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## Lillian Community Club Returns to Hosting Independence Day Activities



Lillian Community Club will be hosting a weekend of events to celebrate Independence Day.

On Saturday, July 3, a cornhole tournament will begin at 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

The Wacked Out Weiner will be serving food from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and music will be provided by the Highway 95A Band from 7 to 11 p.m.

The annual fireworks display will also be held July 3 at dark, sponsored by LCC and Fireworks City.

Activities on Sunday, July 4, will kick off with

a flag raising by the Lillian American Legion Post 48 at 10:45 a.m.

Colonel George's fried chicken will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$10 per plate. Children ages 8 and under eat free.

Music by Big Jake will be in the hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The silent auction will end at 2 p.m. A 50/50 drawing will also be held as well as a Wagon of Cheer raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be available in the LCC lounge.

The club is located at 34148 Widell Avenue.

## Barbato Reopens Front Porch in Lillian

By Janel Smith

With a solid reputation as a strong vocalist, musician and songwriter, local artist Johnny Barbato is well known for his performances in Lillian and the surrounding area. But he's now focusing on getting the Front Porch in Lillian reopened under his management.

He makes it very apparent from the start that he enters the bar and restaurant business with a strong emphasis on music and bringing Lillian together.

With plans to have live music every day they are open, he wants everyone to feel welcome and part of a community. He will bring in local musicians like Two Old Guys and Gary Story as well as take the stage himself on occasion with special guests.

Barbato has a vision of making the Front Porch into a place for casual gatherings, fun and friendship. He also wants to become a central location for the benefit of Lillian, from hosting events and fundraisers for those in need to promoting what this small town offers.

"It's about the goodness of this community and bringing people to-

gether," he said. "I want to promote Lillian and make this place 'benefit central' for whatever needs arise."

Grateful for the opportunity, he also thanked Dawn Stephenson for passing the torch to him with the business. She was the previous owner with her husband, Henry "Hank" Wilson, who passed away unexpectedly in 2019.

Barbato also wants to be a good neighbor himself and to that end, said the music will be mostly acoustic and will end by 10 p.m.

He has many good ideas for events and promotions, but some will take time to get underway. In the meantime, he plans to have Sunday Funday from 4 to 8 p.m. every week.

The Front Porch will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays. The kitchen will close at 10 p.m.

He has made some changes to the building, porch and stage and added some furniture to the uncovered patio area. Local art pieces are featured on the walls of the inside dining area and he has been busy reworking the menu. He expects to focus on local ingredients and favorites including seafood,



*Local musician Johnny Barbato and his niece, Madison, have been busy with updates to the Front Porch in Lillian. A grand opening was held at the end of June for the restaurant and bar where live music will be featured daily. (Photo by Janel Smith)*

sides and sandwiches made with bread brought in from New Orleans.

Born and raised in New Orleans, he began his career as a songwriter, relying on life experiences as material. Some of his early inspirations were Ken Lambert, Jay Hawkins and Jimmy Louis, all accomplished musicians that he would later befriend.

Moving to this area in the early 1970s, most of his musical experience began in the early days of Flora-Bama in the early 1980s, long before it evolved into the attraction it is today.

A three-time winner of the Mobile Blues Society's IBC Blue Challenge, Barbato has earned a name and reputation on blues stages around the south.



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## Movies in the Park Have Returned

Just like summer, the Lillian Recreational Park's movie series has returned for some outdoor fun. So grab your family, friends and neighbors and join us for some fun movies and activities at Movies in the Park.

July's movie celebrates the start of the Olympics by telling the true story of an Olympian. "Babe" is the inspiring story of Olympian Babe Didrikson and explores her life as an Olympian and then as a professional golfer. In keeping with the Olympics theme, there will be games for people to enjoy beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The August movie, "Playing with Fire" starring John Cena, will provide an opportunity for moviegoers to get up close and personal (not to mention wet, if you want!) with members of the Lillian Fire Rescue squad. The firefighters will be at the park with trucks and equipment for everyone to check out. They'll also set up their hoses like a giant, powerful sprinkler for people to play in.

September brings "Cruella," the 2021 comedy hit, starring Emma Stone as Cruella de Vil. October's "The Addams Family" movie night activities will include Halloween costume contests, as well as Halloween fun. The November movie, "The Polar Express," will serve as a prelude the park's Christmas in the Park celebration which begins Dec. 4.

According to Lucy Smith, movie organizer, "The park's movies are chosen for their family-

friendly themes and are suitable for all ages.

There are always fun activities that tie into each film's theme, too. This year, we're excited to feature some of our family favorites."

Movies will begin at dusk, but people are encouraged to come early to enjoy the park and pre-movie activities which start at 6:30 p.m.

The movies are scheduled for:

July 23 - "Babe"

Aug. 20 - "Playing with Fire"

Sept. 24 - "Cruella"

Oct. 22 - "The Addams Family" and

Dec. 19 - "The Polar Express."

Admission is free, so grab your blankets and chairs and spread out on the lawn and watch a great movie. What better way to enjoy a pleasant summer evening with family and friends?

In case of inclement weather, check the Lillian Recreational Park's website or Facebook page for information about possible cancellations.

The park is located at 33914 Widell, Lillian, just north of United Methodist Church and Shepherd of the Bay Church, at the intersection of Widell and Perdido. For more information, call the park at (251) 962-2129.

## Speakers Scheduled For July Optimist Meetings

Mitchell Lee, executive director of the South Baldwin Literacy Council, spoke at a recent meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Join the men and women of the club on the second and fourth Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club where they learn about Baldwin County and Lillian services after breakfast.

The club is dedicated to the children of the community and other services that benefit the resi-



Lee

dents.

Money raised by the upcoming Mullet Festival on Labor Day will be used to benefit the community.

"Betsy Ross" will join the group on July 10. She will share her story about "Old Glory" and help to inspire our spirits.

Rev. Angie Long will inform the group about the work and service of Embrace AL/FL Kids on July 24.

This group helps children in desperate situations thrive and gives families hope.

## Registration Open for Annual Bunco Bash Fundraiser

The 11th Annual Bunco Bash/Playing for a Cure will be held Aug. 7.

The fund raiser for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" will be held at the Lillian Community Club.



Early registration is open through July 30 for \$30 per person.

After July 30 and at the door, the fee is \$35.00.

Please RSVP by July 30 so organizers can be prepared.

For additional Information, contact Kay Kay at 251-978-4442 or by email at [kekay926@gmail.com](mailto:kekay926@gmail.com).



**Lillian Recreational Park**

By Lucy Smith



## Methodist Church Hosting Vacation Bible School

Lillian United Methodist Church will be hosting "Rocky Railway" Vacation Bible School July 19-23.

Filled with Bible learning experiences, science projects, games and music, the sessions run from 5:30 to

8:15 p.m. and is for ages 5 - 12.

Children should be registered beforehand.

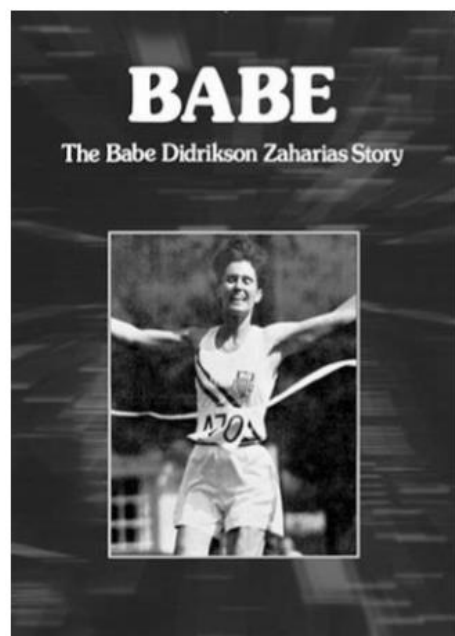
To register, parents should email names and ages of children attending to [office@LillianUMC.org](mailto:office@LillianUMC.org).

## First Baptist Church of Lillian Plans VBS

The First Baptist Church of Lillian will be hosting a Vacation Bible School on July 19 - 23.

Sessions will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with dinner provided.

The week is open to preschool through sixth grade children.



### FREE ADMISSION

Come celebrate the start of the Olympics and watch the fascinating story of Olympian Babe Didrikson on the Park's large 24' screen.

THERE WILL BE SOME FUN OLYMPIC-THEMED GAMES AND PRIZES, TOO!

*Music and pre-movie fun begin at 6:30*

*Movie begins at dusk*

*A real-life track-and-field star, Mildred "Babe" Didrikson (Susan Clark) competes in the 1932 Olympics and wins two gold medals. Naturally athletic, Babe also dabbles in other sports, but decides to pursue golf as a professional, with great success. When she meets former wrestler George Zaharias (Alex Karras), her romance with him leads to marriage. Later, George proves to be Babe's main support when she discovers that she has cancer and must battle the disease.*

Grab your chair or a blanket and meet your friends at the Lillian Recreational Park for an inspiring movie and an unforgettable evening under the stars.

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## Free Concert and Ice Cream Social Set



*The String Farm Bluegrass Band is coming to Lillian. Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church at 12851 Perdido Street will hold a free bluegrass concert and ice cream social on Sunday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. This well-known band from Pensacola is known for their gospel bluegrass and all-time hits from stage to screen. There will be an ice cream social after the concert. A free will offering will be accepted at the door. (Submitted photo)*

## Masonic Lodge Accepts Lowe Bequest

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 learned of a bequest of \$5,000 from Vernon Lowe at their June 1 meeting.

Lowe was a 65-year member of the Masonic fraternity and was the first Worshipful Master of the Lillian lodge.

Lowe was presented with his 65-year pin on Dec. 17, 2020, by Worshipful Grand Master Shelby



*Lowe*

### Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

Thomas Morrow Jr. of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Alabama.

Lowe passed away March 12, 2021, and received a Masonic funeral in Lillian and internment at Pine Rest Cemetery in Foley.

His life was committed to Masonry and its goal of "making good men better."

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## Local Programs Here to Help

Two incidents came into my life recently and I thought perhaps I should tell you about them. The first was about Alcoholics Anonymous and the second, literacy.

I was in the office at St. Joseph Catholic Church when a gentleman walked in asking where the AA meeting was. It was on his schedule for noon that day. I explained that AA hadn't met there in years, but I thought they met at the Lillian United Methodist Church.

I contacted Pastor Daniel and found out they were no longer being held there either, but he told me the meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, except the third Thursday, in the Elberta City Hall, 13052 Main St. The gentleman had already left, so I called him with the information.

I am very familiar with the problems of alcoholism. I have had several

family members who had serious problems. My dad was told years ago when my mother died that if he didn't stop drinking, he would also be dead. He already had jaundice and cirrhosis. He did stop with help from AA and lived many more years with my step-mother.

Now the sad part of this is, the gentleman who came to St. Joseph's for help had been told by authorities that he had to sign up for meetings within a certain amount of time and gave him a list of places. However, it was that list that brought him to St. Joseph's and also had LUMC listed. Come on! This is a man who obviously needs help and he got outdated information?

I came home and went online to [www.gulfcoastaa.org](http://www.gulfcoastaa.org) and clicked on meetings. You can select the time, the day and meeting place. The list was updated in October 2020, so here's the phone number of the Elberta City Hall to verify the information, 251-986-5995. If you know someone who could use this info, please pass it on.



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Now the second incident. On Saturday, June 12, the executive director of the South Baldwin Literacy Council Mitchell Lee spoke at the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meeting. He explained this non-profit organization works with children and adults who cannot read. One out of 10 students in Baldwin County drops out of high school for various reasons, but many because they can't read and therefore, cannot achieve. To the rescue comes the Literacy Council. They tutor students in reading and math in the schools, as well as after school. There is also a summer reading program.

Adults can sign up for GED readiness to take the exam for a diploma. The Learn to Earn program gives personalized instruction that helps indi-

viduals get a job. Adults can also sign up for driver's license exam readiness and budgeting. The English as a second language program, test of English as a foreign language, citizenship and Spanish class are also available.

These programs are at no cost to the students. The Literacy Council receives no state or federal money, so if you have a few extra bucks, you might want to donate. You may adopt a student for the year. For \$26 a month, you can change a life, providing programs for first and second semester in school and the Summer Reading Program.

Now, I don't know about you, but if I don't have a book or my Kindle with me at all times, I feel lost. I have always been a reader and have tried to pass on that love to others. Sure, I'd like you to donate some money to the Literacy Council, but it would be great if you would pass the information on to others who may need their help. You could also help by volunteering to tutor.



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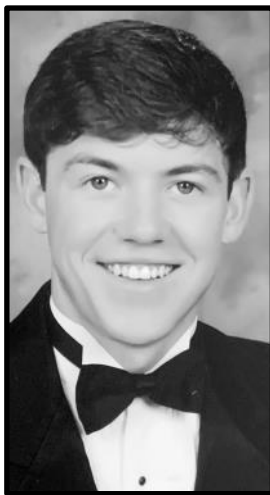
Zach Paul of Lillian has been named the winner of a scholarship awarded by *The Lillian*.

A recent graduate of Elberta High School, he plans to attend Coastal Alabama Community College, studying to become an aviation technician with the school's Aviation Center.

While in high school he earned a 3.8 GPA and participated in cross country, soccer and band.

He served as a peer helper and a member of the yearbook staff, the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society for High School Scholars. He is the son of April and Tim Paul.

The \$500 scholarship is sponsored by *The Lillian* and the Lillian Action Committee.



Paul

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## Legion Sponsors Students for Boys State

American Legion Post 48 wishes everyone a happy Independence Day. We hope you enjoy all the activities that are available to you this year.

Post 48 is sponsoring two students to Boys State in July from Elberta High School.

Benjamin Kozon and John McConnell will join two others from EHS that Post 48 sponsored last year but were unable to attend due to Covid. Boys State will be held on July 11-17.

Post 48 would like to encourage all 1983 Legionnaires (those in the American Legion but without a home post) to consider joining us.

For more information, contact Wayne Lavalley, Adjutant, at cpman1951@yahoo.com. We would be honored to have you as part of membership.

### Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

Post 48 activities include the assistance and support of veterans in the Lillian area and focuses on the four pillars of the American Legion - veterans affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism and assisting children and youth.

Every Wednesday morning from 9 -11 a.m. many members drop by the American Legion Building 48 next door to the Lillian Community Club. Drop by and join us - we would like to meet you!

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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 and anniversaries.

Happy birthday wishes in July go out to Bobbie Benoit, Henry Wagner, Megan Hall, Weldon Cox, Sandy Pray, Jim Almand, Mary LaCoy, Evelyn Rice, Laura Leonard, Diane Burns, Bonnie Castella, Vernelle Younginger, David Woodford, Rebecca Grewe, Robert Grewe, Henry Kichler, Peggy Merchant, Stephen Duckworth, Virginia Cowie, Lorraine Harrison, Bonnie Estes, Emma Fell, Janet Akin, Alice Scram, Graydon Bauer, David

Gaines, Sondra Wilkinson, Jerry Rooks and Dick Erwin.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in July are Eric and Martha Michelson, Don and Paulette Joffrion (1964), Gerald and Gloria Jackson (1976) and Bob and Pat Kupferers (1993).

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email it [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com), mail it to *The Lillian*, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549 or place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

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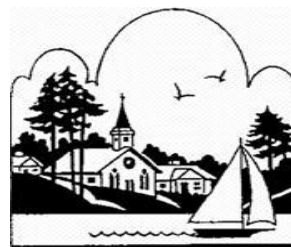
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## LVFD Thanks Community, Welcomes Mullane as New Member

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 98 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in May including 52 medical assistance, 13 public assists, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 2 brush fires, 2 structure fires, 2 water rescues, 2 hazardous conditions, 9 fire alarm/investigations, 6 aircraft standbys and 3 miscellaneous.

LVFD thanks the community for their continued support of our efforts to raise money for a new engine.

Our current engine is well over 20 years old and is in need of many repairs. The cost of continued repairs over the years would not be cost effective.

In addition, working with an unreliable apparatus would be detrimental to the community.

The citizens of Lillian helped us by participating in the Arts and Crafts fair and our hot dog/burger stand.

Please keep an eye on our facebook page for further events to help raise

money for the new engine.

We are always on the lookout for new recruits for our department.

We have found that everyone who joins always has something to contribute to the well being of the department.

However, once in a while we are blessed with someone with a vast amount of knowledge that will ultimately help raise the bar in our skills and knowledge as medics and firefighters.

It's our pleasure to introduce you to such a person, Todd Mullane.

Todd, a retired fire chief, fire emergency and services



Mullane

program manager, is a 31-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Air National Guard Fire and Emergency Services, and a graduate of two Air Force senior enlisted management schools.

His exemplary experience and advanced skills came way of the Air Force Fire Academy, Texas A&M Fire Academy and University of Maryland Fire Academy.

He is equally skilled in fire protection management, prevention code and life safety code enforcement. He also worked for many years as an EMT.

If you noticed a large trailer in the back of Station 2 on County Rd 91 and was wondering what it was, it was a mobile burn trailer from the Alabama Fire College.

It's a \$250,000 trainer that simu-

## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

lates various types of fires and fire scenarios.

This was part of module 3 training which gave firefighters a great opportunity to extend their skills.

The trailer can simulate kitchen, bedroom and two story fires and rollovers. They also practiced using proper hose lines, flow rates and nozzle patterns to extinguish fires.

They are now coming to an end of the third training module and will hopefully finish up with module 4 by the end of the year.

LVFD reminds all Lillian residents and surrounding areas that the burn ban continues through Oct. 31.

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The 2020-21 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September. Addresses were provided by Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

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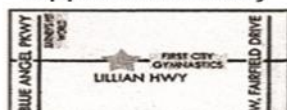
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## Area Kids Enjoy Annual Fishing Rodeo

By Sally McKinney

The threat of rain didn't keep diehard fishing enthusiasts from attending the Annual Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

The event took place June 5 at Schaff Pond on Bartel Road in Lillian and featured fun, fellowship, awards and food for all.

The overall winner for biggest fish was four-year-old River Parker whose fish weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces. The longest fish, 26.75 inches, was caught by eight-year-old Ella Scott Parker.

Ezra Cowan had the second largest catch in the 2-4-year-old group. Austin Thomas, Annabelle Kennedy and Liam Cowan won in the 5 and 6-year-old group; Parker Brown, Ella Scott Parker and Noah Carroll, 7-8 year olds; Tyler Clark, Owen Thomas and Jay Lightsey, 9-10 year olds; and Noah Weber, Evan Carroll and Jacob

Devers, 11-12 year olds.

Winners in the longest fish category also included second place, Ezra Cowan, ages 2-4; Austin Thomas, Annabelle Kennedy and Evie Zaborny, ages 5-6; Ella Scott Parker, Parker Brown and Alden Cummings, ages 7-8; Tyler Clark, Owen Thomas and Jay Lightsey, ages 9-10; Noah Weber, Evan Carroll and Savannah Fleming, ages 11-12.



*Ella Parker*



*Jacob Devers*

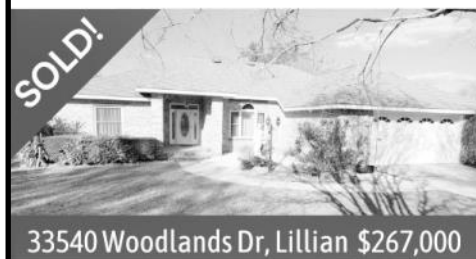


*Corey and River Parker*



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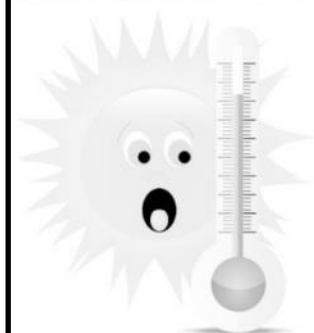


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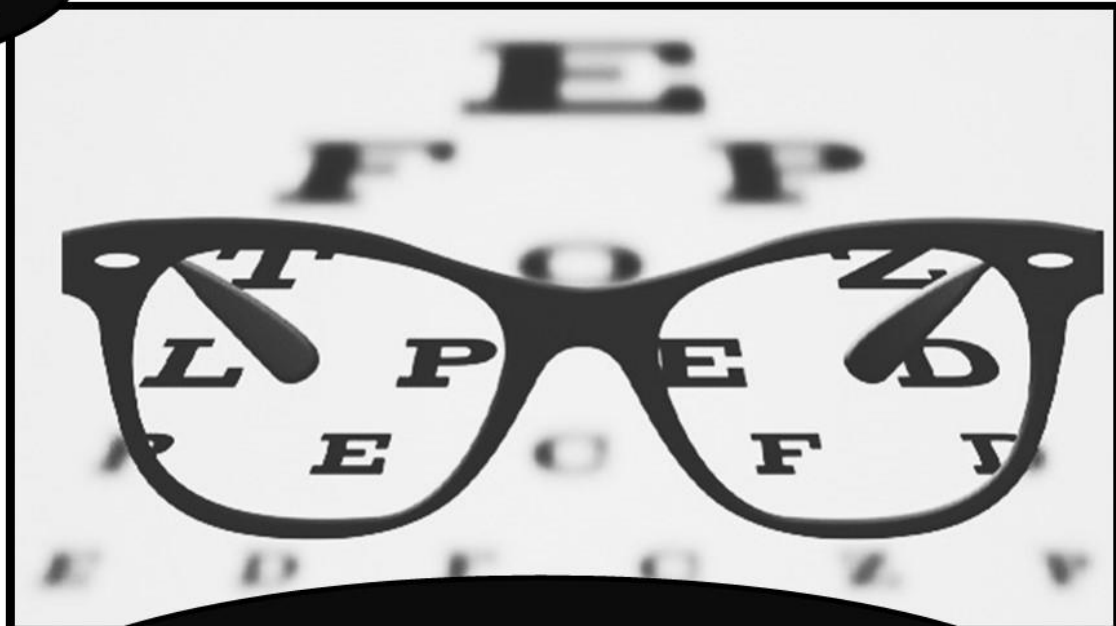


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## Plans Underway for 2021 Mullet Festival

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is happy to announce the return of the Mullet Festival on Monday, Sept. 6, at the Lillian Community Club.

This is the 35th year for the annual event that features a 5K run, food, silent auction, déjà vu market, music, the Mullet Toss and children's play area.

Start the fun with the Optimist breakfast served from 7 to 9 a.m. \$5 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.

The kids' fun station opens at 9:30 a.m. and remains open 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/ham dinner that includes hushpuppies, baked beans, grits, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Don't like fish? We'll have ham 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. A 50/50 drawing will be held.

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 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 to 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.

In addition, the club funds a variety of local organizations that help those in need, including Mary's Shelter, Baldwin County Special Olympics, ARC Thanksgiving Dinner, Ecumenical Ministries and Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch, as well as local organizations like the Lillian Recreational Park and the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.



*High school graduates Kayleigh Tolbert, left, and Ashley Silva were awarded the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Law Enforcement Family Member Scholarships for 2021. (Photo by Sally McKinney)*

## Law Enforcement Scholarship Recipients Named

Kayleigh Tolbert and Ashley Silva are the recipients of Law Enforcement Family Member Scholarships provided by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Kayleigh is the daughter of Chief Al Tolbert of the Bay Minette Police Department.

A graduate of Baldwin County High School, she will attend Coastal Alabama Community College. She is

a member of the National Honor Society and is active in varsity volleyball, cross country and soccer.

Ashley Silva is a graduate of Daphne High School and will attend Auburn University. Her father, Richard Silva, is a US Border Patrol Agent.

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## Optimist Club Honors Law Enforcement Officers

For more than 25 years, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has honored law enforcement officers for their service to the community. This year the Deputy Scott Ward Memorial Law Enforcement Officers of the Year are Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dylan Misso and Fairhope Police Department Officer Kevin Conroy.

Both officers were responsible for saving a life. Deputy Misso noticed an Elberta police officer attending to a woman in distress who may have overdosed. Misso administered a dose of NARCAN and within seconds the woman became more coherent. After a trip to the hospital, she made a full recovery.

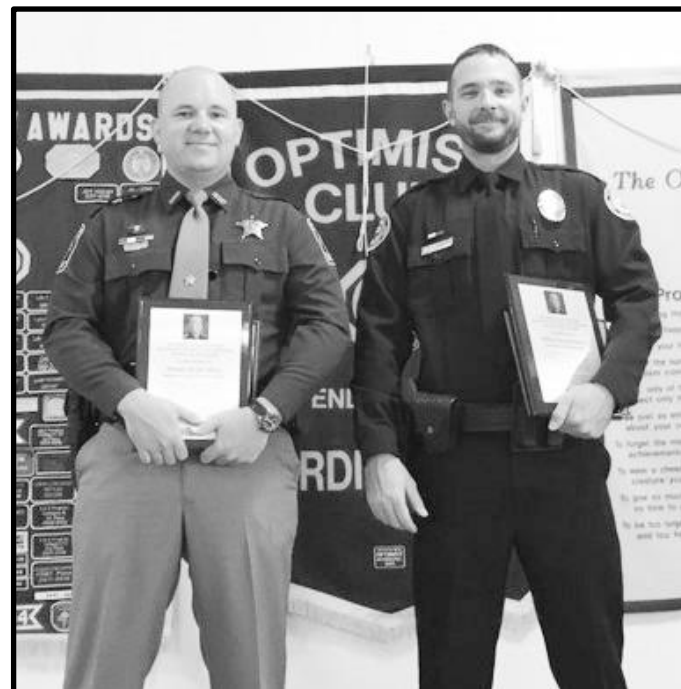
As a canine handler, he also was involved in the apprehension of several suspects throughout the year. He and his K9 partner took first place in the K9 Narcotic Detection competition at the 25th Annual Police K9 Seminar in Dothan, Ala.

Officer Conroy was dispatched to a vehicle fire. The driver was trapped and injured. After a quick assessment, he determined she was at risk of death

by burning or smoke inhalation. Despite possible harm to himself, he was able to pull her from the burning vehicle, preventing further injury and possibly saving her life.

Sixteen other law enforcement officers were nominated for the award. They are Alabama Bureau of Pardons & Paroles Officer Terry Jaquess, Baldwin County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Faldoski, Baldwin County Sheriff's Deputy David Aldrete, Daphne Police Department Corporal Tim Birt, Foley Police Department Officer Bryan Shiver and Gulf Shores Police Department Officer Justin Schulz.

Also Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agent Matthew McCrary, Homeland Security SA Jason Greene and Task Force Officers (TFO) Michael Landenwich and Justin Means with Baldwin County; TFO Larry Dearing and Mark Whorton with the Foley Police Department, TFO Michael Drummond with Gulf Shores Police Department and retired agents Ketrick Kelley, FBI, and Kandace Whitehead, HIS.



*Winners of the 2021 Law Enforcement Officers of the Year Award are Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dylan Misso and Fairhope Police Department Officer Kevin Conroy. (Photo by Sally McKinney)*



*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently honored nominees for the club's Law Officer of the Year Award. Pictured in no particular order, they represent the Alabama Bureau of Pardons & Paroles, Baldwin County Sheriff Office, Daphne Police Department, Fairhope Police Department, Foley Police Department, Gulf Shores Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Homeland Security and Task Force Officers. Their names appear in the article above.*

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We will also have other books, audios, CDs, and DVDs for sale at \$1 each. Please come to Market In the Park on July 17 to visit the library booth.

We are opening more hours start-

ing on July 6. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Our August book sale will be for the whole month of August. We will have many different types of books, DVDs and audio CDs. Book prices are 50 cents each with a special fill a bag of books for \$3. Paper bags are available for your use. DVDs and CDs will be 50 cents each.



## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

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## The Legacy of the Twelve Apostles

The primary legacy of the Twelve Apostles is silence. Yes, their voices are sometimes heard in the Gospels, briefly. Yes, they traveled, evangelized and built up the church. And yes, they were martyred, save John. Who went exactly where, and did what, is guesswork. When, how, by whom and where each Apostle died is again largely guesswork. Even most of their burial places are uncertain.

After the resurrection and ascension of Christ, and especially after the martyrdom of Saint Stephen, the Apostles dispersed throughout the deserts and mountains around the northern Mediterranean Sea. They gave their backs to Jerusalem. And as they walked away, their paths were lost, sand filled their footsteps and history's cycles erased their exact trail. With some few exceptions, most of the valuable details were forgotten. The Apostles are now names in a sea of silence.

Some footprints of the Apostle Saint James were preserved by Scripture. James was a member of the Twelve and of the Three; Peter, James, and John who were the inner circle that formed a shield around Jesus Christ. James and his brother, John the Evangelist, author of the fourth Gospel, were fishermen who were called from their job on a lake to become fishers of men. It is possible other men were called before or after James and John, and that these

unknown men laughed in Christ's face, thought Him crazy, asked a thousand questions first, or just refused to follow a man they did not know and who offered no assurances. Those who said no to Christ are lost to history. Christ was not an open invitation. He was on a mission and kept walking. James and John seized their Christ-moment with both hands and never let go.

Peter, James and John were in the home of Jairus when the servant of Jairus was raised from the dead. On Mount Tabor they gazed in awe at the illumined face of Christ. And these three were at Christ's side in the intense stillness of a Thursday evening in the Garden of Gethsemane, providing what consolation their presence could. In the Gospels, Saint James is impetuous, like sandpaper or barbed wire. You felt his roughness. You got hurt if you crossed him. James wanted Christ to rain fire on the Samaritans. He and his brother even desired to be seated at Christ's right and left hands in the Kingdom of God.

Saint James' shocking martyrdom was recorded by Saint Luke in the Acts of the Apostles when he states that "King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword" (Acts 12:1-2). No other Apostle's martyrdom is recorded in the New



## Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

Testament. Perhaps he was singled out by Herod because of his fiery temperament. He and his brother, after all, earned the nickname "Sons of Thunder" from Christ himself (Mark 3:17). And so it was that James probably knelt, his neck resting on a block of wood as his head extended just past it. And then the sword fell, the blood ran and the crown of martyrdom rested on him.

The martyrdom of James was like a large tree crashing. His death shook the land. Yet the forest continued growing. And it has been growing now for two thousand years. Like a great but silent, lush green forest, the growth of the church continues. Thousands of miles from Jerusalem and two thousand years after his death, the silence of this Apostle, as that of all the Apostles, still echoes. Every time a baby is baptized, a person hears the truth about Jesus and returns to the Gospel, or as a minister walks through the door of a hospital to pray with someone who is dying, the mission of the church which the Apostles established carries on.

If you want to know about other saints or any aspect of the Christian faith, come visit Episcopal Church of the Advent.

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## How Social Security Fits Into Retirement

Here's something to think about: You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you'll generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement.

Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security.

You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 – but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. ("Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you

were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase.

If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until you're 70, when they "max out." Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right" answer for everyone.

If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you.

But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.



### Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon  
of Edward Jones

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration.

When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security

fits into your retirement, is your earned income.

If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960.

During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits.

So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.



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## Southerners Should Know About Crayfish

Here we are in 2021, a world crammed with technological advancements. You can have a pizza delivered by robot, drones are delivering packages and you can access almost any information instantly from the palm of your hand. Surely the age of discovery has elapsed, and everything on Earth has been located, labeled and contained.

But that's not true. In January 2020, two new species of crawfish were found in Alabama - the Banded Mudbug and the Lonesome Grave-digger. There are currently 97 species of crayfish in Alabama - more species than any other state. Yes, even more

than Louisiana, which has somewhere around 30 species. There are 330 species in the Southeastern United States. Alabama contributes nearly 1/3 of the total.

Crayfish are freshwater crustaceans resembling small lobsters (to which they are closely related). They are also known as crawfish, craydids, crawdaddies, crawdads, freshwater lobsters, mountain lobsters, rock lobsters, mudbugs or yabbies.

Focus on the head and you will see some small appendages around the mouth called the maxillipeds. There are three sets, one stacked on top of the other. These appendages help the



### Know Your Critters

By Celeste  
Hadley-Champion

crayfish manipulate food. The maxillipeds are strong and can break the hard shells of many aquatic animals. Crayfish eat fish, other crabs, shrimp and plants as well as decaying materials.

On average, crayfish grow to about 6.9 inches in length.

The crayfish has large front claws or pinchers. Crayfish are amazingly fast and can be shockingly difficult to catch.

Some species are found where fresh water is running, while others thrive in swamps, ditches and paddy fields. Most crayfish cannot tolerate

polluted water. They breathe through feather-like gills.

As with all crustaceans, a crawfish must molt or shed its exoskeleton to grow. Molting is hormonally controlled, occurring more frequently in younger, actively growing animals. During the "soft" phase that follows, the exoskeleton expands to its larger dimensions. Under optimum conditions, a crawfish can increase up to 15% in length and 40% in weight in a single molt.

Crayfish are particularly vulnerable during their soft phase. Their predators include fish, otters, turtles, wading birds and humans. More than 150 million pounds are harvested each year and 7,000 people depend directly or indirectly on the \$300 million crawfish industry.

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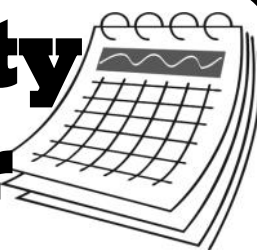
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- July 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m.
- July 10 & 24 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month, breakfast at 8 a.m. with meeting to follow, Lillian Community Club
- July 12 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- July 13 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the second Tuesday of the month, 8 a.m. in the park conference room
- July 13 & 27 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month
- July 17—Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park
- July 20 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
- July 19 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- July 23 - Movie in the Park, activities begin at 6:30 p.m., movie at dusk, Lillian Recreational Park

*Please email meeting and event dates, times and locations  
to lillianeditor@yahoo.com*



## Putting Out a Call for Community Pride

By Florence McLendon

Lillian became my home in 1980 and I lived there for 37 years. I have seen it grow, new businesses, a bank, a boat launch, a library and a few places to eat. I think many people come to live here because it is quiet, near the water, the taxes are low and it is just a nice place to live.

But summer is here, it is hot and the grass and weeds are growing. I always say that God, in his infinite wisdom, made grass and weeds the same color. Maybe grass is a weed in some places on earth, but right now, we don't think so.

So why am I writing this? Yesterday I drove over our beautiful bridge into downtown Lillian. I noticed the weeds are growing and the entrance to Lillian looked terrible, unkempt and generally a mess.

Years ago the Lillian Action Committee got permission from the county and planted the four corners at Highways 98 and 99.

If you dig, you will find the pipe for the sprinkler system to water the young plants. Some of the plants are still thriving, some have been gone for years, but in the long run, our efforts years ago made our four corners look better.

I think with a little effort, we can make Lillian look a lot better.

When I began to look, I wondered

why do two businesses on Highway 98 mow their property and the county property in front of their businesses but leave the county property between their businesses untouched? Just a few more minutes on a riding mower would make it look much better.

Why do residents think that the property outside their fence (county property) does not need attention?

Why do residents who live in subdivisions (with no homeowner association) not take turns mowing the entrance to their subdivision?

Many of us in Lillian are retired but that doesn't mean we have to leave all the work to someone else.

Spanish Cove does a nice job keeping the county property mowed along Highway 99. Imagine what it would look like if Spanish Cove did not mow it.

The Lillian Action Committee pays to have the grass cut around the corner in front of the fireworks property at the stoplight. The owners on the other three corners have been cutting the county property for years and their efforts are appreciated.

I am asking the residents of Lillian to think of small ways to make Lillian look better. The temperature has gone up, summer is here and the grass and weeds need to be kept cut.

Let us be proud of Lillian – a great place to live.

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## COMMUNITY CHURCHES

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251-256-0226

Pastor Gregory Brown

Sunday Bible study at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday church training at 5 p.m.

Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

### DAYBREAK METHODIST CHURCH

23878 County Road 20, Elberta  
251-961-2552

Pastor Ray Nolan

Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

12099 County Road 99, Lillian  
1 block south of Highway 98

251-943-2173 or 251-961-2505

Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

Healing service at noon the third

Wednesday of the month

### ETERNAL LIFE CHURCH

34223 US Highway 98, Lillian  
251-747-0183

Pastor Calvin Bartl

Sunday worship service at 10 a.m.

### LILLIAN FELLOWSHIP

11737 County Road 99, Lillian  
251-215-0256

www.lillianfellowship.org

Pastor Dean Conkel

Sunday service at 9 a.m.

### LILLIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12770 South Perdido Street, Lillian  
251-962-4336

www.lillianumc.org

Rev. Daniel W. Randall

Sunday outside worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday inside service at 10 a.m.

Adult Bible study at 9 a.m. Wednesday

Sunday school at 9 a.m. for all ages

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

34290 US Highway 98, Lillian  
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Father James Singarayar

Daily Mass at 8 a.m. (Tues. through Friday)

Saturday Mass at 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

### SHEPHERD OF THE BAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

12851 Perdido Street, Lillian  
251-962-7682

Pastor Timothy Sowers

Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible study at 9 a.m.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We stopped running local church information when services were suspended due to Covid-19. Now that most churches are resuming normal services, we would like to print information as space permits. Local churches can submit their information by emailing it to us at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) or dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay library.

## Kicked Up Popcorn

Fun just in time for your favorite sporting event, TV show or almost any other get-together occasion.

Most of us use microwave popcorn, but no matter how you make it, this is a great way to kick it up.

Ingredients:

Popped popcorn

Butter

Your favorite hot sauce (my favorite is from Shrimp Basket)

Grated parmesan cheese

Salt to taste, preferably popcorn salt

While the popcorn is popping,

## Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

melt the amount of butter you feel comfortable adding.

When melted, stir in a modest amount or more of hot sauce.

As soon as the popcorn is popped, dump into a bowl.

Thoroughly mix in first the salt, then the butter and hot sauce mixture and finally the parmesan cheese.

Napkins and your favorite beverage are a necessity.

Enjoy!



*First Baptist Church*

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 19-23 ~ 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Dinner provided**

**For preschool through sixth grade**

### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

**Adult Men & Women 18 years & up:**

Mon. 6 pm: Dinner and Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wed. 5:30 pm: Dinner All Ages

Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study in the Sanctuary

**Children Grades K-5:**

**Youth Grades 6-12:**

Youth and Kid's Activities in the Family Life Center

\*Free childcare is provided during all Bible Studies and services at our church.

### Sunday Worship Opportunities

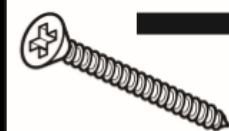
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## Time For Remembering the Real Source of Our Freedom

It's time to celebrate the birth of our nation, the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We need to remember the Declaration of Independence is an appeal to the only authority that could possibly substantiate it, an appeal to the only law that could possibly give it validity and truth, an appeal, as the Declaration itself puts it, "to the Supreme Judge of the world." The truths that it says are "self-evident," are self-evident only because almighty God has already established them in His word.

It assures all who read it that those who wrote it and signed it were depending totally on the protection of divine providence for the support and the preservation of those principles. The birth of this nation is founded upon a declaration that, without its biblical and theological premises, without its appeal to God, is nothing. The main thrust of the declaration has to do with the right of human beings to liberty. Yet a person is free only within the predetermined limits established by our creator. None of us can think seriously about our freedom until we ask the question: "What is our destiny? What is it toward which we are free to move?" We should all reflect not on what we are free from, but on what we are free for.

On July 3, 1776, George Washington wrote a letter to his wife. In part, these were his words: "In a few days, you will see a declaration setting forth

the causes which have impelled us to this mighty revolution and the reasons which will justify it in the sight of God. I am fully aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this declaration and support and defend these states; yes, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory."

One hundred years later President Abraham Lincoln declared at Gettysburg, "whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, could long endure." Lincoln knew the cost of liberty also. He never spoke of liberty without coupling that word with responsibility, without tying it inseparably to an unfinished task. Liberty is not a destination; it is a journey. We are still on that journey. The cost of human freedom is still high. We dare not forget that the success of the experiment is as precarious today as it was 245 years ago. After the meeting where the writing of the Constitution was finished, Benjamin Franklin met his fellow citizens and newsmen on the steps of Constitution Hall and said, "We have given you a republic, if you can keep it." The question is critical today because many in our nation, obviously, have forgotten that freedom does not remove responsibility. It produces it.

When the Pilgrims came to America they fell on their knees and kissed the earth, and they wrote, "We establish this state to the glory of God and the spread of the Christian religion."

General Omar Bradley once said, "America today is running on the momentum of a Godly ancestry, and when that momentum runs down, God help America." That from one of the great military leaders of our nation. In General Washington's farewell address to the nation, he said, "The foundation of the republic is morality, and it is foolish to suppose that we can have morality without a religious impetus." On July 4, let us be able to say with those that signed that great



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

declaration for the world: "Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world, for the rectitude of our intentions, with firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

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33677 Hwy 98 Lillian, AL  
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*We would like to invite you to join us as we sing  
praises to and worship our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Worship Times**

**Sunday** Bible Study 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Church Training 5:00 pm  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday** Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm

[www.baysidebaptistlillian.org](http://www.baysidebaptistlillian.org)

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**OBITUARIES****Judith Askew Deeter**

Judith "Judy" Ann Deeter was born in Lasker, N.C., to Jimmy and Anna Askew on Oct. 22, 1940. She passed away June 3, 2021, in Pensacola.

Judy was a longtime member of Lillian United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society, Lillian's Women's Club and the Monday Bridge Club. Throughout her career as a secretary, she worked for many healthcare facilities.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Victor "Vic" Deeter, and her parents, Jimmy Glenn Askew Sr. and Anna Mae Askew. She is survived by her children, Andrew Woodard (Kathy) and Susan Williams (Philip); grandchildren, Alexandria Wiles, Hannah Woodard and Leah Woodard; and her brother, Jimmy Glen Askew.

Memorials may be made to Lillian United Methodist Church. Faith Chapel Funeral Home South, Pensacola, is in charge of arrangements.

**Kimberly Gaona**

Kimberly Elizabeth Gaona, 56, of Lillian, passed away May 12, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Patricia Smith; her husband, Louis LaMacchia; and a brother, Richard Smith II.

Survivors include her children, Marie Head (Chris), Michael Gaona, Mark Gaona (Cari); granddaughters, Kenna and Elena; a sister, Kristen Mon Goy (Steve), two nieces, Hayley and Hannah; a nephew, David; a sister-in-law, Janice Smith; stepchildren, Louis LaMacchia and Mark LaMacchia; several fur babies and many more beloved family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Baldwin County Animal Shelter, 15240 County Road 49, Summerdale, Ala. 36580. Wolfe Bayview Funeral Home in Elberta is in charge of arrangements.

**Sheron Rundall**

Sheron Rundall of Lillian passed away May 2, 2021 in Pensacola.

She was born May 10, 1970, and was a 1988 graduate of Central High School. She also graduated from the University of West Georgia, Huntingdon College and the University of Alabama with bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature and library science. Her interests included reading, travel, music, shopping and line dancing. She attended Lillian United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Glenda Rundall of Lillian and her uncle, Gary Helton of Atmore. She was preceded in death by her father, Alan Rundall, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John Helton.

**BALDWIN COUNTY BLOTTER**

■ Baldwin County officers responded to a report of assault with no weapon at 8:35 a.m. May 27 in the 33700 block of Highway 98 in Lillian.

■ Officers responded to a theft report at 12:38 a.m. May 31 in the 12400 block of County Road 91, Lillian.

■ Officers responded to a theft report at 10:05 a.m. May 31 in the 1200 block of Caney Drive in Lillian.

■ Officers responded to a report of

assault at 1:38 p.m. June 2 in the 11600 block of County Road 99 in Lillian.

■ Officers responded to a theft report at 8:04 a.m. June 9 in the 34700 block of Kee Avenue, Lillian.

■ Theft was reported at 1:12 p.m. June 10 in the 33800 block of Highway 98 in Lillian.

■ Theft was reported at 2:29 p.m. June 14 in the 12800 block of North Perdido Street, Lillian.

## Bayside Baptist Welcomes New Pastor

Bayside Baptist Church is introducing new pastor Gregory Brown. The church is located at 33679 Highway 98, Lillian. Sunday services include Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and church at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening Bible study at 5 p.m. with church at 6 p.m. A women's Bible study on the names of God is held Friday at 10 a.m. and a Wednesday evening prayer service begins at 6 p.m. For more information about the church, call 812-371-2323.

He is a 2005 graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He previously served two churches in Indiana as pastor and was a hospice chaplain in Houston, Texas, for five years.

He and his wife, Debbie, are the parents of three adult children and one grandchild.

The church welcomes the public

## Food Pantry Resumes Inside Pick Up Option

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church continues to help needy in our community through their Food Pantry. Starting in July, the pantry will no longer have a drive-through. Pickup will return to inside the fellowship hall. The pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the church at 251-962-7682 with questions, leave a message and someone will call back. The pantry is

an equal opportunity provider and refuses no one. Donations are appreciated. Monetary donations can be made by check to Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church with a designation of "Food Pantry." You can also make a secure donation through their PayPal account at SOT-BLILLIAN. Non-perishable donations can be made at the church. Please call and plan for donation drop-off.

# LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

**34148 Widell Avenue ~ Lillian, Alabama 36549**

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**Music by HWY 95A band 7 - 11pm**

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## Sunday, July 4

**Flag raising by Lillian American Legion Post 48 10:45am**

**Colonel George's famous fried chicken 11am - 1:30pm**

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