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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024



Thrift Captures LAC Tuition Funds

Lillian resident and Elberta High School senior graduate Morgan Thrift has captured the Lillian Action Committee's annual \$500 tuition scholarship grant for her first year beginning later this summer.

The scholarship is provided by the Lillian Action Committee, publishers of The Lillian Newspaper, and offers the grant to one applicant each year to go towards tuition and/or supplies and is sent directly to the institution of his or her choice once enrollment is verified. Morgan is enrolled at Mississippi College located in Clinton MS and plans to study pre-dental courses.

We wish Morgan all the best in her educational endeavors and future success in her career.



BANNERS, BANDS AND BARBECUE

Lillian Readies for an Old-fashioned Celebration of America's Birth

Lillian can rest assured that the good old-fashioned traditional Fourth of July is on tap.

Flags will be flying high.

Bands will be cuing up.

Barbecue will be roasting. Lobsters will be boiling. The yummy fragrance of Colonel George's famous chicken will be wafting in the air.

And come Friday nightfall, the sound of freedom will be booming to light up the sky as we celebrate another year of living in the strongest Democracy on the planet.

This year, the Lillian Community Club has raised about \$900 for fireworks, a bit less than in previous years. But there's still a few days to chip in before the festivities Fri., July 5.

The festivities get under way on the morning of July 4 with the flag

raising by American Legion Post 48 at 10:45. Colonel George's legendary fried chicken, an iconic Fourth of July delicacy, will be served up for

tainment.

As prologue to the light show Fri., July 5, patrons can shop the Christmas in July Craft Show fundraiser from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m..

A fleet of food trucks will dish up everything from lobster to hot dogs to soul food through the dinner hour, 5-8:30.

Blackwater Country is the musical headliner for the evening from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m..

Finally, it's time for the main event as volunteers at about 8:45 spark up what is traditionally one of the area's most impressive fireworks displays.

It's not too late to donate at the Lillian Community Club to make sure this year's fireworks live up to their stellar reputation.

See page 15 for a complete list of days, events and times.

**Donations for
July 5
Fireworks Still
Needed**

lunch from 11:30 to 1:30, kids under 8 eat free. Local favorite Big Jake will highlight the afternoon's enter-

Sprawl Battle Rages, Petitions Fly Over Latest Subdivision Push

Z24-13 BAILEY PROPERTY & PRD24-01 SAILOR'S LANDING Rezoning request and Planned Residential Development approval from Rural Agriculture to RSF -2 (2.9 homes per acre) for a



Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

226-site residential development. The subject property is located south of US Hwy 98 and west of County Rd. 95. The southern boundary of the proposed development is adjacent to the Town of Elberta. **ALSO PDR24-01 REZONE FOR A SUBDIVISION IN ELBERTA WILL BE HEARD AS WELL.**

RSF-2 was approved June 6. PRD was tabled to July 11 to come back with more details. Public Hearing Thursday, July 11, 2024, 4 p.m., Baldwin County Central Annex Main Auditorium, 22251 Palmer Street Robertsdale, Alabama.

Please show your support by signing the petition posted in the lobby of Elberta Animal Hospital and pictured to the right. Please fill out as instructed Public pressure is the best way to get action, so please email planning@baldwincountyal.gov

Thanks everyone for your support!

Feedback from Caryn Woerner, Town Clerk, Planning Department, Town of Elberta - email dated Tuesday, 5/21/2024

"I spoke with the mayor yesterday about the proposed PUD. As well, we had a conversation with Mark Acreman pursuant to some other traffic issues and did briefly discuss some of the comments with him on this plan. Please find some of our thoughts below:

Traffic Management on US Hwy 98 with continual increases of residential developments requiring abutting ingress/egress

Traffic Congestion within a development with 50 foot right of ways and small lots (parking in the streets could cause issues with emergency vehicles trying to maneuver around vehicles that could possibly be parked on both sides of the street). Cul-de-sacs need to be of enough diameter for large fire trucks and school buses especially on winding interior roadways Impact on Schools - the smaller the lot the greater potential increase to population in our schools. As most are aware, the town was recently awarded monies to put in a turn lane at US Hwy 98 /87 to help with the enormous traffic issues already being experienced in this area each morning / afternoon during school sessions.

Police Protection - the smaller the lot the greater potential increase to overall population - additional assistance from the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office may be needed in the Elberta area with dramatic increases of population into our school systems; sporting facilities, etc. that are located within the Elberta Corporate limits and/or police jurisdiction.

One other concern with the rezoning of large properties along the US Hwy 98 corridor into residential uses is that it future business opportunities to support current and future residents of our area. We hope that consideration is given toward leaving some commercial frontage areas along US Hwy 98 for future

PLEASE HELP STOP SPRAWL

PETITION AGAINST OVER DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL ELBERTA

Z24-13 BAILEY PROPERTY & PRD24-01 SAILOR'S LANDING Rezoning request for a **226-site residential development.** The subject property is located south of US Hwy 98 and west of County Rd. 95. The southern boundary of the proposed development is adjacent to the Town of Elberta.

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business growth.

Of note: the town currently has a minimum lot size of 100 x 150 feet for any residential district; density calculations are figured after the deduction of storm water systems and jurisdictional wetlands from gross acreage; no back to back or back/side lots are allowed without a 10 foot common easement between them. We also have a moratorium on PUD annexations or applications as we work to update our regulations."

Remember ... The future is purchased by the present. I, for one, am grateful to be here. I will keep you updated in The Lillian each month ... please consider subscribing!

Please submit *your* natural wonders or other matters to my email below ...

KEEPING IT COUNTRY! All the best ...Tracey Gambill ... Rural-characterlillian@gmail.com

This Patron Saint of Gardening Had the Luck of the Irish

School may be out for summer but the saints of God are still all around us. Let's take a look at some of their stories.

Perhaps you enjoy summer vegetable gardens? Though not all of us possess green thumbs, almost everyone appreciates farm fresh or home-grown fruits and veggies. Thankfully, St. Fiarce, Patron Saint of Gardening is helpful no matter your skill level of gardening. Apparently, this Irish saint only had to drag a shovel against the ground to get a garden to sprout!

Do you enjoy swimming? The next time you are at the beach or in a pool, think about St. Adjutor? This Christian soldier who fought in the first Crusade escaped his captors by swimming from a coastal island to the mainland. In his escape, he took his iron leg chains with him. After returning to his home, St. Adjutor built a chapel in thanksgiving for his freedom. The chapel stood near a river with a fierce whirlpool that had been the site of many drownings. St. Adjutor threw the iron chains he had worn in captivity into the swirl of water, saying: "It is as easy for God to free people from this whirlpool as it was for him to free me from my chains."

Then the water calmed to a halt. Because of this miracle, St. Adjutor is the Patron Saint of Swimmers and Boaters.

Do you like grilling out during summer? Then why not remember St. Lawrence? In 258 A.D., the Roman Emperor's soldiers confronted Lawrence telling him that he could escape his death if he "turned over the Church's treasures." Lawrence agreed, and brought a number of the city's poor and sick, saying to the soldiers, "These are the treasures



of the Church." and for this response, the soldiers execute him. St. Lawrence was set on a fire pit and roasted on an iron griddle. While being roasted, St. Lawrence cheekily called out to the Emperor's executioner, saying, "Turn me over! I am done on that side." Due to his devotion to the most disadvantaged members of the Church, his great love of Christ, and his cheerful disposition during his execution, St. Lawrence is the Patron Saint of Barbecue and Stand-up Comedians.

Over our hot summer days maybe some of you who are of drinking age will crack open a cold bottle of beer. When you do, remember St. Arnold of Soissons, the Patron Saint of Beer and Brewers. Born in 1040, in an area of modern-day

Belgium, he was a Benedictine monk. While Arnold served as abbot of the monastery, he and his fellow monks brewed beer for "its gift of health." They considered beer healthier than water because the brewing process boiled out all of the water's diseases. Arnold saved the lives of many by having the local people drink beer the monks had made and blessed during outbreaks of the plague and cholera. Today, St. Arnold is most remembered on September 9, which is buy your priest a beer day. (September 9 would be a great take your minister to lunch day if they do not engage with alcohol)

Have you sometimes forgotten your sun protection and develop a bad sunburn? Then remember poor St Bartholomew who was martyred by being skinned alive. St. Bartholomew is the Patron Saint of skin issues. Since sunburns abound in the summer, this is the Saint we can call upon while applying the aloe vera.

Who is your summer saint? This article is by no means exhaustive. There are dozens more men and women who lived holy lives, set apart for God who could easily be added to this group. Not to mention that there are so many more unique summertime activities that people participate in that have yet to have a patron Saint declared! When you go about your favorite summer activities who are the everyday people who have made summer memorable for you?

If you want to know about other Saints of Summer, and meet a living God who loves you just for being you, come visit us at Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.



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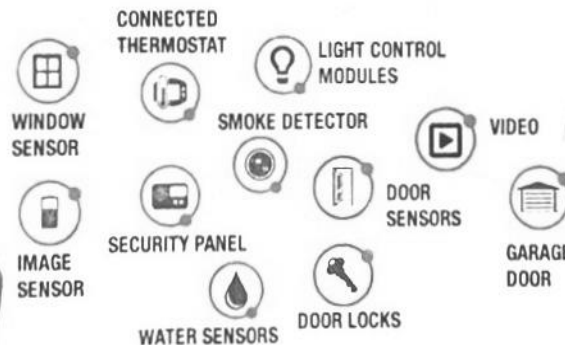
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Southern Gardeners Know: Along With Summer Come Hoverflies

Summertime gardening is one of the best things about living in the South. The challenge in the summer is to keep everything watered and the bugs down to a dull roar. Hoverflies are a common sight in the garden. Also called flower flies or syrphids, hoverflies make up the insect family *Syrphidae*. There are about 6,000 species that are common throughout the world and can be found on all continents except Antarctica. Nine hundred or so species are native to the United States!

Hoverflies get their names from their pattern of flying, often hovering in the same spot for 5 to 10 seconds. If you have flowers blooming, probably you have hoverflies visiting. These flies can hover and even fly backward, which is an ability very few insects have!

Hoverflies are harmless, though many species are mimics of the color patterns of stinging wasps and bees. These flies often have a pattern of black and yellow stripes on their abdomens like bees and wasps. This is a defensive strategy to warn off predators.

There's even a specialized term for this defensive play, "Batesian mimicry". Batesian mimicry is an adaptation where a harmless species has evolved to imitate the warning signals and/or colors of a harmful species. It is named after the English naturalist Henry Walter Bates, who lived up to 1892, and is also credited with naming many butterflies in the rainforests of Brazil. There's your bit of Jeopardy knowledge to store away.

There are several ways to distinguish hoverflies from bees or wasps. Bees and wasps have more directionality in their flight patterns, meaning they tend to move from one spot to another along direct lines. Hoverflies tend to, well, *hover*. They are more the enjoy-the-sights-along-the-way types and less getting-immediately-to-the-destination-in-the-fastest-way-possible types. Hoverfly hovering is not like that of hummingbirds since they do not feed in midair. Hovering in general may be a means of finding a food source; in addition, male hovering is often a territorial display seeking females, while female hovering serves to inspect ovipositing sites.

Hoverflies only have one pair of wings. Like all flies, their hind wings are greatly evolved. These revised flight organs are called "halteres," and are used to balance them in flight. Bees and wasps have two pairs of wings. What do bees call hoverflies? Wannabees!!!

Bees and wasps have an open space on their heads between their eyes, which are located on the sides of their heads. They also elbowed antennae.

Hoverfly heads are filled almost completely with their eyes with very small, short, almost invisible antennae. Adult hoverflies have good eyesight. When they are not feeding, hoverflies are looking for aphids or other plant pests. Why? Those garden pests will be food for future generations of hoverflies!



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



Hoverfly larvae feed on aphids, thrips, immature leafhoppers, and other small, soft-bodied plant pests. The larvae get an all-you-can-eat-buffet on those early aphid populations on some ornamental plants and vegetables. The larvae have hooks for jaws that they use to consume aphids. A single hoverfly larva can eat over 400 aphids during its development! A healthy population of hoverflies can reduce aphid populations by as much as 70 to 100%. In combination with other beneficial insects such as ladybeetles, parasitoid wasps, and aphid lions, many of your garden pests can be destroyed.

Hoverfly eggs are laid singly on leaves and stems where there is an abundance of aphids or other pests. The eggs will hatch in 3 to 5 days into a larval stage that, with flies, is called a maggot. What has no wings yet will fly? A maggot. Maggots appear to be a headless and legless wormy critter around a quarter of an inch long. The head end is tapered while the rear end is larger and rounded. (The joke here is too easy – make your own booty joke here.) The larvae will go through three molts over a few weeks before pupating into the adult stage. The whole life cycle lasts approximately one month, and there may be up to seven generations through the growing season.

Hoverflies are important pollinators of flowering plants in many ecosystems worldwide. They are often considered the second-most important group of pollinators after wild bees. Some hoverfly species are highly selective and carry pollen from one plant species. The orchid species *Epipactis veratrifolia* mimics alarm pheromones of aphids to attract pollinating hoverflies!

So, how do you encourage hoverflies and other beneficial insects to take residence in your landscape? First, provide a source of food for both the adults. Blooming plants will attract adult hoverflies as well as other beneficial insects. If you have nothing blooming in spring, leave a small area of blooming winter weeds in an out-of-the-way place until other flowers are blooming. What did the hoverfly say after he told a joke?

"I was just pollen your leg!"

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For more information contact Linda Tipp at 251-459-3282

The following Legionnaires passed in 2023-2024:

Tom Cannady, Emerson Hall, Donald Kemper, Robert Steven, and Brad Willoghbuy.

They are missed.

MEDICAL CLOSET: Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian Community that the Medical Closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more. The only re-

quirement is the return of said items when no longer need-



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle
1st Vice



ed.

Every Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am, Legion Members “drop by” the American Legion Building 48. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee or a soda, and good conversation. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club Hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.

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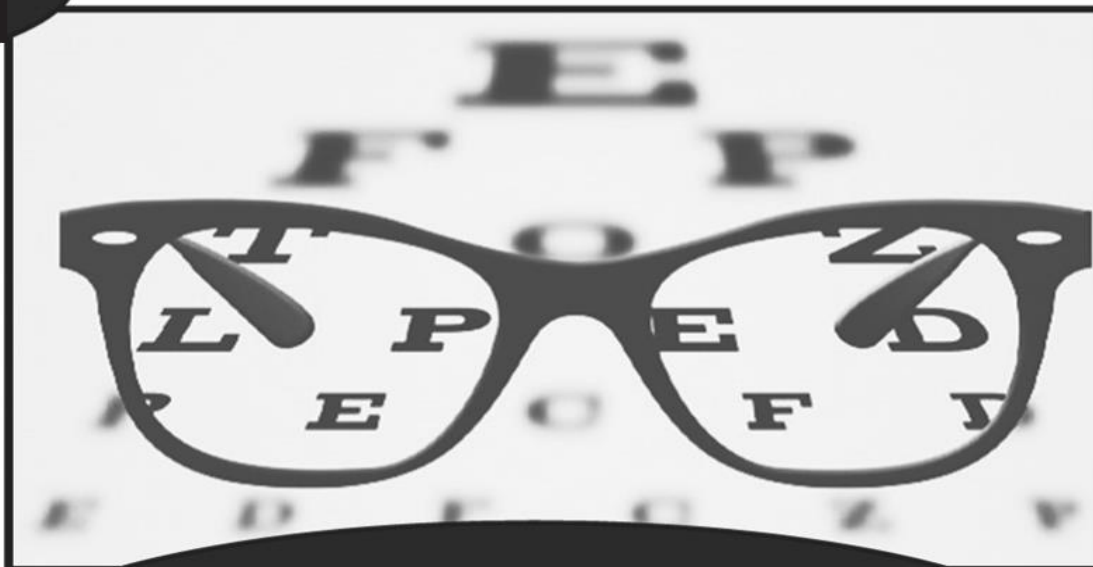


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NOAA Releases 2024 Storm Outlook for the Gulf Coast

The 2024 Atlantic hurricane season outlook suggests that the Gulf Coast is at a heightened risk. NOAA predicts an above-normal season, with an 85 percent chance of increased activity. Here are the key points:

* Total Named Storms: NOAA forecasts 17 to 25 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher).

* Hurricanes: Of those, 8 to 13 are expected to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher).

* Major Hurricanes: 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4, or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher) are anticipated¹.

Specifically, the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle westward to Brownsville, Texas, faces a 42 percent chance of a major hurricane landfall, which is 15 percent above the historical average. It's essential to stay informed and prepared during this active season

This Month There Are Several Exciting Celestial Events . . . Here's a Quick Summary

In July 2024, there are some exciting celestial events to observe. Here are a few highlights:

1. **Moon near Mars (July 1):** Look for the Moon in close proximity to Mars.
 2. **Moon near Jupiter (July 3):** Observe the Moon near Jupiter.
 3. **New Moon (July 5):** The Moon will be in its new phase.
 4. **Mars near Uranus (July 15):** Mars and Uranus will be close together.
 5. **Full Moon (July 21):** Enjoy the full Moon.
 6. **Mercury at greatest elongation east (July 22):** Mercury will be at its farthest point from the Sun in the evening sky.
 7. **Moon near Saturn; lunar occultation of Saturn (July 24):** Witness the Moon passing near Saturn and even occulting it.
- For more detailed skywatching tips, you can check out NASA's [What's Up guide for June 2024](#). [Happy stargazing!](#)



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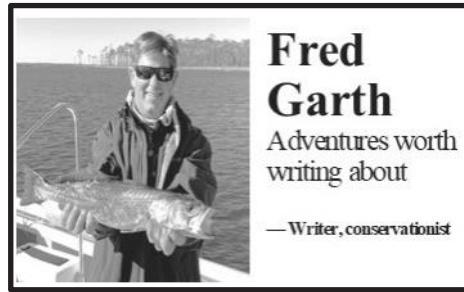
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Umm... Good! Lillian Author, Adventurer Travels Abroad to Dine On Snails

The French can have their fancy escargot and haughty wines. The Spanish have snails. They love them so much they've cooked up a festival that attracts 200,000 snail fanatics to the town of Lleida each May. I kind of wandered into town by way of Barcelona and quickly noticed tipsy bands of revelers wearing colorful t-shirts - all with cartoonish snail logos. The outfit was rounded out with neck bandanas and cowboy straw hats - the kind an eight-year-old boy wears when playing with toy guns.



As my wife will attest, I'll eat just about anything, but I'd never chomped on the *caracolins blanquillas*, a smallish land snail that these folks have gone bonkers over. Being the ever-curious journalist/tourist, I was obligated to investigate. I followed the loud music and the t-shirt crowd down a slime trail into a melee of madness. Intoxicated snail freaks were grilling everything from sausage to burgers to pig and, of course, giant platters of snails. Or as they say in Spanish - *caracol*.

Just to fit in, I bought a souvenir t-shirt, put it on and ordered the traditional Catalonian snail dish in which the little critters are cooked in garlic then drenched in more garlic and accompanied by a cup of garlic-infused mayonnaise. From this we can surmise that naked, garlic-free snails taste nasty. After powering through about 40 snails and a few cold brewskis, I was feeling quite sparky. I tossed my greasy garlic napkins aside and stumbled into the crowd. There was a tremendous amount of yelling, tooting, falling and slurred Spanish. And that was just me. The rest of the crowd was geared up too and having a blast.

The evening rolled into night and the festivities grew into a frenzy with



more eating and singing songs in Spanish, even though I don't even speak the language. I might have kissed a giant inflatable snail but so far nothing incriminating has popped up on Facebook.

Toward the end of the night, a nice fellow named Carlos and his wife Carlita graciously befriended this solo American. For a while I tried to communicate in my rudimentary Spanish. Then we discovered something that I'd learned long ago during many journeys abroad - talking is extremely overrated when there is food and drink to consume and friendships to ignite. We took selfies and I hugged them goodbye knowing I'd probably never see them again.

The next day, after a long shower and two espressos I started thinking clearly. Before the caffeine buzz wore off, I did what any logical person would. I booked my hotel for La Fiesta de Carocol 2025! After all, I'm a t-shirt wearing member now. I'm sure Carlos and Carlita will be there to welcome me back.

If you have plans to visit the Catalonian region of Spain next May, it's worth a visit to Lleida to experience the world's largest celebration of snails!

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Here's the basic tax information on some key sources of retirement income:

- **Social Security** – Many people don't realize they may have to pay taxes on their Social Security benefits. Whether your benefits will be taxed depends on how much other taxable income you receive from various sources, such as self-employment, stock dividends and interest payments. You'll want to check with your tax advisor to determine whether your income reaches the threshold where your Social Security benefits will be taxed. The lower your total taxable income, the lower the taxes will be on your benefits. The Social Security Administration will not automatically take out taxes from your monthly checks — to have taxes withheld, you will need to fill out Form W-4V (Voluntary Withholding Request). Again, your tax advisor can help you determine the percentage of your benefits you should withhold.

- **Retirement accounts** – During your working years, you may have contributed to two basic retirement accounts: an IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) plan for state and local government employees or a 403(b) plan for educators and employees of some nonprofits). If you invested in a "traditional" IRA or 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions may have been partially or completely deductible and your earnings grew on a tax-deferred basis. But when you start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA or 401(k), the money is considered taxable at your normal income tax rate. However, if you chose the "Roth" option (when available), your contri-

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- **Annuities** – Many investors use annuities to supplement their retirement income. An annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company in which the insurer pays you an income stream for a given

number of years, or for life, in exchange for the premiums you paid. You typically purchase a "qualified" annuity with pre-tax dollars, within a traditional IRA or 401(k), so your premiums may be deductible, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Once you start taking payouts, the entire amount — your contributions and earnings — are taxable at your individual tax rate. On the other hand, you purchase "non-qualified" annuities with after-tax dollars, so your premiums aren't deductible, but just like qualified annuities, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. When you take payments, you won't pay taxes on the principal amounts you invested but the earnings will be taxed as ordinary income.

We have looked at some general rules governing different sources of income, but you should consult your tax professional about your specific situation. Factors such as your goals, lifestyle and time horizon should drive the decisions you make for your retirement income. Nonetheless, you may want to look for ways to control the taxes that result from your various income pools. And the more you know about how your income is taxed, the fewer unpleasant surprises you may experience. For questions, please contact Jason Kozon or Chantz Blackmon, located at 22394 Mifflin Road in Foley, 251-943-3399.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Study Independence Day at the Library

This month is a very important one because 248 years ago on July 4 George Washington declared we were a free and independent country and all allegiance to the British Crown was absolved.

We still celebrate this day, now we enjoy being with family and friends, having cookouts and watching the fireworks.

I want to mention that our Library has many books about when our country was just beginning, so enjoy reading about those times!

It's been a slower time at the library due to the heat, but we have many new books, both regular and large print, also we've received many newer DVDs including Children DVDs, and also Auto DVDs. Our hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We also appreciate newer books; none older than



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Sat. July 20 at The Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Local Author Posts First Chapter of His Early Life in Lillian

By Fred Garth

Summertime around Perdido Bay in the 1960 and '70s was a thrill ride into paradise. Our wardrobe contained two bathing suits and two t-shirts. When one set got wet, we'd hang them up on the wall of nails, grab the dry pair and keep on rolling. We were barefoot unless we had to go to Foley and walk on the hot pavement. Our calluses were thicker than elephant hide so we probably could have easily handled city sidewalks.

Sailing, swimming, fishing, waterskiing, rope swinging up Soldier Creek, digging into the clay banks, searching for pirate's treasure, pulling the shrimp net - these were all part of our daily bliss. On the flip side, we buried trash into a giant garbage pit we had to dig at the beginning of each summer. When we weren't fixing the lawn mower, we were cutting thick green grass or cutting dead limbs off trees. Then there was the most heinous job of all time - cleaning out the grease pit and septic tank. If any of us detected the slightest smell of sewage, we'd sprint away from the house as fast and far as we could run, hoping that another brother or cousin would get tasked with the wretched job. Sadly, we didn't always escape,

Back then life was more black and white. We worked hard to earn our adventure time. Sweat equity accrued so we could redeem it for pure fun. The life lesson we learned was we got what we earned, not what we thought we deserved. We were not entitled to anything without working for it first.

We labored hard because we played harder. We would strike fear into Perdido Bay newbies at the old Spanish graveyard. Before the Spanish Cove subdivision, there was only a long dirt road in woods so thick the moonlight fitted in with ominous intent. You could almost hear the soundtrack of a horror movie playing through the Spanish moss as it swayed like ghosts in the wind.

Snipe hunts were also a playful farce that made kids' blood run cold because we'd leave them stranded in the deep, dark woods, far from home. As we scampered away giggling, we could hear the victims yelling "snipe, snipe snipe..." and banging on pots and pans. This was the tried-and-true method which we carefully explained to them, that would attract the wily snipe. Of course, snipe didn't exist. We made it all up and became experts at fooling the unsuspecting and gullible. Teenagers are mean, what can I say?

At some point I decided to put all the crazy stories into a book - the Spanish graveyard, naked rope swinging up Soldier Creek, shrimping, water skiing, and so on. It made sense for me to write it considering I've been a journalist for four decades. The least I could do was to chronicle the magical adventures on the Lost Bay. So, about 15 years ago I wrote down many of the stories and even made up a few that may or may not have happened. I named it, *A Good Day to Live*, for obvious reasons. It follows three, 12-year-old boys and their little wooden skiff called *Greenie*, as they push the envelope to the limit.

Here's a little snippet for your reading pleasure. If you like it, you can go to Amazon and buy it. If the book doesn't make you laugh and cry, I'll refund your money but first you have to go on a snipe hunt with me.

PART ONE

Chapter One - Hunting Armadillos

"Armadillos might be dumb, but they sure are ugly."

- Will Stapleton, 1962

Crab nets were not intended to catch armadillos. But it was the best idea Danny, Will and Trout could come up with. The long handles seemed like they'd help and the net at the end was about the right size. What the boys didn't account for was the tiny beast's surprising speed. Armadillos don't run like normal, godly animals. They bounce like four-legged kangaroos and scurry behind palmetto bushes faster than, well faster than three twelve-year-old kids swinging crab nets.

Ono Island, a hot, mosquito-infested strip of land with nothing but sand dunes, scrub oaks and malnourished pines, was the best place along Alabama's Gulf Coast to track the wily possum with an armored overcoat. The island was hostile to the senses, but for kids on a quest, Ono was the New World, devoid of parents or rules and chock full of 'dillos.

It took thirty minutes for the Johnson Seahorse, five-horse power to chug the skiff southward across Perdido Bay, around the sandy tip of Innerarity Point to the north shore of Ono Island. From there they could see the opening to the

Gulf of Mexico just five miles away. Too far and too dangerous to explore without adult supervision, the Gulf could rip *Greenie* apart rib by rib. In her day she was a solid boat, but years of pounding waves and abusive older brothers had aged her. Now *Greenie*, simply named for her green wooden hull, hauled kids around the backwater where the seas were calm and a shoreline was always within swimming distance.

Greenie allowed them to be captains of their own destiny. Sometimes that meant scrapping with wild rodents. Armed with three crab nets, a hefty supply of potato chips and a gallon of lemonade, the boys were ready for action. Shortly after they dragged *Greenie* onto the beach and tied her bowline to a pine tree, Will spotted the first critter burrowing under a palmetto root.

"There's one," he shouted as he sprinted toward the oversized rat.

It's one thing when an armadillo is frozen in the headlights. It looks positively clumsy, slow and stupid. Of course, when they're dead on the side of the road with their rigor-mortis feet in the air, they're even less imposing. But in the dunes with lots of scrub oaks and palmetto bushes to provide cover, the little buggers were downright agile - squatty gazelles of deep sand.

"Hot damn, they're fast," Will said after fifteen minutes, throwing his net on the ground in frustration. "Tell you what. Trout, you get on my left and Danny, you get on the right. When we see one, we'll spread out, surround him, and bag his gray butt."

That was the answer: teamwork. Within minutes, Trout and Danny had cornered one by an oak tree. Will covered the rear flank. They moved in slowly, crab nets poised for the snatch. With its little head lowered, the creature stared at the boys through cold, suspecting eyes. Before they could strike, it took off and juked left past Will, right past Danny, then bounced away in a spray of sand. Crab nets flew but missed again.

For the next two hours the boys tracked and chased. By the time the chips and lemonade were gone, the game was over. Score: Armadillos - 23, Boys - 0.

Nothing had gone as planned. They were covered in sand and sweat. They were tired and angry. Dejected, they packed up *Greenie* and left Ono Island behind. But they were not beaten. Never underestimate the ingenuity and tenacity of a preteen.

Early the next day, Will, Danny and Trout were back at Ono with a sixteen-foot shrimp trawling net. Cone-shaped for dragging behind a boat, it was the perfect armadillo trap. They hung it between two trees and camouflaged it with palmetto fronds. After an hour of chasing and herding, they finally wrapped up a big one. As it hissed viciously and wriggled wildly in the netting, the boys stepped back wide-eyed.

"What are we going to do with it now?" Trout asked.

"Let's just watch it awhile and see what it does," Danny said.

"I say we kill it," Will said. "I've heard you can eat 'em."

"How'er we gonna kill it?" Trout asked.

Will took a mighty swing with an imaginary club. "Whack it on the head with the paddle." Danny held up his hands and shook his head. "Wait a minute. We're not really going to eat it. Let's just let it wear itself out, then untangle it and let it go."

Will and Trout were already fetching the death paddle.

"We'll be back," they yelled as they disappeared around a sand dune.

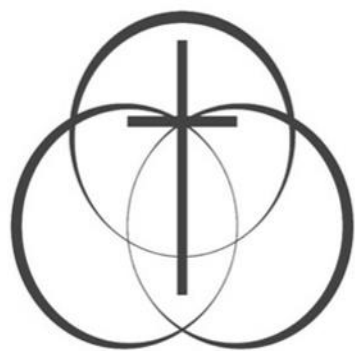
Danny eased closer to the mesh, looking into the animal's hollow eyes and pointed snout. It was one of the ugliest of creatures God had ever dreamed up, and just as useless as far as Danny knew, but it wasn't worth killing. As he untangled the net he realized the armadillo had already chewed a hole large enough to poke its head through. The little beast snarled at Danny as its sharp claws ripped at the netting. With a pine branch Danny spread the net just enough for the critter to squirm through and run off. Danny's father didn't know they had taken the net. Now there would be hell to pay.

"Hurry with that paddle," Danny yelled, hoping they'd never make it back in time. "It's getting away."

Like paratroopers Will and Trout appeared in midair, flying from the crest of a sand dune. Will shrieked and held the paddle over his head like an ax.



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The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

On the Fourth of July we celebrate the foundations of our country which were laid by men and women who fled oppression in other countries and sought to establish here a community of free people. The Fourth of July is always a great national festival, but if our celebration of it is to be something more than a commercialized blind sentimentalism, we do well to re-examine the meaning of freedom in the light of the word of God. True freedom, according to Jesus, is not merely a matter of national heritage. "If you continue in my word," he says, "you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Jesus is the truth, and he reminds us that everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin and we need to be set free from sin into a life of freedom in responsibility.

One of the most common mistaken ideas of freedom is that one is free when he or she can do as he or she pleases. It is when we can do as we please that our troubles begin, for nothing worthwhile is achieved without discipline. Freedom without control is a disaster. This is what prompts Wordsworth to say in his Ode to Duty: "Me this unchartered freedom tires, I feel the weight of chance desires, I supplicate for thy control."

Living a loose life is not freedom. It is slavery to sin. It is the "bondage of corruption." True freedom is self-mastery, but self-mastery means to be mastered by something bigger than self. Free from God we are free to launch out on the ocean of life without compass, chart or pilot. True freedom is freedom to attain the goal of life, to achieve the purpose for which we have been created. That purpose is fellowship with God. For "in him we live and move and have our being." We shall declare, "Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free."

There is no liberty without loyalty and subjection to God! God sets us free because He is the one supremely worthy object for our loyalty. In loving Him we are set free from loving the cheap, the petty, the trivial, the foolish, the sinful. We are freed from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

In the life of a nation, as well as in the life of an individual, true freedom is freedom for right living, not freedom from right living. There is timeless wisdom in the ancient proverb, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" - Proverbs 14:33. So we pray: "America, America, God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law."

The renowned historian and philosopher Arnold Toynbee in his comprehensive work "The Study of History" lists 19 great civilizations that have collapsed. He points out that only three of them were conquered by enemies from without. The other 16 crumbled because of weaknesses within, idleness, drunkenness, immorality. The same kind of conclusion was reached by Edward Gibbon in his classic "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." He stated the reasons for the downfall of mighty Rome: the rapid increase of divorce, belittling the sanctity of the home, higher and higher taxes while the public money was wasted, a mad craze for pleasure and sexual perversion was becoming more and more exciting and brutal, gigantic armaments for war, while the nation was destroyed internally, and the decline of religion, with faith fading into mere formality.

If these are signs of impending collapse, we should face the fact that the termites of destruction are eating into the timbers of our own proud American way of life. The greatness of America rests upon a faithful and responsible dependence on "the Power that has made and preserved us a nation," upon the acknowledgment that our "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" have been endowed by the Creator, that this nation, under God, must constantly experience a new birth of freedom.

The founders of our nation saw America as the fulfillment and instrument of the mighty purpose of God. They laid the foundations of the American way of life upon Christian homes, Christian churches, Christian schools, Christian men and women. The good news of the gospel is that this freedom and this power are ours as a gift of the Emancipator who assures us, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." For, "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free." His redeeming death and his victorious resurrection are the basis of true freedom.

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So often when I'm visiting with others in my "age group" we talk about the young generation. How they are never seen without a phone or tablet in their hands, their eyes glued to it. What is this world coming to, we ask. Who will fill in for us when we no longer can continue with our service?

Well, not to worry. It seems our Elberta High School students will take up the slack, if what they are doing now is any indication.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney



Tim Simmons has always wanted to be a pilot. This summer he will attend the National Flight Academy for six days this summer, as the recipient of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay scholarship. With him is the club Scholarship Committee Chairman Todd Turk.



Grace Galvin is the 2024 recipient of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay scholarship to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY). With her is the club and district HOBY chairman Kat Keener.

As a member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay (OCPB) I have been fortunate to have been a member of committees which evaluate scholarship applications. Wow! How do these kids find time to do all of their volunteer service and still get top grades in school?

They are Peer Helpers, volunteers in their churches, in Future Farmers of America, helping in special needs classes and other programs. They have plans for the future as they apply for the scholarships, to become nurses, doctors, teachers, engineers and scientists.

The OCPB recently had applicants for scholarships to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference that "teaches students how to think, not what to think." The National Flight Academy scholarship allows students to spend six days on a simulated aircraft carrier where they are immersed in programs that inspire interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. (STEM) This year's winner was so enthusiastic, as he has had his eyes on a future as a pilot.

OCPB sponsors a Junior Optimist Club at Elberta High School. Besides being a group that teachers can count on at the school, you will see them at most of the club's events throughout the year, serving food, cleaning up after events, and helping in many other ways..

This year's theme for the Essay and Oratorical Contests was "How to Change the World with Optimism." The presentations given by these young boys and girls would knock your socks off.

So, friends and neighbors, I'm not going to worry about what this would will come to. I'm putting my money on these teenagers who will fulfill their plans and desires and become the men and women we all want them to be.

And by the way, if you want to be a part of helping these youngsters achieve their goals, join the men and women of the Optimist Club on the second and fourth Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club.

The famous Optimist Club breakfast is free to guests who would like to get to know what the club is all about.

And the bonus is, wait for it: you make many new friends. It's a win-win situation. Help kids, make friends, eat a great breakfast.

Who can say "No" to that?

Optimist Gov. Highlights Month With Local Junior Golf Championship



B16-18 Drew Groscost winner B14-15 Brody Bradford winner G15-18 Kiersten Riggins winner G13-14 Corrine LaFerrera winner

As Governor of the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District Number 29, it is fulfilling to see just how much of a difference our Optimist Clubs' make throughout Alabama and Mississippi. It sometimes weighs on me that we don't have more clubs as every community could benefit from a strong and committed Optimist Club.

Improving the lives of young people, our communities and ourselves are the pillars of life as an Optimist Club member and on June 10th the local clubs got an opportunity to see up close the benefits of offering a youth event. GlenLakes Golf Club hosted our District Championship that also serves as a qualifying tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship.

Forty-seven amateur golfers, 22 from Baldwin County, competed for the District Championship and an invitation to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship in Miami at Trump National Doral Club & Spa next month.

Governor Keener said, "This event provides our local youth an opportunity to create a life-time memory. Staying at Trump National Doral Club & Spa is an experience that our junior golfers will never forget. The District provides the entry fee, including hotel accommodations at Doral, green fees, five breakfast meals and four dinners to the top Boys 16-18 and top Girls 15-18 winners (value \$670)".

Keener shared that based on the generosity of the community this event is positioned to become a future favorite of junior golfers. The Optimist Clubs, Perdido Bay, Huntsville South, Hernando, along with a community minded father, Perdido Bay Water and GlenLakes Golf Club stepped up in a big way. This year, not only did the top Boy and Girl at the upper age group received the entry fee, but we also were able to do the same things for the Boys 14-15 winner and the Girls 13-14 winner. The additional funds were split among the other nine district qualifiers."

The Alabama Mississippi District had two bids at each of the even age groups – Boys 16-18; Boys 14-15; Boys 12-13 and Boys 10-11 & Girls 15-18; Girls 13-14 & Girls 10-12. Each age group has its own qualifying score that must be met or exceeded to earn the Junior Golf Championship invitation.

There were several highlights of the day and the event. Boys 10-11 winner Matthew DeRoy from Foley led all golfers with an exceptional round of 69. Drew Groscost from Olive Branch, Mississippi took top honors in the Boys 16-18 Division that featured 15 golfers with a solid round of 75, while Jack Doggett from Jackson (AL) took home second at 76. Both accepted their automatic bid to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at Trump Doral National Club & Spa in Miami, Florida by meeting the qualifying score of 78.

David Stewart of Gulf Shores shot a 77 and finished third, while Cooper Garris of LeRoy, Alabama and Myles Thornton of Chaton, AL both shot 78, met the qualifying requirement and finished fourth and fifth in the Boys 16-18 Division.

Finishers three through five will be placed on the Alternate list and will have to wait for the OI Junior Golf Committee to make a final determination if there is room for them in the competition.

The Girls 15-18 Division was won by Kiersten Riggins of Trussville, Alabama with a 78 and Daisy Howard of Mobile shot an 81 to finish second. Both

players have accepted their invitation to the OI Jr. Golf Championship. Six competitors took part at this age group.

Corrin LaFerrera of Orange Beach took top honors in the Girls 13-14 division with a round of 75, while Evelyn Lamar of Gulf Shores finished second with a round of 84. Both earned their bids to the Optimist Junior Golf Championship by exceeding the 93 qualifying score. The third-place finisher Mary Stewart of Hernando shot 93 and was placed on the waiting list. Six contestants competed in this age group.

Eight golfers took part in the Boys 14-15 Division. Brody Bradford of Thomasville, AL took top honors with a 74 and Waylon White of Fairhope took second with a 75 and both received automatic bids to the OI Junior Golf Championship. Frank Smelley of Ocean Springs, MS shot an 84 and finished third and also met the qualifying standard (84) and will be placed on the Alternant list (waiting list).

In the Boys 12-13 Division, Jake Jacobs took top honors with a 75 and Campbell Hughes shot 84 for second-place. Both golfers are from Fairhope. Joe Hamilton of Mobile and Walter Rissinger of Foley will be placed on the Alternate list and must wait to learn if they receive an at-large bid. Eight players competed in this age group.

The District Championship had two Junior Golf competitors in the Girls 10-12 Division. Riley Weaver of Saraland took top honors in the Girls 10-12 Division and qualified for the OI Jr. Golf Championship by shooting an 88. The qualifying standard was 97.

In the Boys 10-11 Division three players took part. Mathew DeRoy, a Foley resident, recorded the best round of the day and won with a score of 69. Cohen Miller of Orange Beach finished second with a round of 95. Both accepted their invitations to the International Junior Golf Championship.

One of the unique features of the Optimist Junior Golf program is the support that local clubs and the Alabama Mississippi District provides to the participating families. This support include the District providing over \$7,000 of the 10,000 it costs for the District junior golfers to play at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship from area businesses and the local Optimist Clubs.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Pleasure Island Optimist Club and the Fairhope Optimist Club assisted from the local zone (Baldwin County), while the Optimist Club of Huntsville South, OC of Hernando, Central Montgomery, Athens, Talladega and Birmingham West End Optimist Clubs financially supported the event. The dates for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship are as follows: July 16-21 – Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12. July 21-26 – Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14 and July 26-31 Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18. If anyone in the community is interested in assisting these young people and their families to attend the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, please give Jeff Keener a call at 859-991-4619 or email jeffreyakeener@gmail.com.



Optimist Club

By Jeff Keener, Optimist District Governor

OPTIMISTS CLUB QUICK NEWS



Rosie Stallworth is the newest member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. With her is Optimist President Robin Newell.



Allie Hollingsworth is the winner of the Optimist Zone Oratorical Contest. She is the president of the Junior Optimist Club at Elberta High School. Optimist Club of Perdido Bay President Robin Newell presented her to the members of the club at the regular meeting.



The guest speakers at the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meeting were Jessica Frank, left, and Harley Barrett, right, therapists at High Hopes for Autism located in Elberta. They were introduced by Robin Newell, President of the Lillian club.

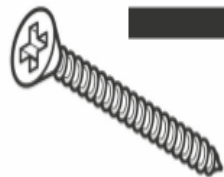
Mobile River and Bayway Bridge Project Garners Strong Support

All nine members of Alabama’s congressional delegation – stretching from north Alabama to the Gulf Coast – signed a letter expressing their strong support for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, the delegation urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to approve the

state’s application for federal assistance through the Mega grant program, which supports large, complex infrastructure projects that are difficult to fund by other means.

This grant application – as well as other pending grant applications – is in addition to the recently-announced TIFIA loan process that ALDOT has initiated with the U.S. Department of Transportation.



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The wooden blade must have broken the critter’s neck. There was an awful squeal as its jaws clamped shut over its thin red tongue. The boys had never heard or seen anything so horrible. Time seemed to stop as they stared down at their cruel deed. A deep sadness swept over them. The animal quivered for a few minutes before it died.

Without talking, Will scooped up the lifeless body with the paddle and carried it to the biggest oak he could find. Danny and Trout knelt on the ground and took turns digging the grave in the soft sand. After he slid the carcass into the hole, Will dropped the paddle and wiped a tear from his cheek.

“Lord,” he drawled. “I’m sorry I killed that armadillo. I was just trying to knock it out. I swear.”

Trout shot a glare at Will. “You can’t lie to God.”

“I’m not lying.”

“But you already said you wanted to kill it,” Trout said.

“Yeah, but I’m still sorry I did it.”

Trout shook his head in shame. “We shoulda just let it go, like Danny said to.”

“If you’d had the paddle, you’d a killed it too,” Will shot back.

“Would not.”

“Would too.”

Trout clenched his fists and moved toward Will.

Danny stepped between them and sighed. He’d seen them battle too many times. “Y’all just shut up,” he said. “Fighting won’t help that armadillo. It won’t help us either. Let’s just go home.”

Silently, they gathered their gear and loaded into *Greenie*. On that day, the glamor of armadillo hunting had lost its luster and a chunk of innocence had been chipped from the boys’ childhood.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com or at Oakley’s Wine Cellar in Elberta.

CHAPTER TWO WILL APPEAR IN THE AUGUST ISSUE.

CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren, and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in July go out to Bobbie Benoit, Megan Hall, Weldon Cox, Sandy Pray, Jim Almand, Mary

LaCoy, Evelyn Rice, Laura Leonard, Diane Burns, Bonnie Castella, Vernelle Younginger, David Woodford, Rebecca Grewe, Robert Grewe, Henry Kichler, Peggy Merchant, Stephen Duckworth, Virginia Cowie, Lorraine Harrison, Bonnie Estes, Emma Fell, Janet Akin, Alice Scram, Graydon Bauer,

David Gaines, Sondra Wilkinson, Jerry Rooks, Dick Erwin Celebrating wedding anniversaries in July are Eric and Martha Michelson, Don and Paulette Joffrion 1964. Gerald and Gloria Jackson 1976 and Bob and Pat Kupferers 1993.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat

column, please email lillianeditor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549. Or contributors may place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the August issue of The Lillian is July 17.

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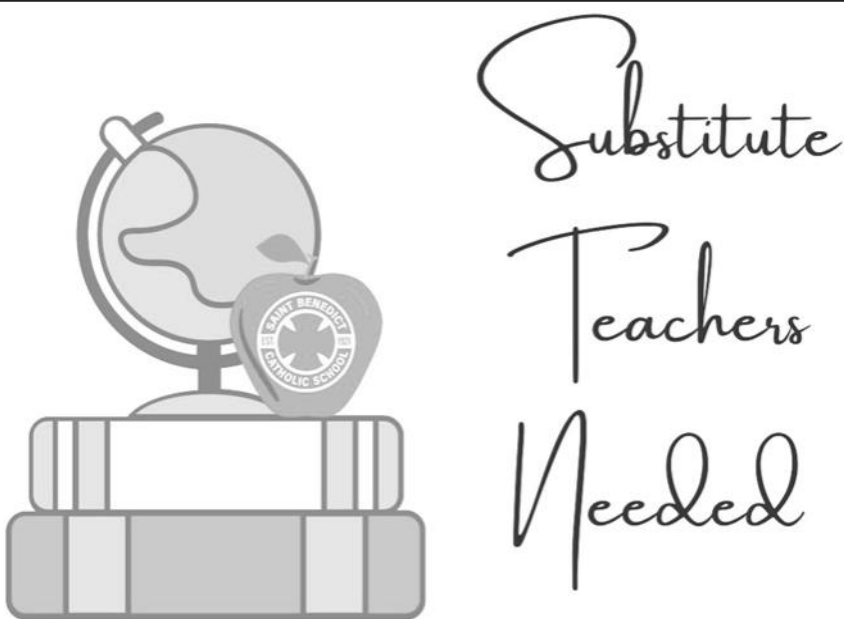
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PROTECTING PERDIDO WATERSHED

Bay Watchdog Group Targets Runoff, Erosion as Major Sources of Pollution

By Janet Larson

Although most of us know the importance of a healthy watershed, many people do not realize the effects of their day-to-day activities on the quality of our water. Two things that affect water quality are runoff and erosion, and we personally can do many things to reduce these potential sources of pollution.

Runoff is rainfall that does not soak into the soil but instead runs on the surface towards waterways. Runoff is affected by natural factors such as geology, surface topography (slope of the land), and the amount and intensity of rainfall. However, both the amount and cleanliness of runoff can be affected by the actions of humans.

Non-porous surfaces (such as driveways) in our landscape decrease the area in which the ground can absorb water. This decreased absorption results in increased runoff. To counterbalance non-porous

surfaces, we can add plants and trees to our landscape. The plant's roots help with water absorption into the soil. Native plants are the best landscape additions because they do not require as much fertilizer and pesticides. When runoff has excess fertilizer the extra nutrients in the water cause algae to grow. The algae deplete the oxygen levels in the water which in turn kills our fish.

We don't often think about it but another source of excess nutrients in our runoff is pet waste. In addition to providing excess "fertilizer" to the water, pet waste can also add harmful bacteria (E coli) to the water. Too much of these bacteria can make the water unsafe. Picking up our pet waste is one way of ensuring that our waterways remain clean.

Another thing that we can personally do is recycle motor oil and antifreeze instead of dumping them on the ground. All these chemicals have the potential to end up in our water with runoff.

In addition to runoff, erosion can be a significant problem in our watershed. Although some erosion occurs naturally, human actions such as the removal of topsoil can increase erosion. The increase in sedimentation into the water also affects water oxygenation and adversely affects our fish population. It has been estimated that as much as half of the planet's topsoil has been lost. Again, the addition of plants and trees can help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. Trees lining the waterways have an added benefit. They keep the water cooler, which improves oxygenation and helps our fish population.

Together with our neighbors, our actions can play an important role in the protection of our watershed. We reap the benefits with water that is safe for fish, drinking, swimming and play.

For additional information please contact the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Action Committee at wpbwac@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Rebecca 'Becky' Lee Jablonski -Tetreault; Had Enormous Love of Animals

Rebecca "Becky" Lee Jablonski-Tetreault, 41, of Lillian, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on June 9, 2024.

Becky was born in New London, Connecticut, on Sept. 23, 1982, to Edward Stanley Jablonski III and Melinda Jablonski. She is a graduate of Ware High School class of 2000 and retired from the Navy as Avionics Technician First Class in 2020.

Becky was preceded in death by her father, Edward Stanley Jablonski III, and is survived by her husband; Nathan Tetreault, children; Aubrey and Bradley Tetreault, and grandson Seth Allen, as well as her mother; Melinda R. Jablonski, and her partner, Robert Clemente. Sisters; Amy Ja-

blonski and Victoria Bolger and her husband William. Father and Mother-in-law; Brian and Holly Tetreault. Brother-in-law, Joe Tetreault. She was also a loving aunt to three nephews and three nieces.

Becky had an enormous heart for animals and is now met with her beloved dogs, Jahra and Lexy. She had a love for crafts, refurbishing furniture, watching horror movies with her sisters, and spending time with friends and family.

She loved being Mimi to her grandson Seth "Setheroni & Cheese". He was the love of her life. Her dream was to live on a homestead, raising chickens and other farm animals. She had an earthy-soul and will be missed beyond measure.



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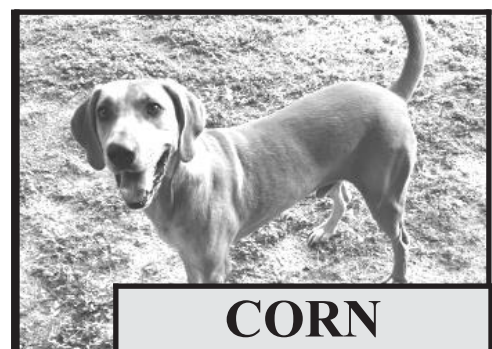
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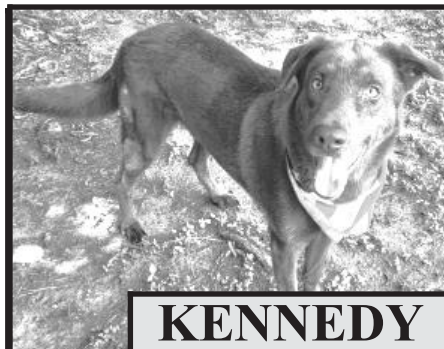
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July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 11:00 AM & June 11, 18, & 25 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Brain & Body Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at the Lillian Methodist Church located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about ALANON at <https://al-anon.org/>

July 13 & 27 at 8:00 AM: Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for their Community Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian AL 36549. Our guest July 13 is the Lillian Garden Club and July 27 Shayron Miller to share about Ageless Grace, Brain & Body Fitness and the Community Dementia Forum & Support Group. To discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org

July 18 at 1:00 PM: Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

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Let's Study The Health Benefits of the Beach

Summertime is here! Living near beautiful beaches offers us the opportunity to enjoy various physical and mental health benefits that are often overlooked. Over the past few weeks, I've been visiting Johnson Beach for my morning walks waiting for the sun to rise. I plan at least two walks a week on the beach versus walking around the neighborhood. This special self-care treat has re-energized my commitment to take care of myself mentally, physically, and spiritually. I find myself in awe of the water's transformative power to heal the soul, nourish the body, quiet the mind, and awaken my spirit. I aim to highlight how spending time at the beach can be a potent health booster.

Beach Benefits:

Fresh Salty Air: Beach water, rich in magnesium, helps regulate muscle and nerve functioning. It also releases Negative Air Ions (NAIs), purifying the air by reducing particulate matter. Sunlight and UV rays further contribute to cleaner air. Taking deep breaths by the beach can leave you feeling refreshed and energized.

Blue Spaces: Similar to the benefits of green spaces such as parks, blue spaces have been associated with lower mortality rates and enhanced well-being. Being outdoors around blue spaces offers a change of scenery from daily routines by fostering a sense of tranquility and wonder.

Soothing Sounds: The rhythmic sound of waves calm the mind and body, activating the parasympathetic nervous system reducing the stress respons-

es. It helps lower heart rate and blood pressure, inducing feelings of pleasure and safety. These natural sounds can also aid in improving sleep quality.

Vitamin D & Sunlight: Sun exposure helps the body produce Vitamin D, crucial for bone health, blood cells, and the immune system. It facilitates the absorption of essential minerals like calcium and phosphorus. Sunlight also boosts serotonin levels, enhancing energy and focus. Remember to always consult a healthcare professional on how much time you should spend in the sun to reap its health benefits.

Improved Physical Activity - There are many mood boosting benefits of just being at the beach, but if you are looking to gain some additional physical activity benefits there are also ways you can ramp up your fitness routine. Walking on the sand burns more calories and activates lower leg and glute muscles and helps to improve muscle endurance and stability by challenging under-worked muscles. It can also increase your heart rate for a heart pumping workout. Beach sand provides unpredictable and uneven walking surface causing the body to work harder. If you are already experiencing knee pain, have had a recent surgery, have a limp or other mobility issues then sand walking is not recommended. It can cause more stress and strain on the body causing increased health complications.

An alternative to sand walking that can also boost your cardiorespiratory endurance is walking



Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

along the beach road while focusing on increasing your distance or speed. Always take caution when

exercising outdoors especially when it comes to heat-related injuries and dehydration. Consider exercising early in the mornings or later in the evenings, and always remember to fuel up with water.

Water's transformative power has been documented throughout history.

Hippocrates, the "Father of Modern Medicine" was first to reference the healing nature of water to cure ailments. Romans built extensive bath houses for socializing, studying, and healing and today resorts offer similar experiences to relax. If you are looking for ways to improve your well-being look no further than your local beaches.

Stay Healthy and Happy, Coach Donna

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Brightest Meteor Shower of the Year Arrives Aug. 11-12

Make plans now to stay up late or set the alarm early next week to see a cosmic display of "shooting stars" light up the night sky. Known for its fast and bright meteors, the annual Perseid meteor shower is anticipated to be one of the best potential meteor viewing opportunities this year.

An outburst of Perseid meteors lights up the sky in August 2009 in this time-lapse image. Stargazers expect a similar outburst during next week's Perseid meteor shower, which will be visible overnight on Aug. 11 and 12.

NASA/JPL

The Perseids show up every year in August when Earth ventures through trails of debris left behind by an ancient comet. This year, Earth may be in for a closer encounter than usual with the comet trails that result in meteor showers, setting the stage for a spectacular display.

"Forecasters are predicting a Perseid outburst this year with double normal rates on the night of Aug. 11 to 12, said Bill Cooke with NASA's Meteoroid Environments Office in Huntsville, Alabama. "Under perfect conditions, rates could soar to 200 meteors per hour."

An outburst is a meteor shower with more meteors than usual. The last Perseid outburst occurred in 2009.

Every Perseid meteor is a tiny piece of the comet Swift-Tuttle, which orbits the sun every 133 years. Each swing through the inner solar system can

leave trillions of small particles in its wake. When Earth crosses paths with Swift-Tuttle's debris, specks of comet-stuff hit Earth's atmosphere and disintegrate in flashes of light. These meteors are called Perseids because they



seem to fly out of the constellation Perseus.

Most years, Earth might graze the edge of Swift-Tuttle's debris stream, where there's less activity. Occasionally, though, Jupiter's gravity tugs the huge network of dust trails closer, and Earth plows through closer to the middle, where there's more material.

This may be one of those years. Experts at NASA and elsewhere agree that three or more streams are on a collision course with Earth.

"Here's something to think about. The meteors you'll see this year are from comet flybys that occurred hundreds if not thousands of years ago," said

Cooke. "And they've traveled billions of miles before their kamikaze run into Earth's atmosphere."

How to Watch the Perseids

The best way to see the Perseids is to go outside between midnight and dawn on the morning of Aug. 12. Allow about 45 minutes for your eyes to adjust to the dark. Lie on your back and look straight up. Increased activity may also be seen on Aug. 12-13.

For stargazers experiencing cloudy or light-polluted skies, a live broadcast of the Perseid meteor shower will be available via Ustream overnight on Aug. 11 to 12 and Aug. 12 to 13, beginning at 10 p.m. EDT.

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Washington Knew Less is More

Since I'm still wondering what happened to January, you get how I'm feeling about the fact that it is already mid-summer. Maybe there is a lesson in this, what's the saying, 'life is short, eat dessert first'? Hey, I can do that.



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

George Washington spent eight years as commander of our Continental Army leading America to victory and our freedom from an English king towards the beginning of the United States of America. In 1789 he was asked to lead our new nation as the, of all things, king. He suggested the title of president but he refused the position. George wanted to go home to his wife and live a quiet, normal life. He was ready to retire but the states' representatives were relentless. Actually, they couldn't have picked a better person for the job because Washington wanted the best for this country and the citizens. He understood that it had to be developed thoughtfully and methodically and not just thrown together with no plan. It had to be nurtured like a father would.

Washington had the hardest job of any of our presidents simply because this was a fledgling government. There were many exhausting hours spent with staff and cabinet members working to make this country the best it could be.

In his farewell speech after two terms as our first president, he made it clear what worried him the most was if a president made it a priority to divide rather than to unite the American people. The two-term limit was also Washington's idea.

He knew that a president and a party could use techniques to destroy and separate the people instead of pulling them together and making us strong as a united nation of states. In his speech he explains his meaning of what would be done. "It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus, the policy and will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another." I do think the man was prophetic or at least wise to how the human mind works along with its ego.

George Washington had his adversaries; Thomas Jefferson was one. Although with Jefferson, I think it was jealousy. He complained that Alexander Hamilton had a bigger staff than he did. I imagine setting up a new treasury and figuring out the best system for this new country to survive might take more people than Secretary of State position at the time. Jefferson also had a reporter friend of his write articles that Washington was acting the monarch and wanted complete control. This couldn't be further from the truth just from the couple of things I've mentioned above. Even back then there was fake news.

Politics has been around since humans have come together and chosen leaders for their tribe. The problems begin with egos and its avarice for power and control.

Maybe we should remember how delicate our freedom really is and how apropos Washington's worries are in today's atmosphere as we watch parades and fireworks this July 4th.

"Freedom from fear and injustice and oppression will be ours only in the measure that men who value such freedom are ready to sustain its possession — to defend it against every thrust from within or without." Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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