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## July 4 Flag Raising



Photo by Janel Smith

July 4 festivities at the Lillian Community Club were kicked off with a flag raising ceremony led by the Lillian American Legion Post 48.

## Preparations Underway for Annual Mullet Festival

By Sally McKinney

Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay are gearing up for their biggest project of the year, the Annual Mullet Festival on Labor Day at the Lillian Community Club.

The day begins with breakfast, followed by the 5K run and walk, mullet toss, silent auction and déjà vu market, mullet/catfish/ham lunch, music, raffle, craft vendors, bake sale, bloodmobile and more.

Start the fun with the famous Optimist breakfast that is served from 7 to 9 a.m. \$4 will get you eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit and beverage. Kids under 8 years of age eat free.

American Legion Post 48 members will raise the flag in an awe-inspiring presentation at 7:15 a.m., with the race stepping off at 7:30. Awards will be presented in several age groups for the runners and walkers. The 1-mile fun run starts at 8:30. To sign up for the race visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/3amf/>. Registration on the day of the race begins at 6 a.m.

The kids' fun station opens at 9:30 a.m. and remains until 2 p.m. Men, women, boys and girls will be competing in the mullet toss from 10 a.m. to noon. Awards will be given in several categories.

Gently used items of all kinds will be available for sale in the déjà vu market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the silent auction tables to bid on a variety of items including

tools, household items and gift certificates for everything from dinners to haircuts and beyond.

There's nothing better for lunch than the Optimist Club special mullet/catfish dinner that includes hush puppies, baked beans, grits, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Don't like fish? Ham is also available for you. Cost is \$10 per person, but once again, kids under 8 eat free.

Big Jake and the Tag-A-Longs will provide music for listening and dancing from noon to 3 p.m. The raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes are \$1,000, \$400, \$200 and \$100.

All proceeds from the event will be used to fund programs to "Bring Out the Best in Kids." Throughout the school year, Optimist members work with Elberta and Foley schools on a variety of projects including reading, math tutoring, mentoring, providing Christmas gifts for special needs classes and donations to local organizations that help those in need.

The club provides scholarships to high school seniors and for students to attend the National Flight Academy aboard NAS Pensacola.

A fishing rodeo, Easter egg hunt and breakfast with Santa are also on the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay agenda. Join us at the Mullet Festival and be a part of the Optimist Club mission.



A rainbow appeared as the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department brought out water hoses and equipment to spray local children at Lillian Recreational Park during recent church summer camps.



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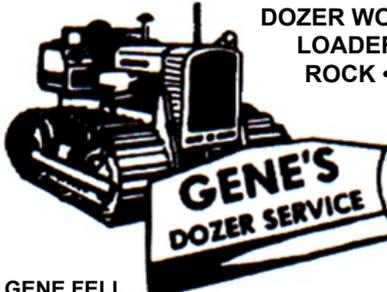
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donate, creates new red blood cell production and you get free cookies/snacks and juice. You also get to lay down to donate and take a break.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be at the Lillian Community Club on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, at the 33rd Annual Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Please give thought to donating, even if you have been turned down in the past due to medical issues/medication, foreign travel, etc. You may now be eligible as many of the restrictions have changed.

## Bunco Bash Raising Funds For Cancer Society

Area residents are invited to the 10th Annual Bunco Bash fundraiser for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk for the American Cancer Society.

"Rolling for a Cure" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Lillian Community Club.

Registration will be \$35 after July 27 and at the door. Lunch will be provided. Additional details may be found online at [www.annualbuncobash.com](http://www.annualbuncobash.com). or by contacting Kay Kay at 251-978-4442 or [kekay926@gmail.com](mailto:kekay926@gmail.com). LCC is located at 34148 Widell Avenue in Lillian.

## Methodist Church Hosting Bicentennial Weekend

As Alabama celebrates its 200th anniversary of statehood in 2019, the Lillian United Methodist Church will be hosting a weekend of bicentennial events at the end of August.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, a historic presentation entitled "200 Years of Methodism" will be shared at the Perdido Bay Optimist Club breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. Rev. Ed Shirley, pastor of Brundidge United Methodist Church, will serve as speaker as part of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay's Alabama bicentennial lecture series.

At 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, the church will host 1819 worship services. Rev. Ed Shirley will share a message in character of an old fashioned circuit rider from the early days of Alabama Methodism. The order of worship will be a typical worship service in 1819.

Also on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. will be a bicentennial singspiration and spaghetti dinner benefit.

All are welcome to join for a special time of singing and to learn the story behind hymns that were sung 200 years ago followed by a spaghetti supper in fellowship hall. Donations



*Rev. Ed Shirley will be in character as a circuit rider as the Lillian United Methodist Church recognizes the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood. He will speak at an Optimist Club meeting Aug. 24 as well as present an 1819-style sermon on Aug. 25*

## Optimists Announce August Program Schedule

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has scheduled a variety of programs for the August meetings.

- On Aug. 3 Baldwin County Sheriff Hoss Mack will update the membership and guests on "Alabama Prison Reform."

- Meet Dr. Edward Williams on Aug. 10. He is the family medicine physician who is joining Dr. James Pace's practice in Lillian. In addition, Brittany Cleckler, RN, BSN Chest Pain and Stroke Coordinator, will present a hands-only CPR demonstration.

- Alabama State Treasurer John McMillan

will be received to assist 10-year-old Jodin Kindred in his battle against cancer at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

For more information contact Rev. Daniel W. Randall at 251-962-4336.

will speak on Aug. 17.

- On Aug. 24 Ed Shirley, historical archivist, United Methodist Church, will present a special "Historical Perspective of the Old Circuit Riders."

- There will be no special program on Aug. 31, as the membership will be finalizing plans for the Annual Mullet Festival.

The meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club.

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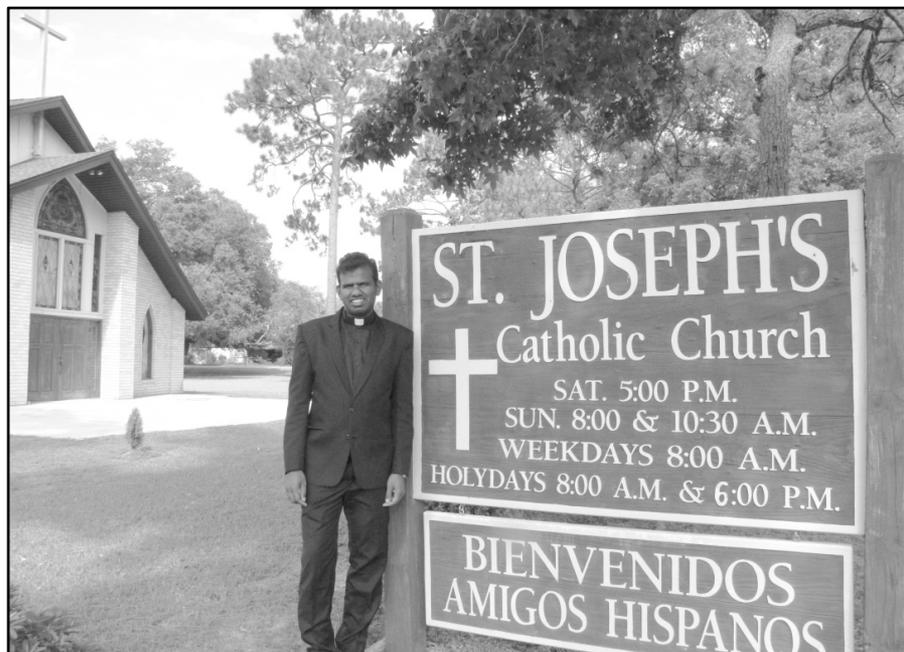
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Fr. James Singarayyar, HGN, has been installed as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian.

## New Priest Welcomed at Lillian Church

By Sally McKinney

When Fr. James Singarayyar was in the sixth grade he knew he wanted to become a priest. In June he arrived at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian as pastor to guide the community in their everyday lives as Christians, fulfilling his childhood dream.

After completing his regular studies in his home state of Tamil Nadu, India, Fr. James joined the Heralds of Good News in 2009. He served as the Dean of Philosophy at the Formation House of the order. In July 2016 he arrived in the United States to join St. Ignatius parish in Mobile.

He says his goal is to build a community "with the grace of God and help of the people." He wants to bring all members of the parish to

participate in all ministries. "I want to know all the parishioners individually," he said.

The Good Samaritan gospel recently tied in with his goal for the parish. The stranger took care of the injured man and then worked with others to see that he continued to receive help. Father called it "networking." He explained how the congregation can work together for the good of all.

Fr. James started his mission at St. Joseph with a reception after being installed as pastor by Mobile Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi. He continues as he visits with members of the Parish Council, Altar Society and other parish groups so that all phases of the church community may work together for the good of the parish and each other.



Taking part in the recent installation of Fr. James Singarayyar, HGN, as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian were, from left, Tyler Sutton, Fr. James, Archbishop of Mobile Thomas J. Rodi, Christopher Puglisi and Caleb Sutton.

## Fire Investigation Still Open

After nearly five months, the investigation into the March 15 fire that destroyed the Pirate's Cantina restaurant in Lillian has not yet been completed.

Investigations coordinators with the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office have indicated the case is ongoing and no information will be released until it is concluded.

### Need To Borrow Medical Supplies?

You can borrow medical supplies for free! Lillian American Legion Post #48 has a 'lending closet' that stocks wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, hospital beds, etc. Please contact Glen Gandy at 251-979-6005 or Darrell Ochs at 251-269-9084. Donations may be dropped off at Twice Upon A Time thrift shop and the Lillian Community Club. ~ Individuals who have borrowed items and no longer have a need, please call and return the items to the Legion. ~ Individuals willing to donate unused items can call and we will pick them up.

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## Recognizing Our Community Club

In 1940 Barbara and Michael Schnatz donated property on Widell Avenue in Lillian to the community to build a community home. Later when the dedication celebration was held, the "Recreation Home" boasted a sign that said "Ein Herzliches Willkommen," a heartfelt welcome.

Over the years the Lillian Community Club has changed its look, but the mission has remained - all are welcome.

Despite a fire that completely devastated the club in 2004, the Phoenix has risen to its former glory as one of the most important and dedicated Lillian assets.

Two recent events reminded me of this dedication - when I attended the fireworks event on June 29 and then again when I enjoyed Col. George's famous fried chicken on Independence Day.

The food and music on both days was excellent, as usual, but the best part about the days was the fellowship, the hugging, the laughing, the smiles and seeing folks you haven't seen since the last special event at the facility.



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Over the years, in addition to the July 4 extravaganzas, the LCC has been the venue for many community events like the old Spanish Cove Mardi Gras parties, bingo, the Optimist Club Mullet Festival, the former Watermelon Festival, American Legion and church dinners, dances, a place to have a quick drink on a hot day, a meeting place for the Lillian Women's Club and the Optimist Club, birthday and anniversary parties, and sadly, memorials for those who have passed.

I'm sure I have missed many special events that have taken place over the years, but I hope you got the message that the Lillian Community Club is very special to our community. The next time you attend an event, be sure to say "Thanks" to those who provide the venue. The LCC is truly a special part of the paradise we call Lillian, Alabama.



*The Lillian Community Club as it stands today, above, and the photo below is the original LCC building which was destroyed by a fire in 2004.*



## BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

- County officers responded to a report of assault at 1:11 p.m. June 29 in the 13600 block of County Road 93, Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 11:45 a.m. July 3 in the 33200 block of Collier Road in Lillian.
- Deputies responded to a report of assault at 11:31 a.m. July 13 in the 8700 block of Tuscaloosa Drive, Perdido Beach.
- At 10:50 p.m. July 13 officers responded to a report of assault in the 34200 block of Osprey Drive North, Lillian.
- An assault report was responded to at 2:03 a.m. July 16 in the 12200 block of County Road 32, Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 1:42 p.m. July 20 in the 1600 block of Martinez Drive, Lillian.
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We had copies of the July edition there, but then a postal inspector had them removed from the lobby. We appreciate that local postal employees were able to return the papers to us so we could then distribute them to other locations.

Unfortunately, this means the post office here in Lillian will no longer be available as a pick-up site for our newspaper.

So we thought it might be a good idea to share with our readers all of the other places we put our copies for free pick-up.

Please see the space below this column to review that list and if you were used to getting yours from the post office, we hope you find another convenient spot to get your local newspaper.

Keep in mind that you also have the option of reading *The Lillian* online. We have been online since last November, and have gotten great feedback about it.

Readers who aren't here full-time or those who have moved away love that they can keep current with this



**From the Managing Editor**  
By Janel Smith

area.

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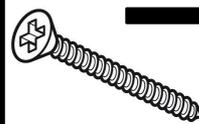
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## Thrift Store Opens in Lillian

Women with Clear Vision has announced the grand opening of their new thrift store in Lillian.

The Our Second Vision store is located at 34463 Hwy 98, Unit I. This is in the Lillian Shopping Center that also houses Pelican's Nest and Lillian Medical Clinic. The inventory will continually change but will typically include men's, women's and children's clothing, housewares, appliances and decorative items.

Women with Clear Vision has a women's shelter in Pensacola. Housing services are provided for emergency, short-term and permanent situations for single women and women with children. Personal development service programs are also available.

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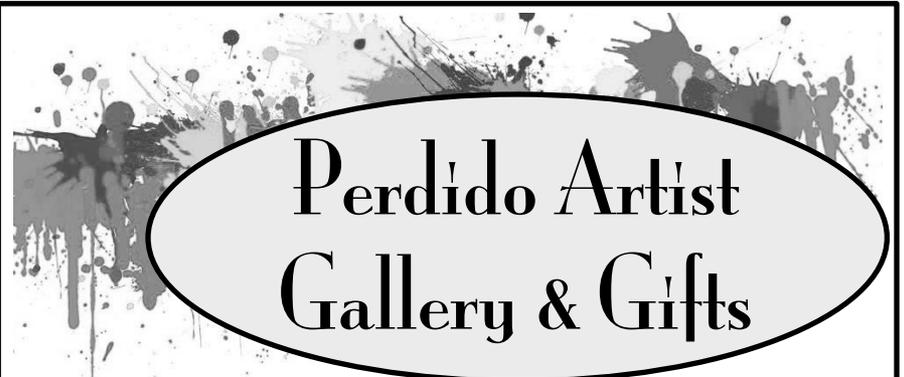
6 p.m. Saturday.

All proceeds from the shop help fund the group's shelter and their 90-day program.

This local non-profit organization hopes to create a positive impact by expanding housing to area female clients while also improving educational assistance for clients to transition into self-sustainability. A goal is to reduce recidivism in regards to homelessness, and help clients reach autonomy by empowering them with the knowledge and skills to live within the community prepared for life challenges, and to be productive citizens and individuals within their own lives.

Pastor Ingar Scott is the founder of Women with Clear Vision. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado Tech University and also has a bachelor's degree in theology.

More details are also available at [www.womenwithclearvision.org](http://www.womenwithclearvision.org).



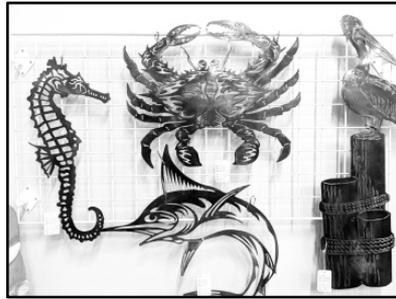
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**Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner**  
By Sally McKinney

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Of course, in addition to the books, the library provides computers for your use at no charge. However, if you are going to use the printers, we'd appreciate a donation to cover ink and paper costs.

Dec. 14, 2019 is the 200th anniversary of statehood for Alabama. The Lillian Bicentennial Committee is selling special t-shirts commemorating the event. They are \$15 each. Come into the library to see one and place your order.



**Lillian American Legion Post 48**  
By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

Dues for 2020 are requested at this time. If you have not yet renewed, please do. WE NEED YOU!

For five straight years, the American Legion Legacy Run has raised more than \$1 million for scholarships for children of fallen U.S. troops and, more recently, the children of disabled veterans. If that trend holds, expect another \$1 million or more to be donated during the Legion's 101st National Convention in Indianapolis.

Since surpassing \$1 million in 2014, the Legion Riders have collected record-breaking donations in three of the past four Legacy Runs, capped by an all-time record \$1.3 million in 2018.

This years Legacy Run will

leave Florida on Aug. 18 and arrive in Indianapolis on Aug. 22. The ride will start off at American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake, the largest Legion post in the world with more than 6,700 members.

Riders will make stops in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky before ending up at Post 64 in Indianapolis.

American Legion Post 48 of Lillian encourages all veterans in our area to join our post. Stop by the Legion building, located to the right of the Lillian Community Center, any Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and meet some of your fellow veterans. Legion meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club Hall.

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## States with Happiest Residents

Ever wish you felt happier? I certainly do. Obviously a lot of us wish we felt happier because a Gallup poll found the subject intriguing enough to conduct a happiness survey. In 2016, Dan Witters, research director of the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, set out to discover which American states had the happiest residents.

To compile his data, Witters asked residents of all 50 states five questions: Do you like where you live? Do you like what you do each day? Do you have loving relationships? Are you managing your economic situation in a way that reduces stress? How are your health and energy levels?

Witters' research revealed that people who live in Hawaii are happier than persons who live in the other 49 states. The conclusion was no surprise; Hawaii has finished number one in the Gallup happiness poll five times since 2008.

The reason for Hawaii's first place ranking was summed up by two residents. Danny Quan, owner of a taxi cab company, states, "Even if you wake up sad, you can go to the beach or enjoy the mountains or go hiking." Kent Terada, a respiratory therapist, visits the beach two days a week. Terada surfs, goes for a run, grabs a bite to eat, then finds a shady tree and strums his ukulele.

Coming in second to Hawaii was Alaska. Like Hawaiians, Alaskans enjoy the outdoor opportunities their state affords. Instead of surfing, Alaskans spend their happiness hours engaged in activities friendly to their cold-weather climate such as fishing, hunting and cross-country

## View From the Other Side

By Jim Belcher

skiing. Alexis Will, a Fairbanks resident, said exercise is important to Alaskans. "People here aren't timid about going outside no matter what the weather, and that gives us a good sense of self and place."

The states taking the next three spots were Montana, Colorado and Wyoming. The survey listed the bottom five, or unhappiest, states as Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kentucky and West Virginia. Kentucky has ranked 49th in happiness for the last seven years.

The survey caught my attention because I'm a Kentucky resident, and Kentucky is a severe state in which to live.

The winters in Kentucky are marked by rain, snow, ice and gray skies. When winter rolls around, I recall the sugar-white beaches on Perdido Key and my daily walks around the Lillian Recreational Park when I lived in Lillian. There are times when I consider returning to the gulf coast.

The survey is important because it reminds us that happiness is vital to our well-being. The survey encourages us to ask ourselves, "How happy am I?"

If we find ourselves chronically unhappy, it's up to us to do something about it. Our happiness is our responsibility; no one can make us happy. I wish us all the best in our quest for a happy life.

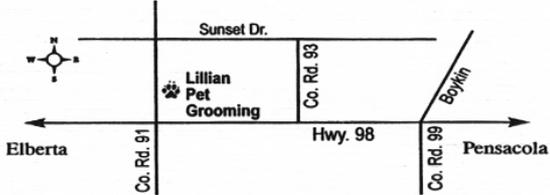


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## CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is your column. Brag a little, share a little, and have fun. Birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren, family visits.

Happy August Birthday LEO: Mary Collier, Hal Heiner, Faith Dowd, Ginny Foreman-Wynn, Teresa Metts, Georgia Everett, Kayla Cooper, Larry Price, Eugene Stewart, Steve Sas, Art Ensign, Greg Wade, John Asbjornsen, Virginia Allen, Ella Ford, James Harden, Mitzie Wolowic, Bill Youngs, Carl Hendrickson, Charlotte Befay, Nita Tate and William Vana.

Happy August Birthday VIRGO: Cliff Collier, Pat Lucy, Carl Benoit, Mary Lois Jacobs, Bill Farrow, William Cassady, Bruce Allen, Garnet Brady, June Dupree, Richard Martin, Ruth Sas, Ken Mason, Marty Leonard and Ron Tremblay.

Happy August Wedding

Anniversary: Allen and Gwen Doretzke - #64, Marc and Diane Willard - #59, Bob and Charlene Taylor - #34, Woody and Pat Lucy - #46, Eugene and Gail Stewart - #27, Brandon and Misty Williams - #22, Roger and Char Kuhr - \$22, Laverne and Velma Holtz - #44, Ed and Joan Rugg - #59 and Jim and Celia Avera - #61.

Sometimes we all need a hug: Josephine Flynn, Gwen Furio and Dick McCoy.

Any information you want added or deleted from Chit Chat, send to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549 or place in the yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the September issue of The Lillian is August 21.

**You can now view the pages of *The Lillian* online! Go to [www.lilliancommunityclub.com](http://www.lilliancommunityclub.com) then click on The Lillian link.**

We all know the phrase “new and improved” and when it comes to the Lillian Recreational Park, we don’t get to say that often enough. But recently our basketball/pickleball court underwent a renovation.

The 20-year-old court had definitely seen better days. The uneven and cracked pavement has now been resurfaced and new courts have been striped. You’ll see players on a daily basis enjoying a safe play area with a competitive spirit.

We are making some “new and improved” changes to our Market in the Park, too, by expanding it to include a flea market component.

So if you are looking for handcrafted items, you will find them along with books and produce and treasures. From yard art to antiques, from baked goods to tools, woodworking to baby clothes. And amazing crafts along with products and services. New and improved along with used and repurposed.

## Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

Each month we will continue to recycle your unwanted electronics (No TVs though).

In October we will once again host our annual flea market. November brings us the merriest of markets which we hope to expand with a festive flare.

In early preparation for the holidays to come we plan to have a “beat the heat” activities tent at our upcoming Movie and Music in the Park on Aug. 2.

The film "Christopher Robin" will start at dusk. Join in on the family fun and make some memories. Bring a teddy bear dressed to “beat the heat” with you and you might even win a prize!



Local residents have been taking advantage of the newly resurfaced pickleball/basketball courts at Lillian Recreational Park. The photo above shows the condition before updates were done.



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## Sirens of the Sea Annual Drawdown Fundraiser

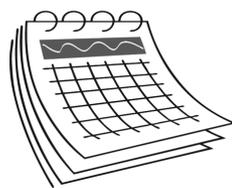
Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras Krewe, will be hosting their upcoming Fall Fundraiser, the 3rd Annual Football Tailgating Drawdown. It will be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf on Friday, September 20 from 6 to 10:30pm. The Drawdown promises to be a fun filled night. The Drawdown Grand Prize is \$5,000! Super raffle items include a \$500 gift certificate from Expedia Cruise Ship Center in Gulf Shores; and a private four-hour offshore fishing charter. Regular raffle tickets for additional items are only \$2 and will be available at the door, as well as from Sirens members. A silent auction will have an array of items.

*Live music will be presented by Jesse Duncan Music. They will light up the night playing rhythm and blues, soul, rock, and country. Everyone is invited to come out and join the tailgating party. Don't forget to wear your favorite NCAA college or NFL pro football team gear.*

In previous years, Sirens have supported local charities such as Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center (CARE HOUSE); the local branch of the American Heart Association; Sea, Sand and Stars Science Center; Tim Tebow's "Night to Shine"; and Mardi Gras activities. Also, the annual Gail Pond Scholarship will be awarded to a local high school senior for college tuition. This year's recipients will be Expect Excellence, a City of Orange Beach After School Program; and Orange Beach Police K-9 Unit for dog body armor.

*Ticket price is \$50 and will be offered by all Sirens. In August, tickets will be available at Diamond Jewelers in Gulf Shores; J&M Tackle in Orange Beach; and McClure's New York Bagel & Sandwich Shoppe in Orange Beach. For more information or tickets contact Linda Pacatte at 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691.*

**Friday, Sept. 20 ~ 6-10:30pm**  
**Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf**



## Community Bulletin Board

- August 1 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the park conference room
- August 2 - Movie in the Park, music starts at 6 p.m., movie at dusk, Lillian Recreation Park
- August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club
- August 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- August 6, 13, 20 & 27 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- August 6 & 20 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354
- August 8 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- August 12 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public
- August 12 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- August 17 - Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park
- August 18 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- August 19 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Aug. 25 - Bicentennial Singspiration and Spaghetti Dinner, 4 to 6 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church, story on Page 2



*Sons of Confederate Veterans held their 124th General Reunion at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel July 11-13 and concluded with a Confederate ball. There are members in all 50 states and some foreign countries. The local SCV Camp is Ft. Blakeley Camp #1864, which meets the second Tuesday each month in Foley. Commander is Thomas B. Rhodes III. The camp was named Army of Tennessee Outstanding Camp for 2018. They will be hosting the 2020 Alabama SCV Division Reunion on June 27, 2020. Pictured are Mary Beth Majesty of Lillian and Larry Nelson of Fairhope. He belongs to the Ft. Blakeley camp and is their artillery commander.*