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Bad Math Costly to Taxpayers

Baldwin Bd. Mistakenly Hijacks Millions in Fed. Rescue Funds to Pad County Payroll

Maybe it wasn't such a great idea to use Federal American Rescue Plan Act money to bankroll fat pay raises for Baldwin County employees. Maybe it wasn't even legal.

That's what Baldwin County commissioners grappled with at a Monday evening work session and again at the regular commission meeting Tuesday morning, Aug. 19.

"There's not a single county in this state, nor in this country, that has done this with ARPA funds," Baldwin County Commission Chairman Jeb Ball, (D1) said.

This is what can happen when you fail to do the math.

It seems commissioners thought they were allotting \$750,000 of the county's \$43 million share of ARPA money for \$700 monthly in bonus pay hikes to county workers

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US-98 Lillian to Elberta

Resurface Project Slated to begin Now; Could Last Up Until New Year's Eve

Leave some extra time for your commute and check out alternative routes. That's the advice from FL / AL Transportation and Planning Citizens Advisory Committee Board Member Tim Pagel, a local liaison for residents in the project's footprint.

Resurfacing of US-98 between Lillian and Elberta is scheduled to begin Oct. 1.

The 11.5-mile stretch of highway to be resurfaced spans from a point west of the Elberta city limits to the eastern border of Alabama, with striping continuing to the Alabama portion of the Perdido Bay Bridge just east of Lillian.

The good news is the work will be done between the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to minimize the impact on residents living within the footprint of the project and the nearly 13,000 travelers headed west daily from the intersection of US-98 and CR-99.

The bad news is, if all goes well, the project is anticipated to last 45 days, according to Jason Prescott, project manager. However, Mobile Asphalt LCC is contracted for - if necessary - as long as 75 days, from October 1 to December 31, accord-



ing to James E. Gordon, communications and public information specialist with the Alabama Department of Transportation, southwest region

More updates will be forthcoming from Gordon as the project moves forward. Information is with Gordon, who can be reached at 1701 I-65 West Service Rd. N. Mobile, Alabama 36618. (251) 470-8351.

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when they voted to approve raises in July.

Turns out it was \$750,000 per month for 30 months. That adds up to about \$22 million - more than half the money the Feds granted to help Baldwin County residents, organizations and businesses struggling through the COVID crisis.

Oops.

"I can't sell this to the public," Ball said.

At the work session Monday, night, Ball and Billie Jo Underwood argued to end the bonuses right away.

Skip Gruber and Matt McKenzie favored keeping the raises in place through December to give county employees time to trim their personal household budgets.

By Tuesday morning's regular meeting, three of the commissioners were on board to let the raises stand till the end of the year, while McKenzie, a new commissioner, voted no.

He advocated to keep the salary bumps in place for another whole year.

By the first September meeting, more revelatory calculations prompted the board to unanimously end the pay hikes immediately.

A closer look at the ARPA regulations showed that only employees making less than about \$72,000 were eligible for federal stipends. That meant that money to pay the bonuses to county workers making

more than that would not be drawn from county ARPA funds, but from the general fund, according to comments made by Commissioner Underwood.

No figures were available on how many employees that is or how much money would be spent on temporary raises from the general fund.

The board seemed unclear on the way the raises were originally proposed and whether padding county workers' paychecks is a lawful use of the Federal funding.

"Not once had the commissioners been brought in on a discussion as to how this money was to be spent," Underwood said.

The \$18.1 million saved by ending the raises in December should be passed on to other entities eligible for assistance, Gruber said.

"You've got a lot of other organizations...in dire need right now for some aid and assistance which would still help our employees in the long run," he said. The commission is obligated to weigh the needs of the entire county, Ball said.

"The decisions we make up here are crucial to not only employees but to the whole entire public at large. We answer to everyone," Ball said.

"Just because we got something wrong doesn't mean it's right to keep it wrong."

Commissioners agreed they may revisit the pay hikes "If there's no other viable right reason to spend these funds on," Underhill said.

"... Just because we got something wrong doesn't mean it's right to keep it wrong ..."

- Jeb Ball

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I guess I started recycling in the late 1950s. We saved our pop bottles and took them back to the store for a refund of five cents each. Oh, wait, that wasn't recycling, was it? We were just getting some money so we could buy cigarettes just before payday. My bad.

It wasn't until we moved to Lillian that we took recycling seriously. At that time, the items were picked up on a regular basis, as Baldwin County was contracting garbage and recycling. Then the county took over the garbage pick up and recycling pick up was dropped. Eventually local drop-off places were established.

We were fortunate to have a drop-off spot in the park on CR99, but because of thoughtless people dropping off non-recyclables like mattresses, it was removed. Then our always helpful Lillian Volunteer Fire Department volunteered space at their facility on CR91. Once again, people took advantage and the bin has been removed.

When the bin says "Aluminum, Paper, Cardboard, Plastic", that's what it means. It does not mean mattresses, furniture or garbage. Duh!

Now what, says I? I fill up my household recycle bin very quickly with plastic, cardboard, and paper. What was I going to do? After all these years, I could not stop recycling. It is the thing to do for the environment.

I went on line to www.baldwincountyal.gov, clicked on Departments, Solid Waste and then Recycling. Everything you want to know about recycling is there: where the drop offs are, what you can recycle, results of a recycling survey and even where you can drop off Christmas trees.

Maybe you don't have a computer or smart phone, so I'll help. First of all, the closest recy-

cling drop off spot is at the Per-dido

Beach Fire Department on CR97. It's a good way down the road, but it's a pretty drive. Watch out for the speed bumps, though. There's also a drop off spot in Elberta. Hang a right at Illinois Street. The fire department is a block north at Pine Street.

Now, I know there are other things you need to dispose of. (Yes, Sister Mary, I know not to end a sentence with a preposition. Sometimes, it just sounds better.) Anyway, the county provides an answer to that problem. Each resident may request one free scheduled pickup of Bulky Waste, White Goods and Yard Waste per month.

Bulky Waste is furniture, small appliances, mattresses, carpet/linoleum, toys, auto tires and light construction from home self-repairs.

White goods refers to refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, air conditioners, console televisions, exercise equipment, toilets, broken down swing sets and other large appliances.

Yard waste is material resulting from landscape maintenance, including grass clippings, leaves, mulch and twigs, etc.

This is just an overall description. For more detail go online or call 251-972-6878 for information or to set up a date for pickup. PLEASE, follow the rules so that we may all enjoy close proximity to recycling bins.

BTW, I also recycle glass that I take to Target. The drop off is inside near the pharmacy. Styrofoam may be taken to Publix. The bins are outside.



Just a Thought or Two
By Sally McKinney

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Not a True Fly, The Whitefly Is the Bane of Gardenias

Gardenias (*Gardenia jasminoides*) are an awesome summer flower. With beautiful, fragrant, white blooms on an evergreen shrub, this is one of the best ornamental plants to have in your yard. It is a member of the Coffee family. It likes sun, acidic soil and is moderately drought tolerant.

Gardenias often have problems with Whiteflies. Despite their name, Whiteflies are not true flies. These insects are soft-bodied, winged insects that are closely related to aphids and mealybugs. In the 1980s, this little jerk caused around \$100 million in damage in crops in a five-year period.

Whiteflies are very small – 1/10 to 1/16th of an inch. They are powdery white to light yellow in color. When they are resting, they hold their wings above them at an angle, like the roof over a house, which makes them sort of pyramid shaped. They do have wings and are capable of flying, or really fluttering. They do not move very far from their host plant.

There are more than 1,550 species of Whiteflies. Most affect only a small number of host plants. Some Whitefly species impact a wide range of plants. These Whitefly species include the greenhouse Whitefly, banded winged Whitefly, giant Whitefly, citrus Whitefly and silverleaf Whitefly. Silverleaf Whiteflies, which are slightly smaller and more yellow than other Whiteflies, are especially common in the southern United States.

Whiteflies can be found on a wide variety of plants, from ornamental flowers to warm-weather vegetables, including tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, and okra. Some species may attack sweet potatoes, plants from the cabbage family, and citrus trees. Indoors, they will feed on most common houseplants, especially those with soft, smooth leaves.

These insects are often found in clusters on the undersides of leaves. Whiteflies are active during the day and scatter when disturbed, so they are obvious! You may also find eggs laid on the undersides of leaves. This is the beginning of a new generation!

When the eggs hatch, the larvae will look like teeny white ovals without legs. Adult females can produce up to 400 eggs which hatch in about one week to a month after laying. They are usually laid in a circular pattern. Eggs are pale yellow when newly laid and brown when about to hatch. The larvae don't move but they immediately start sucking the plant juice.

Most Whiteflies tend to prefer to feed on new growth. Like aphids, Whiteflies use their piercing mouthparts to suck up plant juices and, in turn, produce a sticky substance known as "honeydew." Honeydew left on its own can cause fungal diseases such as sooty mold to form on leaves. If the leaves have black



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

"soot" on them that rubs off on your finger, you need to treat the plant for mold.

Periodically, check the undersides of leaves for white insects, even if they aren't immediately visible, and feel leaf surfaces for sticky honeydew. If the Whiteflies are feeding, they'll suddenly all fly off the leaves in a swarm.

According to the National Gardening Association, this simple homemade mixture should be helpful to control and deter Whiteflies: "Use a mix of dish soap and water. A good squirt of soap to a gallon of water should work." Only apply this spray in cooler temperatures so late in the day is best time. Plus, spraying in the evening allows you to avoid accidentally spraying any pollinators or beneficial insects.

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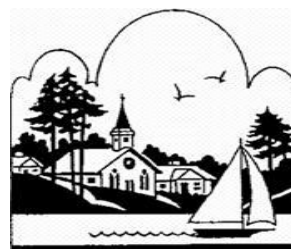
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Six: You are to skin the burnt offering and cut it into pieces. 7 The sons of Aaron the priest are to put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. 8 Then Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the wood that is burning on the altar. 9 You are to wash the internal organs and the legs with water, and the priest is to burn all of it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. -- Leviticus 1: 6-9 Does God love BBQ? If you come away from Leviticus learning one thing, let it be this: that God loves a barbeque. The phrase "aroma pleasing to the Lord," in reference to the animal sacrifices made on the altar, is mentioned three times in this opening chapter alone. And there are other scripture verses I could have included to show that God loves for us to have a festival here to prepare for a heavenly banquet yet to come. So, yes, believe God loves BBQ! Well, here on earth God at least enjoys the aroma of good smoke, specifically, smoke from burnt offerings for the forgiveness of sins. And granting His people opportunities for well cooked food. I have to admit, every time I watched something grill, especially pork or beef, I think of times in the Bible that mention God's pleasure in the aroma of fat being burned. I know the meat I watch is not a burnt offering, but I have to say, I have watched good ribs, or a smoked pork shoulder or even just plain wings with the right spice rub that produce a smell that might be described as



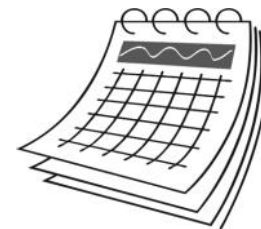
Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett

heavenly! As a minister, I have a passion for studying God's word more than I do cooking barbecue. I love eating barbecue of all kinds but studying scripture ignites more of a fire inside of me. I do not have different smokers at my house. In fact, I only have a few sauces. And I usually go out to dinner if I want different kinds of BBQ meat. What I do have own is a Hebrew Bible and a Greek Bible and a dozen different English Bibles and commentaries and study guides. Reading and studying the Bible is my passion. I go over verses of scripture like a pit master will watch over slow cooking meat. My passion for God's word has helped me and I hope it has blessed a few others through the years.

Everyone should have a few passions. Reading the Bible could be a passion. Eating good BBQ could be a passion. What other passions or projects or hobbies do you have? Maybe your passion does involve learning about God's word. Then I hope you will join us at Episcopal Church of the Advent for our Sunday Service at 10am. Maybe your passion is eating good BBQ. If so, I hope you will join us on Saturday, October 15, for our 20th Annual BBQ and Blues Event to try some of our BBQ. Maybe your passion involves an arts and crafts item that you make. Then call our church office at 251-961-2505 to register and plan to share your passion (and sell your items) at our October 15th BBQ and Blues Event. Everyone should have a passion. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Community Calendar



October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7 PM - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at the Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

October 8 at 8:00 AM - Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. Join us as we Celebrate a Year in Service, Recognize Representative Steve McMillan with the President's Citation and induct our new officers and Board of Directors. Vera Hendrix, the Alabama Mississippi Governor of Optimist will be with us and participate in the celebrations and induction. (No reservation needed and guests eat for Free!)

October 13 at 5:00 - Optimist Night Supper at the Crazy Horse Restaurant. Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for Optimist Night out at the Crazy Horse Restaurant. To make a reservation call 256-280-6347 by Tuesday October 12.

October 22 at 8:00 AM - Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. Join us as the director of The Lighthouse shares about their compassionate service to women and children who have experienced domestic abuse. (no reservation needed & guests eat for free!)

October 27-29 from 8 AM - 2 PM – Trash & Treasure Sale at the Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL, 36549. Food will also be for sale Thursday and Friday.

October 29 from 9 AM - 2 PM – Annual Car Show & BBQ at the Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL, 36549. BBQ from 11:00 AM – 1 PM.

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Bible Class at Shepherd of the Bay

The Gospel of John – Verse by Verse will be the topic of a special series of Bible classes at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran church on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM for 8 weeks starting October 19. Pastor Paul Wargo will lead the class using video and powerpoint. Most people are aware that the Gospel of John is different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, but few are aware of how unique and special this one book is. Discussions will include Favorite Verses from John, the I AM sayings of Jesus, and John's role in the Easter story. Everyone is welcome!!!!

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Off to the race!



Katie Mines at the déjà vu Market



That's a heck of a toss ...

Save This Date for the BBQ and Blues Fest: October 17

BBQ is coming BACK! Live, once again on the third Saturday of October, this year on Saturday the 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.! The BBQ and Blues festival at the Episcopal Church of the Advent - 12099 Co Rd 99 in Lillian - has emerged from Covid, better than ever. The annual event, begun in 2002, was cancelled altogether in 2020 and modified extensively in 2021 to avoid large in-person groups. This year promises a fun time for all who participate.

The Exit 105 band will be headlining. A favorite from Fairhope to Santa Rosa, this group of local musicians plays tunes sure to please: old favorites from Country to Rock & Roll and, of course, a taste of the Blues. Featuring Nashville recording artist Jack Randolph and his son Jim; Lillian's own (former Memphian) Jimmy Smith; two-time winner, World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing contest, Bobby van Deusen; and Frank Baker, US Navy Ret. Bring your best dancing shoes **and** a comfy lawn chair to enjoy the day!

The Silent Auction will be available online beginning October 1st, and will conclude with a live event on Oct. 15th from 10-1. You do not have to be present to win—just register online with 32Auctions.com and read how to set a proxy bid or use the “buy now” option. It's always amazing to see the variety of merchandise and gifts offered. Want a vacation weekend in an Orlando condo? Or a week in Waikiki? We've got them, plus a Perdido Bay sunset cruise on board the Flauna II, an inshore fishing trip, OWA tickets, restaurant gift certificates and beautiful, hand applied and embroidered lap, twin, and baby quilts! There are antiques and collectables, jewelry, baskets, designer purses (new and like new)

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Craft vendors set up on the lawn include some old-time favorites such as Slays Nursery, sea shell shadow boxes & custom bird houses with state license plate roofs by Jim Grubbs, Crystal Boulton's Gemstone jewelry and crafts, Jan's Jewels, SueZQ's Gnomes and Fall crafts, Lillian Coffee, Notecards, Pinecone Art, Handmade soaps and more. The Lillian volunteer Fire Department will be on hand and is always a delight for children and adults alike.

BBQ pork plates will be served from 11-1, with chips, slaw, and soft drink for \$15 each, including Advent's legendary brownies. Tickets are limited, so don't wait too long. The BBQ is being prepared by Pitmaster John Swift, who has won awards at many regional competitions with his custom-built Kingsley Coach turned smoker. Cathy and her husband, John, both of Atmore, competed as the Wild Bunch Butt Burners in the World BBQ Championship. Purchase your tickets right away because they are selling out fast: See any Episcopal Church of the Advent member, or call the church at 251-961-2505.

Advent is grateful for the wonderful sponsors of this event, which helps raise money for local and world charities. They are: United Bank, Path to Wellness, The Lillian Pharmacy, Crazy Horse Restaurant, Pepsi Cola, KOA Resort, Don and Carol Lewis, Blanche and Paul Condit, Donna and Dennis Ellis.

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Pictured above, from left to right, are Priscilla Condon, BBQ Event Chair, and The Rev. Tina Locket, Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Advent. Below are the members of the band for the event.



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Grand Master of Alabama Raises Local Resident to Master Mason

Lillian, Alabama – Alabama’s Most Worshipful Grand Master Billy Wayne Jackson and a special crew of Mason’s from throughout Baldwin County raised Richard Mercado to Master Mason status at a ceremony at the Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 on Monday, August 16.

It is an honor for any Mason to be raised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Alabama Grand Lodge.

This honor also includes the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 as it represents the second time in the past year that Worshipful Grand Master Jackson has participated in raising a local resident to Master Mason status.

The candidate, Richard Mercado, is retired from the Marine Corp and lives in Lillian with his wife, Judith. Mercado completed the first and second parts of the ceremony on his own, while he was joined in the final lecture by Master Mason Nathan Bamlett.

The Master Mason raising was attended by 32 Brother Masons from a number of Lodges in Baldwin County and the state of Alabama.

On August 2, JD Haigler was raised to Fellow Craft, step two of the three-part journey toward achieving Master Mason status.

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 Worshipful Master Mike Blankenship shared, “This has been a good month for us and is a tribute to the work done last year by then Worshipful Master Joe Taylor and our brothers. Growing Lodge membership is one of our goals for the Lodge.”

The Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 F & A.M meets on the first and third Tuesdays monthly.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. with the official lodge meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information on Masonry, feel free to contact Mike Blankenship, Worshipful Master of the local lodge at 251-284-1677.



Pictured (left to right) is Master Mason Richard Mercado, Lillian Worshipful Master Mike Blankenship and Lodge Treasurer David Johnson.



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CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in October go out to: Sally McKinney, Florence McLendon, Elsie Bailey, Barbara Parks, Ward Jensen, Stan Fertig, Jeylin Showers, Kailey Scott, Jean Dean, Diana Hartley, Judy Deeter, Frances Campbell, Mike Russell, Dave Westwood III, Darrell Williams, Karen Tobey, Bill Sepac, Ted Chapman, Marc Willard,

Tom Canaday, Chuck Estes, Pat Kupferer, Marvin Cain, Bill Weaver, Jim Crandall, Don Simmons, Barbara Gengerke, Freda Bass, Marsha Morrissey, Roland Kasper, Diane Willard, Paulette Joffrion, Bob Tobey, Mary Beth Majesty, Judy Cain, Keith Brown, Jayke Pell, Jerry Garner and Billy Bonner.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in October are: Mike and Donna Cobb, Art and Joan Schuck, Earl and Helen Paschke 1958, Charlie and Wilma Spivey 1975 and Ed and Faith Dowd 1997.

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Fall Festival Bringing Food, Fun and Entertainment to Lillian Recreational Park

Fall has officially arrived at the Lillian Recreational Park and it's time to celebrate! The Park will host a FallFest featuring a variety of attractions and activities for the whole community to enjoy on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

"Last year's inaugural FallFest was a lot of fun, but this year's festival has been significantly expanded and is going to be a blast!" said Lucy Smith, one of the festival organizers.

"There will be something for everyone – from small children to teenagers to adults. We want to build the Fall-Fest every year and have it become an event that attracts people from all over the state and Pensacola to Lillian.

"This year's festival will feature amazing food, activities, attractions, and contests everyone can enjoy. We'll even show the Alabama game on our 20-foot movie screen, so there's no reason to stay home!"

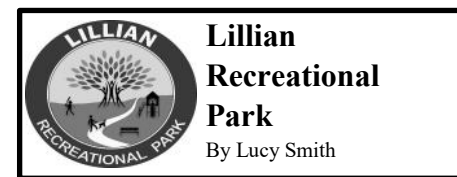
Festivalgoers can spend the day dancing to great music, strolling the pumpkin patch, testing their riding skills on a mechanical bull, and checking out antique tractors. Kids can visit the Fun Zone and enjoy the bouncy houses, face painting and helping to create Lillian's largest corn cob and a new community mural.

The juried arts festival will feature unique artwork by a variety of artists and crafters. There will be a hay bale pyramid to climb on and lots of contests to participate in. There will also be pickleball demonstrations and clinics.

Local and regional musicians will be featured throughout the day on the Park's bandstand, so bring out the family and friends and dance the day away (line dancing lessons will be offered, too!).

While most of the FallFest is free, parking will be \$5/car and there will be a small fee for a few activities (like riding the mechanical bull).

Proceeds will go for needed park improvements, including paving the parking lot, building dedicated pickle-



ball courts, expansion of the dog run, and other improvements.

Further information on the Fall-Fest, including an updated list of events, activities, and vendors can be found on the Park's Facebook page and website LillianRecreationalPark.org.

The FallFest is made possible by the generous support of Park sponsors.

Various sponsorship opportunities are available for the Fall-Fest and Christmas in the Park which begins December 3.

Being a sponsor is a great way to show everyone your support for the Park and the community.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please call Lucy Smith, 719-494-7986, or download the sponsor packet on the Park's website: LillianRecreationalPark.org.

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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Gentle reminder – 2023 dues are requested. If you have not renewed yet – please do not forget. **WE NEED YOU!**

Post 48 would like to thank the Lillian Community Club and the Optimist Club for the excellent agenda on Labor day. Great show and effort. Keep up the great work.

The Veterans assistant in Foley recommends that all veterans register for benefits as soon as you get out of the service,. Do not wait till you need them because there is always a backlog. This way you will have registered and be ready to go when needed, also remember to keep them up to date. The American Legion, Post 48, would consider it an honor for all Veterans in the Lillian area to join our Post. The dues are \$45.00 a year. We work very hard to help our fellow Veterans. This year we helped sponsor a Legion baseball team, if you haven't seen the kids play you missed some great baseball. The boys from Troy Alabama won the legion baseball championship. 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 B. Lavallee, Adjutant, at the following email: legionpost48@aol.com or stop by the legion building any Wednesday morning between 9 and 10 a.m.. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Lillian Community Club Hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving. In addition, every Wednesday morning from 9 -11 a.m. many of our members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee To our Veterans and their families: Thank you for all you do.



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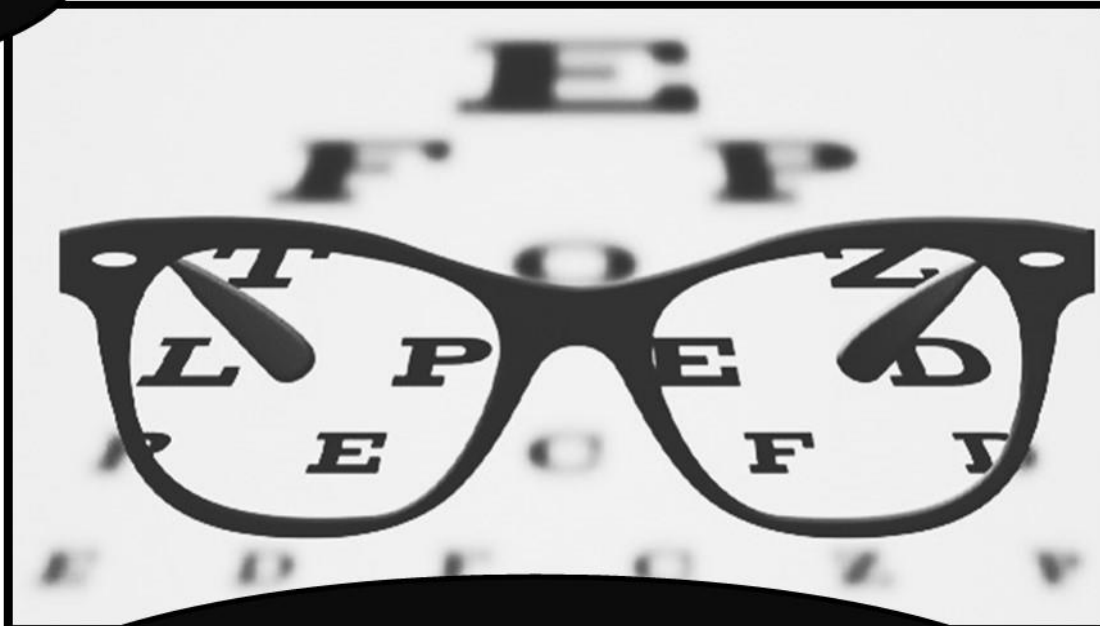


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Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

We celebrate Columbus Day this month, falling on the second Monday of October each year, not like some of our holidays that have been changed through the years. Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas and his discovery of America on October 12, 1492.

As usual, we tend to think of pumpkins, goblins, ghosts, Halloween and the Octoberfest in celebrating this month.

I must exclaim about our Western Room! It started with a few paperbacks and within a short time we received donations of paperbacks, hardbacks, short stories, large print, and non-fiction. We also started receiving donations of western type decorations. That room is the highlight of our library. It's a must-see!

We continually seek donations of books that are five years old or newer. The library has recently received a donation of money, specified for purchas-

ing new books.

When you would like to check out a book and the Lillian library does not have it, you may now order it from any of the Baldwin County libraries and ask them to hold it for you to be delivered to the Lillian library by the Bookmobile. You may return it to the Lillian library and it will be returned to the proper library by the Bookmobile.


The library has the new Fall and Winter restaurant coupon books for Escambia/Santa Rosa counties and Baldwin county for sale at \$20 each.

We would like to thank a patron for the donation and hanging of a new outside flag.

The library has recently received donations of two computers that we have installed in our computer lab. We now have 6 computers and two printers available for public use. A donation is always appreciated after using any of these machines.

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Is it Progress or Regress: It's Up to You

Once upon a time in Lillian the area code was 205 and we could telephone anyone in Lillian from Lillian by dialing only the last four digits of the phone number because the only exchange at the time was 962. From 205 we moved to 334 and 961 exchange was added, finally moving on to the present 251 area code. With cell phones, we now have to enter the full ten numbers.

Progress? I suppose it depends on who you talk to. Technology is certainly more expensive and complicated which leaves some people out. When it's not working it puts the world in a dither. Have you ever stood at a cash register and watched the clerk panic because the computer went down and she didn't know how much money to give you back? It is usually an older customer who explains to the young man or woman how to count back change.

Can you imagine the chaos if a person broke their hands and could no longer text? They would probably have apoplexy. Even when they text, it's amazing they don't walk in front of a moving car or fall into a sewage drain because they never watch where they are going. Nature is so much more interesting than a cell phone screen but how would they know?

My question is, what will eventually happen to these young minds who let artificial intelligence do all of their thinking? Does the brain atrophy from disuse like our body when we don't use them?

Do you remember when you



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

were in grade school and the teacher had to leave the room for a minute, but before she did, she told the class that if they didn't behave, no recess? There was always some jerk who had to misbehave. Not only did the jerk get in trouble but the whole class missed out on recess too. It just wasn't fair.

Those kinds of jerks grow up and still ruin it for everyone. The recycle bin on CR91 comes to mind. The bin is for paper, plastic and aluminum cans. PERIOD! Not old couches and water heaters and just plan junk. Now we all have to suffer because it no longer will be located at that spot. The bin used to be at the park on CR99 and was removed for the same reason. There is always one in every crowd that ruins it for the rest of us. If you have large items such as mentioned above and live in Lillian or anywhere within Baldwin County, call Baldwin County Solid Waste Management 251-972-6878 and they will set a date for pick-up. Residents are allowed one free bulky waste pick-up per month. So, you see there is no plausible reason for the recycle bin abuse.

“My favorite hand-held device is still a cup of coffee.” Unknown.

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Walk In Love, As Christ Also Has Loved Us!

An insurance agent filed a claim on behalf of one of his clients that operates a dude ranch. He had been having trouble with coyotes and had rigged up an ingenious cage trap to catch the animals, after which he would shoot them. This time he decided to try something different, and instead of shooting the coyote, he tied a stick of dynamite to its neck and lit the fuse, opening the cage door at the same time. The coyote ran under the insured's pickup truck. The claim is for the truck which is a total loss. Our first response would be that the insured got what he deserved for his cruelty to this poor innocent coyote. Our second response might be to acknowledge that often when we give in to anger, cruelty and bitterness, it is we ourselves whom we destroy. St. Paul writes, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has

forgiven you. Be followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us."

One of the most easily documented facts of human existence is the destructive power of negative emotions. Hatred, hostility, bitterness are expensive indulgences. Historians tell us that World War I left the nation of Germany in shambles. Consequently, the people of Germany were bitter towards the entire world. That anger eventually led to World War II. After the second war a stone statue was erected on the Polish frontier. The statue was of a woman brooding in determination facing the Polish nation. Underneath that woman were these words inscribed: "Never forget, Germans, of what blind hatred has robbed you." Then below were listed the towns which once belonged to Germany but now belong to Poland. Negative emotions take their toll. Psychiatrists at Duke University have concluded that persons who have continuing feelings of hostility towards others have an increased risk of illness and early death. They base this finding on three studies of more than 2,000 people who were



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

given the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, a standard test of mental attitudes, in the 1950's. A follow-up found that those who scored high on questions measuring hostility were more likely to have died in the last 30 years than those who scored lower. People who scored in the top fifth for hostility had four times the death rate of people who scored in the bottom fifth. Dr. John C. Barefoot, who headed one study, told a meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society that it's not known why this happens or if people can change their behavior, but "It's not going to hurt people to adopt a more positive and optimistic view of others."

Negative emotions are not only destructive, but they are degrading to the human

spirit. A reply that came to the credit department of a jewelry store from an irate customer who was angry over a mistake in billing. He wrote: "You have made me so think, I can't mad straight!" Sometimes when we lose control we do and say ridiculous things. There is an old Arabian Proverb, "Anger is a wind that blows out the lamp of the mind." When "bitterness, wrath, anger, and evil speaking" get hold of us, we are not only less than the angels, but we are also less than animals. Who among us has not seen a normally intelligent, responsible human being act like an absolute idiot when out of control with hostility?

Negative emotions are destructive and degrading and they also destroy our Christian witness.

So how do we deal with these powerful, negative emotions? The Apostle Paul says that we should, "Be imitators of God and walk in love, as Christ hath also loved us." There is the ultimate secret. We can walk in love because we are loved.

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October 1st is the beginning of our 2023 fiscal year and our annual solicitation letters will be mailed out within the first week of October. The mailing addresses will be provided by the Baldwin County Revenue office. However, as of previous years, some of the addresses may not be accurate due to residents moving.

The envelopes will read the name provided or 'Current Resident'. In the situation that you don't receive a letter, we will provide a mailing form each month through the Lillian Paper. The amount requested will be the same as previous years: Residents \$75 and Business \$150. All your **tax deductible** contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The fiscal year for LVFD ended September 30th. Once again, we will be having our Annual General Membership and Election of the LVFD Board of Directors. Some of the board member's current terms are expiring and up for renewal and vote. This meeting is open to all Lillian residents,

and we would appreciate your attendance.

This is a great way to be involved in the community and give the board a new perspective in handling many of the decision/objectives and to help provide a positive direction for the future of the department. The 2022-2023 Fund Raising letters will be mailed in October. The addresses for the mailing were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioners Office.

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By Goretta Lysek

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## AT THE FILLIN' STATION

The Gulf Coast music circuit where Florida and Alabama meet has a sound all its own.

Singer/guitarist/songwriter Joe Cooper waxes poetic on a recent Friday night between sets at the Paradise Beach Fillin' Station.

"This is a uniquely fertile place to grow music," he said. "It's a sound that comes from the sand, the water and the gulls - all the forces coming together to shape into a special brand of music you don't get anywhere else."

Cooper and drummer Bill Moore, self-described "remnants" of the Jonathan Puzan band, play a duo most Friday nights at the Fillin' Station, which opened earlier this summer across the bridge on Highway 98. They're two pieces, Cooper explained - the bass and the drummer - of the four-piece Puzan band, a staple on the local music circuit.

Cooper calls their sound a curious blend.

"It's a dash of country, a pinch of Delta blues and a shake of folk rock," he said.

You could also call it the perfect bar background sound. It's not too loud to carry on a conversation. It's easy to hear - easy listening that holds its depth without dissolving into pablum.

The harmonies in The Eagles "Seven Bridges Road" land so sweet. The familiar strains of Immy Buffet's "Pirate Looks at 40" tease and tickle the ear without

assaulting it. Van Morrison's "Tupelo Honey" lilts thick and slow as the golden nectar itself.

All that from only half a band! You can catch the rest of the Jonathan Puzan Band at the Point Restaurant on Innerarity most Wednesday nights.

Band leader Puzan was born and raised on the island of Guam. At 13, he picked up a guitar and started writing songs about what he knew and wanted to understand. Jonathan left the island at 18 to find his destiny through "a life indulged in music," according to information on his Facebook.

Puzan is a songwriter, artist, and functions as an independent Live sound technician.

He describes his style as "Feel good, easy-listening music.... A little bluesy, A little rock, but unlike anything you've ever heard." It's a sound he's found makes him as popular in coffee shops as honkytonks.

The Puzan Band also plays regular gigs at Lulu's, Big Beach Brewing Company and Purple Parrot.



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**By Bonnie Kaplan Messina**

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You see Jason Crump working tirelessly each day, keeping our pool crystal clear and running smoothly. He always has a smile and a friendly hello for everyone he meets. He is the employee with the most seniority in the Cove, having just celebrated his

fifteenth anniversary.

Jason moved here with his mom in 2005 after she retired from the Owensboro, KY schools. In 2007 when Jason started as a full-time maintenance worker. Then there were only two full-time maintenance workers, and one part-time man who cut the grass. Jason's talents in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and landscaping were a value to the Cove. He was

soon promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and recently, Pool Supervisor, after earning his CPO License (Certified Pool Operator License). The pool is our number one amenity, evidenced by the perfect inspections we receive from Baldwin County.

But Jason is responsible for a lot more than the pool. In fact, he is responsible for more than two dozen duties including beatification of Span-



ish Cove grounds and the club house area.

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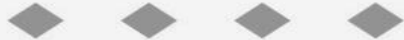
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