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## 2021 Mullet Festival Features Something for Everyone

By Sally McKinney

The biggest day of the year is on the horizon for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The 35th Annual Mullet Festival is on the calendar for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, at the Lillian Community Club. This is the event that raises the majority of the funds to provide special events for area children.

The day begins with the famous Optimist Club breakfast at 7 a.m. featuring eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit and drinks for only \$5 and kids age 8 and younger eat free.

The 5K race registration is held from 6 to 7 a.m. Runners may also sign up online at [runtrimag.com/race-events/mullet-festival-5k-1-](http://runtrimag.com/race-events/mullet-festival-5k-1-)

mile-fun-run. The 5K race begins at 7:30, followed by the fun run at 8:30. Also in the race category are a 5K walk and a 5K wheelchair race.

The \$25 fee for the 5K run, the wheelchair race and the 5K walk includes a specially designed Mullet Festival t-shirt. The fee for the fun run is \$15 with a t-shirt or FREE without the shirt.

The mullet toss will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The kids' fun station will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While all the events are taking place outside, the inside fun from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes a silent auction and the ever-popular Déjà Vu Market featuring gently used items such as jewelry, toys and

household items. Jake and the Tag-A-Longs will be entertaining with their popular music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Take a break at 11 a.m. to partake of the fried mullet/catfish lunch that will be served until 2 p.m. This repast consists of the fish, ham hush puppies, beans, grits, slaw, dessert and tea. Cost is \$10 per person and once again, kids under 8 eat free.

Homemade desserts will be available at the bake sale all day long. The 50/50 drawing will be held at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are now available from any Optimist Club member and will be available for purchase at the festival. Participants

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*The 2020 Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay was a much scaled down version of prior years' events. It was basically a food affair. State Representative Steve McMillan, a faithful Optimist Club member, helped deep fry the hush puppies.*

## Local Church Displaying Flags of Peace Sept. 9-12



It has been 20 years since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and it's time again to rally around the flag.

Flags of Peace will be flying from Sept. 9 - 12 in front of Peace Lutheran Church on the Beach Express in Foley. Set in a grid pattern on 7.5 foot tall poles, the flags are in honor or remembrance of American heroes such as first responders, military past and present, and anyone you would like to honor with Old Glory.

Flags are \$35 each and can be purchased through the church online at [www.peacelutheranal.org/fieldofflags](http://www.peacelutheranal.org/fieldofflags), by calling 251-974 2545 or at the event on Sept. 10 and 11. Flags may be decorated as you like to let others know who the flag is in honor of.

Over a hundred flags will be flying and the pub-

lic is welcome to walk through and read the messages on the flags. After Sunday service, the flags are yours to keep. Saturday's 9/11 memorial service is set with guest speakers and patriotic music. There will be flag-folding ceremonies, first responder demonstrations and a flag retirement ceremony.

Entertainment is slated throughout the weekend as well as food and the church bakery. A portion of the proceeds will go to the church's Helping Kids Thrive program and local first responders.

The program is open from noon to dusk on Friday, Sept. 10. On Saturday, Sept. 11, a ceremony and program begins at 9 a.m. with other events throughout the day. A bake sale and food will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Church service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

## Optimist Club Observing Patriot Day at Sept. 11 Meeting with Remembrance Breakfast

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at a special Patriots Remembrance Day breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the Lillian Community Club. The event will honor the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department and

first responders as well as active duty members of the military and veterans.

At the Sept. 25 meeting Mike Bunn will discuss his book "The Fourteenth Colony." This British colony of West Florida included portions of what are now the states of Florida, Alabama,

Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Optimist Club meets on the second and fourth Saturdays at 8 a.m. for breakfast, information and fellowship. Those interested in joining the club are invited to attend a Saturday meeting where guests eat free.





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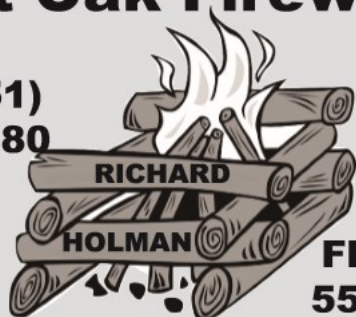
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Fundraiser thank you

I hope you enjoyed the 11th Annual Bunco Bash fundraiser to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

Thank you to all of those who participated and all of those who helped in so many ways to make this event a huge success. We raised over \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event.

I would like to invite you to walk in the Making

Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Pensacola this Oct. 30 or any other Making Strides Walk you choose. Together we can make a difference and find a cure.

We hope to see you again next year for the 12th Annual Bunco Bash. Save the date on your calendar for Aug. 6, 2022.

May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you!

*Kay Kay*

### Church Hosting Back to School Bash on Sept. 5

The First Baptist Church of Lillian is hosting a "Back to School Bash" on Sept. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers, bouncy balls and a water slide. It is open to everyone, with the purpose of helping families with school supplies and other much needed items.

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do not need to be present at the drawing.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is a 100% volunteer organization that features a variety of

programs and projects for area children including reading and mentoring at the Elberta schools, providing college and trade school scholarships, hosting essay and oratorical contests. The club also hosts the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service and provides Christmas gifts to special needs students. Each year the club holds a fishing rodeo, an Easter egg hunt and breakfast with Santa and many other special events.

Other fundraisers include the Streets of Red, White and Blue and a fashion show. Participating in this event is a great way to share in "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." For additional information about the 5K race, contact Dodd Bouchillon at 256-280-6346. For information on the festival, contact OCPB President Rev. Daniel Randall at 251-234-1122.

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## Events, Speakers Planned for 2021 AACW Annual Convention

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will host their annual convention Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. The Baldwin Escambia Deanery is hosting this year. In addition to the Baldwin Deanery, the ACCW also includes Mobile, Montgomery and Dothan deaneries.

The theme for this 85th annual event is "Hope Anchors the Soul" with emphasis on hope during these troubling times.

Gary Zimak will be the keynote speaker at the Tuesday night banquet. He is recognized as the leading Catholic speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety, the author of several books and a frequent speaker at parishes and conferences across the country.

Fr. Vincent Ingalls, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, will speak at the Monday lunch focusing on hope and his work in the archdiocese with seminarians.

After lunch Reverend Msgr. William J. Skoneki, V.G. will head a panel discussion "Lifeline to Hope" with emphasis on dealing with troubling times and the loss of hope that could lead to suicide.

Members of the panel include Brenda Martin, a retired crisis counselor; Alice Hall, a member of St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Foley and Allison Moore, executive director of the Jennifer Moore Foundation that strives to help students deal with life issues and excel into adulthood.

A special Holy Rosary raffle will be held. An exquisitely designed Swarovski crystal rosary was handmade by internationally acclaimed New Orleans artisan Winnie Calhoun and donated to the ACCW.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Joyce Gaar at (251) 923-6829 or at the convention.

The drawing will be held at the

banquet on Nov. 2. The winner need not be present to win.

Also included in the event is the ACCW business meeting on Sunday night, a welcome by Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and a Monday Fun Night hosted by Daphne's Christ the King Altar Sodality.

Those who wish to participate in the convention events may make hotel reservations by contacting Perdido Beach Resort at (251) 981-9811 or (800) 634-7263 or by email at [lmorris@perdidobeachresort.com](mailto:lmorris@perdidobeachresort.com).

Guest rooms are \$99 per night for double occupancy. The registration fee for the convention is \$155 per person. It includes the Monday lunch and dinner and the Tuesday brunch and banquet.

Individual cost for the events is Monday lunch and dinner and Tuesday brunch, \$40 each. The Tuesday banquet fee is \$55.

Reservation forms for the daily



*This rosary, hand made by New Orleans artisan Winnie Calhoun, is made of Swarovski crystals and will be raffled at the ACCW Convention in November.*

events are available from Deanery and organization presidents.

For additional reservation information contact Barbara McGonigle, (251) 228-2303 or [bargon65@gmail.com](mailto:bargon65@gmail.com).

Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Sept. 30.

### Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Mullet Festival

**Labor Day 2021  
Monday, September 6th**

**Lillian Community Club  
34148 Widell Avenue, Lillian, AL**

**6-7 AM 5K Race Registration**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Lillian/MulletFestival5K1MileFunRun>

**7-9 AM Breakfast - \$5 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)**  
Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Grits, Biscuits & Gravy Fruit, Drinks

**7:15 AM Presentation of the Flag** by American Legion Post 48

**7:30 AM Run for the Mullet 5 K Run/Walk** Various Age Group Awards  
Followed by 5K Runners/Walkers Party

**8:30 AM 1 Mile Mullet Fun Run**

**10AM-12PM Mullet Toss** (Age Level Prizes Presented at 12:30pm in Main Hall)

**10AM-2 PM Kids' Fun Station**

**10AM-2 PM Silent Auction & Déjà Vu Market**

**11AM-2 PM Fried Mullet/Catfish Lunch - \$10 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)**  
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**11AM-2 PM Big Jake & The Tag-A-Longs** - Sing-Along & Dancing

**2:15 PM 50/50 Drawing** Do not need to be present to win!

**"Bringing Out the Best in Kids"**

DCPB is 100% volunteer. All profits for programs and scholarships for local kids.

For more info on the 5 K Race contact Dodd Bouchillon 256-280-6346

For more info on the overall festival contact Rev. Daniel Randall 251-234-1122



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## Saint John's Announces Fall Festival

Saint John's Fall Festival is set for Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 10800 St. John's Lane, Magnolia Springs.

A 50/50 drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. at \$50 per ticket with a potential prize of \$25,000. Tacos, burg-

ers, hot dogs and beverages will be available.

Live music will be provided by Stephen Sylvester with yard games, cornhole, horse shoes and volleyball.

More information can be found online at [www.StJohnMS.com/](http://www.StJohnMS.com/) Festival.

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## Taking Time to Praise All Our Wonderful Local Volunteers

It was pretty much like any other day for my husband and I. We had been retired for about 10 years and so nothing important was on our schedule, except maybe breakfast. So we piled into our car and headed out to Waffle House on Hwy. 98 and Blue Angel.

As usual, we had the National Public Radio station on, listening to whomever was keeping us up to date. Then someone broke into the mundane stories of the day and announced that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Building in New York.

It's a wonder we didn't crash into the side of the bridge. We couldn't believe our ears. We continued on to breakfast and told the servers what we heard. While we were there, the second plane hit. What a terrible situation for our nation!

I'm sure you all have stories about where you were that day, just as if you are old enough, you remember what

you were doing when JFK was shot.

Now, 20 years after 9/11 we are taking a special pause to remember those first responders, those moms, dads, sons and daughters who died or were injured searching for survivors. To commemorate their sacrifices, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicating their Sept. 11 meeting with Patriots Day to remember those who gave their lives and those who still have health problems, both physical and mental, from what they experienced that day.

But they are not stopping there. They are also honoring our own first responders, the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, members of the American Legion and those men and women still serving our nation in the military services.

When I received the OCPB information I was pleased. We need to thank those who serve us. As I was thinking about what to write, I thought

of many more volunteers who serve us in many ways, so I decided to bring them into the limelight, too.

First on the list, of course, are Baldwin County and Alabama sheriff's departments who are in the service of keeping our community safe. Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) also comes to mind. Perhaps you've not heard of them. Their mission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in searches, recoveries and disaster relief operations. In other words, if your child or elderly relative goes missing, LASAR will be there to help. That's not all they do, but I feel better just knowing they are there.

How about your churches? Think of the volunteers who head up men's, women's and youth groups, collect and distribute food and other necessities to the needy. Have you noticed there is usually someone at the door to greet you as you attend a service?



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Someone who helps to arrange a funeral service? The ushers, the choir, the altar servers and lectors?

Have you wondered how we happen to have one of the greatest parks in the area, the Lillian Recreational Park, completely run and supported by volunteers? It's the volunteers who provide Market in the Park, Movies in the Park and the wonderful Christmas in the Park. It was the volunteers who raised the funds to establish the park.

I belong to a property owners association. I can't begin to tell you how many volunteers we have serving our community, adding to make Lillian a "Little Bit of Paradise."

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■ Officers responded to another theft report at 5:44 p.m. Aug. 2 in the 33500 block of Woodlands Drive in Lillian.

■ A stolen vehicle was reported at 4:15 a.m. Aug. 11 in the 1900 block of Santa Anna Drive, Lillian.

■ Assault was reported at 6:09 a.m. Aug. 14 in the 13000 block of Fifth Street in Lillian.

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built by donations from the community and to this day is a completely volunteer service funded only by donations of funds and books.

Chartered in 1986, the Lillian Masonic Lodge has been serving the community in a variety of ways. Their website says "Making Good Men Better." They have shown us time after time how many good men they have in their ranks.

Thanks to the Lillian Community Club, members of the community have a place to go for fun and fellowship to celebrate holidays, birthdays, weddings and other special events.

Although we tease about Lillian being filled with "not-so-young" folks, we still have plenty of youngsters attending Elberta and private schools. Those bastions of academia would not survive without the volunteers of parents, grandparents and friends, helping to coach sports teams, backing up the choral and band groups, mentoring and tutoring students.

So, what I'm trying to say is, we thank you all who are giving so much to the Lillian community. And now, the rest of the story. If you are not on the volunteer list of any of these organizations, don't you think you could find just a little bit of time to help? Many of these volunteers have been "on the line" for years. Although they don't usually "retire," some of them have to give up their "jobs" due to age or poor health. We need some new blood to step up. I think that may be YOU.

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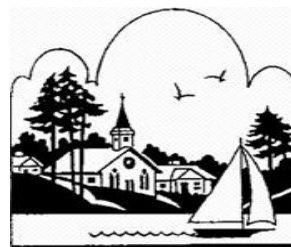
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## Local Students Win 10th Place in Robotics Tourney

By Sally McKinney

St. Benedict Catholic School is now known on the world stage thanks to students Lauren Wood and Lauren Baird who placed 10th in their division at the VEX IQ World Tournament.

The VEX IQ Challenge, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, provides elementary and middle school students with exciting, open-ended robotics challenges that enhance their science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills through hands-on, student-centered learning.

During the live remote event, over 1,600 teams from 30 countries and 49 states competed in timed robotics matches with custom-built robots.

Wood and Baird were the only team representing their region of Alabama in the middle school division.

"I am so incredibly proud of these young women for their creativity and perseverance," said SBCS Principal Dr. Kathy McCool.

"They worked hard to design, create, and compete with their robot. And that hard work certainly paid off."

St. Benedict Catholic

School offers a robust STEM program where students can learn about technology and engineering while simultaneously improving math and reasoning skills.

All students have a weekly STEM lab, where they have the opportunity to use different programs – from coding their own interactive games to designing models that come to life on a 3D printer.

St. Benedict Catholic School is a fully accredited private school founded in 1921 and continues to serve students in south Baldwin County grades PreK3 through 8th.



*St. Benedict Catholic School Robotics Team members Lauren Wood and Lauren Baird recently placed 10th in their division at the VEX IQ World Tournament.*

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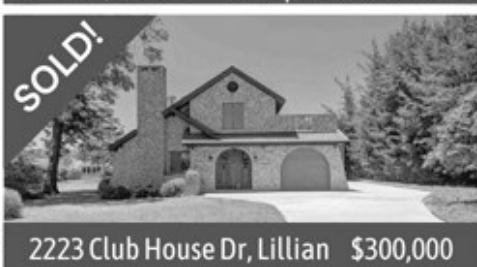
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*String Farm bluegrass band was featured at a recent Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church bluegrass concert and ice cream social. From left are Jud Crane, Larry Newburn, Trey Hughes and Perry Unruh. Mike Blanton was not pictured.*

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## Shepherd of the Bay Hosts Ice Cream Social

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lillian recently hosted a bluegrass gospel concert and ice cream social. The event featured String Farm, a Pensacola bluegrass band. The audience tapped their feet and joined in the singing to old favorites.

The String Farm Band includes Perry Unruh, guitar/banjo; Larry Newburn, mandolin; Trey Hughes, guitar; Mike Blanton, banjo; and Jud Crane, bass fiddle. They perform from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at the Palafox Market in Pensacola.

After the performance guests and performers enjoyed the ice cream as well as root beer floats.

Shepherd of the Bay is a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Divine service is held at 9 a.m. Sunday, followed by fellowship and refreshments. The Sunday Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Bible study is held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Food Pantry is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. A rummage sale is planned for October and a Holy Land tour is scheduled for summer of 2022.



*Dolores Price was one of many Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church members who dished out generous helpings of ice cream.*

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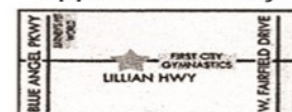
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# How Grandparents Can Help Provide a Sound Financial Future

If you're a grandparent, you don't need Grandparents Day, observed on Sept. 12, to remind you of the joys of having grandchildren. Yet, you might want to use this day as an opportunity to think about ways to help provide for your grandchildren's future.

The type of gift or support you provide will be different at various stages of your grandchildren's lives. Here are a few suggestions:

## When they're born...

- Open a 529 plan. It's never too early to start saving for college or other types of advanced education. To help your grandchildren meet these costs, you could invest in a 529 education savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages if the money is used for qualified education expenses. If the grandchild for whom you've established the account ends up not using it, you can change the beneficiary to a qualified family member of the original beneficiary.

(Be aware, though, that a 529 plan could affect your grandchild's financial aid prospects.) If your grandchild doesn't go to a college or university, a 529 plan can also pay for expenses related to apprenticeship programs offered through trade and vocational schools and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

## When they're children...

- Open a savings account. It's important for your grandchildren to develop good financial habits – and one way you can help is to open a savings account for them and encourage them to contribute to it. You might even offer an incentive, such as matching their contributions, either in whole or in part. Consider shopping around for a high-yield savings account that's free to open and charges no monthly maintenance fees.

- Establish a custodial account. You may want to introduce your grandchildren to the world of invest-

ing by starting a custodial account (known as UGMA or UTMA) in their name. You can put most types of investments, such as stocks and mutual funds, inside this account and track their progress along with your grandchildren. Children often enjoy learning about investing – and they may like owning shares of companies that make familiar products and services. The earnings generated by these investments can have tax implications, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before opening the custodial account. And you can't hold onto this account forever – once your grandchildren reach the age of majority, they gain control of the account, so they can do what they please.

## When they're young adults...

- Help with the down payment on a home. Once your grandchildren are out in the world, they may well want to become homeowners. And, as you know, it can be challenging to come



## Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon  
of Edward

up with a down payment, so, if you can afford it, you may want to help. You'll be doing your grandchildren a big favor, because home ownership is a key element in building wealth.

- Provide financial guidance. As your grandchildren join the working world, they could benefit from advice and guidance on various issues, such as setting short- and long-term goals, managing their 401(k) plans and choosing an appropriate investment mix. So, consider making an appointment for them with a financial professional.

By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant – and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction.

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## Dewhurst Reelected as LVFD Chief

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 88 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in July including 51 medical assistance, 7 public assists, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, 1 hazardous condition, 18 fire alarms/investigations and 3 aircraft stand-bys.

As many of you may know, every two years all our volunteers have the opportunity to either reelect the current fire chief or elect someone new. It certainly wasn't a hard decision to reelect Chief Nick Dewhurst after all he accomplished over the last two years.

This success is due to his great leadership as chief and he has accomplished several goals for the betterment of the department. Training has always been his main objective for a highly skilled and professional department.

He provided the opportunity for several volunteers to complete the Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter

course, not only for our department, but also for neighboring departments.

During Hurricane Sally, Dewhurst took the lead as Incident Command for Lillian and in setting up a Point of Distributions

(POD) command post. This enabled Lillian residents to obtain much needed staples such as food, water, and tarps. Under his leadership we served 2,861 vehicles with over 2,000 cases of water, 18,000 MREs, 1,000 tarps, 18 pallets of ice and 5,000 hot meals.

Since the outbreak of Covid and the variant Delta, Dewhurst has enforced several strict protocols to ensure the safety of the department and community.



Nick Dewhurst



## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretty Lysek

As a leader, he knows the value of his subordinates and ensures everyone is treated with respect and appreciation. He provides an open environment where everyone has equal oppor-

tunity to excel in their professional and personal endeavors.

LVFD would like to remind all area residents that the burn ban continues through Oct. 31.

## Public Urged to Attend LVFD Annual Membership and Election Meeting

The fiscal year for LVFD will end Sept. 30. We will again be having our Annual General Membership and Election of the LVFD Board of Directors.

Some board members' current terms are expiring and are up for renewal and vote. This meeting is open to all Lillian residents and we would appreciate your attendance to vote in new board members and review our previous fiscal year.

This is a great way to be involved in the community and give the board a new perspective and to help provide a positive direction for the future of the department. You do not need any previous experience, just an open mind and a positive outlook. Social distances and mask mandates will be strictly enforced during the meeting.

This meeting is set for 7p.m. Oct. 4

At this time, we are looking for two at Station 2, located at 11331 CR 91.

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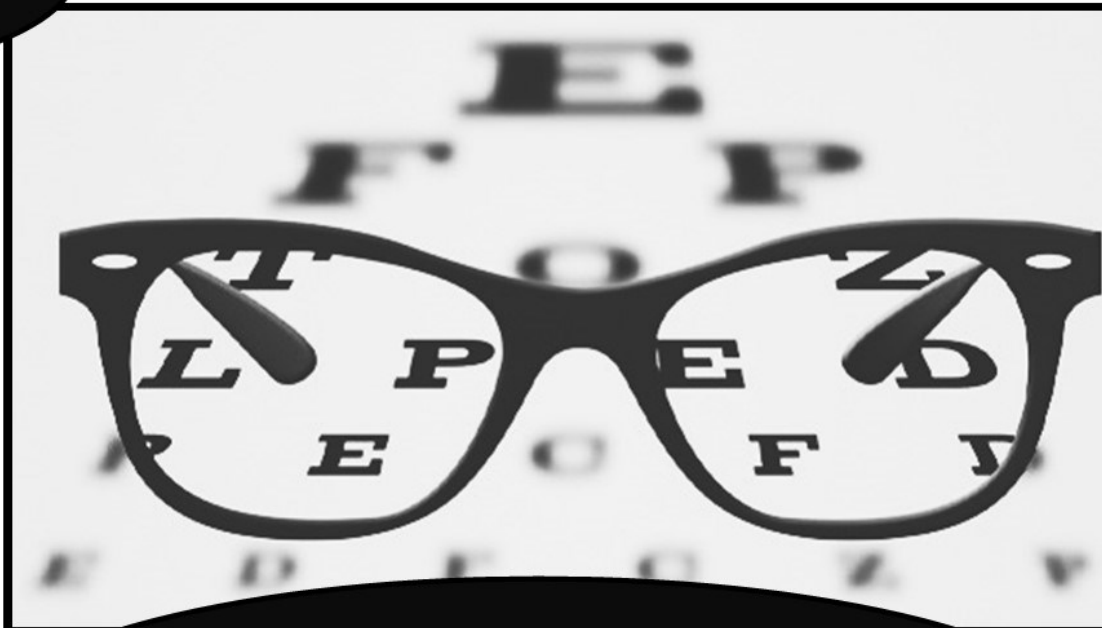
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## CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to have fun with birthdays and anniversaries.

Happy birthday wishes in September go out to Bill Hayden, Robert Metts, Ed Fehn, Donna Rosen, Pat Colburn, Miriam DeHaan, Nancy Yuettner, Ken Brady, Elaine Fertig, Mickey Gugliotti, Laverne Holtz, Louise Hawley, Aaron Brewer, Bo Burgenmeyer, Jill Caudill, Susie Harrison, Arnie Gengerke, Pat Lutz, Joni Matthews, Bill Suttle, Joe Shankwitz, Connie Long, Tammy Koskie, Eugenia Robinson, Jaylene Brown, Bill Hall, Traci Price, Al Carpentie, Barbara Flynn, Mary Morris, Gloria Jackson, Janice Fuller, Ann Garner, Judy Roth

and Helen Paschke.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in September are Wayne and Christine Fritchie, John and Jeri Edge, Bob and Vicki Shankwitz, Tom and Carolyn Canaday, Bill and Carolyn Hayden (1958), Andy and Tina Kociban (1959), Cliff and Nancy Yuettner (1959), Jerry and Marcie Langford (1969), Frank and Nicole Fehn (1996) and Stephanie and Chad Porter (2010).

To add or delete information, please email [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com), or place a note in our yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

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## LASAR Unit Recognizes Outstanding Members

### LASAR

By Donna Johnson

Having taken a sabbatical for several months, it was good to catch up with the Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) unit in Lillian. New members joined and experienced members have moved into lead roles. Deputy Commander John Wade was appointed committee chairman for water rescue events by the AARS state rescue association. This is great recognition of his expertise and an honor for LASAR to have a member on this state committee.

Members Michael Brower, Jacob Brower and Charles Elliser were recognized as Outstanding Service Members during the July meeting. They were thanked for their volunteer service in maintaining the equipment and helping other members learn to do the same.

The unit has also been busy supporting many events, including the Blue Angels Air Show. LASAR provided spotter and rescue boats and the Incident Command Bus was used to communicate with responders on site.

A disinfectant fog machine with supplies, vehicle decontamination kits and lots of PPE were donated to LASAR via a State of Alabama program to support accredited and certified rescue squads. This program helps volunteer squads like LASAR save money by not having to purchase these supplies.

Eight members of LASAR along with other Baldwin County and Alabama state agencies participated in the Elberta Night Out on Aug. 3. The National Night Out program is an opportunity for members of the community to meet local first responders in person and to see the equipment used during emergencies. A medivac helicopter, fire truck, SWAT humvee and other

equipment were on site for kids and adults to view and walk through.

LASAR brought their Incident Command Bus and demonstrated the multiple communication radios available to use during an emergency. LASAR also had the Dive Team Truck available, showing all of the equipment needed to support divers when on scene. And always a favorite with kids, LASAR had their red side-by-side ATV on-site.

The Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) state conference will be held at the Wharf Conference Center in Orange Beach from Nov 10 - 13. Many medical and first responder units will have booths open to the public. LASAR members and other first responders will be able to take accelerated certification training but need to register online before the event.

A Public Safety Diver class will be held on Sept. 18 at LASAR starting at 7 a.m. Any non-LASAR or non-

AARS members who would like to attend should contact LASAR or go to the AARS website for instructions.

LASAR will provide medical support for the ROTC "Mega Ball Event" at Tate High School on Sept. 25.

Anyone wishing to join LASAR should attend a monthly meeting held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LASAR building on Barclay Street in Lillian. You can also leave a message at 251-961-3333 and one of the officers will call you back.



Three LASAR volunteers were recently recognized as Outstanding Service Members. In the photo above are Jacob Brower, left, and Michael Brower. In the photo at left, Charles Elliser accepts his certificate from Ray Hoggans, LASAR commander.



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## Library Continues To Serve Lillian Residents

We had another eventful day at Market in the Park in July with Sally McKinney and Nancy Barnett hosting.

We are now open five days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

We seem to be receiving donations of books and DVDs weekly. Some of the new books now available include "Dark Sky" by C.J. Box, "Before She Disappeared" by Lisa Gardner and "Blackberry Beach" by Irene Hannon.

If you have not ventured over to

our Lillian Perdido Bay Library on Ickler Street, please do. You'll be surprised at the extent we have on our shelves.

And if you like, we are happy to give you a tour of the library. If you would like a library card to check out anything we have, it just takes a few minutes to fill out an information slip, then your card would be ready for use. The card does not cost anything.

We are a donation library and the people working here are volunteers. If you have a desire of becoming a volunteer, just call and someone will



## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

set you up for an appointment.

We just finished our annual August book sale, but still have books available for purchase when we are open.

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## Remembering the 20th Anniversary of September 11

It is hard to believe that it is the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. Sept. 11, 2001, was a sad day for our nation. Most of us can recall exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the tragic news.

I was in a meeting with area ministers when my wife paged me and when I called, she said you need to get home and see what is happening in New York City.

I arrived home just in time to see the second plane crash into the second tower. The rest of the day was spent watching the news in disbelief.

On that day at 8:46 a.m. EDT – American Airlines Flight #11 collides into the World Trade Center; at 9:03 a.m. EDT – United Airlines Flight #175 collides into the World Trade Center South Tower; at 9:37 a.m. EDT – American Airlines Flight #77 crashes into the Pentagon; at 9:59 a.m. EDT – World Trade Center South Tower collapses; at 10:03 a.m. EDT – United Airlines Flight #93 crashed in Shanksville, Penn.; and at 10:28 a.m. EDT – World Trade Center North Tower collapses. I will never forget the sorrow of watching the towers collapse and seeing people walking the streets dazed and covered in dust.

On Aug. 31, 2002, then-President George W. Bush proclaimed Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, as National Days of Prayer and Re-

membrance and Sept. 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day recognition.

We will gather at Lillian Community Club on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at 8 a.m. for a Patriot Day Breakfast sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay to honor all first responders, fire fighters and service men and women and remember those who died on this sad day.

Patriot Day is a time for us to pause and honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 innocent people who were murdered by terrorists in the brutal attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

We pray for those whose lives were forever changed by the loss of a loved one. We strengthen our resolve to stand together as one nation. On that day we saw true heroism in the work of New York's police, fire-fighters and first responders.

I doubt that any of us not directly related had given much thought to the life-threatening danger these public servants lived with day in and day out until that day. We saw their courage and dedication, and it was a marvel to behold.

When asked, "What can I do to help in the war on terror?" President Bush answered, "Overcome evil with acts of goodness. Love a neighbor. Reach out to somebody in need. Feed someone who is hungry. Teach a child to read or join in community efforts to prepare for



## The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

emergencies by helping local firefighters or police."

He is right. That is a wonderful way to remember Sept. 11. We remember we are Americans, but we also remember we are Christians, and that says something about how to respond to evil.

Christians may recall the word of the Lord that says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink," "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" and "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Remembering 9/11 will be painful, but by the grace of God it will be helpful.

I pray that on Patriots Day you will take some time and remember the tragic loss of life.

Pray for the families who still feel the sting of death from that day. Thank God for first responders and our service men and women who run into danger when we need them most.

Show an act of love to a stranger. Give your time and talents to serve in the community.

Above all, remember.

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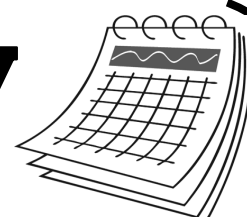
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## August Market in the Park



*Mother Nature cooperated, allowing Market in the Park to be held as scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 21. Held at the Lillian Recreational Park, the next market is set for Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature a variety of local vendors with food, artwork, jewelry, crafts and more.*

## Community Calendar



Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10:30a.m., meeting begins at 11a.m.

Sept. 5 - Back to School Bash, 4 to 6 p.m., First Baptist Church of Lillian

Sept. 6 - Mullet Festival, Lillian Community Club, sponsored by Perdido Bay Optimist Club, see details in ad on Page 3

Sept. 7 & 21 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30p.m. at the lodge

Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

Sept. 9 - Optimist Night at the Front Porch, 5 p.m.

Sept. 13 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

Sept. 11 & 25 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month, breakfast at 8 a.m. with meeting to follow, Lillian Community Club

Sept. 14 & 28 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Sept. 18 - Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lillian Recreational Park

Sept. 20 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

Sept. 21 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sept. 24 - Movie in the Park, activities begin at 6:30 p.m., movie at dusk, Lillian Recreational Park

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## Finding the Highest Purpose in Life

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.'" (Matthew 9:10-13)

Matthew the apostle had been a dishonest tax collector driven by greed until Jesus Christ chose him as a disciple. Matthew was not a stand-out character in the Bible. He is only mentioned by name in the lists of apostles and in the account of his calling. Matthew is traditionally identified as the author of the Gospel of Matthew.

We first meet Matthew in Capernaum, in his tax booth on the highway. He was collecting duties on goods brought by farmers, merchants and caravans. Under the Roman Empire's

system, Matthew would have paid all the taxes in advance, then collected from the citizens and travelers to reimburse himself. Tax collectors were notoriously corrupt because they extorted far and above what was owed to ensure their personal profit. Because their decisions were enforced by Roman soldiers, no one dared object.

Matthew, whose father was Alphaeus, was named Levi before his call by Jesus. We do not know whether Jesus gave him the name Matthew or whether he changed it himself, but the name means "the gift of God."

On the same day Jesus invited Matthew to follow him, Matthew threw a great feast in his home in Capernaum, inviting his friends so they could meet Jesus, too. From that time on, instead of collecting tax money, Matthew collected souls for the kingdom of God.

Despite his sinful past, Matthew was uniquely qualified to be a disci-



### Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

ple. He was an accurate record keeper and keen observer of people. He captured the smallest details. Those traits served him well when he wrote the Gospel of Matthew some 20 years later.

By surface appearances, it was scandalous and offensive for Jesus to pick a tax collector as one of his closest followers since collectors were widely hated by the Jews. Yet of the four Gospel writers, Matthew presented Jesus to the Jews as their hoped-for Messiah, tailoring his account to answer their questions. Matthew displayed one of the most radically changed lives in response to an invitation from Jesus. Once committed, he never wavered in serving

Jesus. He left behind a life of wealth and security for uncertainty. He abandoned everything else for the promise of eternal life. Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, Matthew preached around Jerusalem for 15 years then went to other countries. We have only theories to his death, but likelihood is martyrdom in Ethiopia.

God can use anyone to help him in his work. We should not feel unqualified because of our appearance, lack of education or our past. Jesus looks for sincere commitment. We should also remember the highest calling in life is serving God, no matter what the world says. Money, fame and power cannot compare with being a follower of Jesus Christ.

Episcopal Church of the Advent will host a pet blessing at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, on the church lawn. All types of pets are welcome but they must be on a leash or in a cage/pet carrier.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Now that most churches have resumed normal services, we would like to print information as space permits. Local churches can submit their information by emailing it to us at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) or dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay library.

## Screen Time at Lillian Park



*Movie in the Park was postponed until Saturday, Aug. 21, after rain and lightning cancelled the show the night before. A good crowd came out to enjoy "Playing with Fire." Several activities and games for families were available while the screen was set up including a water spray area with the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department. The next film will be "Cruella," shown on Friday, Sept. 24, at dusk at Lillian Recreational Park. Events before the movie will start at 6 p.m. and admission is always free.*

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## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee,  
Adjutant

The members of Lillian American Legion Post 48 hope you have all had a safe and happy summer.

As September arrives, it brings the 20-year anniversary of that fateful day on Sept. 11, 2001, when a series of four coordinated attacks by the Wahabi Islamist terrorist group Al-Qaeda against the United States occurred.

We hope all will say a silent prayer that morning for all the veterans, firemen, policemen and civilians who lost their lives that day 20 years ago.

All veterans in the Lillian area are invited to join Post 48 and become a part of the largest veteran organization in the United States. The focus has been and always will be on service to

the community and support of our veterans.

Post 48 maintains a medical closet for the community. There is no charge to use the equipment, although donations are accepted. And any veteran having a computer problem or wishing to donate a computer can bring it any Wednesday morning to the American Legion Building by the Lillian Community Club.

Membership applications may be picked up Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m. from any member or at any American Legion meeting.

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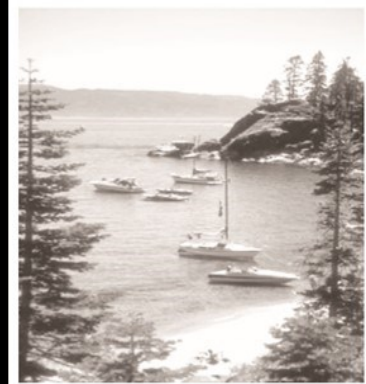
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## OBITUARIES

### Judy Booth

Judy Estelle Booth, 48, a native of Birmingham and a resident of Elberta, passed away Aug. 8, 2021.

Her family will hold private services a later date. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, is in charge of arrangements.

### Martin Gabel

Martin Alexander Gabel, 39, of Elberta, passed away Aug. 3, 2021, after a lengthy illness.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Barbara Alms and Barbara Gabel.

He is survived by his parents, Ernie and Elaine Gabel; a sister, Julie (Ryan) Gerstenschlager; two nephews, Andrew and John Gerstenschlager; a grandfather, Buddy Gabel; and his beloved pets, George and Sissy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Baldwin County Animal Shelter, the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choice. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.

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### Oveida Dolly Hague

Oveida Dolly Hague, 94, of Elberta, passed away July 28, 2021.

She owned and showed antique cars and enjoyed entertaining her grandchildren. She loved to dance and read a book every few days.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Lois Hague and Evelyn Wyman.

She is survived by her sons, Leo (Wanda) Ramos of Elberta and Hoyie (Beth) Hague of Keystone Heights, Fla.; daughters, Sally (George) Plance of Foley and Edith (John) Black of Ocala, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

### Donald Hirz

Donald Arthur Hirz, 93, of Elberta passed away Aug. 1, 2021.

He was a lifelong resident of Elberta and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He was an avid bowler, umpire and was dedicated to Camp Dixie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leota Hirz, and nephew, James Nelson.

He is survived by his nephews, George (Annette) Nelson and Bobby (Deidre) Nelson; a niece, Sherri Nelson; two great-nieces; three great-nephews; and one great-great-niece.

Services were held Aug. 5 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Elberta with interment at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Camp Dixie at [www.campdixieministries.org](http://www.campdixieministries.org). Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.

### Willie Nell Evans

Willie Nell Evans (Phelon) passed away on Aug. 11, 2021. She was born on Feb. 23, 1931.

Visitation was held Aug. 20 at Small's Mortuary in Daphne and again Aug. 21 at New Mount Marriah Baptist Church in Lillian prior to services at the church.

Small's Mortuary, Daphne, was in charge of arrangements. A full obituary will be published when it becomes available.

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## St. Benedict Begins 100th School Year with Upgrades

St. Benedict Catholic Schools kicked off the first day of school and the start of its 100th school year on Aug. 18.

If you have recently driven by the 100-year-old campus on Illinois Street in Elberta, chances are you may not have recognized it. The former red brick exterior was refreshed over the summer with a paint job that now reflects the bright and inviting interior.

The small private school also offers

a new state-of-the-art gymnasium after its predecessor suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Sally.

"Between Hurricane Sally and Covid, St. Benedict had a trying year. But we are back and better than ever," said Dr. Kathy McCool, principal.

Across campus, students in second through eighth grades started the year with new Chromebooks to master skills from basic keyboarding to coding.

"St. Benedict Catholic School is the best of both worlds," said Rachel Kaiser, whose child attends the school. "It has the rich history and tradition of a 100-year institution and the technology and modern amenities for a first-class education in the 21st century."

Next up is a new fence and reinforced field where students can play.

These upgrades will be completed soon.



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