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Local LASAR Aids Drowning Victim's Recovery



On Friday, July 5, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) volunteers assisted in a search and rescue call at Perdido Beach. A 17-year-old young man was missing in Palmetto Creek. Nine LASAR volunteers, including two divers, assisted in the search using an Aqua Eye, a hand-held underwater sonar. The recovery of the victim's body was made that morning. The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that Avery Pickle is the identity of the teenager whose body was found last week around Palmetto Creek in south Baldwin County.

Baldwin Planners Clear Gist to Co. Leaders Over CR 95 Latest Sprawl Proposal: **NO WAY!**

The Baldwin County Planning Commission has voted overwhelmingly to reject plans for 102 new homes on a 78-acre parcel north of Woerner Road and west of County Road 95.

In a 10-1 decision, the Planning Commission will recommend County Commissioners deny an application to rezone the Frank Property from agricultural to residential. A public hearing before the Baldwin County Commission will take place in about six weeks at the Fairhope Satellite Courthouse.

This is the latest in several recent denial recommendations for rezoning requests to make way for new housing developments. These mark wins for local activists working to control urban sprawl in the corridor between Lillian and Elberta.

After the public hearing, the four-member County Commission will make the final vote on whether the development plans can move forward. Another rezoning request, for the Bailey Property south of Hwy 98 and west of CR 95, originally scheduled for July 11, was postponed.

Chubby's New Owner Brings Fresh Ideas

When Amber Halvorson brought her impressive portfolio of chef experience to Lillian, she loved to order pizza from Chubby's.

She dreamed about how refreshing it might be to run that kind of little community-based restaurant like the one her grandma owned when she was a little girl growing up in Wisconsin.

So, when a food vendor gave her a tip that then-owner Michelle Lumpkin might be ready to sell, she could see her dreams coming true. She knew she had to make her move.

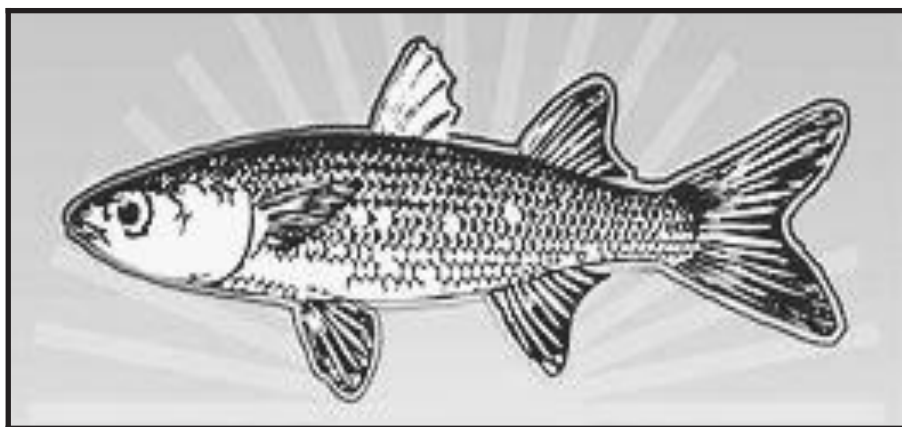
"It's so wonderful to step away from the hustle and bustle and stress of the chef world and get back to serving community in a quiet little spot just like my grandmother did," Chubbys' new owner said.

Halvorson came to Lillian from Wisconsin eight years ago to recover from a series of family tragedies.

(SEE CHUBBY'S ON PAGE 25)



AMBER HALVORSON



IT'S WIND-UP TIME

Labor Day Mullet Fest & Fundraiser to Celebrate 38th Year September 2 at Lillian Community Club

It's time to plan for a great Labor Day family event as the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the 38th Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival on Monday, Sept. 2 at the Lillian Community Club. It is the major fundraising event for the club whose mission is to "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

American Legion Post 48 will once again be on hand to present the colors at 7:15 a.m. to officially begin the event.

The day's events start with a 5K Run/Walk. Registration is available at www.OptimistClubPB.org or at 6 a.m. on Labor Day. The run starts at 7:30 a.m. Winners will be announced and awards given at the Runner/Walker Party. A One Mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The famous Optimist breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m. The cost is \$5, but kids eight and under eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drinks.

Running and eating are not the only events of the day. The Silent Auction, Déjà Vu Market and Bake Sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Silent Auction will feature gift cards, baskets of goodies and other special items. Visit the Déjà Vu market for a variety of gently used items. Don't forget to stop by the Bake Sale to purchase home-made goodies.

The Mullet Toss will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with age-level prizes to be awarded in the hall at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include fish or BBQ sandwich, hushpuppies, beans, potato salad, dessert and tea. The cost is \$12, but once again, kids eight and under eat free.

Big Jake will be providing music for singing and dancing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 50/50 Drawing will be held at 2:15 p.m. Participants need not be present to win.

The Optimist club of Perdido Bay provides approximately \$10,000 in grants to local schools and school and area organizations that serve the needs of children and teens in the community. Members provide a weekly reading program for Kindergarten and First Grade students at Elberta Elementary, participate in the Willie Nell Evans Thanksgiving Lunch for all Baldwin County Special Needs students, and deliver Christmas gifts to special needs students at area schools.

The club hosts "Breakfast with Santa", provides gifts to the children, sponsors the annual Lillian Christmas Parade, helps with Trunk-R-Treat, hosts the community Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Rodeo and conducts annual Essay and Oratorical contests in local schools.

Educator of the Year awards are presented to Elberta Elementary, Middle and High Schools and St. Benedict Catholic School. The club provides lunch for all participating in the Baldwin County special Olympics, and provides the Law Appreciation Program that honors officers and gives scholarships to family members.

In addition, the club offers scholarships to the Flight Academy at NAS Pensacola and the HOBY Leadership Program.

For more information contact Robin Newell, 402-677-3944.



Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

38th LABOR DAY MULLET FESTIVAL September 2, 2024

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- 6 - 7 AM **5K Run/Walk Registration**
- 7 - 9 AM **Breakfast- \$5** Kids 8 & younger eat free!
- 7:15 AM **Presentation of the Flag**
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- 7:30 AM **Run for the Mullet 5 K Run/Walk**
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- 8AM-2 PM **Silent Auction, Déjà Vu Market & Bake Sale**
- 8:30 AM **1 Mile Mullet Fun Run** 
- 10AM-12PM **Mullet Toss**
Age Level Prizes given at 12:30 PM in Main Hall
- 11AM-1 PM **Lunch - \$12** Kids 8 & younger eat free!
Fish or BBQ Sandwich, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dessert & Tea
- 11AM-2 PM **Big Jake & The Tag-A-Longs**
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- 2:15 PM **50/50 & Raffle Drawing**
You do not need to be present to win!

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is a volunteer service organization providing college & technical school scholarships, as well as activities, programs and projects for the community, children and teens for over 38 years. To learn more about our organization and to register for the Mullet Festival 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run go to www.OptimistClubPB.org
For more information contact Robin Newell at 402-677-3944.

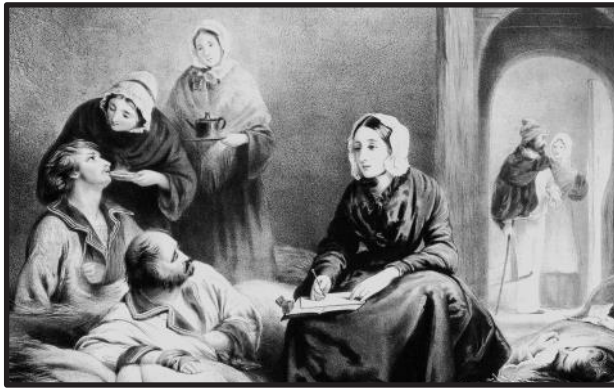
Florence Nightingale Answered the Call to Service on Blind Faith

Florence Nightingale in her diary made an entry before her seventeenth birthday which read: "On February 7, 1837, God spoke to me and called me to his service." She did not know what the service would be, and therefore decided that she must remain single, so as to have no encumbrances and be ready for anything. Nightingale then rejected a proposal of marriage from a young man whom she dearly loved. She suffered from episodes, in which she would lose consciousness for several minutes and be unaware when she recovered that time had passed. She found the knowledge that she was subject to such spells terrifying, and feared that they meant that she was unworthy of her calling. In 1850 her family sent her on a tour of Egypt for her health.

By the end of the tour, Nightingale decided that she must train to be a nurse. Her family was horrified. Nursing was done mostly by disabled veterans or by women with no other means of support. It was common for nurses of either sex to be drunk on the job and they had no training. It was common practice never to change the sheets on a bed, not even when a patient died. Nightingale was told to go to Germany, to learn and train with the Lutheran order of Deaconesses who were running a hospital there. Once back in England, she used the influence of Sidney Herbert, a family friend and Member of Parliament, to be appointed supervisor of a hospital in London. Under her guidance, it turned from a chamber of horrors into a model hospital. The innovations introduced by Nightingale were revolutionary. She created a system of dumb-waiters that enabled food to be sent directly to every floor, so that nurses did not exhaust themselves carrying trays up numerous flights of stairs. She also invented a system of bells by which a patient could ring from his bed and the bell would sound in the corridor, with a

valve attached to the bell which opened when the bell rang, and remained open so that the nurse could see who had rung.

Then war broke out in the Crimea (in Russia, on the north edge of the Black Sea), and her friend, Sir Sidney Herbert, obtained permission for Nightingale to lead a group of nurses there. They found



conditions appalling. Blankets were rotting in warehouses while the men did without, because no one had issued the proper forms for their distribution. The lavatories in the hospitals had no running water, and the latrines were tubs to be emptied by hand; but no one emptied them, since regulations did not specify who was responsible. The result was that the hospital had a foul stench. Far more men were dying of infection than of wounds.

Nightingale gradually reformed hospital procedures. Once the medical situation ceased to be a problem, she turned to other aspects of the soldiers' welfare. For example, most of them squandered their pay on alcohol. She noted that there was no trustworthy way for them to send money home to their families. First, she asked the military to set up an official service to do this, and they refused.

Then by Nightingale appealing to Queen Victoria opposition to the idea was over-

come, and the men sent home thousands of pounds each month. She established a reading-room with tables for writing letters, and the men used it enthusiastically. At night, she would patrol the wards, carrying a lamp, to make sure that all was well. She became famous as "the Lady with the Lamp." By April 1856 the war was over and Nightingale returned to England a national hero, but she slipped into the country unnoticed and went to a convent to pray before coming out to face the public and beginning to lobby Parliament for new legislation.

She showed that major cause of deaths in the military was not wounds caused by enemy but diseases caused by lack of proper sanitation.

Throughout these efforts, she relied on the help of her friend, Sidney Herbert, insisting that he must work hard to get the legislation through Parliament.

When he protested that she was asking too much, she would not listen. Sadly, he died in August 1861. Florence prayed God to raise him from the dead, explaining that she needed him for the job. When God failed to comply, her faith was badly shaken. Throughout her life she continued to work for proper sanitation in hospitals in Great Britain and throughout the British Empire.

Under the stress of ceaseless overwork, her own health was strained, and she was an invalid for the latter years of her life. A few years before her death, she was the first woman to receive the Order of Merit from the British government. She died at ninety, and, by her directions, her tombstone read simply, "F.N. 1820-1910".



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Cicadas: This is the Year and This is the Peak of Their Swarm

2024 is a special year for periodical cicadas. Billions of cicadas have emerged across the southeastern and central United States this spring in a natural phenomenon often referred to as a “super brood.” Some states will be able to see all seven named periodical cicada species as adults this year, which will not happen again until 2037!

Scientists divide the over 3,000 cicada species into two groups: annual and periodical. Annual cicadas stagger their appearances throughout the summer. Only seven species of cicadas are in the other group, called periodical cicadas. These bugs all emerge from the ground at the same time. These groups of cicadas, called “broods”, appear after a dormant period of either 13 or 17 years. That’s a Rip VanWinkle worthy nap!

Periodical cicadas are insects classified in the order *Hemiptera*, along with aphids, leafhoppers, and shield bugs. Many species of insects are mistakenly referred to as “bugs,” but only hemipterans are “true bugs.” Cicadas only live in the central, eastern, and some southeastern parts of the United States.

Cicadas have black top sides, orange bellies, and bright red eyes. They also have clear, membranous wings with visible black veins. They’re just over an inch in length with a three-inch wingspan. Most people are familiar with the golden brown, crispy, cast skin of cicadas. I saw a cicada last night. The poor guy was just a hollow shell of his former self!

Millions—or even trillions!—of cicadas might come out all at once. Their survival depends on emerging with a large population so that predators couldn’t possibly eat them all at once. Because of their large numbers (think every-Las-Vegas-all-you-can-eat buffets-in-one-place), cicadas can attract predators including raccoons, coyotes, birds, and more. Even copperhead snakes will eat cicadas! There are so many that predators who can get their fill of crunchy, delicious bug treats that most cicadas survive and reproduce.

Cicadas are the loudest insects on the planet! The adult male cicada is the bug creating all the auditory chaos. I think it’s racketing and undulating sound, kind of like what shaking maracas while using a weed eater

would sound like. (Don’t do that, by the way!) They are singing to find mates!

The males gather together to make it LOUD! The sound is not made by rubbing two parts of its body together, like crickets. They have a white spot just under their



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



wings called a “tymbal organ”. The tymbal organ works like an accordion, inflating and vibrating while also compressing to make the sounds with their ribs. Their hind ends are hollow (like guitars) to help amplify the sound and they can use their wings to send it different directions. The males who are louder tend to be the best breeders, so in another 13 to 17 years, they could be even louder!

The female cicadas make clicking sounds with their wings if they like the song. It is a quiet and super directed noise to get the males attention. Males are so focused on finding the clicking noise so they can mate that they will gather around ANYTHING that makes a repetitive clicking sound! Be careful even snapping your fingers outside during a brood emergence! What’s a cicada’s favorite type of music? Rock and mating roll!

So, the cicadas find each other and mate. Females lay 200 to 400 eggs in tiny holes that they make in the branches of trees and shrubs. After

six to 10 weeks, cicada nymphs hatch from the eggs and immediately fall to the ground. They burrow underground and attach to tree roots. The nymphs spend most of their lives—13 or 17 years, depending on the species—in larval form, burrowed beneath the soil and feeding on fluids from plant roots. Both male and female cicadas die after just about five weeks!

Cicadas aren’t harmful! They do not attack people, they don’t bite or sting, and they don’t destroy crops. Gardeners might notice that the most extreme tips of tree branches, where small twigs are found, have leaves that turn brown in the middle of summer. This is often an indication that a female cicada has laid eggs in that twig. This type of twig dieback caused by cicadas is called “flagging.”

Take simple steps to protect young trees. Young trees may need protection from cicadas. Cover them in mesh or netting with ¼-inch or smaller openings. Cicadas cannot harm larger, more established trees.

Cicadas are mostly beneficial. They prune mature trees, aerate the soil, and once they die, their bodies serve as an important source of nitrogen for growing trees. Cicadas are not dangerous to pets. If dogs or cats eat a bunch of cicadas, this may temporarily cause an upset stomach or vomiting, but there is no need to worry!

Cicadas will go away! Cicadas will not eat leaves, flowers, fruits, or garden produce, so it is not necessary to take special precautions to cover or apply additional insecticides in your garden. Above ground, adult cicadas only consume small amounts of sap from trees and shrubs.

People that have sampled cicadas often say they taste similar to canned asparagus.

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Shoring Up the Shoreline: Bay Watershed Group Battling Erosion

By Janet Larson

As members of a coastal community, we are acutely aware of the need to stabilize our shoreline. While some erosion is natural, shorelines need protection from wave erosion, storm damage and sea level rise.

Barriers, such as sea walls and bulk heads, are typical ways of protecting the shoreline. But a shoreline stabilization process called Living Shorelines has recently gained interest. A living shoreline design includes vegetation like seagrass alone or in combination with harder structures such as oyster reefs or rock sills. These materials provide continuity between the land and water. Vertical bulkheads and stone breakwaters are not considered living shorelines because they have no living components.

While living shorelines can consist of vegetation alone, many living shoreline projects rely on sills. Sills are low lying solid structures that run parallel to the shore, usually placed near low tide. Examples of sill material include oyster shells and rock. Sills are designed to encourage plant and aquatic growth and allow for buildup of sediment near the shore. They protect shallow marshes from wave energy and erosion. The shallow marshes in

turn dissipate wave action (as much as 50% in ten feet) and protect the adjacent land from wave erosion. In addition, the salt marshes trap sediment and organic matter and may increase surface elevation of the shore by accumulation of biomass.

In areas that already have populations of oysters, sills made from mesh bags filled with oyster shells can be used to make oyster reefs. The bag of shells creates an environment that attracts and encourages the growth of young oysters, eventually creating a living reef. Oyster reefs not only protect shorelines but improve the health of the water. The oysters remove pollutants while creating a habitat for other species.

One of the most attractive things about Living Shorelines is that they are resilient and can become more stable over time. The plants, roots and oyster reefs continue to grow. Oyster reefs will grow with rising sea levels. There is evidence that more natural coastal habitats, such as wetlands and dunes, have more resilience and suffer less damage from storms. In sheltered areas along the North Carolina coast during Hurricane Irene, about 75% of the bulkheads were damaged, but the areas protected by living shorelines accumulated sediment.

Unfortunately, Living Shoreline designs cannot



be used in all locations. They cannot be used in areas that are exposed to open waves. But they can be used in estuaries, tributaries, and sheltered coastline, which comprise much of our shoreline. We have many areas where living shorelines can be an option to prevent erosion and improve the habitat and resilience of our coastline.

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

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Long Time Since

haul in 40 pounds of shrimp in an afternoon of dragging the net. We'd bag a dozen or so blue crabs every day that wandered into the crab trap at the end of our pier. There was an unlimited supply of bluefish and Spanish mackerel in the gulf. We brought them home by the cooler full. Throw in some locally grown Silver Queen corn and black eye peas and that's just good living!

We grew up swimming, sailing and skiing before the invasion of butt-ugly condos, airplanes dragging obnoxious sky-billboards and hordes of dolphin gawkers who pay \$25 to see what we watch daily.

These days, our waters are still brimming with tasty critters - blue crabs, speckled trout, redfish, flounder, snapper, grouper, mullet. Yet, the bay is obviously not as pristine as when the Native Americans roamed these shores or when the Spanish arrived in the 1600s.

Sadly, Perdido Bay is feeling the pain of continued development and pollution. Up until the 1950s, the bay supported vast grass beds full of delicious oysters. Buried just an inch or so below the sandy bottom were literally millions of clams. We used to dig them up by the hundreds. They were edible but not as tasty as the oysters, in my humble opinion. Sadly, the grass beds, oysters and clams have all vanished.

It's hard to pinpoint the cause, although the die off of oysters and grasses coincided with the construction of the paper mill at the headwaters of Eleven Mile Creek in the north end of the bay in the 1950s. That mill still operates today and is owned by International Paper, the planet's largest paper maker.

In 1990, my brother Thornton and I founded the Perdido Bay Environmental Association (PBEA) along with JoAnn Allen, a local real estate broker and energetic activist. JoAnn was a mighty force, an Energizer bunny of sorts. She was smart, articulate, honest, relentless and a good person. Time caught up with both JoAnn and Thornton. They've passed on but the efforts to improve the water quality of Perdido Bay have blossomed.

In addition to the paper mill, which is permitted to discharge 30 million gallons of

As kids growing up on Perdido Bay in the 1960s, we tapped into nature's pantry.

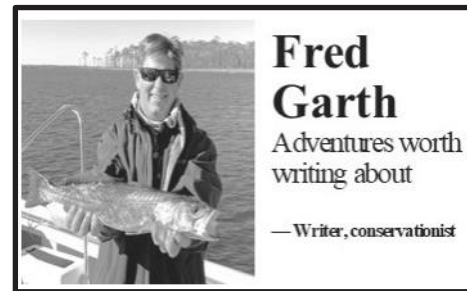
It was not unusual for us to

wastewater into the bay EVERY DAY, our wonderful waterway also has to assimilate a lot of sewage. There's the Bayou Marcus sewage treatment plant on the Florida side as well as the sewage dump near Spanish Cove, Alabama, which has been problematic for years. You have to account for agricultural runoff, stormwater spillage, fossil fuels spewed from boats, old septic tank leakage - the list is long and discouraging.

There is good news. Back when we started the PBEA, we were passionate but broke. We did bake sales and sold T-shirts and bumper stickers to raise money. Now, amazingly, we have an impressive compendium of conservation groups whose very job is to be watchdogs for our beautiful playground. There's the homegrown group in Lillian called the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Action Committee. They're out there getting their boots wet and dirty pulling critical water quality samples. The Mobile Baykeepers have been lording over Mobile Bay for decades and are now tossing their net over here into Perdido Bay. The South Alabama Land Trust (SALT) is staking a claim in restoring local water quality. The Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) has literally blasted onto the scene attracting close to \$100 million in conservation grants. (www.pp bep.org) In the past four years they've given more than \$900,000 in microgrants to local environmental actions. There's also the Bream Fishermen Association and an alphabet soup of government-funded orgs charged with protecting our environment.

Yes, times do change.

Of course, the burning question is: can all of these conservation organizations turn the tides and protect Perdido Bay into the future? Will industry and development prevail over preserving recreational waters? I've been advocating for the bay for more than 30 years, so I'm skeptical yet hopeful. I believe we're in a better place than we've ever been. That's something we can all be happy about.



Fred Garth

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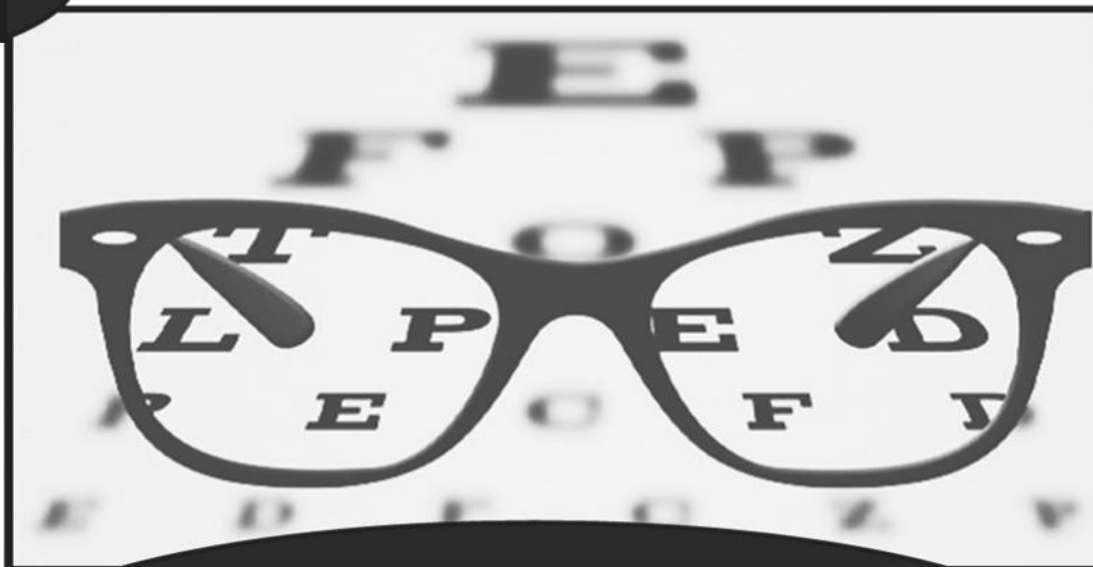


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The Perseid Meteor Shower is the Best Display of the Year



The Perseid meteor shower (also known as the Perseids) is active every year from mid-July to late August. The next Perseids shooting star display will peak around the night of Aug. 12 and before dawn on Aug. 13, 2024 in the northeast sky.

Though the moon will be 50% illuminated at the time of the Perseids' peak, it will set around midnight, so there will be dark skies until dawn — perfect for meteor hunting! NASA

This Month There Are Several Exciting Celestial Events Including a Super Moon

1. August 4: New Moon marks the beginning of the lunar cycle.

2. August 7: Venus will be near Mercury in the evening sky.

3. August 12-13: The Perseid meteor shower will peak, providing a spectacular display of shooting stars.

4. August 14: Jupiter will be near Mars, creating a captivating celestial conjunction.

5. August 19: Full Moon, also known as a Blue Moon, will grace the night sky. It's a Supermoon, appearing slightly larger and brighter than usual.

6. August 21: The Moon will be near Saturn, and there will be a lunar occultation of Saturn, where the Moon passes in front of the planet.

August 27: Look for the Moon near Jupiter. — NASA



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BLUEGRASS AT THE BAY AUG. 18



The String Farm Bluegrass Band is again coming to Lillian for the fourth year in a row! This is a FREE community event hosted by our local Shepherd of The Bay Lutheran Church. We will be accepting a free-will offering at the door. Date: Sunday August 18, at 3 p.m. Place: Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, 12851 Perdido Street This well-known Bluegrass Band from Pensacola is known for their Gospel Bluegrass and all-time hits from stage to screen. There will be a FREE ice cream social after the concert. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 251-962-7682.

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Lillian Volunteer Fire Dept. Takes Delivery of New Pumper Unit

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department President Michael Cleveland announced the department has taken possession of a new 2024 E-One Pumper truck. This replaces the 26-year-old truck currently used as the lead fire attack truck. The department is extremely proud to have this latest piece of equipment and may take a trip around the area to show it off. Be on the lookout. The truck should have all equipment on it and personnel trained within a month. Thanks again for all your support for these local volunteers who serve.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretta Lysek

Pictured left (from left) is the new fire-truck with LVFD President, Mike Cleveland; LVFD Treasurer, Goretta Lysek; Lt. Nick Dosh; Deputy Chief Todd Mullane; and Sunbelt Fire Territory Manager, Greg Silvester. Below, new truck arrives at Lillian Volunteer Fire Department.



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Trusts: Revocable or Irrevocable? That is the Question

When drawing up your estate plans, you might find it useful to create a revocable or irrevocable trust, either of which can help your estate avoid probate court and give you significant control over how and when your assets are distributed.

But who should oversee your trust? As the person who established the trust — known as the “grantor” or “settlor” — you can also name yourself as trustee. However, this may not be the best move, particularly if the trust is irrevocable. An irrevocable trust protects the assets in the trust from creditors and civil judgments, but if you serve as trustee, this protection will disappear. It might be more advantageous for you to be the trustee of a revocable (living) trust, which can be modified without much trouble and allows you to move assets in and out of the trust and to change trust beneficiaries.

You should work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to determine which type of trust, if any, is appropriate for your situation, and to get some guidance on the wisdom of serving as your own trustee.

If you decide to choose someone else as trustee, you’ll want to consider the following factors:

Trust – In thinking about whom you might want to serve as your trustee, the most important attribute is trust. Do you trust that this individual will always act in your best interest? If so, then they may be a good trustee candidate, but you’ll also need to look at other considerations.

Financial management skills – The person you choose to be your trustee doesn’t have to be an accountant or a financial professional — but they should be skilled at managing their own finances. And they should be well-organized and good with details.

Mental and physical fitness – Your trustee could serve in that position for many years, so you’ll want to name someone who is in good physical and mental health. Of course, things can change over time, so if you observe that your chosen trustee has begun to suffer physical or mental decline, you may need to name a successor trustee in your trust document.

Conflict of interest – You want your trustee to carry out your wishes in a fair manner — so, you should pick someone who doesn’t have a conflict of interest with any of the beneficiaries you’ve named in your trust. Of course, this can be tricky if you want to name a family member as trustee. So, if you do, you’ll need to spell out your wishes clearly — to the trustee and to other family members.

Here’s something else to think about: Instead of choosing an individual, you could name a corporate trustee. By doing so, you can receive some key benefits, such as objectivity and potentially avoiding some of the family-related disputes that can arise when an estate is settled.

Also, corporate trustees have the expertise and resources to navigate the various tax and inheritance laws affecting living trusts.

Whether it’s a trusted individual or a corporate entity, the right trustee can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your living trust — and, by extension, the outcome of your comprehensive estate plans. So, start your search, get the help you need and take the steps necessary to arrive at a choice for trustee that’s right for you and your family.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Baldwin Commissioner McKenzie to Bid for Sheriff Vacancy Appointment

Many Lillian- and Elberta-area eyes are on Baldwin County Commissioner Matt McKenzie’s bid for Interim Baldwin County Sheriff once Current Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack takes the position as Executive Director of the Alabama Sheriffs Association in Montgomery.

Governor Kay Ivey’s Office is accepting applications for appointments to fill the position until the election in 2026.

Sheriff Mack has announced his retirement after serving as sheriff for 17 years.

In a letter addressed to deputies, Sheriff Mack says he has accepted an offer to become the Executive Director of the Alabama Sheriffs Association in Montgomery.

In the letter, Mack explained that it was not an easy decision, but he believed that “the time is right to make this move. It is a great opportunity for me to work with all of Alabama’s 67 sheriffs.”

Commissioner McKenzie has over 25 years of law enforcement experience and is retired from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), where he held the rank of Corporal, Post Commander of the Driver License Office in Mobile and Trooper. Commissioner McKenzie has also served his country as a United

States Marine serving abroad at the United States Embassies as a Marine Security Guard. Commissioner McKenzie and his family reside in the Barnwell Community where he grew up.

Commissioner McKenzie provided the following Statement.

"I have served my country as a United States Marine, I have served the citizens of Baldwin as both a law enforcement officer and as your county commissioner. I believe with the leadership we currently have in place at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and those I intend to bring in with my transition team that the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office will not miss a beat in daily law enforcement services. I want to bring a fresh start to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. I want to bring excitement and energy to the younger guys just starting out in the law enforcement journey. I want to provide additional career enhancement avenues for our veteran officers. I am excited to get to work with all the employees within the office of the sheriff, and I look forward to this application process of Governor Ivey's. I hope Governor Ivey will feel confident in my 25 years of service in law enforcement, my service in the United States Military, my experience that I bring as

a Baldwin County elected official and supports my vision to lead Baldwin County in the interim until the next Sheriff election in 2026."

McKenzie has shown many residents along the US 98 corridor from Foley to Lillian support in their efforts to battle unbridled sprawl.

Developers continue to push for zoning changes that threaten open space in areas unable to handle the corresponding increase in infrastructure. These additional infrastructure burdens include increased traffic, sewer capacity issues, police and fire protection, pollution run off into Perdido Bay and loss of the rural character - the original zoning intended. Of the four Baldwin County commissioners, McKenzie and Commissioner Charles F. Gruber have been supportive of these infrastructure concerns.



Matt McKenzie

Local Author Posts Chapter Two, Part 1 of Early Life in Lillian

Chapter Two , Part 1 – Catching Shrimp and Trout. Look for Chapter Two, Part 2 in the September issue of The Lillian.

“It’s hard but it’s fair.” – Mr. Walter Thornton, 1960

The boys were practicing flips off the pier when they noticed Danny’s daddy inspecting the shrimp net and chewing harder than normal on his cigar.

“Damn it to hell,” Mr. Walt snapped. “Somebody cut up my shrimp net.”

He removed the stub and took a deep breath. Danny knew what was coming. With his head cocked slightly and his lips stretched across his teeth, Mr. Walt ripped his patented piercing whistle. It had a singular meaning to all kids within range, “Drop everything and come running. Now!” No bird dog had ever been better trained.

The three boys sprinted down the pier and arrived with several of Danny’s breathless brothers, all awaiting instructions.

Mr. Walt held up the net. “Anyone know what happened to this?”

No one moved a muscle.

“I suppose a wild animal got into it last night. You boys think that’s what happened?”

“I guess so,” Will said. “Probably a possum or a coon.”

“But how’d all that sand and those sticks get there?” Mr. Walt asked, never really expecting an answer.

The boys stood silently, hoping to avoid hard labor or a belt strap across their butts. Mr. Walt finally dropped the net. “Okay. Danny, you go to my workshop and get some nylon string so we can patch this. Will, you and Trout stretch this net out on the grass and let’s get a good look at it. See how many holes you can find.”

He looked at the older siblings.

“What were you boys doing?”

“Just playing cards,” one said.

“Okay,” he said. “Hunter, you get the ladder and clean the leaves from the gutter. Gar, you get the lawnmower going and cut the back yard. Davis and Willis get some hammers; we need to pull the nails out of those old boards that washed up on the beach.”

Within minutes, the place transformed from a quiet summer retreat to work camp. It didn’t matter who was responsible for the net. Everyone paid the price. They were used to it. Working earned them playtime, not to mention gas for the boat. That was Mr. Walt’s way. It didn’t matter if you were a blood relative, a friend visiting for a few days, or a couple of kids strolling innocently down the beach. If some wood needed moving or a hole needed digging and you were nearby, he’d put you to work. In fairness, when the boat set out for fishing or if the water smoothed out for skiing, you were invited on that joyride, too, as long as you’d put in your time. Mr. Walt was one of the first equal opportunists.

They were just happy he hadn’t summoned the mother of all jobs, the task that filled them all with stinky fear—cleaning out the wretched septic tank. That was the beast they dreaded more than death itself, being up to their waist in waste. Whoever got that sentence handed to them was, literally, in deep doo-doo.

As Danny fetched the string, he thought about that poor armadillo. He wished they had just let it go. Instead, they’d ripped the shrimp net and riled up Mr. Walt. Plus, they’d killed a perfectly innocent critter, even though it was mighty ugly. Danny rarely questioned Will, even when he knew they’d get in trouble. He’d follow him into a burning house, and he figured Will would do the same for him.

Danny handed the string to his daddy.

“Thanks, son. Looks like there are only a couple holes. You help Will and Trout, and make sure you boys tie double knots. We don’t want any shrimp slipping out of the net.”

“Yes, sir.”

Sewing up armadillo holes was tedious work. And the summer heat, even under the shade of an oak tree, made them long for a cool swim. But the boys worked without complaining. For one thing, they were as guilty as Al Capone. Mr. Walt knew it but didn’t accuse them directly. Repairing the net was getting off easy as far as Danny was concerned. The icing on the cake was the possibil-

ity of an evening shrimping with Mr. Walt in the Big Boat.

When he worked them too hard, they had a lot of names for him—all whispered under their breath: Hitler, General Patton, or even Lucifer, when the Alabama heat seared them mercilessly. Affectionately, he was Daddy, Uncle Walter, Mr. Thornton, and a host of endearing terms from his wife Miss Kitty. At some point, everyone just took to calling him Mr. Walt, even his own kids.

“Boys, how’s that net coming?” he asked.

“It’s pretty much done,” Danny said. “We even cleaned out the sticks that got into it when we...um, I mean, when whatever happened to get those sticks



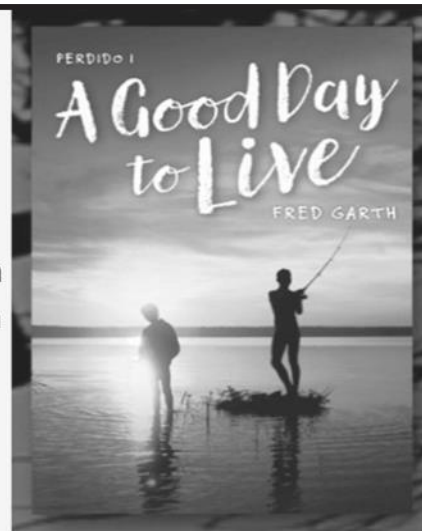
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in it happened.”

“Yeah, however that happened,” Will chimed in. He and Trout both shot a glare at Danny. What was he thinking? He almost blurted it out. Mr. Walt smiled and let it slide. If the boys didn’t know it then, one day they’d realize that he knew their every move, no matter how slick they thought they were.

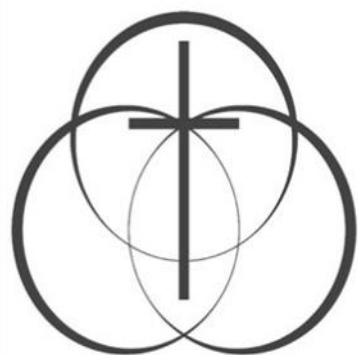
“Then, by golly, let’s go shrimping. Who’s in?”

The boys sprang up and danced around the net like monkeys. Shrimping was a treat, even though pulling in the net was Trojan’s work. But the rewards far outweighed their blistered hands and sore backs. They’d get big, fat blue crabs and more shrimp than they could eat, sometimes thirty or forty pounds, and sifting through all the weird critters they dragged up was delving into a world of aliens. They had figured out how to make squid shoot ink at each other and the best way to inflate tiny pufferfish (by blowing into their mouths). That trick always made them giggle uncontrollably. And just the sight of a flounder with those bizarre eyes was worth the trip.

Maybe the best of all was what happened to all the leftovers. Inevitably, they were the makings of a massive pot of steaming gumbo they’d eat on for days. So, they donned their work gloves and dragged in the net time and again. As always, there were a multitude of brothers, sisters, and cousins to feed, and Mr. Walt’s job, beyond slave driver, father, and friend, was provider.

Contrary to what white-collar snobs might expect, dragging a shrimp net behind a boat involves plenty of artistry. When the Styrofoam float tied to the back end of the net starts to submerge, the boat is traveling at the proper speed. An experienced driver also keeps an eye on the draglines to make sure the wooden doors are gliding through the water at the correct angle, keeping the mouth of the net open wide. Even if the speed is right, the net is spread symmetrically, and the tickler chain is gently bouncing along the bottom with absolute perfection, there’s still one vital detail. You have to find the shrimp. And they don’t advertise.

Look for Part 2 of this chapter in the September issue of The Lillian.



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Do You Want Your Dollar Back?



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

A three-year-old whose parents were trying to introduce him to what it means to be in church and what it means to give an offering to the Lord gave him a one-dollar bill that he was to place in the offering plate. When the plate moved down the pew, his parents held it in front of him and told him to place the dollar in the plate. He wanted nothing of it. Finally, his mother gently took the dollar from him and placed it in the plate. Suddenly the stillness of the offertory was shattered by a voice demanding, “I want my dollar back! I want my dollar back!” He thought he had been robbed and he wanted everyone to know it. His parents tried in vain to quiet their son, but he was insistent, “I want my dollar back!” Everyone in the congregation was fighting a losing battle against laughter and he continued to scream, “I want my dollar back!”

Eventually, his parents gave him another dollar to hold and he was content enough so that the congregation could make it through the choir anthem. When the pastor stepped into the pulpit, he knew he needed to talk about what had happened. Looking out at the smiling faces he said, “We shouldn’t laugh. It may be that this three-year-old is only voicing the feelings that some of us have after having given to God. We do so, not joyously but out of a sense of obligation. We do so unwillingly. We may not say it, but some of us think it, ‘I want my dollar back!’”

Jesus, as you may know, talked more about money than any other one subject. He knew what money can do to people. And he knew the proper place of money in our lives. Money is important. We spend much of our life working for money. Some of us spend even more time worrying about money. The lack of and the abundance of can bring us much pain when we have too much of it as well. For some people, money becomes their God. Nothing matters as much as holding on to their wealth.

In the 1890s there was a Turkish professional wrestler named Yousouf who competed in Europe and the United States under the name “The Terrible Turk.” He insisted he be paid for his matches in gold. Following his retirement, Yousouf headed back to Turkey with the gold he had won. On its second day at sea, however, the ship ran into a storm and started to sink. Yousouf jumped into the sea near a lifeboat, but the weight of the gold in his belt, estimated to be \$10,000, pulled him downward and he drowned. It’s hard to say which is worse. To have money and lose it or to become so obsessed with money that it costs you your life and/or your soul.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, which was relatively well off compared to some of the other churches that Paul had started. Some of these other churches were struggling to survive. Some members of these churches were literally on the verge of starvation. Paul’s message to the Corinthians was basically, “share the blessings of your abundance!” He writes, “But since you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

Whether it is giving to the local church or giving to missions, or giving to the homeless on the street there is one motivation for the Christian to give. Christ gave all and as a Child of God our daily motivation is, “Do to others as Jesus has done to us.” So, everything we give to His work is an act of charity in response to His gift to us. When we give to the work of God, we are declaring our freedom from materialism. Remember we serve God, not mammon.

The Bible doesn’t say that money is the root of all evil. It says that the love of money is the root of all evil. Money can’t buy us happiness or fulfillment or salvation. Giving is the Christian’s response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Giving is also the Christian’s recognition of the proper place of money in our lives. Frances Ridley Havergal wrote these words in her hymn, Take My Life and Let It Be: “Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.” Giving is the Christian’s response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Giving signals our recognition of the proper place of money in our lives. Giving is our declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. There may be some reading this who think in their hearts, as the offering plates are passed, like the little the three-year-old, “I want my money back!” I suspect that most of us, however, are filled with gratitude for God’s gift to us of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to give more, as Christ has given to us.

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I have been a poll worker in Lillian for many years. My job has mostly been to check IDs and provide the proper information as to where to pick up the ballot. Sometimes I'm an usher trying to keep the line moving so voters don't have to waste time waiting for their chance to be a model citizen. Other times I've handed out ballots.

Many times, a voter has approached check-in, and we discover he or she has moved to a different home from somewhere else in Baldwin County, elsewhere in Alabama or even another state. Then I have to direct them to another person who will explain all the paperwork that must be filled out in order for them to vote that day, or maybe not.

Sometimes they have to be told they cannot vote in Lillian, but have to go to the precinct near their new place of residence. Sometimes they have to fill out forms and then vote a Provisional Ballot. I don't know all the ins and outs or the rules, but I do know it takes time to do the paperwork and if you are in the wrong precinct, surely a lot of extra time to go from one place to another.

So, my friends, if there is any doubt about whether you are eligible to vote in the precinct you assume to be yours, please get confirmation now rather than waiting until the last minute, as some of us are prone to do.

Here are a couple of tips for you. If you are computer savvy, go to alabamavotes.gov and click on "My Voting Information." Fill in your name and birth date and voila! You have the answer. If it shows the incorrect information, you click on "Not Yet Registered?" and read the information on how to proceed.

If you and computers are not compatible, call anyone of the following numbers for the Probate Office, 21-937-0260, 251-990-4645, 251-970-4098 or 251-972-6845. Ask for "Voter Registration" and the clerk will give you the information you need.

I'm reminding you now. Do not procrastinate. As my dear Uncle used to say, "If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain." However, he did use a different word for complain. I think it started with a "b" and rhymed with witch.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney



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Improving Lives: The Significance of Finishing the Year Strongly

As Governor of the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 my role is to lead the Optimist Clubs in Alabama and Mississippi through their Optimist year. My role is sometimes to lead, sometimes to follow and other times to just get out of the way. The job is a great deal of fun and always includes the unexpected.

I realized early on that my job wasn't just to focus on this year. To ensure the long-term success of the district, it is critical to implement programs and give them time to work themselves into the operations of our clubs.

How do you accomplish this when every club is different, and every leader has a somewhat different view of their role and their idea of success? It starts with developing a relationship with the various club leaders. It also requires you to gain an understanding of what each club is trying to do and how their leadership operates. This can sometimes take you in a direction that you hadn't thought to travel.

The mission of every Optimist Club is the same – improve the lives of young people, the community and ourselves. This is the starting point. Focusing on the mission is the requirement and communication is the tool. My goals for the district were driven by what each club needs to be effective to ensure that they effectively support the mission of every club.

During the year we have implemented a number of new initiatives, including the mandatory update of all club bylaws; Endorsement of the Optimist Institute and its club and district trainings; expanded awards for the Essay Contest with the addition of a \$1,500 for second and \$1,000 for third place; Roll out of the CARE program and its emphasis on retention; identification of a needed change to our district oratorical contest; greater cooperation of our district clubs to ensure that each club has a major fundraiser (flag program); discussion on better district management of excess funds; Identification of new funding vehicles for our clubs and district; Expanded in-person attendance in district meetings through the in-person and virtual super zone meeting and the identification of a number of potential and their engagement in district programs and operations.

During the first nine months of the year, our clubs have openly accepted our new initiatives. Ensuring that these action items become part of the way our clubs operate in the future will improve our chances of long-term success.

It is my belief that the fourth quarter of the year is the most significant in the

life of the District and our Optimist Clubs. Many of our clubs have cleaned up their rosters by deleting members for non-payment. Other clubs have elected to delete members only while they are adding a new one. It is important to seek to grow the club's membership. Utilizing the "Just Ask" program and creating a NOW (New Optimist Wanted) program will be implemented by only the most deeply committed clubs in the district. The importance of having a strong finish to the year goes without saying. Adding members is the only way to expand the level of service to the community over the long-term.



As governor, I have tried to identify similarity between our Optimist Clubs, The need for a major fundraiser is one that is associated with all of our clubs. Getting the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Crichton Optimist Club and the Huntsville South Optimist Club to share their expertise with the flag program and provide flags for five of our district optimist clubs to kick off their own flag program positions these clubs to have greater financial stability. Allowing our clubs to share the programs they are most proud of has help create better networking between clubs.

The key to ending the year is to identify those priority issues and ensuring that they are done well. This year, the list of suggested activities for the fourth quarter include reviewing and approving club bylaws; conducting the annual planning conference for next year; ensuring that club leaders take the online club and district training offered through the Optimist Institute; conducting at least one project or program where the club focuses on

its own wellness by promoting the event via the local media and social media and conducting a comprehensive NOW program.

As Governor, a request has been made to the Lt. Governors serving our ten zones within the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 to encourage our 42 district clubs to get the job done. Our long-term success will be determined by these efforts to get our local clubs to fulfill several actions that fall outside of the area of delivering programs and projects to their community.

Movies, Music at Lillian Recreational Park Resumes Sept. 6

It's hard to believe the kids go back to school this month! While everyone will be adjusting to their new schedules, we are busy planning some great weekend family fun at the open daily for everyone's enjoyment.

Coming up on Friday, the summer off, we restart in the Park series with music by Rachel Lane and the fun movie UP. The concession stand will be open. Kids 'earn' badges and prizes hunt.



Our Market in the Park starts up again Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Nickie, our Market Coordinator for vendor information at lillianrecreationalpark@yahoo.com. Food trucks, or our world-famous concession stand will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In essence, there will be food.

Saturday, September 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., everyone will want to put this date on their calendar in ink! Come join us as we celebrate and dedicate newly



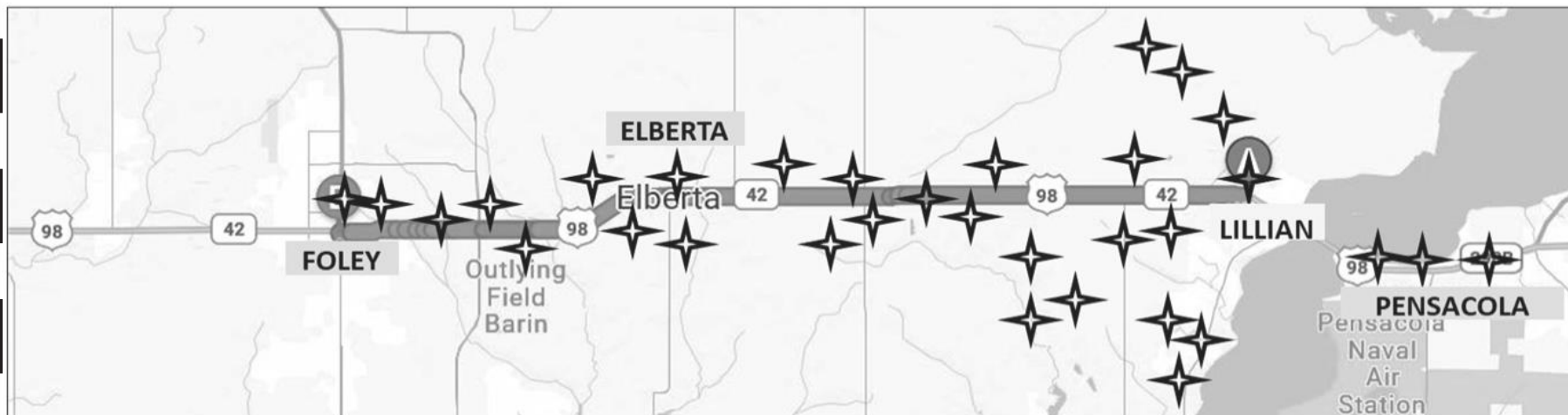
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CHIT CHAT

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 August go out to Pat Wheeler, Hal Heiner, Mary Collier, Faith Dowd, Gene Stewart, Ginny Foreman-

Wynn, Teresa Metts, Georgia Everett, Kayla Cooper, Larry Price, Art Ensign, Greg Wade, John Asbjornsen, Virginia Allen, Ella Ford, James Harden, Mitzie Wolowic, Billy Youngs, Charlotte Befay, Nita Tate, William Vana, Carl Hendrickson, Cliff Collier, Pat Lucy, Carl Benoit, Bruce Allen, Garnet Brady, June Dupree,

Richard Martin, Ken Mason, Marty Leonard, Ron Tremblay and Frances Garner

In August, anniversary congratulations go out to Lee and Cheryl Hoffman, Brandon and Misty Williams, Bob and Charlene Taylor 1982, Eugene and Gail Stewart 1992 and David and Lois Mitchell 2008

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 September issue of The Lillian is August 21.

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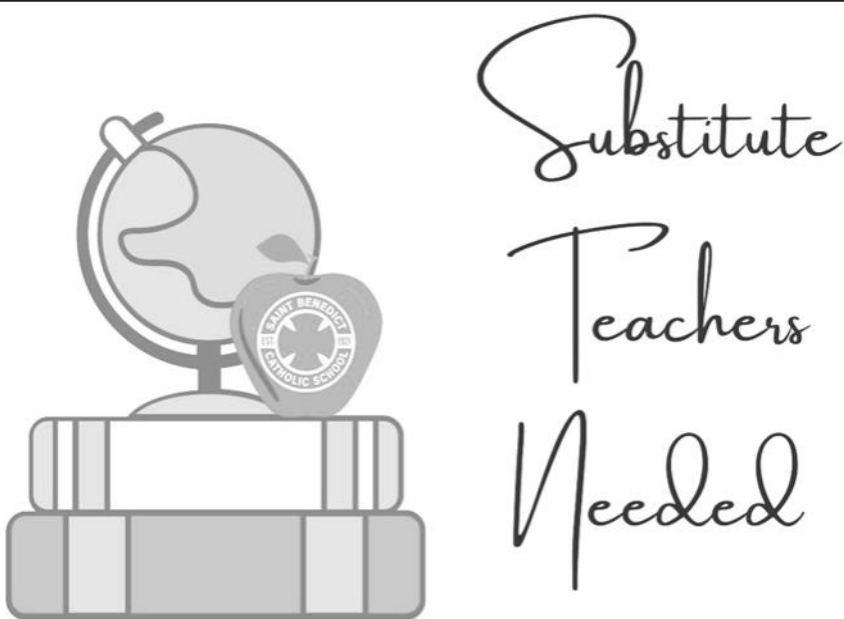
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OBITUARIES

Thomas Lee Weeks, 78, Foley, Had a Love of Farming

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Thomas Lee Weeks of Foley, Alabama, who passed away on July 5, 2024. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Thomas Lee Weeks to pay them a last tribute.

Thomas was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He had a love for farming and for his family.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph Weeks and Marion Weeks; his children, Tommy Weeks, Robby Weeks and Brenda Weeks Porter; and his siblings, Norbert "Butch" Weeks (Christine), Cecil "Jimmy" Weeks, Sammy Weeks and Ann Weeks.

He is survived by his children, Charles "Charly" Weeks (Shayna) of Magnolia Springs and Jamie Weeks of Magnolia Springs; his brother

Johnny Weeks (Susie) of Magnolia Springs; his siblings-in-law, Harry "Bubba" Hubbard and Sylvia Weeks; and his nieces and nephews, Tenna Weeks and Jimmy Weeks, Jr.. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Visitation was held on Saturday, July 13 at the Calendar Foley Chapel. A rosary was held on Saturday, July 27 at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A Mass was held on Saturday, July 27 at the same location.



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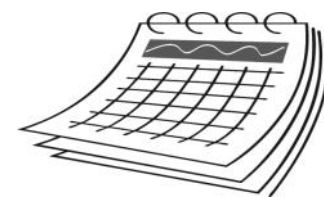
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The Lillian Calendar



August 2024

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:00 AM & August 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 11:00 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.

August 6, 13, 20 & 27 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/>

August 10 & 24 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. To discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org

August 15 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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Go Green for Well Being – Health Benefits of Indoor Plants

Navigating our next steps to health and well-being is an ongoing process and can sometimes leave us feeling overwhelmed. Introducing indoor plants into your home is an easy and affordable way to boost your health. Adding indoor plants to your living space has health benefits that can improve physical health, mood, memory, and productivity.

Cleaner Air

One of the main physical benefits of indoor plants is the ability of plants to produce an air-purifying effect. Poor indoor air quality has been linked to health problems, and research has shown that house plants can be used as a natural addition

and products such as vinyl flooring, furniture, blinds, food packing, cosmetics, and personal care products inside your home. Certain house plants can help purify the air protecting it from toxicants that attach to dust.

Researchers also found that rooms with plants have less dust and mold than rooms without foliage. Leaves and other parts of the plants act as natural filters to catch allergens and other airborne particles

Improve Mood

In addition to helping clean your home's surrounding air, indoor plants lower anxiety by producing a sense of calm. Being surrounded by beau-



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By Donna
Chetta, RN

relaxed and natural calm state of mind. Adding indoor plants can also improve sleep, increase mental focus, and decrease the stress chemical cortisol.

Maintenance Considerations

A few things to consider before adding plants to your indoor space it is important to consider the maintenance involved, the lighting inside the house, and the effects certain plants have on pets. A word of caution - some plants are toxic to pets, so check your vet or the ASPCA toxic plant list to be safe when choosing which plants are best for you and your family.

Also, it is important to remember that specific species of houseplants remove certain toxicants and that houseplants vary in the types of chemicals they can remove from the environment. For more information on the best indoor plants for your health visit the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, (2022), 10 Best Indoor Plants for Your Health, According to Research

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to air filtration. The natural process of plants is to go through photosynthesis which removes carbon dioxide from the air and returns oxygen to the air. They can also remove toxic substances from the air, soil, and water by metabolizing toxicants and releasing harmless by-products.

These toxic chemicals can come from objects

tiful living natural greenery creates a sense of well-being. The Biophilia hypothesis supports this idea which is the innate tendency of humans to seek connections with nature and other forms of life. Interacting with the nurturing process of caring for indoor plants is also linked to suppressing the sympathetic nervous system activity promoting a more

(CHUBBY'S CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"Saltwater cures everything," family members told her. So she moved to Spanish Cove.

By that time, she already had a resume of food service accomplishments. She'd finished culinary school and, specializing in farm-to-table offerings, had shared a kitchen with two-time iron Chef winner Tory Miller.

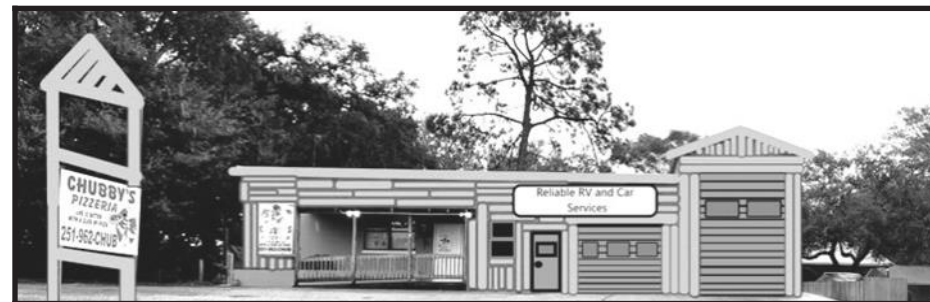
"I was soaking up everything culinary like a sponge," she said.

Here in the Flora-Bama region, she opened Alchemy's Kitchen in downtown Pensacola, which fell victim to Covid shutdowns. She came back with Brother Fox and was voted a Pensacola Rising Star in culinary by *In Weekly Magazine*.

At Chubby's the focus going forward will be on fresh. There's a new pizza dough recipe. Marinara and alfredo sauce will be handmade every day. Wings will be made fresh (never frozen) from chickens raised on a farm near Mobile.

New menu items include a chicken alfredo chicken. Come football season, Halvorson will be setting up her smoker onsite for barbeque wings, brisket and pulled pork.

The Chubby's patio is getting a makeover with TV's and fans just in time



Kleban Properties, owners of the KOA and the property where Chubby's sits, issued this artist's rendition of a future makeover in a rustic cabin motif. The rendition was part of its long-range plans outlined by The Lillian Newspaper in 2022. Look for updates on Kleban's progress in future issues of The Lillian.

for kick-off.

"I have a lot of culinary experience under my belt," she said. "Now I'm just thrilled to have a chance to slow down and connect with neighbors through Chubby's."

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Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

- Our volunteer fire department is great and you'd know that if you ever needed their services. They amaze me every time. Once a year they send out a request and I always add more to the payment than they suggest. The money serves the community of Lillian through the upkeep and purchases of equipment and supplies. Someday you may need their help, so why not help them now.

- The Lillian Perdido Bay Library relies on donations of money and books. Even the two buildings that make up the one library building were a gift. As well as the land it sits on. Local residents volunteered their skills to put the buildings together and set it up as a functioning library. Everyone working there are volunteers and are very helpful. If you've never been you'll be very surprised at all it offers. Ask for a tour to acquaint yourself to what they do have. Many use the library for the availability of their computers and printers. Although a library card is free, you can be a member for a minimal fee. Utilities, supplies and other expenses need your donations to be paid.

Remember- Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container. And as Alexander Smith said, "I go into my library, and all history unrolls before me." It's magic.

Such a shame that libraries are losing their popularity. Especially since they are filled with adventure and knowledge. It is good to have interaction with another human being occasionally instead of a phone or computer screen.

- Every year I donate to the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay's Streets of Red, White and Blue. Proceeds help with activities for our community's children, but that's not all, on National holidays they set the U.S. flag up in your yard, business or church. It is so beautiful seeing our Union Jack flying proudly throughout our neighborhoods.

- Many people over the years have worked very hard to give Lillian a park and they succeeded with the Lillian Recreational Park. Sports, beautiful walkways, and many, many other activities are offered for all ages. It has been a true asset to our community and another local place in Lillian that can always use your donation.

Sometimes it isn't just money you're asked to give. Several of our churches also collect non-perishable food items to give to those having a hard time to provide for their families. Especially today with the high cost of just about everything.

When hurricanes hit along the Gulf Coast, not just Lillian, donations of water, food, clothing and money are requested. These other communities also do the same when Lillian gets hit.

Yes, I've come to the conclusion, that local is better when it comes to donating. Remember that giving of your time and help is also donating.

August has a special meaning for me that tugs at my heart and soul. Memories of love and loss of my husband. I have written about grief on occasion hoping it might help someone going through a loss of a loved-one.

Several years ago, a friend confided in me about how guilty he felt for telling a recent widow that she'll never stop grieving. He spoke from the heart of a widower, but his sorrow was from not explaining to this woman what he meant by that.

We don't get over our loss and there are times without knowing why the memory strikes, stopping us in our tracks and makes us cry. But it does get easier and it isn't that deep horrible grief that pulls you under as though to drown you. That is temporary, thank goodness.

Grief is an emotion that we all will go through at one time or another. It is a part of being alive. It is what makes us human. It shows that we have a heart and feelings. It is also a lesson given to us, telling us to pay attention and to appreciate those we love because our life is only temporary. We wouldn't recognize happiness without the sadness.

"I can no longer see you with my eyes, touch you with my hands, but I will feel you in my heart forever." Grief Tool.

Perdido Bay Residents,

Your bay is being used as a dump. International Paper is dumping chemicals into our bay. The water is toxic to larvae and is herbicidal. Testing by Friends of Perdido Bay has demonstrated the toxicity. Our government has not only allowed this to happen but has supported it. No longer do we see shrimp boats or crabbers in our beautiful bay. This million dollar fishery is gone. Paper mills are the problem. Restore Perdido Bay to its once prolific past. Join Friends of Perdido Bay with a \$30.00 annual membership. Send your membership (Name, Address and Telephone Number) to: Friends of Perdido Bay, 38 S. Blue Angel Parkway, PMB 350, Pensacola, FL

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AUGUST 2024

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14TH ANNUAL BUNCO BASH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2024 | 10 AM - 3 PM | HOFFMAN HALL

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PLUCK OUT
BREAST CANCER



EARLY REGISTRATION - \$30
REGISTRATION AT DOOR - \$35
DOORS OPEN AT 8:30

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR EARLY REGISTRATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION,
CONTACT KAY KAY AT 251-978-4442
OR MASON.WAID@YAHOO.COM BY JULY 27TH.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH - 7:00 PM
CIVIC & LEGISLATION MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH - 8:30 AM
NEW MEMBERS MEETING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH - 3:00 PM
BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH - 7:00 PM

LOUNGE HOURS:

Sunday thru Thursday: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
\$2.75 Bloody Marys ALL DAY Sunday



August Music

- Friday, August 2nd • Blackwater Country • 7-11 pm
- Friday, August 9th • Riptide • 7-11 pm
- Friday, August 16th • T-Bird & the Fat Cats • 7-11 pm
- Friday, August 23rd • Jeri Band • 7-11 pm
- Sunday, August 25th • Jimmy Smith • 3-7 pm

\$5.00 cover for non-members

Community Gathering Tuesday, August 6th | 6:30-8 pm | Hoffman Hall
 Featured Speaker-Tracey Gambill
 Zoning and Planning Update | Open Public Forum Following
 Meet Your Neighbors - Old and New | Light refreshments will be provided




Every Tuesday at 6 pm



Thursday(s) 6:30 pm
August 1st & 15th



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Saturday(s) 6 pm (Signup at 5 pm)
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WHERE THE HECK CAN I FIND THE LILLIAN? SEE PAGE 21



MONDAY - FRIDAY
11-4

MON: FRIED SHRIMP BASKET

12 SHRIMP COOKED TO PERFECTION , SERVED WITH FRIES !

TUE: 3 TACO S SOFT OR HARD

BEEF OR SHRIMP TACOS , YOUR CHOICE

WED : OYSTER PO BOY

DELICIOUS FRIED OYSTERS SERVED WITH FRIES / CHIPS

THUR : HAMBURGER

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EVERY SUNDAY 9:30 - 10:30

GREAT FOOD -COLD BEER!

AUGUST

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
			OPEN MIC 6-10 GARY STORY	BATT 7-10	JANA MECLLEN 7-11	JOHNNYB & BRITT 4-8
5	6	7		9	10	
KARAOKE 5/9 GARY & JACK	TBA	T BONE / BO & MARK 5-9		MELLOW DRAMATICS 6-10	PHIL & FOSTER 6-10	
	13	14		16	17	
	BAT 6-9	LEE ANN ROBBIE 5-9		CHRISTINA & NICK 6-10	VICTROLAS 6-10	
	20	21		23	24	
	ELAINE PETTY 5-9	T BONE BO & MARK 5-9		6-10	BRANDON GIBBS 6-10	
	27	28		30	31	
	JB DYESS 5-9	TBA		SUGARCANE JANE 6-10	NCK & CHRISTINA 6-10	

JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		BAT BENNETT 6-9	LEE ANN CRESSWELL ROBBIE FLEMING 5-9	Independence Day	J HAWKINS J DANIELS 6-10	CAT RHO THE TRU 6-10
	8	9	10	11	12	13
JOHNNY B & BRITT. 4-8	KARAOKE 5-9 GARY & JACK	TBA	T BONE BO ROBERTS M SHERILL 5-9	OPEN MIC GARY STORY 6-10	BRANDON GILES 6-10	BRIAN H TONY R 6-10
	15	16	17	18	19	20
		ELAINE PETTY 5-9	TBA	OPEN MIC GARY STORY 6-10	SUGAR CANE JANE 7-10	JUSTIN JEANSON 6-10
	22	23	24	25	26	27
		TBA	T BONE BO ROBERTS M SHERILL 5-9	OPEN MIC GARY STORY 6-10	MID LIFE CRISIS 7-11	AL / CAT 6-10
	29	30	31			
		JB DYESS	TBA			

MUSIC SCHEDULE