movies will begin on the first Friday in April.

Civic and Legislative Committee

By Sally McKinney

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Mark Your Calendars for Local Bicentennial Events

Citizens of Lillian are fully entrenched in the state's Bicentennial celebration. Churches and organizations are working together to make this event special in the community.

Last month at the Lillian United Methodist Church Car Show, a member of the Lillian Bicentennial Committee presented a special Bicentennial trophy to the owner of the oldest, drivable Alabama-registered car.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay continued their series of historical programs with a visit by Jeanette Bornholt, local historian, who spoke on the Legends of Baldwin County. Each quarter the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay presents a speaker with special information about the state or the Lillian community. Past programs have included information about Fort Mims, the U.S. Constitution and WWII POW camps in Baldwin County.

This month the Optimist Club will participate with special prizes in each age category at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, in the Lillian Recreational Park. Special Bicentennial eggs will be scattered in the collection areas.

On May 4, the Bicentennial Committee will unveil two historical markers in Lillian. The first marker to be unveiled will be at the Lillian Boat Launch. This marker tells the history of the Lillian bridge and Perdido Bay. The second marker will be placed on Santa Piedro Street adjacent to the St. Joseph Catholic Church original church. This one tells the history of the parish and Lillian.

All are invited to attend this historic occasion. A meet and greet

Lillian Bicentennial Committee

By Sally McKinney

will be held at the Lillian Community Club following the second unveiling. Jack Edwards, member of Congress for Lillian and the First District of Alabama who served from 1965 to 1984, will attend. He was present when the current bridge was dedicated.

The committee is looking for old photos of Lillian activities to put on display at the gathering after the ceremonies. Bring them to the Baldwin County Heritage Museum where they will be scanned and returned. The museum is located at 25521 US-98 in Elberta.

On May 5 at 11:30 a.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church will celebrate the completion of the parish hall renovation. As the first church in Lillian, this event will have a Bicentennial theme.

The Lillian Community Club will use the annual July 4 celebration as their contribution. On Labor Day the Optimist Club will incorporate the event in the Mullet Festival. Throughout October the Bicentennial Committee will host Wade Hall Postcards Traveling Exhibits "Main Street" at the LCC.

In November, St. Joseph Catholic Church will host the OCPB annual Community Thanksgiving Service. Lillian's commemoration of the Bicentennial celebration will end on Dec. 14 with the Annual Christmas Parade hosted by the Optimist Club. Dec. 14 is the actual day Alabama became a state.



Jeannette Bornholt is an historian who has spoken at various local venues during the Alabama Bicentennial celebration. She recently spoke at a meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, revealing "Legends of Baldwin County," including a tunnel in Foley, haunted houses and the discovery of a 50,000-year-old Cypress forest at an undisclosed location in Mobile Bay.



Lillian American Legion Post 48 enjoyed taking part in the Elberta Mardi Gras parade in March with this float.



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Lillian American Legion Post 48 says, “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!” We had a hugely successful three months of ham dinners for our annual fundraiser.

Your contributions help support two students from Robertsdales High School for the Alabama Boys State program, assist veterans with wheelchair ramps, present the Veterans’s Day program and support the medical closet.

Apple has opened the Apple Veterans and Military Store for current U.S. service members, National Guard personnel, reservists, veterans and close household relatives.

As "Stars and Stripes" reports, the new online store provides a 10 percent discount for service members and veterans on most products Apple offers online. There are some caveats. It’s intended for personal use, you must be 18 or older and there are limits on the number of certain items for purchase. Just go to apple.com/shop/browse/home/veterans_military.

Club Raises Funds with Silent Auction

Lillian Womens Club hosted their third meeting of 2019 on March 19 at the Lillian Community Club.

A delicious lunch of ham, corn casserole, vegetable medley and apple pie for dessert was served by Sally Bowen.

Members brought in gently used articles for our annual fundraising silent auction, which generated just under \$400. At the end of each year, the club votes to select organizations to receive donations.

Officer nominations for next year were put forth, including Mary Hall, president; Joanne Matthews, vice president; Terry Danson, treasurer; and Judy Deeter, secretary.

The membership will vote on the nominations at next month’s

• Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian community that the medical closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is no charge. Many items are available for use, such as walkers, hospital beds, toilet items and walkers. The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed. Donations are accepted.

Our focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

The four pillars of the American Legion are fostering a strong national security, taking care of veterans, mentoring the youth of our nation and promoting patriotism and honor.

• Members drop by the American Legion Building 48 every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club. Come and join us for a cup of coffee.

• Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the LCC. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.

meeting.

The featured speaker next month will be Chef Rob Benson, who will discuss refreshing summertime soups.

The next meeting will be held April 16 at the LCC. Anyone wishing to join is welcome. Annual dues are

\$20 per year and \$11 for each monthly meeting to cover a catered meal with dessert and beverage. Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon. To make a reservation, please call Cindy Causey at (614) 598-0241.

Women's Club

By Dree Purcell

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Managing Your Notifications

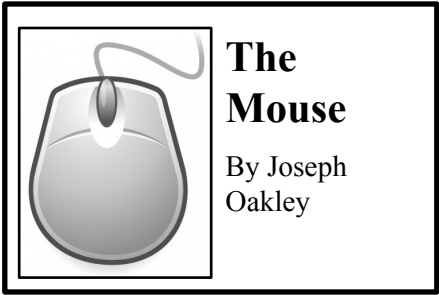
Windows always had a notification area, whether we were aware of it or not. Perhaps you recall seeing a message appear at the bottom right hand side of your monitor.

The notification area in Windows (the set of icons to the left of the clock in the desktop taskbar) is an important feature that lets your apps and Windows keep you apprised of settings, alerts and status updates. Examples include your current network connectivity status, new emails in Outlook or Chrome notifications.

But as you install more apps, this notification area can get cluttered with information you don't always need to see, taking up space on your taskbar and making it more difficult to keep track of the notifications that matter most to you. Here's how you can manage and hide notification icons in the Windows taskbar:

Click on the start button, click on settings, click on system display, notifications, apps, power. Once there, select notifications. You can select which notifications will appear.

The interface here is a bit different from that in Windows 7 and 8, but the concepts are the same. If you'd like to always show all icons, turn the designated slider at the top of the window to On. Otherwise, set it to Off and then designate a status for

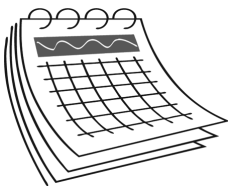


your individual apps.

Unlike Windows 7 and 8, however, there's no option to hide a notification icon completely. By setting an app to "Off," you're configuring it the same as the "Only show notifications" option from Windows 7 and 8. This means Windows 10 will hide the icon most of the time, but will show any notifications it produces. Setting an app to "On" means the icon and notifications will be visible in the taskbar all the time.

Windows 10 handles all notifications through the new notification center, which combines traditional app notifications for desktop apps with modern app alerts, alarms and reminders and social media updates. The shortcut to managing your notifications is right mouse click on the task bar, then click on customize across from notification area.

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column please send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com.



Community Bulletin Board

- April 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- April 2 & 16 - Garden volunteers meeting for walking trail gardens clean up, 9-11 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park
- April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- April 2 & 16 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354
- April 4 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at park conference room
- April 5 - Movie in the Park, music starts at 6 p.m., movie at dusk, Lillian Recreation Park
- April 6, 13, 20 & 27 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club
- April 8 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public
- April 8 - Lillian Bicentennial Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park meeting room
- April 8 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- April 11 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- April 13 - Fishing Rodeo, 9 a.m., Schaff's Pond, sponsored by Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, see Page 3
- April 13 - Perdido Bay Power Squadron boating knowledge and safety course, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lillian Recreation Park, see details on Page 2
- April 15 - Lillian Action Committee board meeting, 2 p.m., Lillian Perdido Bay Library, open to public
- April 15 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- April 16 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club
- April 19 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club "Cruisin," 5-8:30 p.m. third Friday of each month, Sonic, Foley
- April 20 - Market in the Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Recreational Park
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park, sponsored by Optimist Club of Perdido Bay
- April 21 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m., hosted by Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church at Spanish Cove Clubhouse
- April 21 - Easter Son Rise Service, 6:15 a.m., hosted by First Baptist Church at the Lillian boat ramp
- April 21 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- April 27 - "Women Making a Difference" conference, 9 a.m. First Baptist Church

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A Quick, Easy Wrinkle Fix

I'm all about tips and tricks to make my life a bit smoother. And one thing that makes me nuts is wrinkles. No, not on my face, (how rude), I'm talking about wrinkly clothes.

Yup, I'm well aware that if my closet wasn't so jammed-packed-full of stuff I wouldn't have so many wrinkle issues. But, well, parting with cute clothing can be heartbreaking, and I just know that sooner or later, I will wear that top, blouse or sweater. I just haven't found the right occasion. That's my story and I'm sticking to it, so hush!

Anyway, I always pull things out of the dryer and immediately hang them up to minimize wrinkles. I do have an iron, but I'd have to take it out, plug it in, heat it up, pull out the ironing board, iron the dang thing, remember to unplug it, set it out to cool, and then put the dang ironing board away. And about a half hour after I leave the house, I go into panic mode, worrying I'd forgotten to unplug the iron, and it's going to burn my house down before I get back.

I did buy one of those steam things to get wrinkles out. But in my tiny house, those suckers are just in the way, so I took it apart and put it away in several different places. And lately, I've resorted to spritzing my clothes with water the night before, and hanging them in the kitchen to de-wrinkle. It works most of the time. But there has to be a better way.

I read a tip online. It says once dressed, use your hair dryer, hold the wrinkled material taut, and simply blow the wrinkles right out. To me



Spilling Coffee with Pam

By Pamela Vanden Bos

that sounded totally efficient and right up my alley. Now I know exactly what I'm wearing in the morning.

Wow! I'm loving the way this new top feels - the material is soft and silky. Yikes, it's almost see through, so I slip on a camisole. The blouse just skims my body but doesn't cling to every lump or bump. The dark pumpkin color is almost brown.

The blouse was not cheap, but I see how awesome I look in it and I think it's worth every penny. Whoa, the front really has some serious packing creases.

Zippering into the bathroom I pull out my pink hairdryer, turn it on high and start blow-zapping out the wrinkles. It's working. What an awesome tip!

Dang, one stubborn wrinkle on the side is giving me fits. I dampen the material just a bit, hold the material taut and blast it.

I guess a piece of my long hair got in the hairdryer and we all know how that stinks.

I'm ready to be done and get some fresh air. I turn off the hairdryer and it worked.

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Library Corner

By Sally McKinney

The February Book Sale is over and we’ve cleaned up the work area. Thanks to all who helped by buying the books and to the library volunteers who helped clean up. We still had lots of books left. Some went back on the sale shelves, but many were donated to others who use them in their special endeavors.

We donated to C. A. Weis School, Open Books, the Veteran’s Administration and Waterfront Mission in Pensacola.

The school representative who picked up the books was delighted when she saw the donation for the students. There are 700 students at the school, but only 600 books in the library. We will continue to save for them.

Open Books is a volunteer-run bookstore. Proceeds from the sale of books and donations support the Prison Books Project, sending approximately 10,000 books to Florida prisons for inmates. The project serves some 2,000 inmates during the year.

The VA and Waterfront have been on our donor list for some time. As we get duplicate books and other media we can’t use, like books on tape and VHS tapes, we pack them up and they are whisked away for others to enjoy.

Your library membership donations keep coming in and we certainly appreciate them. We now have more donors than we had last year. For those of you who are not familiar with the library, we are a completely volunteer organization. However, we still have bills to pay, utilities, book carts, book shelves, insurance, computers, maintenance and the list goes on.

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Our children’s section includes books on all levels, easy, juvenile, and young adult. There’s one room dedicated to Westerns. This Alabama Bicentennial year many have been checking out our Alabama collection and especially the books about Lillian.

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