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Locals Press Baldwin over 'Grievances,' 'Slow-Walking'

By Robyn Monaghan

Lillian local activists are irked about what they call "slow walking" by county officials on recommendations that would swell the minimum lot size for new home developments.

"The new permanent county ad-

ministrator Roger Rendleman is reviewing the matters and will be calling me soon to go over some questions and grievances rehearsing the slow walking of the process of amending our local ordinances, misleading characterization of communi-

ty support and refusal to have open discussion," said Tracey Gambill a spokesperson for the group Take Back Lillian.

Gambill spoke at a community town hall Sat. June 10 that attracted nearly 100 Lillian neighbors.

Take Back Lillian leaders Gambill and Dave Williams also claim county zoning officials misled them when they told them developers of an RV Park had submitted an application for a parcel near US 98 and County Road 91 known locally as the "Swift property." When the citizen group lobbied for the rezoning application to allow

an 80-plot housing development be denied -which eventually it was - zoning officials told them the RV Park would inevitably be approved.

After combing county records, Williams says he concluded no application for the RV Park had been filed in the past year.

"We think it was a threat" Williams said. "We took it as an either/or." Williams called on neighbors to submit petition forms to county officials, a technique that delivered them victory this spring in getting the Timberland Trace development denied in

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Save the Date

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Action Committee is having its first meeting at the Lillian Fire Department located at 11331 County Rd 91, Lillian AL on Aug. 28, 2023, at 6 p.m.

If you would like more information regarding this meeting, please email the committee at wpbwac@gmail.com

'Heart of Optimism' Award Winner Is Mary Katherine Gunn

This year's recipient of the "Heart of Optimism" Award is Mary Katherine Gunn "MK".

MK lives out the Optimist Creed in every aspect of her life. Throughout MK's Elberta high school years, she has led her peers with optimism and service. MK has been an active member of Peer Helpers, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Altar Server and Youth Group Member at St. Bartholomew Catholic Parish, South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador, Head of Sports Media Staff and Sports Media Specialist for EEH Athletics, National Honor Society, Chick-fil-a Leadership Academy.

She has also volunteered with the club's annual Mullet Festival and

other various Optimist service activities.

Mary Kathrine became the first FCCLA national president from Baldwin County Alabama, since 1975. In her role she was able to be the youth voice for almost 200,000 youth members of FCCLA. During her time as president, MK hosted three conferences: the 2022 Capitol Leadership, the National Conference being in Columbus, Ohio, and the 2023 National Leadership Conference being held in Denver, Colorado.

She also sits on the FCCLA board of directors, something few 17-year-olds can say that they've done for a national nonprofit.

Her leadership in FCCLA has really helped her to funnel her passion

of informing people and teaching them about things that she is passionate about and making it something that actually comes to fruition.

MK most definitely brings out the best others. Mary Katherine will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall to pursue a double major in Art Education and Public Relations with an emphasis in Sports Communications. Hoping to have a future as an Educational Outreach Specialist or Public Relations Director.

While attending Alabama, MK has committed to shoot photography for Crimson Tide Photos, the official photographers of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide Athletics department.

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Lillian Legion Post 48 BBQ a Success; Now it's Time for Baseball

Post 48 wishes everyone a happy Independence Day this year, we hope you enjoy all the festivities at the LCC on the July 4, and the fireworks on the July 1. The Post will be raising the flag on the 4th for the LCC community

Officers were installed for the coming year at the last meeting of the post, there were no new officers as all installed officers are returning for a second year.

The American Legion Post 48 again is sponsoring our local baseball team, the games will be held at Lillian Recreation Park again this year.

On Memorial Day Post 48 held its annual barbeque, at the legion building for their members and guests, at noon time all legion members proceeded over to the LCC for the flag raising Ceremony, after all those who attended enjoyed, corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs and an assortment of other fine foods and had a great day.

Post 48 would like to encourage all 1983 Legionnaires (those in the American Legion but do not have a home Post) to consider joining with us. For more information please contact Wayne Lavalley, Adjutant, at the following email: cpman1951@yahoo.com. Or stop by the legion building any Wednesday morning from 9-10 am. This also goes for any veteran out there in Lillian who would like to be a legionnaire.

POST 48 WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR MEMBERSHIP!

Post 48 is an active Legion post whose activities include the assistance and support of Veterans in the Lillian Community area and focuses on the "4 Pillars" of the American Legion.

Every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. many 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. Drop by and join us



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley,
Adjutant

– we would like to meet you!

Membership Cards are in for the 2023 year, Please stop by and pay your dues!

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I was born and raised in Chicago with memories of Lake Shore Drive and the beaches, skyscrapers, State Street. Then we moved “down state.” Actually, it was the northwest suburbs, but anything outside of Chicago was considered “down state.” So, we added Elgin and Schaumburg to our list of neat places to visit.

When it was time to retire, we moved to Lillian, Alabama. What? The south? Are you crazy?

We traveled a lot after retirement, all over the world and each place we visited, whether Europe, Australia, Great Britain or Africa, each had its defining landmark memories, the Opera House in Sydney, Ayres Rock, St. Peter’s in Rome, Number 10 Downing Street in London.

But nothing gets to me now as much as that final trip across the Perdido Bay Bridge on my way home after an exciting time in other parts of the world. Lillian is home and I always get that deep “Whew!” feeling as I glance both ways at the rolling waters and now say “Hi!” to the Elves on the bridge.

But there’s much more to the scenery here. It’s the people. Wherever you go there are people who do good in their community, but in Lillian it is

something special. There is always someone or some group that wants to make our lives better.



Just a Thought or Two
By Sally McKinney

Think about it, nine churches to help you out when you need consoling or perhaps a bit of food. The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department that is at your door within minutes of a 9-1-1 call. The Lillian Recreational Park, always looking for ways to give our families a new event to enjoy like Movies in the Park, Market in the Park and Christmas in the Park.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is constantly hosting events for kids and their families, Christmas with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Rodeo. Don’t forget donations to other non-profits that bring joy and assistance to our lives.

One day recently volunteers at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library arrived to find a giant planter on the porch filled with healthy, lovely plants. Come to find out it was the Spanish Cove Garden Club that donated it and now they are sprucing up the outside to help out. They are even looking forward to more beautification to the front of the building.

The Lillian Community Club has a variety of projects open to the community, one of which will take place this week, the annual Fireworks extravaganza on July 1 and the famous chicken dinner on July 4. Yup, there’s a lot to see in the rest of the world, but what you see in Lillian, is love: love of neighbors and love of community, no matter where you came from originally. Welcome to Paradise, y’all.

Kelley Bennett

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July 8 & 22 at 8:00 AM - Join Perdido Bay Optimist Club for Breakfast and a Program at the Lillian Community Club. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:00 AM- Ageless Grace (Timeless Fitness for Body & Brain), at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

July 16 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM- Haralan Burton Worship in Song at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

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The deadline for the July issue of *The Lillian* will be June 21.

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Charles Grandison Finney (1792-1875) began his life as a lawyer, but experienced a profound, life-changing conversion in 1821. Leaving his law practice immediately to become a preacher, Finney is said to have told a man, "I cannot represent you. I have another client." That client was Jesus Christ. Finney could not entirely leave his legal training, however, because throughout his life, people commented that his preaching often sounded like a lawyer trying his case. He left no stone unturned, no place for his arguments to be disputed. He believed that everyone had inside the ability to choose Christ, anyone willing to repent could obtain assur-

ance of salvation.

In his style, Finney was direct, his language blunt, his attitude almost arrogant. He had a deeply penetrating gaze and a moral code which was unbending. He introduced a new era in American evangelism. He prayed for people by name. He permitted women to pray in public. He entered towns without the invitation of a local pastor. He frequently used the name of Jesus in his

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Moving Forward

By Rev.
Tina Lockett

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the spring.

"We want to drown them with paperwork," Williams said.

If commissioners continue to refuse voters a voice in planning their own districts, organizers are calling on them to show their displeasure at the ballot box.

"You will be on our hit list" Williams said. "We will come for you."

Citizen advocates want the smallest allowable lot size from about 3 homes per acre down to 1.25 homes per acre. They are looking for a mandated 10-foot setback and at least two entrances to new neighborhoods to allow access for emergency services like fire and police.

They want developers to be compelled to leave

"high-value native trees" rather than clear-cutting land to make way for new homes.

Take Back Lillian leaders have also been talking with Alabama Department of Transportation officials in hopes of relieving rising numbers of traffic problems and "road rage" on Highway 98.

ORDINANCE APPROVALS AND SIGNATURE FORM: ANOTHER WAY TO VOICE YOUR SUPPORT

All 76 attendees at the June 10 Citizens Townhall agreed and signed to improve our area by adding up-to-date content to our local ordinances in Planning Districts 22, 29 and 33.

We want to preserve our rural character as much as possible.

Some examples can be found in Planning District 39's ordinances being approved by the Baldwin County Commissioners on July 20, 2023. We are hoping to have ours approved around September 2023. All are welcome to email with any questions.

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Lillian Community Club Office or Lounge ATTN: Aaron Funk

Thank you ... Tracey Gambill ... ruralcharacterlillian@gmail.com

Take Back Lillian says:

ADAM has agreed to:

- place advisory signs approaching US 98 and County Road 91 to reduce speed by 10 miles per hour.

- Coordinate traffic signals at US 98 and CR 95 with a traffic signal US 98 and CR 99 so as to periodically cause a gap in traffic flow I hoped of allowing safer entry onto US99.

- Paint the word "YIELD" on the road surface at CR 99 South.

- ALDOT had made attempts to purchase land on the north side of US 98 between CR 91 and 93 to be used to create better storm water flow channels."

Williams and Gambill are calling on residents to submit petition forms and to turn out at county zoning and committee meetings.

"Every time a big number of us showed up, we won," Williams said.



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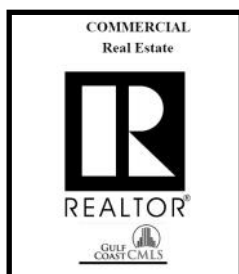
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Town Hall Meeting Forges Progress

Thank you to the Lillian Community Club for hosting our Citizens Townhall on June 10. Turnout was great not only in numbers, but in the serious interest of the attendees. The people were paying close attention, asking great questions, coming up with great ideas and asking for copies of forms to take to friends and neighbors for signatures. The Lillian Editor, Dave Monaghan, is going to print the form to fill out in the THIS issue for anyone who wasn't able to attend. Thank you, Dave! It is my opinion that we had a good time pursuing avenues of thought to improve our community. See below.

UPDATES : ALDOT ... Traffic signals at US Hwy 98 and County Roads 99, 95 and 87 are being coordinated so as to create gaps every so often for safer entry onto Hwy 98! Advisory signs approaching Hwy 98 & CR 91 to reduce speed by 10 mph are forthcoming! "YIELD" will be painted on the road surface on CR 99 South! GRIEVANCES with Baldwin County Planning and Zoning are being reviewed and some answers should be coming soon! The PRE-APPLICATION for an RV Park on the Swift property has not moved forward to a full application as of June 9. LOCAL ORDINANCES text (language) amendments for Planning Districts 22, 29 & 33 were discussed and approved by 100% of attendees at the Citizens Townhall on June 10, 2023. Signature forms were submitted by 100% of attendees without a single objection! We want to form a COMMITTEE OF LOCAL CITIZENS to begin addressing solutions to our infrastructure problems.

WONDERS: Wonder *who* is or should be responsible for the flooding experienced *since* the completion of several subdivisions in our area? Wonder *what* can be done about it? Wonder *when* something can be done about it? Wonder *what* it takes to get answers to these questions? Wonder *who* is willing to step up and tackle these questions? Guess *who*? ... I will. Will *you* help? Contact me at Ruralcharacterlillian@gmail.com

NATURAL WONDERS: How blessed we are to have such a fabulous community, wonderful neighbors, and friendly people all around. There are many places that are not so blessed in these ways. I have lived in some of those places. I, for one, am grateful to be here. All the best ... Tracey



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By Tracey Gambill

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- **Inflation** — Inflation has been high recently, but even a mild inflation rate can seriously erode your purchasing power. In fact, with just a 3% inflation rate, your expenses could double in about 25 years — and your retirement could easily last that long. So, if you're going to rely on your investment portfolio for a sizable part of your retirement income, you will need to own a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks or stock-based funds, whose potential returns can equal or exceed the inflation rate.

- **Excessive withdrawals** — Once you retire, you should establish a withdrawal rate for your portfolio — an amount you can take out each year and still feel secure that you won't run out of money. Some people make the mistake of withdrawing too much, too soon, once they're retired. Your withdrawal rate should be based on several factors, including your age at retirement, the size of your portfolio and the amount of income you receive from other sources, such as Social Security. A financial professional can help you determine a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs.

- **Market volatility** — The financial markets will always fluctuate. When you're still working, this volatility may not be such a problem, as you have years or decades to recover from short-term downturns. But when you retire, you don't want to have to sell investments when their price is down. To help prevent this, you can tap into the cash in your portfolio, assuming you have enough to cover several months' worth of living expenses. You could also draw on a CD "ladder" — a group of CDs that mature at different times — to provide you with resources for the next few years and allow your equity investments time to recover their value.

- **Unexpected costs** — You had them when you were working, and you'll probably have them when you're retired: the furnace that breaks down, the car that needs a major repair, and so on. But if you've established an emergency fund containing a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account, you may be able to "ride out" these costs without jeopardizing your investment portfolio. Be sure to keep these reserves separate from your typical day-to-day accounts to avoid the temptation of spending your emergency money.

- **Health** — Retirees may face more health concerns than younger people, and those concerns often come with larger medical bills. That's why it's important to maximize the benefits from Medicare or

your Medicare Advantage plan. Also, if you contributed to a Health Savings Account (HSA) while you were working, and you haven't depleted it, you can use the money in retirement. As long as the HSA funds are used for qualified medical expenses, withdrawals are tax- and penalty-free, and won't be included in your income. This could help keep your income below certain levels, lower your Medicare premiums or avoid the 3.8% surtax on net investment income that can be assessed on high-net-worth taxpayers.

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Financial Focus

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Harlan Burton 'Called to Sing': Gospel Service Performances Slated in Lillian

Called to sing ... those are the words that best describe Harlan Burton. Harlan has established himself in southern Gospel music with his smooth vocals, sincere delivery and caring personality. Harlan grew up in small, rural community and he still resides there today with his wife Gail. Harlan grew up loving music of all styles and he began singing in church when he was seven. By the time Harlan was twelve, he was singing and playing guitar on the "Rebe Gosdin Show" on WSFA TV in Montgomery, AL. During the year that Harlan appeared on this program, the desire to sing was firmly planted.

Harlan's professional music career began in 1967 when he joined The Tellers Quartet out of Dadeville, AL. He sang with The Tellers Quartet for eight years before embarking on a solo ministry. In 1988, Harlan quit singing and playing music except at his home church. However, in 1996 Harlan began to feel that something was missing in his life

and he immediately knew what it was. God had given Harlan a talent and he was not using the talent to reach out to others in need and tell them of God's love. Harlan knew what he had to do and so he began traveling and singing once again. Today, Harlan is back on the road singing and sharing God's message through song and praise. Harlan was honored to perform at the White House in Washington DC on December 22-23, 2005. Harlan, along with several other artists, performed in the "Pageant of Peace Celebration" coordinated by Christian Music Presenters, the White House and the National Parks Service. Harlan was also honored in 2004 by Senator Ted Little of Alabama during Harlan's annual homecoming concert. Senator Little presented Harlan with a Resolution that stated in part "Mr. Burton has demonstrated those truest ideas of Christian love and compassion for others through his music and earned the gratitude and respect of his family, friends and the

citizens of the great state of Alabama." It went on to state that "Harlan Burton is commended for his outstanding musical achievements, and he is applauded for his remarkable talents and impeccable style, which has provided memorable entertainment to his many devoted fans. The Resolution was filed with the Senate of Alabama on March 9, 2004.

Harlan admits that he did always use his musical talent for God's glory. Harlan remains thankful that he eventually did answer God's call, and he turned his musical talent over to God and he prays that God will use him as a witness for Him. Harlan remains active in his home church. The goal of Harlan Burton Music Ministries is to reach into people's hearts and to sing a song that will touch people and stay with them after they leave the concert. He prays that his songs will help Christians with their daily Christian walk and will reach the unsaved and help them to find a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Cicadas: It's the Dawn of the Summer 2023 and They're Already Back!

Here we go again, the fabulous South Alabama summer has started and can last into November. The warmer temperatures bring out the bugs, so remember to change out any white outside lights for yellow ones, close your blinds when it gets dark to keep from attracting insects to your windows and enjoy the screaming sounds of the cicadas.

Most cicadas have a very limited range geographically. The biology term for this is "endemism" – which means a group of things limited to a small geographic area, like a specific mountain range, a lake, or even the famous Galapagos Islands. There are over 150 species of cicada in South Africa, over 170 in North America, around 800 in Latin America, and over 200 in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. There could be more than 3,000 species from around the world with many species left to be discovered!

Leafhoppers, spittlebugs, and jumping plant lice are closely related to the cicada in the Hemiptera order. Insects in this order are considered "true bugs." As a group, true bugs in both the nymph and adult forms have a beak, called a "rostrum", which they use to suck fluids from plants.

Cicadas have prominent, wide set eyes, short antennae, and membranous front wings. They also have three small, simple eyes located on the top of the head in a triangle between the two large eyes; this pattern makes it easy to distinguish cicadas from insects. The "postclypeus" is a large, nose-like structure on the front of the head. This organ contains the pumping muscles to move the plant's fluids up through the rostrum and into the bug's digestive tract. Nature has made a very efficient hose and pump system in Cicadas!

The adult insect, known as an "imago", is 1 to 2 inches in total length for most species. The largest one, known as the Empress Cicada (*Megapomponia imperatoria*), has a head-body length of around 2.8 inches, and its wingspan may be 7-8 inches! At that point, is it even a bug anymore? Maybe a bat? Or a Bird? Fortunately, the Emperresses are mostly

found in the Pacific islands.

When the cicada hatches from the egg, it looks like a termite or a small white ant. The groove provides shelter and exposes the tree fluids, which the young cicadas feed on using their super-efficient hose and pump system. These grooves can kill small branches. When the branches die and the leaves turn brown, it is called "flagging".

Once the young cicada is ready, it crawls from the groove and falls to the ground where it digs until it finds roots to feed on. The nymph will typically start with smaller roots of grass plants and work its way up to the roots of its host tree. The young cicada will stay underground from 2 to 17 years depending on the species and location! Cicadas are active underground, tunneling, feeding, and not sleeping or hibernating as commonly thought. The vast majority of species are active during the day as adults, with some calling at dawn or dusk. Only a rare few species of cicadas are known to be nocturnal.

The "singing" of male cicadas is produced using a special structure called a "tymbal". The tymbal is a drum-like organ that is squeezed and released rapidly, producing their characteristic sounds. The male abdomen is largely hollow, and acts as a sound box. They have an exceptionally loud song, produced by positioning its abdomen toward or away from the ground, depending on which has better acoustics. Partly by the pattern in which it combines the clicks, each species produces its own distinctive mating songs and signals, ensuring that the song produced attracts only appropriate mates. Most, but not all, male cicadas do the drumming, for which we should all be grateful!



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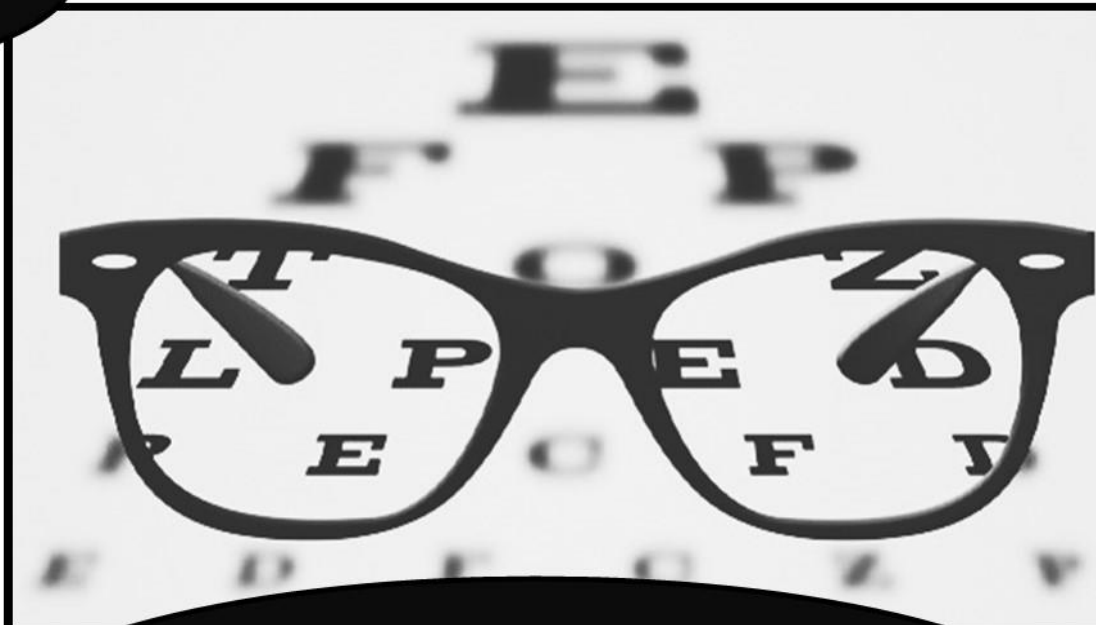


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The Lillian Perdido Bay Library will be closed on July 4, to commemorate that day. The library will be open on Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We certainly enjoy seeing all your smiling faces, as we wait on you. We would also give a tour of our library to anyone who has an interest.

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library will be celebrating a big anniversary in October, so we are eagerly planning the celebration. Robin Newell, Leader of the Lillian Garden Club, was at our board meeting on Thursday, June 15 discussing ways to help make our yard look better. She has suggested a nice "Lillian Perdido Bay Library" sign to be erected on our front lawn. This will take work and donations from the public. Any donations should be sent to: Lillian Perdido Bay Library, P.O. Box 237, Lillian, AL 36549. Donations of many different



Lillian Perdido
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Corner
By Betty Bovay

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These things happen, we have all probably experience either being that customer or the person next in line. The cashier was assuring his current customer, who was understanding of the situation and I smiled to let him know, that I too was okay with the delay, but not the woman behind me. In, what I thought was her nastiest voice she spat, "what seems to be the problem here?" When he didn't answer her right away, she repeated herself, but louder and even nastier than before. I realized that the first comment wasn't as nasty as she could be.

When I turned to look at the woman, I noticed that her face held the sourest expression which I was pretty sure was permanent. I was about to tell her to chill-out when the cashier explained the situation in a very patient manner. I was proud of the young man.

You can usually tell the attitude of a person by looking at their face. Are the character lines or creases etched up or down. Guess what direction that woman in the above story were carved.

The grumpier you are, the more of the same you get back. Just as a smile gets a smile in return. We create our space in this world. Why would you want it to be a miserable place if it doesn't have to be? You know my favorite law of the universe or humanity, because I've mentioned it so many times, is, 'what goes around, comes around' or 'what you reap is what you sow.' When my granddaughter was a teen, she would roll her eyes and huff in boredom. I don't think that she learned that simple lesson of life because she didn't listen. Most people don't.

A family member had an electric car for a couple of years when another vehicle ran into the back while her car was parked in a lot. So, in other words, the offender wasn't going fast. The car was totaled. The insurance wouldn't pay for repair, stating that the knowledge of fixing this type of automobile isn't at that point yet. Was that the real reason or is it that replacing the batteries is more expensive than what the car is worth? My relative said that she won't buy another electric car. This means she will probably have to buy a used car as our government and misinformed special interest groups are forcing the electric on us.

Now, who is going to have to find a place for disposal of the batteries. No one wants them because they are so toxic. A friend's son said that, "electric cars are only good for the environment when they are on the road." How true.

If you believe in the ads you watch on TV then you will expect to become an instant race car or stunt car driver. I guess the rules of the road will disappear if you buy a new electric car and you can drive like a maniac. Of course, there are plenty of people who do that now. Speed limits, double lines, stop signals, etc. don't mean a thing. These are the ones who cause the accidents and sometimes devastation and blame someone else.

"Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength." Eric Hoffer.



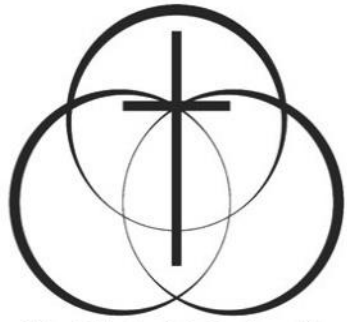
Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid



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on which we were established: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Thus begins the Declaration of Independence, that we celebrate tomorrow. And do not let anyone fool you. Freedom ought and needs to be celebrated. So many churches and ministers today loathe patriotism in the pulpit. I am not one of those.

I celebrate today with you the freedoms which God has blessed our nation with. Now I cannot tell you whether God has blessed us with liberty and therefore we are free or we have wisely and simply built our liberty based on biblical principles and thus we are free. In any case our freedom is from God. Now let me temper our celebrations with a caution: With freedom comes great responsibility. We are not free to live excessive lives. We are not set at liberty to pursue selfish ends. Our independence should not make us infidels. As Paul so eloquently put it: "You, my brothers, were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature."

The framers of our great nation were just as serious about their political and religious freedom. In fact, they made little distinction between them. That is why the Declaration of Independence says that liberty is a right endowed not by nature but by God himself. We have been serious about liberty ever since. Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." Thomas Jefferson with a bit of humor and absolute seriousness said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." And it need not be pointed out that the First Amendment to the Constitution is that congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press. We are serious about freedom. Why? Because we are called to be free. Those are Paul's words, and they are deeply theological, but they are the bedrock on which our country is founded. God gives humans freedom. We are made in God's image free to live and think and act and in Christ as He gives us freedom and the grace to be at liberty from our sins.

Now let us be sober for a minute.

There always has been and always will be those who are opposed to freedom. Paul faced it. Martin Luther faced it in the Diet at Worms. Lincoln fought it on the battlefields of Gettysburg so all could be free. Martin Luther King encountered it in the streets of Memphis. And John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural Address warned the enemies of liberty: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."

Liberty and civility could just as well be expressed with Freedom and Responsibility. Our freedoms bare a heavy burden.

Great thinkers recognize this. Peter Marshall declared, "The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration."

I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come - it is now - when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government." Pope John Paul II proclaimed, "Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

LVFD Offers Warnings, Tips for an Active Summer of Weather Issues

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 74 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in May: 40 Medical Assistance; 3 Public Assists; 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 2 Brush Fire; 0 Structure Fire; 6 Cancelled en route; 10 False Alarm/Miscellaneous; and 5 Aircraft Standby.

LVFD had a great month and we had an average amount of calls. However, we are now entering in to hurricane season and also peak brush fire season. To ensure the safety of the community and the firefighters, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping to the burn ban which will be in effect until October 31. We would also like to remind everyone to be sure you are prepared for the

where the fire extinguisher is kept. It is also very important to have a battery run radio so you can keep up with important information.

As mentioned above, summers are always busy for the department and we have been working on expanding the skill set of all our firefighters. In addition to brush fires and hurricanes, we also have the extra burden of water accidents. So last month firefighters enhanced their skills set with emergency water rescues on Fire Boat 37. Lillian Lieutenant Curtis Cantrell developed a set minimum performance requirements to operate the fire boat. Most of our fire fighters have excelled in this training and have become excellent vessel operators.

This month we will be picking up the flatbed truck (Ranger 37) and putting it into service. We have a lot of things planned for this truck and we have found an excellent way to turn it from a single-use vehicle into a multipurpose truck. As mentioned last month, our main focus at this time is to ensure the vehicles can function as multi-purpose vehicles. In the event of one vehicle being sidelined due to any mechanical failures, they will be able to use other vehicles to pick up the slack

Last but not least, we would like you all to join us in congratulating one of our junior firefighters, Bethany Dewhurst, who just graduated from Elberta High School. Bethany has been with the fire department since she was 14 and has always taken on all



Bethany has been with the department since she was 14.

exercises and training met out to all firefighters. When not attending classes at school, Bethany always helped out around the station and ran calls with other firefighters to expand her knowledge and skills.

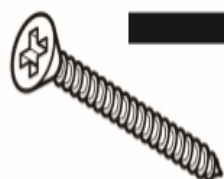
Now she has graduated, Bethany plans to get her EMT certification in the fall of this year. Way to go Bethany!

LVFD would like to remind all Lillian residents and surrounding areas that the BURN BAN starts May 1 through October 31

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

hurricane season. The following are some of the items you may need to stay prepared: An emergency food and water supply; an emergency medicine supply; emergency power sources such as flashlights (don't forget extra batteries); safety and personal items; important documents, including medical documents, wills, passports, and personal identification. Also it's a good time to remind your family



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*The Happiness Project***LASAR is searching for volunteers, too**

In this installment of the HAPPINESS PROJECT, we talk with LASAR, a community organization that uses volunteers to accomplish their mission.

Remember, whether you want to volunteer on a short- or long-term basis, there is a place for YOU. Email LillianVolunteers@gmail.com and we'll get you in touch with an organization that would love to have your help!

By Erin Attaway

The month of July brings thoughts of sand and surf, fishing and fireworks, and lots of parties as people get together. The flip side of all the frolicking, though, is the number of people that go missing in our area. Unfortunately, we live in a place that has a year-round demand for search and rescue missions.

The good news is we also have an amazing organization hubbed right here in Lillian that carries out impeccable search and rescue work, LASAR, Lower Alabama Search And Rescue.

I spoke to Ray Hogans, a retired fire chief and former Commander of LASAR who is now VP of the state rescue squad. He shared some insights into how the volunteer organization works and how community members can get involved.

Interested people are invited to fill out an application, pay a \$20 fee, and pass a background check. Members must be 18 years old, but junior members can apply and participate in age appropriate training and missions, starting at age 14. Lillian has about 62 members right now. The monthly meeting for members falls on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Ray explains that the type of search and rescue mission varies

but the number of missions stays steady all year. There is a surge of water rescue missions during summer, but drownings happen all year long. Injuries in the woods, hunting accidents, and children getting lost or hurt occur more in the cold months. Their busiest time is during national emergencies since LASAR assists other regions with floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and other disaster relief efforts.

To keep the volunteer staff on top of their game, LASAR hosts additional training sessions regularly, offering a diverse curriculum for search and rescue as well as standard safety and educational workshops. Training happens on land and in the water and they also combine with other organizations to build strong community ties and a more powerful rescue force.

LASAR also offers training for the general public, such as CPR, AED, ATV safety and other opportunities for safety training.

Ray described the "Lost in the Woods" program for children, where members of LASAR go to grade schools to teach children what to do when you or someone you love is lost. School children learn how to help themselves and others, becoming safety aware at a young age.



LASAR volunteers provide emergency assistance in the water and on shore, too.

Right now, LASAR is collecting donations for new programs like the Project Lifesaver System, a tracking device for children, the elderly, and anyone with physical or mental challenges that make safety an issue. They also intend to purchase a special sonar system that allows divers to remain stationary and scan the bottom of a water body when searching, instead of having to swim and search manually.

This amazing organization needs local support and volunteers to grow and continue doing their amazing work. To learn more about how you can help, check out their website, www.lasar.net, or contact Ray Hogans directly at boots1@gulftel.com.

Park happenings – Fun in the Sun!

July will be full of summer fun at the Lillian Recreational Park. On July 14, the Park will host our monthly movie night featuring the movie A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN and the music of Jimmy Smith.

Jimmy will play from 6 p.m. until the movie starts at dusk. The movie, famous for the line, "There's no crying in baseball" tells the true story of pioneering women who blazed the trail for generations of athletes. Starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis and Madonna, it's the story of the All-American Girls Baseball League of 1943 which was established when all the male pros were away at war. It's a great story.

There will be lots of baseball-themed games and activities before the movie, including a baseball pinata and pitching contests for various ages and skill levels. Anyone wearing a baseball jersey that night will get a free popcorn.

If you love baseball and want to watch a game in person, the Bay Blues will play at the Park on July 7. Come out and watch them play and enjoy dinner at our Concession Stand. We have great burgers and hot dogs!

There will be a free soccer camp for kids ages 6-7 and 8-10 on July 21 and 22. Bring your boys and girls to learn the fundamentals of soccer from Coach Lem Allen, a USSF Licensed Coach. The camp will run from 8 to 9:30 on July 21 and 22. To register or get more information, contact him at 251-978-4473 or email LemAllen@gmail.com.

July 15 is the Park's ever-popular Market in the Park. Have some things you are dying to get rid of? The July and August markets will be a combination of craft and flea markets so consider getting a flea market booth and sell them! The craft and flea markets are always a hit in the community, so come turn some of your treasures into cash. Email LillianRecreationalPark@yahoo.com to sign up or to get additional information.

It's also time to start planning our Fall Fest and Christmas in the Park. We are always looking for people who want to get involved and help out, on either a limited or more extended basis. We'd love to have you and your kids' (and your neighbor's and friend's) involvement. If you'd like some information about the various volunteer opportunities available, contact Lucy Smith, 719-494-7986 or LRA28west@aol.com.



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

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

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

Jerry Rooks, Dick Erwin, Carey and Jack Monaghan .

Anniversary congratulations go out to: Eric and Martha Michelson, Don and Paulette Joffrion 1964, Gerald and Gloria Jackson 1976 and Bob and Pat Kupferers 1993.

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

umn, please email lillianeditor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549

Or you may place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library, Lillian..

The deadline for the August issue of The Lillian is Wednesday, July 19.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Optimists Honor Worchams with Scholarship

Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay welcomed Worcham family members to the club's breakfast. Grace and Audrey Worcham received scholarships to Auburn University as part of the club's participation in Law Day where relatives of law enforcement officers are awarded scholarships. The girls' father, Lee Worcham, is a member of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Mobile. With the family is Baldwin County District Attorney Robert Wilters, Chairman of the Law Day event.



Facebook Earns F' for Flare-up of Suspensions

Facebook won't be able to save face on this one. Local establishment Paradise Beach Fillin' Station received two notices from the social media company in direct contradiction of each notice resulting in the suspension of their account (see below). Luckily the owners found a "work-around" to resolve the issue by creating a new account (see QR code right). News of other area erroneous suspensions on Lillian-area accounts are filtering in.



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Sermons. And he introduced what became known as the anxious bench. This was a bench in the front row of the church where unconverted persons would sit as they contemplated giving their life to Christ.

While his style was new and unorthodox for the time, he was very effective. His preaching is one of the key events, which marks the beginning of the second Great Awakening. From 1825 to 1832 he and others lead revivals all over New England, particularly upstate New York and Boston. Thousands of people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. While evangelism was always his top priority, Finney was a promoter of benevolence, an abolitionist, a reformer advocating temperance and care for the mentally ill, and finally a pioneer of co-education at Oberlin College. He

was one of the first to be successful at joining evangelical religion with social reform. Several books, including Lectures on Revivals (1835) and Systematic Theology (1846) record Finney's views on the issues above.

Many of his sermons are still available. In a sermon titled "God's Love for a Sinning World" based on John 3:16 Finney applies biblical truth to the various needs of the congregation. He quite bluntly calls the people sinners and near his conclusion, he openly speaks against slavery and alcohol. He was not afraid to announce his beliefs about social issues or the Gospel message. There is no hidden agenda in a Finney sermon. Often he ends with a decisive call for others to serve Christ using Isaiah words, "Here I am! Send me!"

Part of his strength was also a weakness in his preaching. Finney

admitted, "I talk to the people as I would have talked to a jury." This style in itself was one of his greatest failings: his preaching was often repetitive and argumentative, even hostile. But no one could deny the personal, specific, plain nature of his messages.

I admire Charles Finney for his convictions and his courage in stating what he believed. I like his passion to speak God's Word on any and all occasions. He appeared to be a preacher whose life was consistent in and out of the pulpit. Finney was a bit more hostile, more demanding as a preacher than I have been but I enjoy his gusto.

Years ago, in seminary in one class we were assigned to write a paper defining our theology of preaching. For that paper I first read about Charles Finney and many other fa-

mous preachers. Consistently I heard from these preachers that we are to reserve no rights or make claims upon God. The only right we should reserve is the right "to grow, to continue learning and maturing through preaching, pastoring, and living one's faith". The Word of God will not change.

I must stay rooted daily in reading, praying, and studying God's Word if I am to be an effective preacher to any congregation.

Another favorite author is Frederick Buechner who in his book, about preaching, titled Telling the Truth, says this, "to preach the Gospel is not just to tell the truth but to tell the truth in love, and to tell the truth in love means to tell it with concern not only for the truth that is being told but with concern also for the people it is being told to."

St. Joseph Catholic Begins Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes August 22

St. Joseph Catholic Church pastor Fr. Alwin Legaspi has announced the beginning of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22 in Immaculate Mary Hall. Who is RCIA for? It is for non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith and for those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or the Profession of Faith.

The weekly classes will be presented by John DeBlieux and his wife, Jan, a convert. A cradle Catholic, DeBlieux searched for years for the answers to questions about his faith that he could not answer. After studying many religions, he came back to Catholicism. He has served many years as a hospital chaplain in the Jasper, AL area and has been facilitating RCIA classes for 50 years.

"Participants will learn how Catholicism applies to life, relations with God and our fellow man," DeBlieux says.

The purpose of RCIA classes is to share the traditions of the Catholic faith with non-Catholics and to meet the person of Jesus Christ. To inquire call the parish office, 251-962-3649 on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You may leave a message with Name and contact information.



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The Lillian

WHERE TO GO &
WHAT TO DO

Technology Becomes Magical and 'Mili' Turns it To Musical Art

By Robyn Monaghan

We're nestled in comfy at the bar as Mili starts to tune up for his Saturday night gig at the Paradise Fillin' Station.

We knew we'd have to get there early if we wanted to sit down. The place has blossomed from a wannabe start-up to a standing-room-only rollicking neighborhood bar.

I glanced up from my IPA as I heard Mili's vocalists rehearsing their harmonies.

But no one was there. Only Dan Milicevic crouching and twisting dials on some kind of apparatus on the floor. Had this artificial intelligence artistry everyone has been fretting about already appeared just across the bridge from Lillian?

No, Mili enlightened me in an interview a few days later. It's called a TC Helicon vocal synthesizer, or "stomp box." VoiceLive gives musicians on-stage effects that vocalists can call upon at the push of a pedal to create vocal harmonies, add reverb, chorus and special effects.

It took hold in music circles nearly 20 years ago, so...

Mili is far too polite to let even a hint of rolling eyes slip into his tone. We thought we were seeing the future but actually just catching up to the past.

"It can be seen as artificial or fake, but it stretches the sound out from one guy with an acoustic guitar," he said.

Mili brings an affable crisp vocal style to the wide range of numbers he offers. It's almost a Gordon Lightfoot kind of tone carried through from the Eagles to Bob Seeger, James Taylor and Bob Dylan.

He shows off his perfect pitch in the Beatles' *Paperback Writer*. He softens off Bob Dylan's rough edges in *"It Ain't me Babe"* with a maple syrup sweetness. He lends a smoothed-out slow rolling twang to *"Peaceful Easy Feel-*

in'."

By the time he gets to Hank Williams' *Jambalaya*- presented like a souped-up polka - to wind up the first set, the crowd is long past caring what the heck it is. They're dancing around the tables, swinging toddlers on their hips, singing along with the chorus of voices gushing from the stage and filling the Fillin' Station with pure old-fashioned fun. Mili's music is like a big bag of musical Cheetos. Once you get a taste of it, you don't give a darn what makes it so good. Mili "did the basement band thing" with a high school buddy in New Jersey. His friend went on to have a glamorous LA career and to headline top-chart groups including America. Mili came to Pensacola to fly planes.

He got his wings and is a Top Cat instructor. Mili's voice is as agreeable as his gregarious and humble personality.

"As long as I'm able to hit a note and hold it, I have so many tones I can tap into with the synthesizer," he said, his humility on full display. Mili has no aspirations to Nashville or higher musical calling. Sometimes folks are just looking for background music. He plays it by ear. "I'm just happy to be a weekend gig guy and play for fun," he said. You can catch Mili at the Fillin' Station every other Saturday starting July 1 and July 14 at Jacos I at 997 So. Palafox St., Pensacola.



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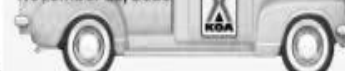
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SUN 7/23 JOHNNY & BRITT 4-8

WED TBONE & CO 5-9

FRI 7/28 BRANDON GILES 6-10

SAT 7/29 TBA

SUN 7/30 TBA

MON 7/31 TBA



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LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

34148 Widell Ave., Lillian, AL 36549

Office Hours: Mon.-Fr. 8A.M.—11A.M. Office (251) 962-3366 & Lounge (251) 962-3966

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Best Rates in the Area
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State of the Art Full Kitchen
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BINGO
TUESDAYS 6:00 P.M.

Lillian Community Club

Annual fireworks

Saturday July 1, 2023

There will be multiple
food vendors
5:00 to 8:30

Music: Highway 95A 7:00 to 11:00

Fireworks to begin at 8:45

(Sponsored by Lillian Community Club &
Fireworks City)

Our July 4th Celebration will be on

Tuesday July 4th.

**Starts off with the Flag raising by
American Legion Post 48 of Lillian
at 10:45 A.M.**

**Then come on into the Hall for some of
Colonel George's famous fried chicken
11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. \$12.00 a plate**

There will be a

**Silent Auction (ends at 2:00 P.M.)
Wagon of Cheer Raffle**

50/50 Drawing

**Music by: Big Jake 11:00 A.M. to 2:00
P.M.**

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday thru Thursday
11:00 A.M.—10:00 P.M.
Friday and Saturday
11:00 A.M.—11:00 P.M.

Bloody Mary's Sundays 11-3

\$2.50



BANDS:

**HWY 95 A July 1
Malpractice July 7
Robert Broom July 9
Big Jake July 14
Wicked Jones July 21
Gary Story July 23
Gary Story & Bad Habit July 28**

**A \$5.00 COVER CHARGE FOR
NON MEMBERS**

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