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## Optimist Club Recognizes Officers and Citizen of Year

By Sally McKinney

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has awarded the “Deputy Scott Ward Memorial Law Enforcement of the Year Award” to two Baldwin County officers, Orange Beach Sergeant Jeremy Mote and Corporal Andrew Ashton, a member of the Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division.

Baldwin County Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler received the “Citizen of the Year” award for his work in placing school resource officers in schools to keep the children safe.

Also nominated was Virginia Guy, executive director of the Drug Education Council.

Mote was nominated for courage and heroism in the line of duty. He observed two swimmers in distress at Perdido Pass and swam with a rescue tube to them. He performed CPR on the rescue boat until more help arrived.

Police Chief Joseph F. Fierro said Mote’s quick action in assisting the two swimmers is “a credit not only to himself, but all law enforcement.”

Although one of the swimmers passed away some months later, “Officer Mote’s actions provided the family with an opportunity to spend some valuable time with their family member prior to his untimely death,” said Fierro.

Ashton “has the unique ability to be an absolute advocate for victims, no matter the crime and he always puts their best interest ahead of



*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay presented two Law "Enforcement Officer of the Year" awards. Winners are fifth from left, Orange Beach Police Sergeant Jeremy Mote and sixth from left Baldwin County Sheriff Corporal Andrew Ashton. Other nominees included Corporal Daniel Rada, Fairhope Police Department; Officer Kyle Hattemar, Loxley Police Department; Sergeant Susan Gross and Sergeant Matthew Morrison, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Jeremy Hicks, Department of Conservation, Marine Resources Division; Officer Benjamin Hancock, Gulf Shores Police Department; Officer Michael Smith, Daphne Police Department; Corporal Michelle "Shelly" Oliver, Foley Police Department and Arson Investigator Adam Bowmar, Gulf Shores Fire Department.*

anything else,” says Sergeant Matt Morrison of the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division.

In 2018, Ashton made 62 arrests on 48 felony charges and 14 misdemeanor charges. These cases included sex crimes for both adults and children, robberies, assaults, abuses, attempted murder and murder.

Ashton’s award was for his overall investigation performance throughout the year.

Others nominees for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year included Corporal Daniel Rada, Fairhope Police Department; Officer Kyle Hattemar, Loxley Police Department; Sergeant Susan Gross and Sergeant Matthew Morrison, Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office; Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Jeremy Hicks, Department of Conservation, Marine Resources Division.

Also, Officer Benjamin Hancock, Gulf Shores Police



*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay "Citizen of the Year" is Baldwin County School Superintendent Eddie Tyler, right. He is pictured with Baldwin County Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doggett.*


Department; Officer Michael Smith, Daphne Police Department; Corporal Michelle “Shelly” Oliver, Foley Police Department; and Arson Investigator Adam Bowmar, Gulf Shores Fire Department.



## Educators Also Honored By Club

*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently presented "Educator of the Year" awards to local teachers. From left are Optimist President Jeff Keener, Principal Dr. Kathy McCool and Cookie Krehling, of St. Benedict Catholic School; JoAnn Pinkston, Elberta Elementary School; Morgan Plash, Elberta High School; Curriculum Leader Eugenia Robinson and Counselor Laura Alms, Elberta High School and Optimist Bob Pocreva. Each year the Optimist Club honors educators who "Bring Out the Best in Kids."*

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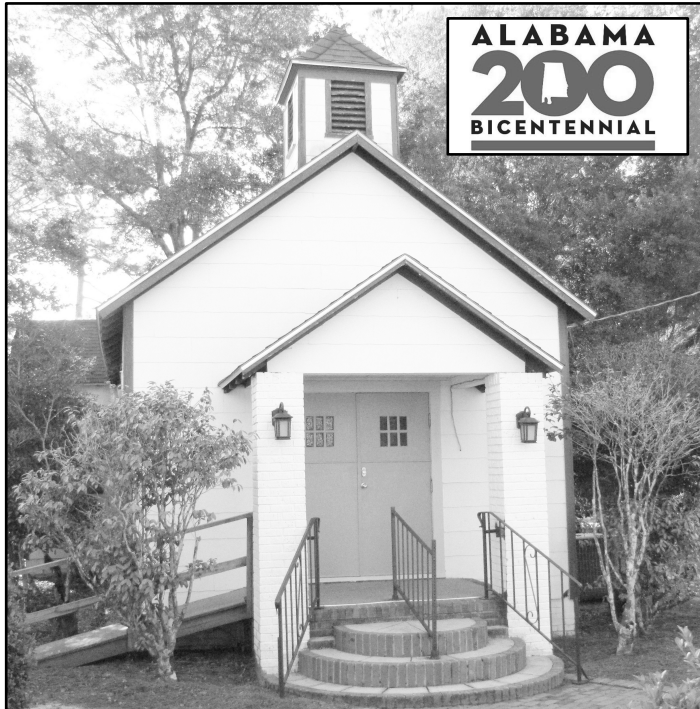
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## Historical Marker Dedications on May 4



The community is welcome to attend the dedication of two historical markers in Lillian on May 4, including one at the first St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The Lillian Bicentennial Committee invites the community to the Bicentennial Marker Dedication. Two historic markers will be unveiled beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4. The group will meet at the Lillian Boat Launch where the first marker will be dedicated. This marker will tell the history of Perdido Bay and the bridge that connects Alabama with Florida.

The group will then move on to Santa Pedro Street in front of the first St. Joseph Catholic Church that was originally constructed in 1929 on a lot on Kee Street. It was moved to its present location in 1941. The history of the church and Lillian will be represented on the marker.

After this unveiling, the group will move to the Lillian Community Club where a reception will be held.

## Garden Walk Hosted by Master Gardeners

Baldwin County Master Gardeners will be holding a garden walk on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will feature six home gardens, the Magnolia Springs Arboretum and the Wilbourne Antique Rose

Trail in Foley.

The gardens will stretch from Fish River to northeast Foley. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour.

Tickets are on sale at Earth Day in Fairhope and

Foley, Old Tyme Feed in Fairhope and Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market on Saturdays in April.

For information go to www.baldwinmastergardeners.com.

## Free Vessel Safety Checks Offered May 18

A major component of a fun-filled outing is a reliable boat that has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check is an important safeguard, and certified examiners from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron will perform the check for boaters on Saturday, May 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lillian boat ramp.

There are no consequences if you don't pass. The group's goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends through education.

The United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are partners in this program offered to the boating public. All examiners are certified and trained on the latest requirements. The vessel safety check is similar to the review that is performed by the U.S.

Coast Guard if you are boarded, except that it is voluntary, and only you receive the results.

Vessel safety checks are timed to coincide with National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24). Created by the National Safe Boating Council, the campaign encourages boaters to always wear a life jacket, take a safe boating course, get a vessel safety check, check the weather forecast, file a float plan and never boat under the influence.

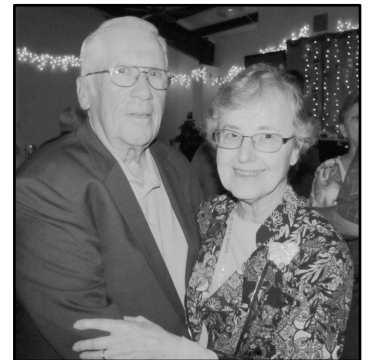
The Lillian boat launch is located on the south side of the Lillian Bridge on Perdido Bay. It's a 5.3 acre launch and waterfront recreational area with parking, lights and two boat ramps.

For additional information about vessel safety checks in Lillian, call Richard Carson at 251-980-1536 or Dave Packett at 850-375-2579.

## Casual Affair Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Planned

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host a casual evening of good food, music, dancing and friendship on Saturday, May 18, in the Lillian Community Club hall. The meal will include salad, bread, spaghetti with tenderloin meat sauce, dessert and a beverage. A cash bar will be provided by LCC and music by DJ Troy Robinson.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 and music until 9 p.m. Cost is \$20 a person and tickets must be purchased no later than May 11 from any Optimist member. Table reservations are available so plan to bring your friends. For more information contact Sondra Wilkinson, 251-213-3734, or Carolyn Armstrong, 251-269-0484.



Stan and Elaine Fertig at the Optimist Club Valentine Dinner/Dance. The club members are hosting a "casual affair" on Saturday, May 18, at the Lillian Community Club.

## LUMC Offering Vacation Bible School in June

Area children ages 5-12 are welcome to take part in a Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Lillian United Methodist Church. Roar VBS will be held June 10-14 from 5 to 7:45 p.m. with registration from 5 to 5:15 p.m. Roar is an African adventure that

engages the whole herd while kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith.

Registration can be done at the church office Monday through Thursday. Call 251-962-4336 or contact Joyce Ellison, children's director, at 1-251-752-5062.



Austin Gontarski, a 7th grade student at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsdale, raised more than \$9,000 to purchase food and delivered it to the Catholic Social Services backpack program. Austin will be the featured speaker at the May 16 quarterly meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lillian.

## Young Student Raises \$9,000 for School Backpack Food Program

The May meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), hosted by St. Joseph Catholic Church Altar Society, Lillian, will feature Austin Gontarski, a student at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsdale. He will be accompanied by school Principal Sr. Margaret Harte, PBVM and Catholic Social Services Director Phyllis Beam.

A seventh grade student, he raised more than \$9,000 for the school backpack program sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County.

He delivered the food to the Robertsdale office and stopped by after school to pack bags that are

distributed to the schools.

The quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, in Immaculate Mary Hall. The day will begin with registration and coffee at 8:45 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 9:15. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in the church, followed by luncheon at noon in the parish hall.

The cost for the luncheon is \$13. Reservations are necessary and should be made to local organization presidents no later than Monday, May 13. Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Altar Society. For information contact ACCW Deanery President Joyce Gaar, 251-965-7146.


## Grande Dames Meet Monthly



The Perdido Grande Dames met April 9 at the Wolf Bay Lodge on Gulf Beach Highway. Attending were, front from left, Mary Margaret Ayres, Ruby Weiltman, Waynette Brown, Joan Achorn, Este Donnenwirth, Lorrain Standish and Marcia Pocreva. In back are Debra Donin, Renee McGrail, Judy Wargo and Sandra Jurries. Two guests attending have become members and three door prizes were awarded. The next meeting will be May 14 with the location to be determined.

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## Do Your Part To End Distracted Driving

Since I joined the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay about nine years ago, I have been witness to a lot of wonderful events. As you probably know, our mission is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." The Optimists do this in a variety of ways: reading, mentoring, hosting essay and oratorical contests, awarding scholarships to graduating seniors, sending young folks to the National Flight Academy and to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program.

It's not all work and no play, however. It's presenting gifts to special needs children at Christmas, providing turkeys and other goodies to the ARC Thanksgiving Luncheon, bringing Santa Claus for breakfast, providing a fishing rodeo and making arrangements with the Easter Bunny to hide eggs. I could go on some more, but I don't want you to get bored, because I know you have heard about these projects before.

I do want to make you aware of a new project that we have taken on, "End Distracted Driving." This is to make young drivers aware of the dangers of texting and driving and anything else that may take their concentration off the road.

The Lillian club has partnered with the Foley club to provide the program at Foley High School and our club is sponsoring the Elberta High School program. We're hoping to take it county-wide. So this is what we did this past month. We worked with the Junior Optimist Clubs (JOI) in both schools to bring the program to the student body.

A video was played to all classes to make them aware of the problems and the dangers. Then we set up tables in the cafeterias so the students could sign the pledge to "End Distracted Driving." One of those plastic bracelets that the kids seem to love was given along with a sticker with the reminder and the name of the school. At Foley we encouraged the



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally  
McKinney

students to put the sticker on their phones as another reminder.

One student was eager to sign up, as he knew someone who had died as a result of distracted driving. Some came up and said, "But I don't drive." Hah! That was our cue to remind them that they are passengers in cars and can still help the cause. If a friend wants to text or take a picture while driving, the passenger can offer to do it for them.

Now this is going to be the hard part. If you are an adult, please do not get upset when that lovely young person in the passenger or back seat reminds you not to text while driving. They are enthusiastic about saving lives, especially those they love. And they really don't want to have to deal with an accident caused by a loved one with injury to an innocent driver.

I hate to admit it, but I have at times tried to check my phone or take a picture of a beautiful sunrise or sunset while I was driving. I never could do it because I don't have enough hands. Now, after dealing with those sweet young boys and girls who have their whole lives ahead of them, I remind myself of the pledge they took. By the way, I have a bracelet and a sticker on my phone, too. You might want to take the pledge, too. Are you as smart as a 16-year-old?

*For my future — for life's big dreams, I hereby make a conscious commitment to safe driving.*

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*Members of the Elberta Junior Optimist Club, above, helped members of the Perdido Bay Optimist Club encourage students to pledge to "End Distracted Driving." At right, Optimist Linda Warren helps Foley High School student Kendall Hall sign the pledge to "End Distracted Driving."*



## St. Joseph Church Hosting Potluck



Mary Stenzel and Harriet Shields helped serve the many varieties of soups during the St. Joseph Souper Suppers hosted during Lent. Now the parishioners at St. Joseph Catholic Church are celebrating the completion of repairs to the parish hall by hosting a potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 5, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The event is free, but participants are asked to bring a dish to feed eight. A raffle is being held in conjunction with the event. Tickets are \$25 each, with prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100. Raffle tickets are available from any parishioner or contact the church office, 251-962-3649.

## View From the Other Side

By Jim Belcher

The experience happened 12 years ago on a weekday morning around seven o'clock. I was dressed and ready for work. Before going to the office I paused for a half-hour to sit quietly before God. A few minutes into the silent vigil, my chest cavity began to grow warm. The warmth was beyond a natural body temperature; it felt as if someone had opened my chest and inserted a heating pad. As my chest grew warm, feelings of peace and joy began to wash over me and the fear of death I harbored disappeared.

I don't recall how long the experience lasted. In the months and years that followed, I tried to figure out what happened during those moments of contemplative prayer, but the experience defied analysis. All I knew was that there had been some kind of supernatural visitation unlike anything I'd experienced and it had a profound impact on me. I continue to think about the event daily. Although the feelings of peace and joy subsided long ago, the fearlessness towards death remains. I have no fear of death; in fact, I look forward to death because I've experienced what being in God's presence feels like.

Experiences like the one just described are called "spiritually transformative experiences."

A spiritual experience is considered transformative "when it causes people to perceive themselves and the world profoundly differently: by expanding the person's identity, augmenting their sensitivities, and/or altering their values, priorities, and appreciation of life."

According to the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, 36 percent of the adult U.S. population has had

at least one spiritual experience that changed their lives and 32 percent report feeling as though they were very close to a powerful spiritual force that seemed to lift them out of themselves.

Almost all persons who've had a spiritually transformative experience report changes in their lives following their STE.

Positive things include changes in the way they view death, an increase in love and compassion, an increase in volunteering and generosity, changes in political and social views and decreased attachment to money and material possessions.

Negative changes include divorce and alienation from family, spouses and friends who don't understand their loved-one's experience. Some people change careers or move to different locations following their experience.

Many report feeling more at peace, more respectful of others and more balanced following their experience. Many report feeling a universal connection to all persons, even strangers.

Others say they feel more authentic, open, joyful and respectful of their body. Still others experience a change in their religious practices - they lose interest in institutional religion and stop attending church. Church dogma becomes irrelevant, and many adopt meditation as their spiritual practice.

If you've had a spiritually transformative experience and struggle to make sense of it, the American Center for Integration of Spiritually Transformative Experiences will help you understand. Their website is aciste.org. You're also welcome to contact me; I'll validate your experience and share what I know.

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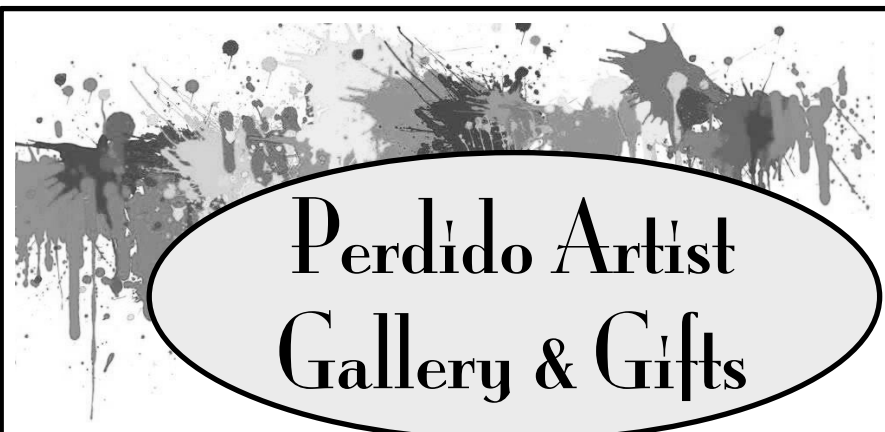


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By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Legionnaires acknowledged the contribution of spouses Jaylene Brown, Sharon Farrow, Sandy Fuller, Susie Harrison and Tracy Wermuth at the April 15 meeting of Post 48 with certificates of appreciation awarded to say thank you. They are very important to the success of Post 48 by contributing to the ham dinners and desserts.

Elections were held at the April 15 meeting. Nominations presented for 2020: include Commander, James Harrison; First Vice, Price Legg; Second Vice, Bill Youngs; Adjutant, Wayne Lavallee; Finance Officer, Mike Collins; and Chaplain, Jeannie Sibis.

The JrROTC awards ceremony was held at Robertsdale High School

on April 11. Current commander James Willis and adjutant Wayne Lavallee attended and presented awards to Cadet Katelynn Brown for military excellence and Cadet Darby Stevenson for academic achievement.

Post 48 supports this ceremony by awarding two students with certificates, \$50 and medals with bars.

- Post 48 continues to let Lillian residents know their medical closet is available at no charge.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the Lillian Community Club hall. All veterans are also invited to stop by on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. We'd like to meet you!



**Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner**

By Sally McKinney

What's one of the most fun things to do in the summer time, no matter where you live? Yep, it's sitting in a comfy chair with a cool drink and reading a book from your favorite author. Perhaps it's reading a biography of an historical figure or a cool rock star. Maybe your tastes flow to Civil War or World War II history. Perhaps the classics, now that we don't have to write reports like we did in high school, become a little more interesting.

Taking a trip? Whatever your interests, we have it here in the biggest little library, books for all to help those miles fly along. And yes, you are allowed to sit in the motel parking lot or your own driveway to listen to the end of the chapter.

We'll be making another purchase of books, thanks to the Irene Bellus Memorial Fund. Let us know about the new authors you've discovered or the new titles of the old ones. We'll do what we can to get them on the shelves. There's a list in the library of the new titles we've added in 2018.

Our new fax/copier is up and running as are our five computers.

Don't be afraid to ask if you need help with any of our equipment. Technology is wonderful, but can get a little fussy once in a while. Most of our volunteers can help you, but if not, we'll get our computer guru to check into the glitches. Just be patient. In most cases we can switch you to a different computer that isn't having a bad day.

Do you remember that you can go online to see what we have? There are more than 20,000 titles. Just go to [lpblal.booksys.net/opac/Lillian](http://lpblal.booksys.net/opac/Lillian). You are bound to find something you like.

And just an additional note: once again, thank you for your support. We have more members this year than last. You are our only regular source of income.

Yes, we get some memorial donations, sometimes a grant, sometimes a donation from a local organization, but it is you whom we count on to pay the bills. For those who think it is too late to donate, we'll be happy to accept you as a member any time. Thank you for your continued support of the biggest little library in the area.

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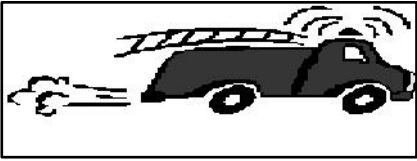
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## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 78 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in March including 49 medical assistance, 7 public assists, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 brush fire, 3 structure fire, 7 fire alarm, 1 medical alarm and 4 miscellaneous. We are looking for some volunteer office help to assist us in some data entry, in addition to medical and fire assistance. If you give us the time, we will provide the training. Call 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

The LVFD Open House in March was a great hit. We really enjoyed getting together with the community and talking to everyone. The music was wonderful as Curtis Cantrell, one of our volunteers, did a great job keeping us upbeat with his songs and music. This year we had plenty of food and served over 250 hot dogs, plus about 12 pork butts.

We would like to thank our neighboring fire departments and Medstar ambulance and Aircare services for taking the time from

their busy day to come out and join us. A big thank you goes to all the local vendors for your contributions. But most of all, we want to thank each and every one of you for all your support at the open house and every day.

Each year the snow birds at the KOA put together a dinner for the LVFD volunteers to say thank you for all the volunteers do. We had a great night and again we would like to thank them all for a wonderful dinner and generous donation. Safe travels to you all, and we are looking forward to seeing you all again in about six months.

LVFD is happy to announce we have purchased a Lucas Machine. This machine will provide invaluable assistance during cardiac arrest. The Lucas machine is an easy-to-use mechanical chest compression device that will deliver uninterrupted compressions at a consistent rate and depth. Hopefully, we won't have to use it too many times, but it is good to know we have it when an emergency arises.

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### Membership Registration Form 2018-2019

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Lillian Volunteer Fire Department ~ 11331 County Road 91 S, Lillian, AL 36549*

The 2018-19 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office. If you had a problem receiving your letter, call the fire station and leave a message. Your donation is tax-deductible. We are requesting a donation of \$75 per household or property unit and \$150 per business.

## Women's Club

By Dree Purcell

Lillian Women's Club hosted their fourth meeting of the year April 19 at the Lillian Community Club.

A delicious brunch was served by Sally Bowen. The featured speaker was Rob Benson, executive chef at Cosmo's restaurant in Orange Beach.

Chef Benson put on a demonstration to show how easy it is to make chilled soups in the summer. He shared two of his chilled soup recipes and emphasized that fresh produce was key in blending the flavors and producing a delicious soup.

The next meeting will be held May 21 at the LCC. Anyone wishing to join is welcome.

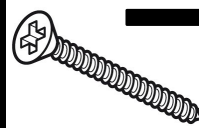
Annual dues are \$20 per year and \$11 for each monthly meeting to cover a catered meal with dessert and beverage.

Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon.

To make a reservation, please call Lois Croutharmel at (251) 962-2208.



*Pat Bonner of the Lillian Women's Club with Executive Chef Rob Benson.*



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April showers will hopefully bring us some of those May Alabama native flowers as we continue to prep the triangle garden for its transformation. This garden, in honor of Alabama's Bicentennial will feature historical markers and pavers highlighting the history of Lillian and the surrounding area.

The projected completion of the garden and planned dedication will hopefully take place this summer. We are excited to have received a grant for the markers from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Once completed we hope that local families and visitors alike will enjoy the garden and appreciate the mix of history and nature.

• Market in the Park (third Saturday of the month through fall) and Music and Movies in the Park (first Friday of the month) are monthly, family-friendly events that continue to entertain. Check out our website for more information: [www.lillianrecreationalpark.org](http://www.lillianrecreationalpark.org)

• We continue to work hard on

## Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

finding ways to improve the park and its offerings. We are in the midst of our annual fund drive. We hope you will find a project you would like to support financially or by donating your time.

It's so much fun working on projects together, gathering ideas and achieving a goal. We are open to any suggestions. You may contact us via the website or why not drop a note along with your change in the donation box located on the trail at the parking lot.

• Thank you to all the volunteers who work in the gardens, who assist at the market and movies and those who have donated their skills, time and energy to make the park a place for all of us to enjoy. This is what community looks like.

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Mail to Lillian Recreational Park, P.O. Box 865, Lillian, AL 36549. You may also use your PayPal account. Visit our Facebook page to learn more about upcoming events and activities.



## Baldwin County Officers Attend Lillian Meeting

Two members of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department addressed the Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee recently. Capt. Tony Nolfé and Lt. Nathan Lusk emphasized the importance of reporting suspicious activity. They said their job is to protect the citizens of the county. "See something; say something," they said.

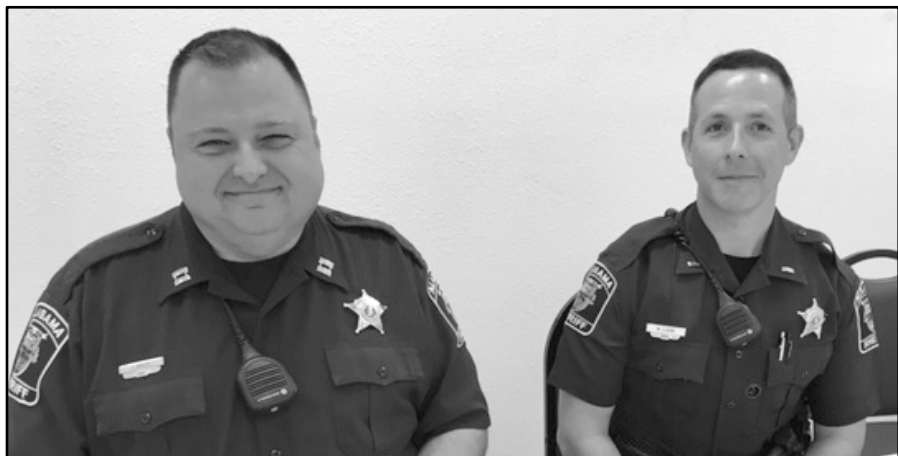
They also remind citizens to keep their automobiles locked. Many of the break-ins to private vehicles have resulted in the theft of guns, unleashing additional fire arms into neighborhoods.

The patrol area that includes Lillian begins at County Road 32 on the north to the coast and west from the Lillian bridge to Highway 59. Response time is approximately 12 minutes, the officers said.

Jean Ray, a member of the Perdido Bay Water Company Board of Directors, said the Alabama Rural Water Association gave our water the "Best Tasting" award. Manager Mark Bohlin received the "Manager of the Year" award.

## Civic and Legislative Committee

By Sally McKinney



*Capt. Tony Nolfé, left, and Lt. Nathan Lusk of Baldwin County spoke at a recent Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting.*

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