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AL, FL Join Forces for Perdido Bay Testing

Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Program Plans Monthly Sampling in First Step Towards Bay Cleanup

As plans to clean up Perdido Bay ramp up, both sides of the bridge are now testing the waters.

As part of the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Program, 10 new Alabama volunteers will be taking monthly water samples from the mouth of the Perdido River, where freshwater flows into Perdido Bay, all the way south to Soldier Creek.

At the same time, on the Florida side of the bay, the Pensacola and Perdido Bay Estuary Program is funneling grant money to a vigorous new water testing project of its own. Funding for future clean-up work in Perdido Bay on the Florida side has passed the Florida State Senate and is awaiting approval in the House.

“There’s an incredible amount of enthusiasm on both sides of the bridge about restoring Perdido Bay,” said Mike Cleveland, a board member for Western Perdido Bay. “After years of letting the problems grow, people are finally getting excited about bringing the bay back to health.”

The tests will monitor Perdido Bay water for:

Air and water temperature.

Turbidity - measures debris, particles and sediment in the water.

Salinity - measures the saltiness of the water, which fluctuates daily with the tide as fresh water gushes in from Perdido River on the north and salt water cyclically flows in from The Gulf of Mexico. North of the Lillian Bridge, the water is brackish, a mix of salt and fresh, trending more salty to nearly



all salt near the Gulf of Mexico.

“The saltwater line isn’t set in stone,” Cleveland said. “Generally the salt line goes north and south of the bridge but depending on how long the incoming tide lasts, it could move up to the northern bank near Boykin.”

Oxygen levels - crucial for life of fish and plants

pH - In environmental sampling and monitoring, high or low pH values can be indicative of pollution.

Bacteriological - Presence of E.coli or other bacteria show the presence of sewage in the water.

Once the testing kits arrive and the testing begins within the next few weeks, results will be posted monthly on Sweet Home Lillian Facebook Page.

Cleveland and fellow WPBWMP board member Lani Hudson recently attended a day-long water monitoring workshop hosted by the Pensacola and Perdido Bay Estuary Program that drew environmentalists from Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. It drew representatives from The Environmental Protection Agency, South Alabama Land Trust, Mobile Bay Estuary Program, Baldwin County Planning and Zoning, Gulf of Mexico Alliance, Water Resources, Wolf Bay Watershed Watch and Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

“Environmentalists from all around are taking interest and getting involved in the fight to bring back Perdido Bay,” Cleveland said. “It’s an exciting time for those who care about the bay. There’s a lot going on right now.”

Optimists Set Annual Fishing Rodeo May 4; More on Page 19

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay 21st Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 4 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 two to 12. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult.

Awards are given in a variety of categories. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs, buckets, poles and bait. A few poles and bait will be available, however. Catch and release all catfish, but bass and bream 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. For additional information call 251-234-1122.



Optimist Daniel Randall gathered with the 2023 winners of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Fishing Rodeo. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, May 4 at Schaff Pond for boys and girls two to 12 years of age.

COLLEGE BOUND SENIOR? APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP \$; See Rules Pages 2 & 13

Senior Graduate This Spring? Attending College This Fall? Live in 36549 Zip?

Time is Running Out to Apply for a Tuition Grant

They say the dollar is worth less today than it has been in the past, but is that true if it's a free grant? Hardly.

The Lillian Action Committee is offering a \$500 tuition scholarship awaiting one lucky senior who has the time to simply apply. The grant will be awarded to the winning senior and delivered directly to his or her school of choice.

The May 15 deadline for applica-

tion of this award is coming up quickly so check out the application in this issue of The Lillian Newspaper. Grades are not a criterion for this grant. One must only be a graduating senior this Spring, live in the 36549-zip code and have been accepted to a university, college, or trade school for the Fall 2024 school year.

For other criteria see box on right: or look to page 13 entry application.

Follow these instructions to apply: FORM ON P. 13

~ Completed application **MUST** be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by May 15, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

~ Application **MUST** be submitted by mail to *The Lillian*, PO Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.

~ Applicant should submit a clear, current photo headshot by email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com. We will publish the winner's photo when the award is announced.

~ Questions may be directed by email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

~ All eligible applications will be placed in a drawing to win the grant.

Lillian Rec. Park Names Hammond, Attaway as New Board Members

The Lillian Recreational Park is pleased to announce the addition of 2 new board members this year. We welcome Jack Hammond and Fourd Attaway which brings us to a total of 10 directors, all volunteers.

So many improvements have occurred in the past year as well as unfortunate delays. We continue to strive for completion on several projects. It is our hope to add a large new dog run with shading, benches, agility equipment and dual entry gates for safety. Our plans are to keep the existing dog run for smaller dogs, add shading, benches and redo the entry gate as a dual entrance for dog and owner safety.

The Baseball and Softball fields will get some much-needed grooming. As many folks already know the ballfields are available for a small rental fee to teams and leagues who must also provide the park with a liability insurance certificate. Individuals and families are welcome to use the fields for no charge when the fields are not rented.

The newly renovated kitchen and conference room are available for birthday parties, family reunions, or business conferences. There is a nominal fee for the use of either area. Please visit our website for the request to rent the facilities or athletic fields. www.lillianrecreationalpark.org

We have had many delays in completing the much-anticipated Pickleball courts. The problems have been frustrating for us all. We will have an announcement and celebration when they are ready for play, which means getting the painting and striping done, sleeves, posts and nets installed and then the fencing will be installed 2 weeks after the paint is finished.

For all those who have donated their time or money, sponsored an event, attended a movie night or monthly market, enjoyed the FallFest and Christmas in the Park, we thank you and are grateful to this community for its support.



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Saint Mark: Often Depicted With a Lion Symbolizing Courage

On the church calendar we remember the Apostle Mark on April 25. In traditional Christian art, Saint Mark is often depicted as a lion, beside St. Matthew as a man, St. Luke as an Ox, and St. John as an Eagle. Saint Mark's Gospel is indeed relentless and fierce much like a lion, but today another comparison occurs to me.

Lions are symbols of courage which is why the Cowardly Lion from the Wizard of Oz story is such an ironic and comical figure. Of course, the point of that story is actually that the Lion is really quite brave despite his struggles and doubts about himself. He ends up being a courageous hero in the end, but he needs to go on a journey to find his real identity and strength as a king.

We might say something very similar about Saint Mark or the Apostle Mark as he is also known. He starts off as anything but strong and courageous. Many believe the incident recounted in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 14 is a confession by Saint Mark about himself, "And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked." Talk about embarrassing! When the soldiers came for Jesus, Mark was so scared he ran off stark naked!

Moreover, when Mark (or John Mark as he was also often called) was invited along with Paul and Barnabas on an important missionary journey he abandoned them part way through! The reason for his departure is charitably not given, but it left Saint Paul rather annoyed. The next time Barnabas wanted to take Mark along it caused a big fight between the two apostles. Paul flat out refused. He did not want to risk being abandoned again. Paul's reluctance suggests to me that Mark probably lost

his nerve. Paul regarded him as a coward but Barnabas saw his potential and knew that God had great things planned for Mark. He was right of course, not only did Mark go on to become a great missionary, evangelist, and Bishop of the Church of Alexandria, but he died a heroic martyr's death.

Tradition tells us that when Mark's time came he did not run away, but continued to faithfully

proclaim the Gospel where God had placed him. It is believed that Mark was arrested and martyred in Alexandria during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero in the mid-60s AD. According to this account, Mark was dragged through the streets of the city, beaten and spit on by the crowds, and then imprisoned. Behind bars, he received comfort and courage in the form of an angel who visited him and told him he would soon see his Lord. Mark was then beheaded and his body was buried under the altar of the church that he had founded in Alexandria.

Like the so-called Cowardly Lion in the Wizard of Oz, the Apostle Mark found his courage and stepped boldly into the role to which he was called. I do not know about you, but I find the real struggles and frailty of the Saints to be a great encouragement. Despite our flaws we are called to greatness.

The power of Christ is magnified in our weakness.

"Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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Moving Forward
By Rev. Tina Lockett



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The Giant Imposter is Headed This Way - But Not The One You Think

What do you get if you cross the Lone Ranger with an insect? The Masked-quito!

There is a phony disguised as a Giant Mosquito, the Crane Fly! This inch (plus)-long, gangly-legged insect who gets into your house and blindly bounces off the walls and ceiling might be more familiar under the moniker Mosquito Hawk. No? Well, how about mosquito eaters, skeeter eater, gallinipper, golly whoppers?

The scientific names for crane flies are different. Crane flies are found worldwide and are especially diverse in the tropics. There are around 15,500 *known* true crane flies in the family Tipulidae. This family of flies has been around for 245 million years, making them one of the oldest known groups of flies!

One version of our local Crane fly is often brown or tan. They are ridiculously large and may have a wingspan of up to 6.5 cm. If you've lived here a long time, these aren't all that large. If you're from a Northern state, you might get a little freaked out. If that is the case, you may want to avoid all tropical areas as the insects are even bigger where it stays warm constantly!


The adult crane fly has a slender body and long skinny legs that are easily broken. In biology parlance, this adaptation is referred to as "Deciduous". Other deciduous things include trees that shed their leaves in the fall, or the lizard that sheds its tail to escape being eaten. After all, deciduous' Latin root means "to fall off"!

Here's what's super weird – scientists are regularly finding new types of Crane flies all over the world. The smallest crane fly in the world could probably stand on the head of the biggest crane fly in the world. The tiniest ones have bodies that are mere millimeters in length, while the largest can be more than two inches long with leg spans topping 10 inches. There are strange, wingless, spider-like snow crane flies that are thought to live in animal burrows and crawl underneath the snow; there are small, hairy ones; there are larger ones; there are lots of them that suck nectar — it's a diverse and amazing group!

Scientists are also uncertain about courtship and communication. Some crane fly species engage in all-male swarms that apparently attract females. The males of other species will simply flit around their habitat with their forelegs outstretched, perhaps using a contact pheromone to seek out females.

Females may have a long ovipositor, resembling a needle-like stinger, but it is used to deposit eggs in moist soil or in water, depending on the species. These eggs may overwinter, hatching in the early months of spring.

Once the larvae hatch, the immature Crane flies feed on decaying matter, leaf mold and fungi. The larvae, called



Know Your Critters
By Celeste Hadley-



leatherjackets, are often found in December and January under layers of decaying leaves in wet locations such as ditches, the edges of ponds, in wet logs and other damp places. The larvae feed on the decomposing plant matter around them. Leather jackets are important in nutrient recycling of organic matter in both land and aquatic ecosystems. The adult crane fly emerges from the larva stage in February or March and lives just long enough to mate, lay eggs and die.

Adults tend to sit on walls or hang on things like plants, gutters, or soffits, and are attracted to light. For the most part, crane flies want to stay outside because there's nothing in your house for them. They only want to mate and lay eggs, preferably in moist soil. Now and then one of them may accidentally fly in through an open door or window, but it wasn't on purpose.

To prevent Crane flies from laying eggs in and around your house, take care not to overwater your yard. Make sure you've got good drainage to avoid standing pools of water that will create the kind of conditions they like to lay their eggs in. Maybe this is how they got the nickname Mosquito hawks? They like some of the same wet breeding areas the real mosquitoes do. Good lawn care is also recommended. During the warm weather when you see a lot of crane flies, keep the yard mowed once a week. Rake up any dead leaves or excess mulch. If you have pine trees, rake up the fallen mats of pine needles too.

Thankfully Crane flies are neither Hawks or Mosquitoes and contrary to the Internet - they don't eat them either. Crane flies don't eat much of anything once they're adults. They neither bite nor sting. It's a totally harmless, yet beneficial insect.

What do you call a Crane fly with a sore throat? *A hoarse fly!*

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Here's What Else is Going on for the 2023 ('Taxes Due') Season

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Write a check or pay the full amount by direct debit of your bank account. A direct debit is the most common way to pay if you electronically file your taxes. You can go on-line to www.irs.gov to pay your taxes by direct debit of your bank account, even if you do not electronically file your taxes.

Pay by credit card – this option can buy you a few days to a month to pay the bill, often with a “convenience fee” and interest charges when you pay over a period of time, again the only way to do this is on-line.

Ask a family member for a temporary loan. Of course, you have to expect some money in the near future not to jeopardize your family relationships. Not a really good option unless you have rich relatives.

Borrow the money through a personal loan from the bank. Interest rates are high on personal loans if you qualify.

Pay what you can when you file your tax return, then establish a short-term payment plan of six months or less with the IRS. You set this up on-line at www.irs.gov. The IRS will expect you to debit your bank account monthly for the payments. The IRS may still charge interest on the unpaid balance but there is no other cost associated with this plan.

Pay what you can when you file your return, then establish a long-term payment plan (up to five years) with the IRS. This is an Installment Agreement. Your tax preparer can help you establish a payment plan for a fee, or you can set it up yourself at www.irs.gov. Of course you will still pay interest on the unpaid balance and also have a set-up fee, and the IRS will still expect you to debit your bank account monthly for the payments. The set-up fee is less if you have monthly direct debits. You have to wait for IRS approval on the long-term payment plan.

If you already have an Installment Agreement with the IRS, you can add the amount you currently owe to the existing agreement. Usually you do this by applying for a new Installment Agreement and the IRS will consolidate them.

Of course, it is always a better plan to avoid paying the IRS in the first instance. You do this by paying estimated taxes when you think you are going to owe money when you file your tax return. There are a number of ways to pay

estimated taxes.

You can get quarterly payment vouchers from your tax preparer after you look at what you owed for the current year and how your income might change for the following year. There are always unknowns like unforeseen circumstances, capital gain distributions or investment sales that you have no control over and never find out about until you receive the year-end 1099's. So it is always best to add a contingency amount to your estimated taxes.

You can go online at any time to pay an estimated tax. Suppose you get lucky and win big money in the lottery, or need emergency funds so you withdraw from your IRA but do not have any taxes withheld. If you wait until the end of the year, you may have a very large tax bill in addition to late payment charges. This would be the time to go on-line at www.irs.gov to make one or more estimated tax payments.



Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

You can also establish an account with the IRS EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) and set up the times to pay estimated taxes, as a direct debit from your bank account. You can schedule payments up to 365 days in advance, make your tax payment from your home or office 24/7, pay your current tax, easily change or cancel scheduled payments, track your payment with email notifications, view 15 months of payment history and receive help with payments or questions from Customer Service Agents.

The IRS website has all of these options accessible.

Click on the “Make a Payment” on

the home page and it will direct you from there.

I hope this information has been helpful.

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ALDOT Traffic light at Hwy 98 and County Road 91 is in the design phase. Request made to lower speed limit by 10 mph from US Highway 98 and County Road 99 to west of County Road 91 will be evaluated. No other updates for now.

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Post 48 here in Lillian's membership is at 92.6% we need a few more members whether you be a new one, old member who has been missing for a few years or even someone who has not renewed from last year to get to that coveted 100 percent.

The American Legion is your voice in congress; they need membership numbers when they go in front of the VA and all concerned. Membership has been declining with the last of our WWII, Korean and a good majority of our Vietnam Vets, going on the great commander in the sky, this is your chance to be heard.

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

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The individuals to contact are as follows: Bill Burns @ 251 978-3440 and Darrel Ochs @ 251 269-9084. We are very fortunate to have this much needed service and we invite everyone to use it. 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.

Every Wednesday morning from 9am to 11 a.m, Legion Members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee!

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Lillian Community Club Hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.



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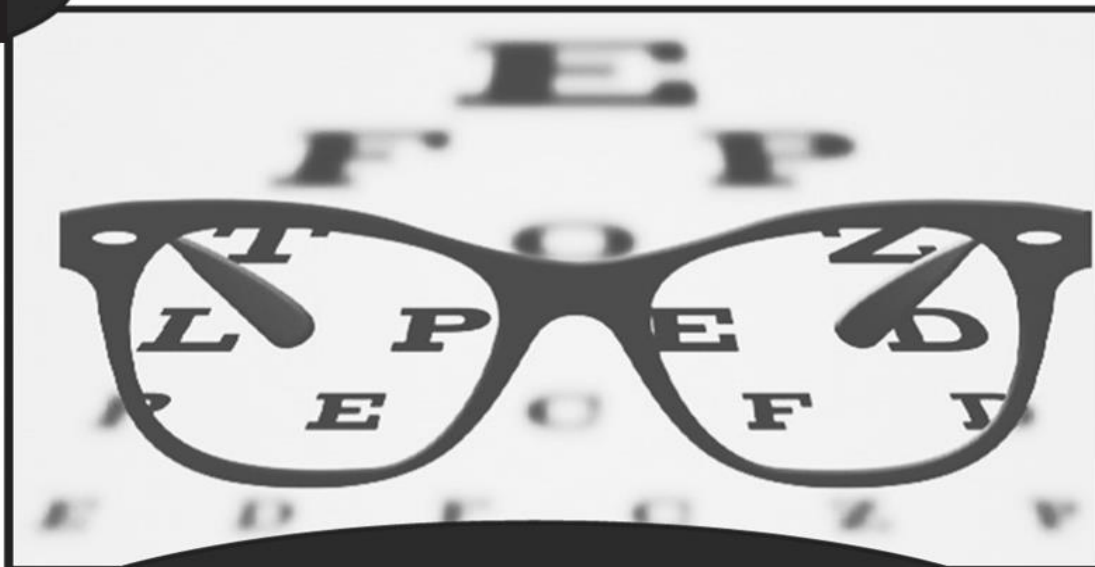


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Elberta Students Shine at State Competition



The Elberta Middle School Chapter of FCCLA attended the Alabama FCCLA State Leadership Conference and STAR Events Competition March 6-8. They received the Alabama Prescription for Healthy Living Award for their work bringing awareness to the dangers of vaping. They also achieved the Gold Level of the Alabama Star Chapter Award for having a balanced program of work, participation in state and national leadership events, conducting community service projects, and promoting FCCLA through various public relations efforts. FCCLA Adviser, Alyssa Corbitt, was also awarded the FCCLA Adviser Mentor award.

Eight students competed in the state level of STAR Events and did extremely well! Seven have the opportunity to compete at the national level of competition this summer in Seattle, Washington.

McCoy Ezell, Brylee Householder, Maggie Thorjusen: Event Management, 2nd place, National qualifiers Blakely Kichler: Food Innovations, 3rd place Avie Busby, Ryleigh Fogos: Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, 1st place, National qualifier Emma Franks, Michlynne Shaver: Sports Nutrition, 1st place, National qualifier.

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Perdido Beach VFD Aux. Hosts Charity Events April 13

Perdido Beach Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary is hosting a myriad of events to welcome in Spring and raise funds.

All are welcome to stop by April 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PBVFD Station for our Spring Event.

This includes a pancake breakfast at \$6 a plate that will include pancakes, sausage or bacon, fruit toppings, whip cream, juice, milk or coffee.

There will be a yard sale as well and participants may rent a table for \$5 for selling your own goods.

There will also be a silent auction on gift baskets made by the auxiliary and a t-shirt sale, For the kids there is a coloring contest and bounce house. All proceeds to benefit the surrounding communities. If you have any questions please contact

Auxiliary President Carolyn Hertel at 251-609-0608

Spanish Cove Residents Asked to Enter Recipes by April 15 for Book Publication

How many times have you attended a potluck supper, Quarter Bingo or a church event and wished you had the recipe for that delicious dish? Well, now we can all help each other out.

The Spanish Cove Communication Committee is planning a Cove cookbook to commemorate the event in cooperation with the Spanish Cove Golden Jubilee group. Cove residents may provide your favorite recipes until the April 15 deadline. The books are expected to be available for sale in June 2024. Here are the instructions in case you want to email the recipe:

1. List all ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.

2. Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.

3. Use abbreviations for ingredients, pt. (pint); qt. (quart); pkg. (package); env. (envelope); c. (cup); tsp. (teaspoon); T. (tablespoon); oz. (ounce); lb. (pound); doz. (dozen); sm. (small); med. (medium); lg. (large).

4. Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.

5. Use the name of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."

6. Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.

7. Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of the recipe, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.

8. Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:

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Be sure to include your name as you want it to appear in the cookbook, phone number (in case we have a question), and Email address (in case we can't get you on the phone.)

Tell us how old your recipe is. Is it vintage/family/new?

Is your recipe vegan/GF/vegetarian/kosher? Pet friendly?

Only Cove residents, current, part-time and former, may submit three to five entries to neighbors@spanishcove.org, give them to your friends on the Communications Committee or drop them off at the Spanish Cove offices before April 15! A form is available at the offices in case you prefer to write the recipes on paper. Don't forget.

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~ Completed application MUST be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by May 15, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

~ Application MUST be submitted by mail to *The Lillian*, PO Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.

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Optimist Programs Make a Difference

The impact of Optimist Clubs in the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 soared during February and March according to District Governor Jeff Keener. "Three of the Optimist Scholarship programs, the Essay, Oratorical and Hard of Hearing contest, got started in February and March and our early indications are that the participation numbers have grown significantly," said Governor Jeff Keener.

The Optimist Essay program is the second oldest Optimist International scholarship program and 1/3 of district clubs participated. This is 14 of 42 Clubs that took part in the District wide contest," said Keener. "The exciting part is that our clubs are having more participation in the scholarship programs. The Pleasure Island Optimist Club, serving Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, had 56 contestants in the Essay program. The typical participation level is less than five contestants and we had nine of our clubs report significantly more participation."

The winner of the Essay contest will be announced at the third quarter District meeting in Pearl, Mississippi on May 4. Keener shared, "The winner of the contest receives a \$2,500 college scholarship. We are in the process of raising funds to award a district runner-up (\$1,500) and third place finisher (\$1,000). The Essay Scholarship winner grant is provided by the Optimist International Foundation.

The Oratorical contest, the oldest of the OI scholarship programs, has also seen increased numbers of participants. A total of 42 Optimist Clubs make-up the Alabama Mississippi District. The clubs are broken down by geography (location) into ten zones. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay based in Lillian is part of Zone 6 which encompasses Baldwin County. The winner of each Zone contest advances to the Regional that includes a Southern, Central and Northern Region. The District contest will be held in Pearl, Mississippi on Saturday, May 4 and it features those contestants who advance from the Regions.

Clubs may offer the local winner up to \$500, while the District top three finishers receive \$2,500 for first, \$1,500 for second and \$1000 for third place. A total of \$30,000 is awarded at the International level.

According to Keener, "We have also seen an increase in participation in the Communication Contest for the Hard of Hearing. This year contestants will hail from all three regions of the District. The upcoming District meeting in Pearl, Mississippi will also see us crown a CCDHH Champion and award a \$2,500 scholarship."

The Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 held its annual Junior Optimist District Convention in Montgomery, Alabama early in March and had its best member participation in over 10 years. JOI District Chair Barbara Maye from the Montgomery Central Optimist Club served as event coordinator and did an outstanding job. Close to 100 Junior Optimist Club members took part in the one-day event. The students took part in training segments on bullying, personal values, health care and the impact of posting on social media. Participants also took part in a general fitness session that got everyone up and moving for 30 minutes. This segment reached both the student and adult participants as they learned the value of a healthy lifestyle.

Local Club President Dodd Bouchillon is chairing the District Golf Championship. He has arranged for the event to be held on June 10 at Glenlake Golf Club in Foley. The cost of participating in the District event is only \$75. The winner of the seven age groups, four for the boys and three for the girls, that also meets or exceeds the required minimum score will receive an invitation to participate in the Optimist International Golf Championship held at Trump Doral Country Club in Miami, Florida in July. The District is currently raising funds through sponsorship and donations to provide the seven age group winners who meet or exceed the required minimum score the entry fee of \$700 each.

Kathy Keener, another local Club member, is serving as the District Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Chair.



Optimist Club

By Jeff Keener, Optimist District Governor

RED HATS CELEBRATE ST. PAT'S DAY



The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat ladies had their March gathering at the El Patron restaurant in Pensacola. Our wonderful hostesses were Joy Woreck and Lois Koslucher. Our birthday girls, Judy Wargo and Waynette Brown, got to wear St. Patrick crowns, received St. Patrick socks, and wore Leprechaun brooches. Each Red Hat lady received a gift bag with a green necklace and almond butter biscuit bar. Priscilla Westgate, Sandra Juries, BettyLou Streit, and Inga Petit won ceramic 'Pot of Gold' door prizes. We look forward to our next gathering on April 9 at the Hotel Magnolia in Foley.

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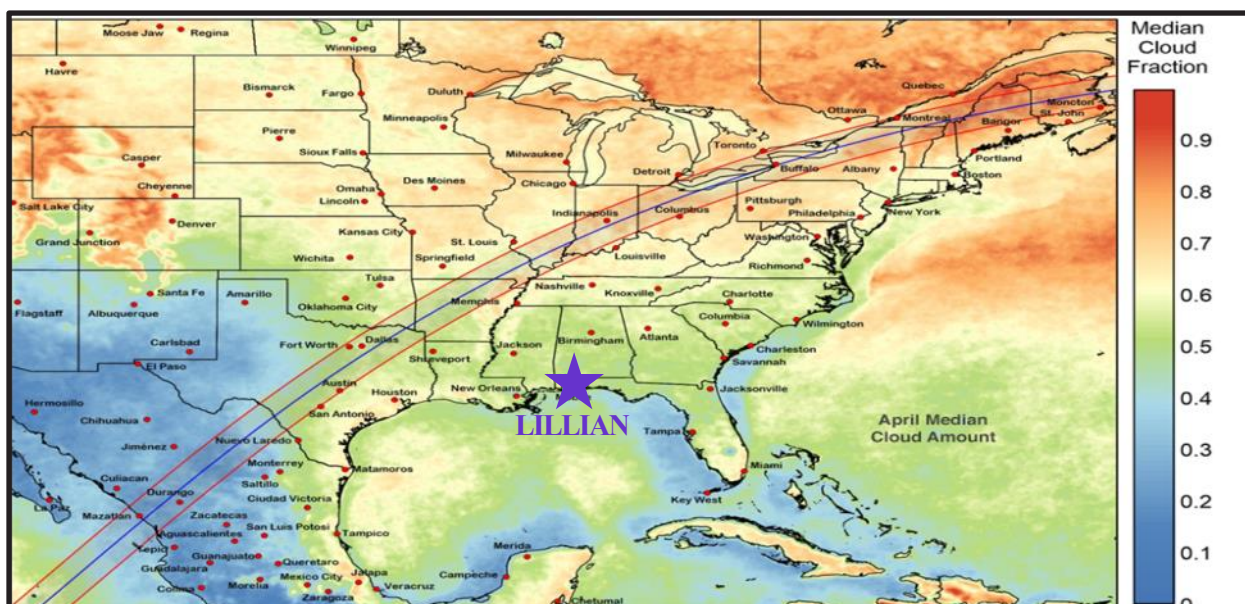
Total Solar Eclipse to Cross Nation April 8; Here's Where You Can View It

Do you remember the total solar eclipse that crossed the continental United States from coast to coast on August 21, 2017? If you lived in, or traveled into, the 70-mile-wide path of totality, where the Moon completely blocked the Sun and turned day into night for 2 minutes or so, you undoubtedly remember it well. If you were outside that path under clear skies somewhere else in North America (or northern South America), perhaps you saw a partial solar eclipse that day.

The total phase of the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse as seen from Madras, Oregon. This is a composite of short, medium, and long exposures, as no single exposure can capture the huge range of brightness exhibited by the solar corona. The star to the left (east) of the eclipsed Sun is Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo.

A safe solar filter is required to observe or photograph the Sun.

The 2017 total solar eclipse was the first to touch the "Lower 48" since 1979 and the first to span the U.S. from coast to coast since 1918. Remarkably, another total solar eclipse is coming to North America on April 8, 2024, just seven years after the last one. This time the Moon's dark central shadow, about 115 miles wide, will cross Mexico, sweep northeast from Texas to Maine, and then darken parts of Eastern Canada.



A partial solar eclipse will be visible to nearly everyone in North America fortunate to have cloud-free skies.

During a total solar eclipse, the Moon blocks the Sun's bright face — the *photosphere* — briefly revealing our star's outer atmosphere: the shimmering *corona*, or "crown."

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April Brings Some Novel Days of Note

Well, April is starting off with a bang.

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And then we have Confederate Memorial Day on April 26. At our Library we have a whole section about Alabama, from Huntsville to Lillian. We've had several family's that have moved into Lillian and have stopped in to check out our Library.

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LASAR Members Elected to State Levels



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Sixteen LASAR and Lillian Fire Department members attended classes during the recent group cruise on the Carnival Spirit out of Mobile. Classes included: CPR, Pediatric Search and Rescue, Dive Tender, Blood-borne Pathogens, and Swift Water Rescues. In addition to the classes this was a good opportunity for members and the spouses to get to know each other.

Anyone who would like to learn more about LASAR can contact Commander John Wade at (518)859-7381.

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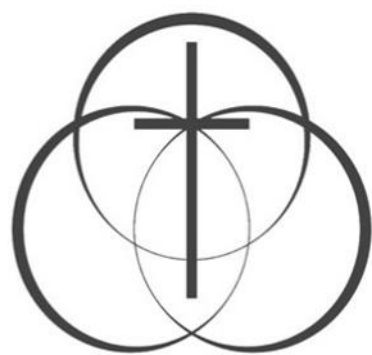
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The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

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We're supposed to be His witnesses, making certain that His message is communicated in this turbulent world. Are you a good witness for Jesus? First, A Good Witness Needs to Be CREDIBLE! Credibility is everything in today's society! We're tired of people who say one thing and do something else. We MUST be authentic. A good witness needs, first of all, to be credible. Second, A Good Witness Needs to Be CARING! "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care." Do your neighbors know that you genuinely care about them? How about your friends, the people at work, your own family members? To witness for Christ you must be credible, you must be caring. Third, A Good Witness Needs to Be COMMITTED! A genuine credible and caring Christian is committed to being a witness for Christ in ALL they Do! Are you fully committed to being Christ witnesses to others? Our personal relationship with Jesus is personal but it is not private. According to the New Testament, if we are followers of Christ, then we are witnesses. You are either saved witnesses for Christ or witnesses against Christ and are lost in sin. We kid ourselves if we think we can hide our light under a bushel without it eventually going out altogether. A Christian Chinese woman named Su Xu-eling was facing opposition from the Chinese government for her telling others about Christ through her business. Su was born into a communist family. She knew nothing of Christ until her husband was dying of cancer when she was in her 30s and a nurse suggested that she might find solace in Christianity. Struggling with grief and debt while trying to make a living selling noodles door to door, this Chinese woman visited a church. One thing led to another, and Su became a Christian. Through friends, she began to raise money for a noodle factory. When she opened it, she named her business Gospel Foodstuffs, Ltd., and printed "Gospel Noodles" boldly on the packages. Her business prospered, and a friend challenged her to donate money to start a seminary. The seminary prospered and grew until it was serving 200 students. Refusing to bend to a law forbidding evangelizing, the seminary even taught Arabic in the hope of sending missionaries to the Middle East. Remember this was in communist China. Finally, the government shut down the school as well as Su's noodle business. Later, the government backed down, in part because Su was so popular that they couldn't afford to treat her as roughly as they might an unknown believer. You can't keep a good woman down. The Christian faith is growing by leaps and bounds in China and other persecuted regions of the world today because of committed witnesses like Su. You and I do not yet face the same challenges as these witnesses, but Christ does expect the same level of commitment. So, how good a witness are you? It's really a simple assignment if you choose to accept it. We are to live credibly as a disciple of Christ, being a person who genuinely cares and is pro-active about it living boldly, confidently, creatively, so that the world will know that you are a follower of Jesus Christ! Jesus Calls you to, "Be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Will You? Are you? Are you being a good witness?

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While volunteering at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library recently I was asked to help a patron with her computer project. She was contacting several people in the state to make them aware of problems in Perdido Bay with piers. It seems some are being built at an angle that affects the access to the bay for neighbors.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

For years the Friends of Perdido Bay has been trying to make us aware of pollution in the bay caused by the paper company in Florida.

Thanks to the efforts of Tracey Gambill another major building project has been diverted to keep our town from becoming overcrowded. She continues to keep us updated on events that may affect our way of life in Lillian.

In addition, we are blessed with a variety of churches, the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, the Lillian Recreational Park, the Lillian Community Club and the library whose volunteers make this place for all of us to live in peace and harmony, no matter where we originated.

As I write this, I am preparing to attend a luncheon in Spanish Cove that honors our volunteers. This event made me think of all of those in Lillian who also serve our community but don't get the attention they deserve. I'm sure there is not a place in Lillian big enough to hold all of the volunteers in order to give them the praise they deserve.

However, I'm sure you know some of them who do their best to keep our town just the way we like it, so please when you see them, be sure to thank them for their service to our community. When they need you to send a letter or email to our local government officials, please help them out. Perhaps you can find a few hours a month to volunteer at your favorite venue.

After all, if there were no volunteers, Lillian would not be the perfect place to live that you found when you visited here to check it out. You made the right decision to move here. Now, how about giving a little back to keep Lillian the little bit of paradise we all love?

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Todd Named Mason Secretary

The Lillian's Masonic Lodge Senior Warden David Johnson opened the Lodge on March 5 in the East as the Worshipful Master and conducted the business of the lodge.

Michael "Shane" Todd was formally installed as Secretary during meeting.

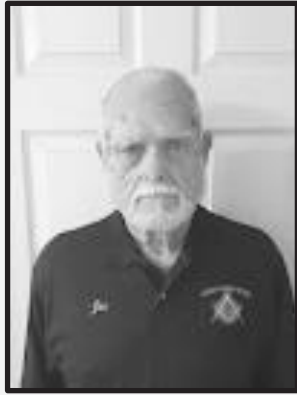
Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Joe Taylor, conducted the proficiency exam on the entered apprentice degree for Brother Al Perez. After refreshment, Worshipful Master Joe Taylor opened in the Fellow Craft degree so the Lodge brothers could vote on the proficiency of the lecture delivered by candidate Al Perez and he was confirmed as proficient in his knowledge and delivery by Lodge Brothers. Brother Perez was given his Fellow Craft degree in March 19.

In other business, Brother Roger Cramp formally applied for membership with the Lillian Masonic Lodge F & AM 925. His application for plural membership in the Lillian Lodge was read and voted on for submission to the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Brother Cramp will have to wait 30 to 60 days or more for his application to return from the Grand Lodge of New York. Brother Cramp's local lodge must approve the plural membership and forward their support to the Grand Lodge of New York which must send their approval back to the Grand Lodge of Alabama. All of this happens before Brother Cramp can be recognized as a member of the Lillian Masonic Lodge F & M 925.

Fourteen Lodge members and two visiting Lodge members were present at the meeting. The meeting closed with Worshipful Mater Joe Taylor unveiling a new Lodge shirt embroidered by SGI of Elberta.

The dinner was catered by the Crazy Horse Café and featured chili, white rice, sweet and unsweet tea, and assorted desserts.



Joe Taylor

was given his Fellow

Mind Matters: Tips on Mental Health

Ever had one of those days when things at work and home are moving so quickly you feel as though you can't catch your breath? I have been in this position many times and still continue to struggle with slowing down. It is challenging to continue life at warp speed without stopping to smell the roses. Mindfulness practices are a great way to regain mental, emotional, and physical balance and put the brakes on the stress response. So, what exactly is mindfulness?

According to (Baer, 2003), mindfulness creates cognitive space that allows non-judgment observation to occur; consequently, leading to the ability to control emotional tension associated with thoughts, feelings, and attitudes. The stressor still exists, but the effect it has on the person is minimized through choice and a sense of control.

One of the most effective techniques for achieving a mindfulness state is using the breath to connect with the mind and body. On average a person takes between 12-16 breaths a minute which equals to approximately 20,160 breaths per day. The breath powers every cell and organ in our bodies and can help to relieve stress and tension just by focusing on the inhale and exhale a few minutes a day. Mindfulness breathing allows a person to be in the present moment and have awareness of what type of thoughts are going through their mind. Thoughts drive emotions and feelings, so a person must know what type of thoughts a person is thinking and how to respond with intention. Think about your day. How many times you do things just because that is how you always do them. Also, think about your thoughts and how many times you think in the past and future tense, and do a little time travel.

Focused Breathing

Focusing breathing allows a person to pay attention to the here and now. It works in calming the mind and body by focusing on the breath and allowing a person to become aware of the thoughts and sensations within their body. It also slows down the stress response. We often get hooked by our thoughts letting them affect how we feel. For example, going to work during rush hour can put anyone in a bad mood that lingers throughout the morning. By doing a few minutes of mindfulness breathing a person can tune into what is going on internally and make a deliberate choice to not let the incident of rush hour traffic cloud their entire day. For those who have a hard time sitting still for too long, there are also ways to achieve mindfulness through movement.

Mindfulness Movement

Mindfulness movement such as gentle yoga is another great way to check in with your body and focus on your breath. If yoga isn't your thing, then you can also do a few of your favorite stretches with a focus on breath. The idea is to slow down and tune into what you are feeling inside your body and to focus the mind. Walking meditation is another great way to practice being more mindful. Ideally, when doing a walking meditation, you should find a place where it is quiet such as the park or your neighborhood. Focus on each step while you walk such as the lifting of one foot and next the heel-first transfer of the weight to the other. Every time your foot hits the ground, bring your attention to your breath and sensations within your body.

Scientists found that taking slow controlled breaths may change how the arousal center in the brain is affected, changing your state of mind.

This also translates to physical benefits such as relieving tension and joint pain within the body.

To achieve the benefits of mindfulness it is important to start slow and practice. Set a goal to practice 10 minutes daily and find out what type of mindfulness works for you.

Now is all we have. We can clear our minds of the residue of yesterday. We can clear our minds of fears of tomorrow. We can be present, now and make ourselves available to the present moment this day. Have no regrets, relinquish your resentments. Be still, Be here, and trust. – Melody Beattie – The Language of Letting Go

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Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN



Donations Ring in Spring for Lillian Volunteer Firefighters

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 63 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in February: 31 Medical Assistance; 5 Public Assists; 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 5 Brush Fire; 4 Structure Fire; 6 Cancelled en route; 4 False Alarm/Miscellaneous and 4 Aircraft standby.

In March, Chief Dewhurst and Deputy Chief Mullane presented a check for \$3,000 to Shriners Children Hospital. The funds were raised from last month's chili cook-off. We would also like to thank Creek Waste & Recycling, LLC for their incredible generosity in fueling our firefighters with a delicious BBQ dinner last month. Your support means the world to us! That's what life is all about 'helping each other'!

Currently, call volume is stable. The types of calls have been pretty varied. We have responded to several brush fires and some structure fire calls last month. We recently had a large brush fire that required a maximum response of all surrounding mutual aid. Thankfully, there was no property damage or injuries during

this large operation. The semi-annual General Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Monday, April 1st. This meeting will be held at: 11331 County Road 91S at 6:30 p.m. All Lillian residents are welcome to attend.



Deputy Chief, Todd Mullane presenting check to representative of Shriners children hospital.

LVFD would like to thank everyone who has sent in their annual donations for 2023/2024. Around October/November we usually see the vast volume of donations; however, we are pleased to say we are still seeing checks being sent in weekly. If you haven't already sent yours in yet or, lost the solicitation letter, we have supplied a form with this article to fill out with your donation.

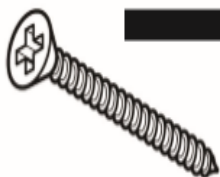


Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretty Lysek



LVFD firefighters about to enjoy BBQ from Creek Waste & Recycling, LLC.



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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 a wide variety of events like birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in April go out to Katie McNeill, Jean Miller, Ron Parks, Dolores Price, Ag-

nes Humble, Linda Aycock, Don Dieterman, Judy Broz, Judy Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger, Hadley Verret, Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettner, Johanna Martin,

Teresyta Rybarski, Wes David Verret, Chloe Pitard and Carter Pitard

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in April are Jim and Carol Peale 1962, Dick and Mary Ayres 1963, John and Jamie Pugh 2006, Carl and Bobbie Benoit 2007, Bill and Linda Sepac 2007.

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 place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

Deadline for the May issue is April 17.



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OBITUARIES

Fredrick Thomas Wilson, Lillian

Fredrick Thomas Wilson (Fred), 76, of Lillian, Alabama peacefully passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at his home.

He was surrounded by his loving family and beloved pets. Fred grew up in Huntsville, Alabama and started his Career in Data Processing at Huntsville Hospital.

He later relocated to Oxford, Alabama, and worked at Regional Medical Center in Anniston, AL until his retirement.

He was a member of the Sertoma Organization for many years. Fred was an avid Auburn fan and tailgated with friends and family and attended as many games as possible.

He was also an active member of the Oxford Band Boosters, where his children attended high-school.

Fred was predeceased by his parents, Joe and Myrtice Wilson, his grandson, Deven Conrad, his brother Eric Wilson, his mother and father-in-law, Pete and Juanita Fancher, and his sister-in-law, Connie Fancher. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of thirty four years, Sandra Fancher Wilson, his son, Ian (Jayme) Stephens, his daughter, Claire (Kenny) Brown, grandson, Kendall Brown, granddaughters Sydney Brown (Nils Larsen), Maddi Cassell, great grandson Kieran, great-granddaughter, Nori Conrad, his brother Jeffery (Cindie) Wilson, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fred was a loving husband, father, fisherman, and loved the beach and all of his dogs, large and small, past and present.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Those who wish to honor Fred should donate to their local Animal Rescue/ Shelter or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Jason Lloyd Frank, 53, Elberta

Jason Lloyd Frank, a resident of Elberta Alabama, passed away on March 7, 2024 at the age of 53. All that knew Jason knew that he was an honest, hardworking, fun-loving father, pawpaw, son, brother, uncle and friend. He spent as much of his time hunting as he did in his tractor...except for those times when he had to stop and work on one of them. Jason loved his girls, grandbabies, family, and a whole LOT of mischief.

In the summertime you could find him at the creek with his butt in the sand, a cold beer in his hand, and his nine toes in the water. Jason was preceded in death by his parents, George Jr. and Sharon Frank, and his nephew Dalton Schoetzow. Jason is survived by his children Shelby (JW) Keith, Katie Frank, and Maddie Frank; his grandchildren Colton Lloyd Keith, and Paisleigh Londyn Buchanan; sister, Amy (Sonny) Schoetzow; brother, Justin (Niki) Frank; nephews, Haden Schoetzow and Easton Frank; niece, Kaylee Frank; his extended farming family, and many other friends. A celebration of life will be held this month. His daughters will announce those details soon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory can be made to Future Farmers of America (FFA).



Mary Ann (Orzehowski) Casebolt, Spanish Cove Resident Since 2000

Mary Ann (Orzehowski) Casebolt, mother to John (Boston, MA), Retta (Atlanta, GA) and Ronnie (Cincinnati, OH), wife to Lawrence (Lillian, AL and Pensacola, FL), sister to Rosemary (White House, TN), passed away on March 12, 2024. Her final moments were spent surrounded by loving family and close friends.

After making a home for many years in Bellville, OH, Mary Ann and Larry moved south, landing in Spanish Cove in 2000. It was there Mary Ann enjoyed reading on the sunny screened porch, trips to the beach, Yacht Rock music, Kokopelli collectibles, visits by children and grandchildren (Alex, Rachel and

Ryan), beautiful flowers and birds in the yard, and fresh local seafood with sips now and again of blackberry wine. Known for her selflessness, patience and strength, Mary Ann will be dearly missed by all who knew her. As she was always thinking of others, Mary Ann would wish to be remembered for the joy and kindness she shared, and not just the sadness of her passing.

A private memorial and celebration of her life will be held at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lillian mid-April.



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Douglas Edward Wallington, 65

Douglas Edward Wallington (aka "Knarley"), 65, of Elberta, Alabama passed away on March 1, 2024. Doug grew up as an Army brat and lived all over the world before settling down in Elberta, Alabama.

He has always had the amazing talent for tinkering and fixing mechanical devices; conversely, he could also quote a vast number of biblical scriptures verbatim. Doug was always on hand to help a friend in need and will be dearly missed and always remembered. Doug was predeceased by his mother, June Francis Wallington. He is survived by his father Edward Hugh Wallington and sister Kristy Wallington Nijenkamp. Doug will have a celebration of life service be held in his honor as opposed to traditional funeral services on April 19 at 5:00 pm at Pirate's Cove in Elberta, Alabama.

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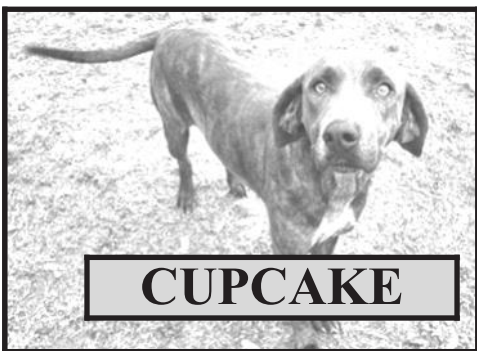
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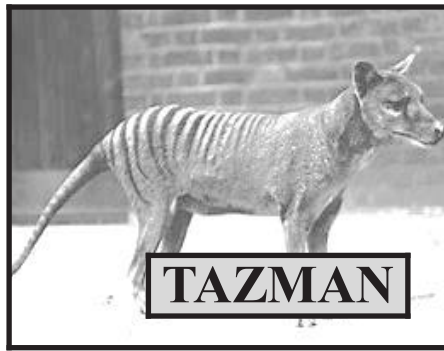
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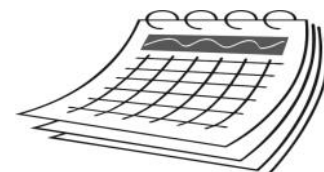
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The Lillian Calendar



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

April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1:00 PM & April 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630. (No class the week of Christmas)

April 13 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast with this year's Oratorical Contest Recipients 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

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

April 27 at 8:00 AM: Respect for Law Recognition Breakfast sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community. Join us at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian AL 36549 as we honor all law enforcement agencies in Baldwin County. To discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org



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OPTIMISTS PROVIDE A TASTY TREAT AT BALDWIN SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT



Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently participated in the annual Baldwin County Special Olympics in Fairhope by providing hot dogs and barbecue sandwiches to 459 students and teachers.

Baldwin Accepts \$1,000,000 for Sally, Zeta Recovery Planning

On December 19, 2023, the Baldwin County Commission accepted the CDBG-DR sub-award from ADECA in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the development of a Local Recovery Plan (LRP). The LRP will identify the local unmet needs resulting from Hurricanes Sally and Zeta in 2020 through outreach and coordination with impacted stakeholders. The County awarded the Planning Phase to MB3 Inc. d/b/a Civix in the amount of \$370,081.00. The allocation of CDBG-DR funds will be available to the Commission for a wide range of eligible activities to address unmet housing, infrastructure, economic development, mitigation, and other eligible unmet needs, to be described in the LRP.

Specifically, the services to be provided by Civix include, but are not limited to:

TASK 1: Communication and Outreach

Subtask 1.1 – Client Collaboration

Subtask 1.2 – Outreach Support

Subtask 1.3 – Project Analysis

TASK 2: Local Recovery Plan (LRP) Development

Subtask 2.1 – Strategic Planning

Subtask 2.2 – Client Collaboration

Subtask 2.3 – Outreach Support

Subtask 2.4 – Project Analysis

Data analyses are used to define prioritized needs within vulnerable populations and to describe potential projects and estimated costs within the LRP.

Develop goals and performance measures corresponding to the implementation of the approved LRP.

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HOBY is a youth leadership training program founded by actor Hugh O'Brien that focuses on High School sophomore students. The three-day event is hosted on a college campus. This year the Alabama HOBY is being hosted at Troy University, while the Mississippi program is being held at Mississippi College.

Optimist Clubs have a number of participation options: 1) Clubs can directly sponsor a student or students; 2). Provide a sponsorship that allows HOBY to select the student and for the club to support that student and 3). Make a financial donation or a gift of service to the HOBY organization or to the HOBY seminar. This is a very popular program among Alabama Mississippi District Optimist Clubs

based on the visual improvement in confidence and planning skill of the participants. The local club sponsors two students from Elberta High School and the Elberta Junior Optimist Club to participate in the program.

Keener shared his theme "How Can I Help" and his overall belief in the success of the clubs in the district. He said, "Our clubs are making greater impact in our communities through their programming. I am receiving updates from administrators and teachers that their students are showing more confidence in themselves and this impacts them in the class room and at home.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and the Pleasure Island Optimist Club, both from Zone 6 and Baldwin County, continued their tradition of leading

the District in number of new member additions. The most visible program for the District also goes to the Perdido Bay Club for feeding all of the athletes participating in the March 9 Baldwin County Special Olympics held in Fairhope. This was followed closely by the job fair held in Montgomery for a junior high school where over 40 professions were on hand to share with students details about the benefits of working in their field and sharing insight into how a student would prepare themselves to later pursue this as a profession career.

Optimist around the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 are making a difference in their communities. For more information on Optimist Clubs in Alabama or Mississippi, please contact me, Jeff Keener, at 251-210-9081.

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Getting Close to Our Neighbors

North America is moving closer to Europe and should contact that continent in the near future. Which in geologists' language can mean a couple million years so no need to get excited.

About 335 million years ago the supercontinent of Pangea was fully formed. And about 200 million years ago, or the beginning of the Jurassic era this huge mass of land began to break into the continents that we know today.

The reason the land pulled apart and is always on the move is because the Earth's lithosphere is comprised of many Teutonic Plates that constantly but slowly are in motion.

The edges where the plates touch is called a fault. Stress is caused when these edges catch, or one shoves under the other. This action can cause the earth to quake. The number on the seismograph depends on if it is a tap or a shove. This, of course, is a very simple, non-scientific explanation.

Another thing caused by the friction of the Teutonic Plate movement is the formation of mountains. The longest mountain range on Earth is the mid-ocean ridge located in the Atlantic Ocean basin. The northern tip is visible and has formed Iceland.

This plate movement is very important to the survival of Earth and one of the elements that make our planet inhabitable. The main reason is the movement helps release gases, thus helping to cool Earth's temperature. This action is called 'the thermostat effects of Plate Teutonic's'.

Of course, the most important element for a livable planet is water followed by a sun the perfect distance from our orbiting home. Believe it or not, our moon is super important because of its magnetic pull that keeps our spaceship Earth from over rotating and it also regulates the ocean tides. I suppose you could say the moon keeps us from becoming wayward in space. And humans think they are in charge.

A bit of trivia: Recent evidence has brought to light that at the time of Pangea (mentioned above) Antarctica was a tropical paradise instead of the frozen wasteland of today. It is also theorized that it may become tropical again sometime within a geologists' time frame.

The upcoming solar eclipse should peak somewhere around 2 p.m. in our area on Monday, April 8.

However, Lillian is out of the zone of full eclipse observation so we will only see the moon cover about 77% of the sun. This event should last two hours and 37 minutes. If you intend to view it, remember to wear proper eye gear or you can find alternative ways to view the eclipse indirectly on the internet.

The spring ahead time change this year made me feel like I 'fell behind'. It threw me off completely my normal routine. Apparently, I'm not the only one who suffered a system shock in March. A friend told me that this problem was mentioned on the evening news. I don't think there's anything that can be done to alleviate this laggy feeling unless this time change practice is stopped. But I guess I'll just have to wait until my circadian rhythm adjusts on its own.

"The certain way to be wrong is to think you control it." John Steinbeck.



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

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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Time for Financial Spring Cleaning of Your Financial Environment ?

Spring is almost here, which means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying your home and surroundings, you might want to consider sprucing up your financial environment, as well.

Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- *Improve your vision.* Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the winter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: *Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned?* The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

- *De-clutter.* As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clutter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

- *Plant seeds of opportunity.* Whether they're planting camellias and cro-

cuses or carrots and cilantro, gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals. So, you may want to review your portfolio to ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

- *Reduce dangers.* You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if something were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH - 7:00 PM
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NEW MEMBERS MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST - 3:00 PM



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THE LIGHTHOUSE
April 6th • 11:00am-3:00pm
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THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

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Friday, April 5th • Funkhouse Fever Trio • 7-11 pm
Sunday, April 7th • Big Jake & Paula K | Karaoke • 3-7 pm
Friday, April 12th • STORMFOLK • 7-11 pm
Friday, April 19th • Gary Story & Bad Habit • 7-11 pm
Sunday, April 21st • Gary Story • 3-7 pm
Friday, April 26th • Jeri Band • 7-11 pm

\$5.00 cover for non-members

LCC Fish Dinner | Friday, April 12th | 5-6 pm (in the Hall)

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- FRI 29 BRIAN HILL / TONY RAY 6-10
- SAT 30 JUSTIN JEANSONNE 6-10
- SUN 31 JOHNNYB & BRITT 4-8

MUSIC CALENDER. APRIL

- TUE 2 CHIS BEVERLY 6-9
- WED 3 TBONE & BO 6-9
- FRI 5 MIDLIFE CRISIS 7-11
- SAT 6 JUSTIN JENSONNE 6-10
- SUN 7 TBA. 4-8
- TUE 9 JB DYESS 6-9
- WED 10 BAT BENNETT 6-9
- FRI 12 BRANDON GILES 7-11
- SAT 13 TBA 6-10
- SUN 14 JOHNNYB / BRITT 4-8
- TUE 16 AL & CATHY 6-9
- WED 17 T BONE & BO 6-9
- FRI 19 SUGARCANE JANE 6-10
- SAT 20 GEARHEAD 7-11
- SUN 21 BLUE MOTHER TUPELO. 4-8
- TUE 23 BAT BENNETT 6-9
- WED 24 LEANNE CRESWELL 6-9
- FRI 26 JUSTIN JENSONNE 6-10
- SAT 27 GIRL CODE 6-10

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SAT. APRIL 27



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- @50/50
- @ SHOT GUN AUCTION
- @ BAKE SALE
- @ CASH DONATIONS
- @ GUITAR RAFFLE
- @ MUCH MORE



- @ LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
- @ RAFFLES
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- @ 50/50
- @ BAKE SALE
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