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Sally Undone

Hurricane Sally: It wasn't fun then ... and it's left behind scars that still trigger anxiety to the folks of Lillian.

Two stark reminders of that September day in 2020 are the pier at the Lillian Boat Launch and the Perdido Bay Recreational Park. Both are in Lillian and are maintained by Baldwin County. Perdido Bay Recreation Park is actually the property of the Baldwin County Park district. Restoring these two significant area amenities seems to be elusive at best - and a mired, complex tangle of permits. But mostly, it's a matter of the time it takes to work repair plans through the county legislative system.

Here is some background and a status update of the repairs.

Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores, at 5 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16 as a strong Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Sally produced widespread wind, storm surge, and freshwater flooding across coastal Alabama and the western Florida Panhandle.

Flood and wind damage also extended well inland to southwest and south-central Alabama.

Sally was an extremely slow-moving hurricane, which prolonged and exacerbated the local impacts. The storm was moving at less than 5 mph at the time of landfall, resulting in a long duration of tropical storm and hurricane force winds, storm surge, and torrential rainfall.

Sally caused three direct fatalities. One occurred in the Wolf Bay area here in Baldwin County when two men riding the storm out on their boat attempted to swim to shore. One of the men made it to a pier and was rescued and hospitalized; the other man drowned.

The second fatality occurred on Innerarity Point, where a 45-year-old woman drowned after her vehicle was overtaken by the incoming storm surge. The third fatality occurred in Perdido Key, when a 27-year-old man drowned trying to retrieve a boat that was swept away by the surge and high

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Lillian Boat Launch remains unrepaired. Plans for the project are expected within a few weeks according to Baldwin officials.



Warning signs keep Lillian Boat Launch pier visitors and fishermen out of danger. No set schedule has been set for the repair construction.

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Golden Stars

Elberta Middle School FCCLA attended the 2022 Alabama FCCLA State Leadership Conference and STAR Events Competition. As a chapter, they received the Gold Level Star Chapter Award and State Prescription for Healthy Living Award. Additionally, all students competed in STAR Events. Alyssa Morrow, First Place Career Investigations; Zoelynn Barnwell, First Place Chapter Service Project Display; Mercedes Nicely, Saylor Morrow, Chloe Pitard, First Place Entrepreneurship; Meredith Williams, First Place Food Innovations; Joy Miller, Chloe Pitard, Gavin Satterwhite, National Programs in Action; Delaney English, Sports Nutrition. All students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, California this summer.

**Elberta Students Slate Fundraiser to Support TECH Trips**

Fifteen members of the Technology Student Association (TSA) recently represented Elberta Middle and High School at the Alabama State Leadership Conference in Montgomery on April 12 and 13th.

Under the guidance of Bill Allen, the STEM instructor at the Middle School, the students competed in 14 of the 33 competitions which included Coding, Dragster, Mechanical Engineering, Structural Engineering, Solar Racer and Forensic Technology, just to name a few.

Out of the 15 students, 13 have qualified for a spot to compete at the National Leadership Conference to be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center June 26-30 in Grapevine, TX.

Along with our winners, we have also the distinct

honor of naming 7th Grader Aryan VanGrevenhof as the Alabama State Middle School Vice-President for the 2022-23 school year.

Over the next month the students will be holding fundraisers in the area to help off-set the cost to attend the conference. Please help these students have the opportunity to represent our school and communities and bring home the awards they have worked so hard for!

Each student registration cost \$100.00, lodging is \$400.00 and travel is \$100.00.

If you are interested and able, any sponsorship or donations can be sent to Elberta Middle School to the attention of TSA Nationals at 13355 Main St Elberta AL 36530. Go Warriors!

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Lillian's Perdido Recreational Park boardwalk remains in tatters.



The Josephine boat launch had what was termed "minimal" damage and was repaired by the county park work crews relatively quickly.

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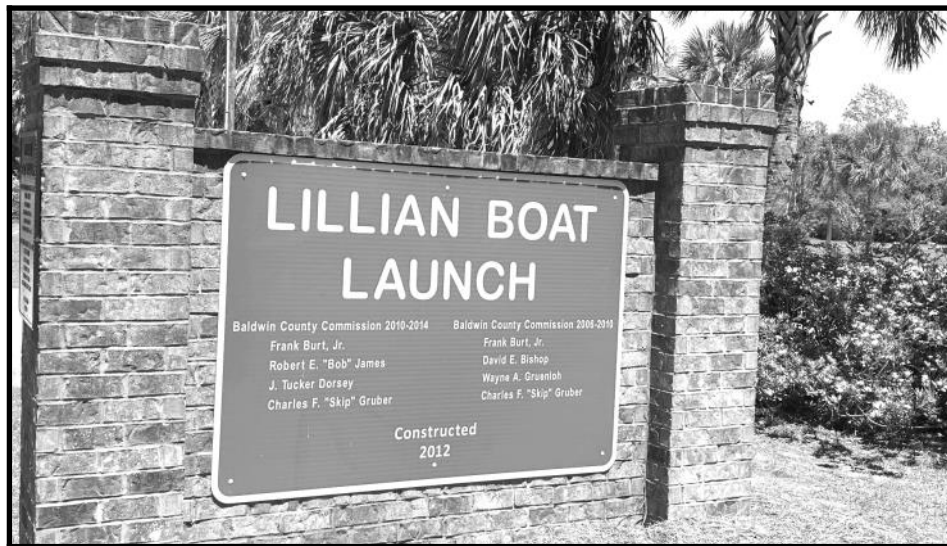
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There were also three indirect fatalities. One was due to storm cleanup in the Foley area with two others (one in both Baldwin County and Escambia County FL) due to carbon monoxide poisoning from improper generator use.

The material cost pales compared to the loss of life. But, when you take closer look at those costs, you come up with a lot of conflicting information.

Ask the workers at the Perdido Bay Recreational Park about halfway between Spanish Cove and Hwy. 98 on the bay side of Hwy. 99 and they'll tell you that repairs of both the boat launch and the park have been "farmed out to the State of Alabama." Contact County Engineer or the county Operations manager and you'll get an answering machine and no call back.

But if you talk to Madison Steele, horticulturist for Baldwin County, you'll learn that the boat launch damaged at Josephine was repaired relatively soon after the storm. That damage was termed as "slight," needing

only pier planks to be repaired and replaced.

Madison also confirmed that the repairs in Lillian have not been handed off to the State of Alabama but rather into the hands of the Baldwin County Highway's Construction Department. Information from that department is tough to get as well.

These professionals are on site much of the time and continually dealing with ever-changing priorities. And the progress report may not be so much of a tangled web as it first seems. In fact, wheels are turning. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that there is no timeline for repairs.

According to Taylor Bifkin, public information, and communications specialist for the county, the survey was completed last week by the contractor for Lillian and Perdido Bay Rec Par,

"They are now working to put the plans together for needed repairs, but there is no estimated time of completion. They are hoping to have drawings back to us in a few weeks to review," Bifkin said.

More updates to come.

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Lillian Recreational Park Gears for Art in the Park May 21, 1 to 4 p.m.

Lillian Recreational Park is excited to announce the inaugural Art in the Park scheduled Saturday, May 21 from 9-4. This bi-annual event is accepting vendor applications for the May 21st and September 17th dates. No commercial vendors, though, as these art markets are juried events. Regional food trucks are welcome.

"With so much talent in the area, what better way to expose those artists and crafters than to showcase their amazing work!" says Stephanie McDaniel, artist, instructor, and coordinator of the event. "We want this event to stand out from

the others. When I think of what Art in the Park means to me, I think color. An explosion of color".

This celebration of local and regional artists, crafters, food vendors and growers is certain to please the senses. Envision an explosion of color from the artists and crafters, think glass art, watercolor art, or a pop-up flower shop. Add to that the aroma of baked goods, coffee, salsas, and sauces. Hands on, interactive booths and games for children of all ages are also being planned.

To learn more about upcoming events, visit www.lillianrecreationalpark.org

Baldwin Sheriff K9s Ezop, Midas, Neo and Woud, Get Protective Vests Thanks to Donors

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office K9s Ezop, Woud, Neo and Midas will receive bullet-and-stab protective vests thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

The vests will be embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet-and-stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,601 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.



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Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

Happy May Day!

Our Baldwin County display now has the beautiful map framed, thanks to Mr Courtney. He made the frame and donated it to our library. You will enjoy seeing all the books and pamphlets in our display and they may be checked out.

Our recent donations include several new Danielle Steel books which can be checked out, also.

We continue to give guided tours through our library. It is a joy to see the reaction of the people as we go into each section, realizing we have so many categories of books.

We have a computer room with

printers, available to the public and April has been extremely busy.

The library has the restaurant coupon books for Baldwin and Escambia counties for \$20 and Crazy Horse Cafe is also helping us sell them.

The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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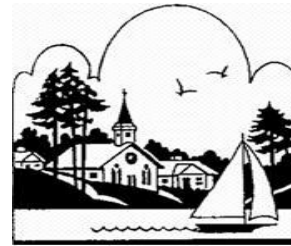
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A Little Niceness Can Go a Long Way Towards health

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We often equate being healthy with going to our doctor appointments, eating healthy and exercising. Although these things are important there are other components of health that are equally important. One area of health that needs to be mentioned especially during these turbulent times of rising gas prices and civil-unrest is emotional health and well-being.

Daily effects of stress are being felt world-wide and our brains are wired to

respond to stress by producing a cascade of neurochemicals. These neurochemicals, if turned on for too long, begin to disrupt the brain circuitry responsible for happiness and optimism. So what can you do to protect yourself against stress, burnout and depression?

Research has demonstrated positive emotions are associated with better physical and mental health. Emotional health can be strengthened and maintained by building moments of positive emotions into your daily routine.

How do you start? You can start by

being grateful. Have you ever thought about what a privilege it is to just be able to breathe or having something to eat each day?

These are privileges some people are not fortunate to encounter. List three things you are grateful for each day to help keep you focused on the positive things in your life. Next, think about what makes you feel alive as well as your purpose for getting up each day. Carry your purpose with you to work and to other parts of your day. Lastly, cultivate social connections. This doesn't necessarily have to be with



Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

your family or friends. Say hello to the cashier at your local dollar store or to the people you see walking on the streets.

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Although when I told him I was going to get married, the first question was, "What's his party?" even before he asked, "What's his religion?" My future husband passed on both. Over the years we've laughed about that and perhaps some of you have heard the story.

One time when I was raising three little ones, I had forgotten that there was an election for judges or something. It wasn't a really important one, but at three in the afternoon I remembered. Yikes! Where was the precinct? In the suburbs they changed regularly, as it was a growing area and the local pizza place soon became too small. After a couple of stops I found the correct place and cast my ballot. Whew!

That was close.

Because there are so many new residents to our community, I thought it would be a good idea to give you a little information on the process here. There is a primary election coming up on Tuesday, May 24. Our Precinct 28 is located in the Lillian Community Club on Widell Avenue. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

: Democrat or Republican. Alabama has no Independent Party. Please note that if you vote either way in the primary, if there is a runoff, you must vote the same party. In the general election in November, there will be only one ballot and you may vote for candidates of either or both parties.

Voter registration is open all year except during the 14 days prior to an election and Election Day. Registration applications are available online at alabamavotes.gov. You may also call the county Board of Registrars, 251-937-0229 or the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

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You must be registered by May 9 for the primary, June 6 if there is a runoff and Oct. 24 for the general election. Since Alabama does not have a party registration law, you do not declare a party when registering.

New residents are not the only ones who should check their registrations. If you have moved or changed your name, it will save a whole lot of rigamarole if you keep your registration up to date.

You will need a photo ID or other official valid ID such as U.S. Passport, Military ID, Tribal ID, and others. If you have questions, call or the numbers or the email address above.

If you expect to be absent from the county on Election Day, have a physical infirmity or other instances that would keep you from the polls, apply for an absentee ballot. Apply now, as the deadline to return absentee ballots for the Primary is no later than noon on Election Day. Applying now will give you time to apply, receive the ballot and get it back in time.

In addition to voting for candidates, there is a statewide amendment on the ballot to authorize \$85,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds to improve, renovate and maintain Alabama State Parks.

So that's a quick rundown on what's up this month regarding the Primary. We are fortunate to be able to vote in this country. Let's show that we appreciate it. See y'all at the polls.

Vacation Bible School Slated

This year's Lillian United Methodist Church bible school theme is monumental. On June 20 to June 24 at 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. we will celebrate God's greatness and explore the

vastness of God's powers and the depth of his love.

The school is for children 5 to 12 years of age. Snack supper will be served each night. VBS Waterslide

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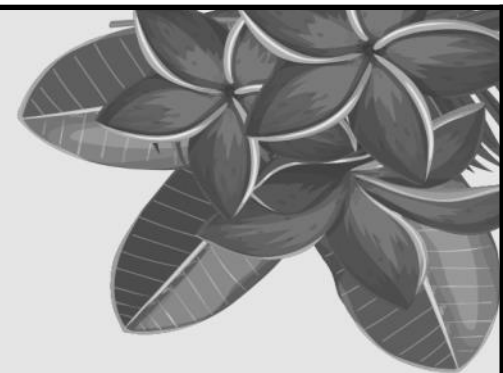


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There it was – a gorgeous Saturday morning with perfect weather and a fantastic garden down on Soldier Creek. From the corner of my eye, I spot three weird, bright red moths just fluttering their wings off up next to the barn. Turns out, they were *Anisota Virginiensis*, also known as the Pink-striped Oakworm Moth. This vivid little guy is a species of silk moth that likes to eat ~ surprise, surprise ~ oak trees!

This formal Genus name has no relation to the actual bug. *Anisos* is Greek for "Unequal Ear". *Virginiensis* means found in Virginia, but the name was chosen by a German entomologist named Jacob Hubner, who lived in Germany in the 1800s. While he may or may not have ever visited Virginia, he did write one of the founding documents of Entomology (the study of insects), "A Collection of European Butterflies."

This insect has been reported from the Great Lakes to New England, up into Canada through Nova Scotia to south-eastern Manitoba. It is found throughout the South and our Gulf Coast region into north-



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By Celeste Hadley-Champion



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Blanch Crandall, Charles Bingle, Tracy Brown, David Mitchell and Ben and Will McNeill.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in May are Ron and Pat Morris 1965, Bruce and Virginia Allen 1971, Tracy and Waynette Brown 1990, Traci and Shannon Price 2000, Celeste and Richard Champion

2005, Jennifer and Chuck Canaday 2008.

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Grant Support Lillian Search and Rescue

In November 2021, the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) offered five grants to fund unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to be used to support search and rescue squads in Alabama. Eight units in the state submitted applications and on March 26, 2022, AARS awarded a total of \$35,000 in grants for one thermal UAS system each to Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR), Carbon Hill Volunteer Rescue Squad, Phil Campbell Rescue Squad, Morgan County Rescue Squad and Huntsville-Madison County Rescue Squad.

Most of the general public refers to UAS systems as drones. Drones have become very popular in the last ten years for general hobby flying, recreation photography, roof inspections and agriculture remote crop surveillance amongst other things. In the area of search and rescue, however, drones have become more indispensable in the search for missing persons. Drones enable the remote pilot to survey an area looking for hazards or other concerns before the human search

teams are deployed. Also, drones enable a large area to be searched, allowing the rescue team to be dispatched quickly to the person. In addition, drones are able to transport emergency supplies to isolated persons when roads or bridges are out after a hurricane or flood.

LASAR now adds the Autel EVO II 640 T UAS to our search and rescue equipment to support the Lillian and Baldwin County area.

This drone has GPS capability and weighs about six pounds with a max speed of 40 mph and a range of five miles from the pilot. The height the drone can fly is FAA regulated to 400 feet above ground or structure depending on the airspace restrictions. The Autel EVO II has a thermal imaging sensor with a 16x digital zoom that is capable of recognizing subjects up to 320 ft away and has 8K Ultra HD video capability.

LASAR hopes to further equip the drone with a speaker so that, for example, if the pilot is flying the drone in search of a lost child, the voice of one



This group photo shows representatives of the five units who were awarded drones. Lillian resident Ken Cameron with LASAR is standing on the far left.

of the parents could be transmitted so the child would hear a familiar voice and come out of hiding. The speaker would also be beneficial in relaying instructions to victims that help is on the way.

LASAR volunteer Ken Cameron has been an FAA certified Part 107 Remote Pilot license holder since 2019. He was able to use his drone piloting skills after Hurricane Sally by helping friends in Spanish Cove with roof inspections. Ken will now be the

lead Remote Pilot in Command for LASAR as other members train for their licenses or roles as trained support Visual Observers.

Congratulations to LASAR and the other search and rescue units on being awarded the UAS grants.

If you are interested in volunteering with LASAR, please attend one of our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month at the LASAR building at 7:00 pm; 34247 Barclay Ave, Lillian, A, 36549; 251-961-3333.

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At the April monthly meeting, the Legionnaires acknowledged the contribution of the spouses and helpers of the legion post. They are Sharon Farrow, Sandy Fuller, Susie Harrison, Lori Craddy, Mike Craddy, Keith Lavalley and Lynn Ochs.

We would also like to acknowledge Diane Burns and Lynn Ochs, who worked the first District 33 meeting to be ever held here in Lillian. There will be Certificates of Appreciation presented to the participants to say thank you.

The spouses are very important to the success of Post 48 by contributing to the ham dinners and other functions and to all the legionnaire wives who donate desserts. We humbly thank you ladies!

At the meeting on April 19th the following nominations presented by the nominations committee: Commander – Rebecca

Youngs, 1st Vice – Price Legg, 2nd Vice – Bill Youngs, Adjutant – Wayne Lavalley, Finance Officer – Lee Hoffman, Chaplain – Mike Kovacs and Sgt.-At-Arms – Dave Youngs. Members who were nominated and ran unopposed were elected by acclamation at that meeting. Officer installations will be held at the May 17th meeting.

On April 14, 2022, the 1st Vice Rebecca Youngs and the Adjutant Wayne Lavalley presented two awards to students at the JRROTC ceremony at Robertsdale High School. The Military Excellence Award was presented to Cadet Briana Doege and the Academic Award to Cadet John Riley Trimble.

**Lillian American
Legion Post 48**

By Wayne B. Lavalley,
Adjutant

The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans. The four pillars of the American Legion are: Fostering a strong national security, taking care of Veterans, mentoring the youth of our Nation, and promoting patriotism and honor.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.

Or, come have a cup of coffee (pick up an application) on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m.

We'd like to meet you!

Annual Fishing Rodeo Set for May 21

Mason Pagel enjoys the fishing.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Annual Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 21 at Schaff Pond. The event is held from 9 a.m. to noon. A hot dog lunch is provided for those attending. The event is open to boys and girls aged birth to 12. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult and everyone is asked to wear a mask when not able to social distance from others.

Awards are given in a variety of categories. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs, poles and bait. A few poles and bait will be available, however. Catch and release all catfish, but bass and crappie may be kept. Permission forms will be available at the pond.

Schaff Pond is located at 32695 Bartel Street, Elberta. From Lillian turn north on County Road 93 for one mile. Go west on Bartel Road four tenths of a mile and the pond is on the right.

Community Calendar



May 3 & 17 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

May 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10 a.m., meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

May 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Bayside Baptist Church GriefShare at 6:00 p.m.

May 6 - Movie & Music in the Park will beginning at 5:30 p.m. Movie is "Encanto" and music by Jimmy Smith

May 9 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

May 10 & 24 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month

May 10 at 8 a.m. - Lillian Recreational Park will hold its regular meeting at 8 a.m. in the conference room

May 12 at 5 p.m. - Join Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for Optimist Night out at the Lillian Front Porch. To make a reservation call 256-280-6347 by noon May 12

May 14 at 8 a.m. - Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club as Paula Doty from Gulf Coast Kid's House shares about their service with the Child Advocacy Center located in Pensacola, FL. (No Reservation Needed)

May 21 9a.m. - noon- Annual Optimist Kids Fishing Rodeo at Schaff Pond located at 332695, Elberta, AL 36530. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Hotdogs served following

May 21 - Art in the Park will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 23 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

May 24 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m.

May 28 at 8 a.m. - Free Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. Join us as we welcome Judie Flanigan with the Gulf Shores Special Olympic STAR FISH swim team. (No Reservation Needed).



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LILLIAN ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Three Bean Soup Combines Comedy, Music to Delight on Many Levels

Three Bean Soup caught the ear of The Lillian Entertainment News when two of the three beans - a father-daughter duo - tickled the fancy of a recent Thursday night Front Porch open mic crowd.

Every family can relate to the farcical interplay of an eye-rolling daughter slamming dad jokes and a knee-slapping dad who seems only further spurred on to tell them.

Their comedy, coupled with the free-style violin playing by the classically trained viola player daughter Jamie Weiss, the artful guitar picking of dad Mike Domulot - and rich, smooth vocals of both is an act that delights on so many levels all at the same time.

"We're unique in our own way," Jamie says. "We never play the same set-list every day, and I never play the same violin riff I played the day before. Everything is on the spot."

Three Bean Soup specializes in putting its own spin on an eclectic mix of Folk, Rock, Country, Blues and Contemporary

Pop spanning from the 60's to current day hits. Influenced by wide-ranging artists from James Taylor and Jackson Browne, to Taylor Swift, Lady Antebellum and Johnny Cash to Sonny and Cher, Three Bean Soup is more than your run-of-the-mill cover band.

"We don't fit the cookie cutter image of the average cover band because we're constantly changing and growing," Jamie says.

Mike put his desire to have a musical career on hold at a young age to raise a family. Once his children, Jamie and Michael, were out of high school, Mike decided to form a family band. He fostered a passion for music in his children from the time they were tots, supporting their musical urges and aspirations as they grew.

Formed in 2006, Three Bean Soup today consists of Mike Domulot, his daughter Jamie Weiss, his son Michael J. Phillips, Julie Wood and Mike (Mikey) Phillips. They have been entertaining audiences, traveling, and playing throughout the Gulf Coast at clubs, festivals and weddings



for the past 12 years.

While Mike and Jamie have been the long-standing backbone of Three Bean Soup since its inception in 2006, they've welcomed a parade of members into their musical family.

Over the years, Three Bean Soup has attracted an impressive fan base throughout

the Gulf Coast of Florida and Alabama. They play the circuit of entertainment across Pensacola, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Pascagoula and Dauphin Island, as well as private weddings parties across the region.

Three Bean Soup will be playing at the Front Porch June 3 and 22.

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Sharing a Little Thing As a Smile Can Sometimes Just Make Your Day Happy

Several years ago, my husband and I were standing with a group of people in a large room facing a bank of windows with sunlight streaming through. A man standing in front of the windows facing in our direction sneezed without covering his mouth. I watched the particles spray as though in slow motion across the room, I pushed my husband to the left away from the oncoming germ spit.

What I learned from the experience is that six feet distance apart to prevent COVID is ridiculous. I watched the floating particles bypass that foot-age several times.

Experts on any subject never agree, so most of the time, I think it is hit or miss if you pick the right opinion to follow. If you're at an age where you were encouraged to use common sense, maybe that's all you need.

Imagine you are thrust through time from 1822 to 2022. What would shock you most? Jet planes streaking across the sky? Hearing a voice coming from a cell phone? Speeding down the freeway in a sleek automobile?

Or would they be more shocked seeing young women at the beach wearing strings that they call bathing suits? How about almost seeing private body parts on commercials or the suggestive, immoral behavior on Reality TV?

Maybe it's time for the pendulum



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

to swing back to the right, but maybe not too far. Extremes in either direction isn't healthy. But I'm glad I'm not raising children in this current atmosphere or mindset.

Like a friend said, "what would you tell your little daughter when she asks why is that woman doing that?" In regards to a certain razor commercial.

I'm glad that I was born in my era and I pray really hard for my grand and greatgrandchildren's happiness in the unknown future.

Every once in a while a stranger will smile at me as we pass each other at a store or restaurant and in instant reflex, I smile back. I can't help but feel that we have each made the day much better. Smiles lift the spirit and, in some way, maybe even connect us to God. Perhaps that is what a smile is, a peek at the goodness of God.

"Conquer a man who never gives by gifts;/ Subdue untruthful men by truthfulness;/ Vanquish an angry man by gentleness;/ And overcome the evil man by goodness." Ancient India.



Red Hat Society Celebrates Easter

The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Society enjoyed a delicious lunch at Hub Stacey's at the Point on April 12. Hostesses Ann Cox and Karen Brady had candy Easter eggs and hand made Embossed note cards for each lady. Birthday girl Inge Petet received a live Knock Out Red Rose, and birthday girls Vickey Massey and Kay Rose Stovall received ornate oil diffusers. Diane Gilbert and Kay Lett were lucky winners of the door prizes, which were beautiful outdoor flags. The 20 ladies had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to our May gathering on May 10.

The Ascension of Jesus: 'I Am the Alpha and the Omega'

The Ascension of Jesus is celebrated this year on Sunday, May 29. It commemorates the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven on the fortieth day after His Resurrection. The next Sunday we Celebrate Pentecost on June 5, 2022. The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost in the highlights of its observance among Christians. The Ascension is recorded in the Gospel of Luke chapter 24, verses 50-53, "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."

The account of the Ascension of Jesus like His birth, miracles and resurrection borders on the unexplainable. A nun, Sister Marie was teaching the Biblical story of the Ascension of Jesus to a class of elementary children. Fascinated by the story, one boy in the class asked Sister Marie, "How

fast was Jesus traveling when He ascended into the heavens?" Startled at first, Sister Marie caught her breath and replied, "Well, let's see. We know that He was not traveling faster than the speed of sound, because the Bible says that He spoke words of blessing to the disciples as he parted from them." But the young boy was more a child of the Space Age than was Sister Marie, and so he quickly calculated and then came back, saying: "well then, in that case, he's not there yet! because sound is slow! We laugh but wrapping our minds around where Christ has ascended is beyond our finite minds.

To understand what it means to say that Jesus Ascended into Heaven, we have to understand that the truth of that language is not spatial, but spiritual. At the trial of Galileo, one of the lawyers for the defense said some profound words which it would have done us Christians well to remember over the centuries. He said, "One does not read the Bible to find out how the heavens go, but how to go to



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

heaven." The church and many Christians might have been saved a lot of embarrassing moments if we had only remembered that. The Biblical stories are to be read theologically, not scientifically. Theologically the Ascension of Jesus means something deeper, and something far more profound than time or space. In the Bible, UP is used metaphorically to refer to closeness to God. UP denotes majesty, glory, dominion, and power. "I saw the Lord high and lifted up," said the prophet Isaiah when he experienced God's presence in the Temple. Such metaphorical use of language ought not to bother us; we use language that way all of the time. We say that the sun rises and sets, but in our reflective moments we know that it does no such thing. We speak of feeling up and feeling down, and we understand what we mean. What we need to ask is, what is the truth that the idea of Ascension is trying to express? And the answer is that for those early Christians, these words were a glorious affirmation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. They proclaimed the good news that Christ is one with God in the governance of this universe. They were not trying to say something about cosmology, but something about Christology. They were saying that Christ is truly the Lord of the Universe. Jesus' followers proclaimed that while the world looked far from redeemed, it had a

Redeemer! Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father. Now, because Jesus had gone to be with God, they believed, He reigns with God over the universe.

The First Letter of Peter says that "Jesus has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him." (I Peter 3:22) That is to say that, as a result of the Ascension, everything that has domination over our lives is ultimately in Christ's hands. The Ascension, you see, proclaims that Christ is Lord over everything. There is no sphere of life in which Christ has no rights and no sphere in which Christians have no responsibilities. The Ascension says, Christ is Lord of all! The world fails to know it yet; there are even parts of the church which have not yet gotten the message. "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come again to judge the living and the dead!" You see God has a plan for the world. All of history will come out at Christ because history is His story. Just as the first book of the Bible says, "In the beginning, God created all things!" so the last book says, "In the end, Christ declares, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." As E. Stanley Jones once said so poetically, "All of life will end up at Jesus feet." It will. The question is where will we be? Will we be there humbled before Him declaring Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Will we be kneeling at His feet? Are we now? When all is said and done, it's the only place to be.

For He is, indeed, King of kings and Lord of lords. He is Lord of all...and Lord of us all. I pray He is your Lord and Savior. Amen.

Lillian Park Elects Two New Board Members

The Lillian Recreational Park recently held its annual meeting, electing two new members to the board, as well as its 2022 officers. The new officers are Monica Leonard, president; Juanita Dodd, treasurer; and Lucy Smith, secretary.

The two new board members are Lillian residents Erin Taliaferro Attaway and Stephanie McDaniel. Attaway, owner of Five Points Acupuncture, helped establish the Park's new Fall Fest. She also helps organize Movies & Music in the Park. McDaniel, a local artist, teaches art classes at the Park and organizes and coordinates

the Park's monthly Market in the Park program. She will also be teaching a summer art camp for kids later this year. Monica Leonard, president of the LRP board, is excited to welcome the new board members. "I am excited to have a board with such talented individuals who share a common goal: To improve the community's Park experience by focusing on outdoor family fun while improving the Parks' infrastructure and expansion of its amenities."

The Park board meets monthly in the Park's conference room on the second Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 a.m.

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LVFD would like to thank each and every one who has donated to the fire department through our annual solicitation letters. We know how difficult it is for many of you during these times of high gas prices and grocery bills; money doesn't stretch as much as it use to. However, although many of you have had to cut back on expenses, we have found donations to the fire department are still very much on par with the last couple of years' totals. Not only have your generous donations helped us in getting essential medical equipment, we were also fortunate to receive \$10,340 from the Covid grant money which will be used to buy two new AEDs and Oxygen canisters. From Chief Dewhurst and

LVFD President Mike Cleveland along with all the volunteers, we thank you all so very much for your contributions - we couldn't do what we do without you!

Training is considered the backbone of every progressive fire department and Chief Dewhurst is adamant on ensuring all our firefighters get the best training on a regular basis. In addition to fighting fire, one arena that is essential to the success of recovery is the ability to move quickly and safely during a motor vehicle extrication. While newspapers and other media are constantly showing pictures of disentanglement actions, many do not realize the preparation and logistical work that goes into a successful extrication operation. Extrications vary greatly, depending on the severity of the impact, and the composition of both materials and stabilization. Although we don't get a lot of these types of incidents, Chief Dewhurst ensures we are ready, trained, and skilled to face any situation on the rescue scene.

It's this time of year again remem-

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretty Lysek

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**J**r. High Bible study. Suddenly young Katie shouts – HE STARTED US!!! She understood God as Creator of the universe and Creator of Katie. God who created the stars, and planets and all that is in between. The same God created Katie, from head to toe and all that is in between. She almost danced with excitement.

Psalm 8 – He started us. Reminder of Genesis chapter 1 & 2. Two questions – who is God? and who are we in God's creation? This is God who created light and darkness, water and dry land, and finished it all with his crowning achievement – humankind – to walk and talk, think and feel, cry and love. This psalm shows us the picture of God who created an overwhelming universe, yet still cares more for the relationship with his creation of human beings than anything else.

Verses 2 and 3 – Who is God? "Out of the mouths of children, your majesty is praised above the heavens." The writer of the psalm is impressed with the fact that the greatness of God

which extends beyond the heavens, is simple enough to be grasped by a child. God has created the stars and the moon and all that is in heaven and on earth. There are billions of stars in the universe, and other beyond our own. We must see the vastness of the universe and of God.

Verse 4 – Who are we in God's creation? The world tells us that life is meaningless. Scripture gives us a different answer. In Genesis, God created us. As humans, we are not divine, we are not the same as God. But we are all made in the image of God, created by his hand. We humans are such unique beings that God wants to live in us.

When I look at my body and remember that I am made in the image of God I remember an old Calvin and Hobbes comic strip - little boy Calvin standing in his underwear in front of a mirror flexing his muscles. Calvin says, "Yes Sir! Made in God's own image." Hobbes, the tiger, lying on floor responds, "God must have a goofy sense of humor." Our God does have a goofy sense of humor.

That is why God made some of us tall, some short. Some have a full head of hair into their 80's, some of are more hair challenged. God has given to us skill and reason and attributes that make us able to do what nothing else in creation can do – have a relationship with God.

Verse 5 -6 "crowned him with glory and honor, you made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet." Head, hands and feet. God has crowned our heads with his glory. God has given to our hands the work begun by his hands. God has put under our feet, the things which began by his authority. And we are to take care of the animals, birds, fish and the places they live. God did not make us by chance, but by purpose and design.

Today we can also look at this psalm through the eyes of Jesus. Verse four "what is man that you are mindful of him? The son of man that you care for him?" Hebrews 2 quotes Psalm 8 and declares the Son of Man to be a reference to Jesus. It is Jesus that was crowned with glory and hon-



## Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

or at his death. It is Jesus who has been given mastery over the works of his Father's hands. Ultimately, Jesus has the crown, and everything is under his authority. And right now, Jesus works through us to show his glory and authority.

God is creator of the universe and creator of each of us. God has given us power and dominion over the earth. God wants to have a relationship with us. To accomplish this – God sent his Son. Our purpose in life is found in Jesus Christ. For in him we are part of God's new creation. Our God desires a face-to-face relationship with us. And he has created that relationship through his Son. It is out of that desire that we should love God, that we should delight to sing his praise as the psalmist says.



## First Baptist Church

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12

### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

#### Adult Men & Women 18 years & up:

Monday 6pm: Dinner and Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday 5:30pm: Dinner All Ages

Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study in the Sanctuary

**Children Grades K-5:** Bible activities in the FLC

**Youth Grades 6-12:** with Bro. Elijah in the FLC

Youth and Kid's Activities in the Family Life Center

\* Free childcare is provided during all Bible Studies and services at our church

### Sunday Worship Opportunities

Sunday School (all ages) 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Pastor: Josh Thompson

Children's Minister/Youth Minister: Elijah Parden

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# Celebrate Doris Green May 14

A Celebration of Life event will be held in Memory of Doris Green from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 in the Lillian Community Club.

Doris was an active member of the Lillian community. In the early 1990s she and her husband, Harvey, opened Green's Restaurant on US Highway 98 and Santa Piedro Street, still remembered by patrons as a place "where everyone knows your name" and excellent food.

She was a Lifetime Member of the LCC and an active member of Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, where she designed the kitchen in the group's headquarters. She was also a supporter of the Lillian

Perdido Bay Library.

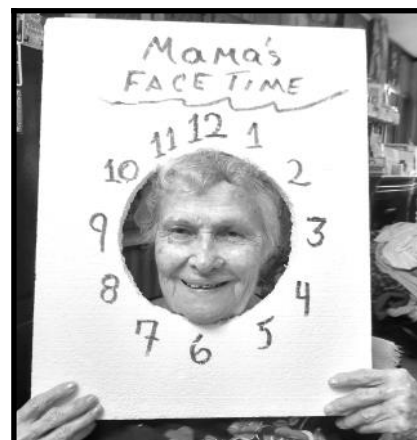
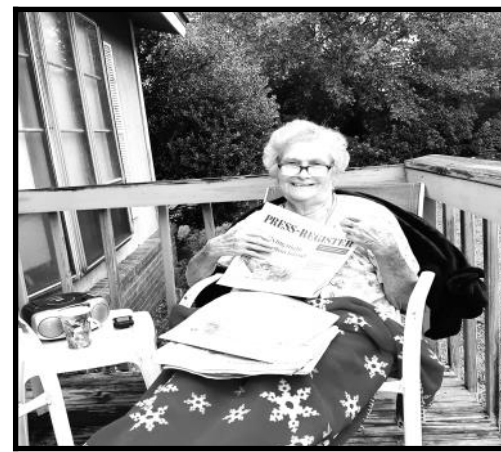
As a beloved cook she often provided a variety of dishes and meals to those in need, especially after a hurricane. She was always helpful, kind and thoughtful.

T-bone Montgomery is going to be providing live music with special guests. Donations may be made to Lillian Search and Rescue, 34247 W. Barclay Ave., Lillian, AL 36549

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## May Fun

AT THE LILLIAN RECREATIONAL PARK

### Movies & Music in the Park Return! Friday, May 6

Movie: ENCANTO - Music by Jimmy Smith  
Music & fun family activities begin at 5:30.

*Movie begins at dusk.  
Free, but donations welcome.*

### Beginning Pickleball Clinic Saturday, May 14 - 9 to 11

*No experience necessary.  
Loaner equipment available. Free.*

### Inaugural ART in the Park Saturday, May 21 - 9 to 4

*This inaugural event will feature a variety of local and regional artists' hand-made creations, as well as interactive fun for kids of all ages.*

**Please check the Park's Facebook page  
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**Lillian Recreational Park - 33914 Widell, Lillian  
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