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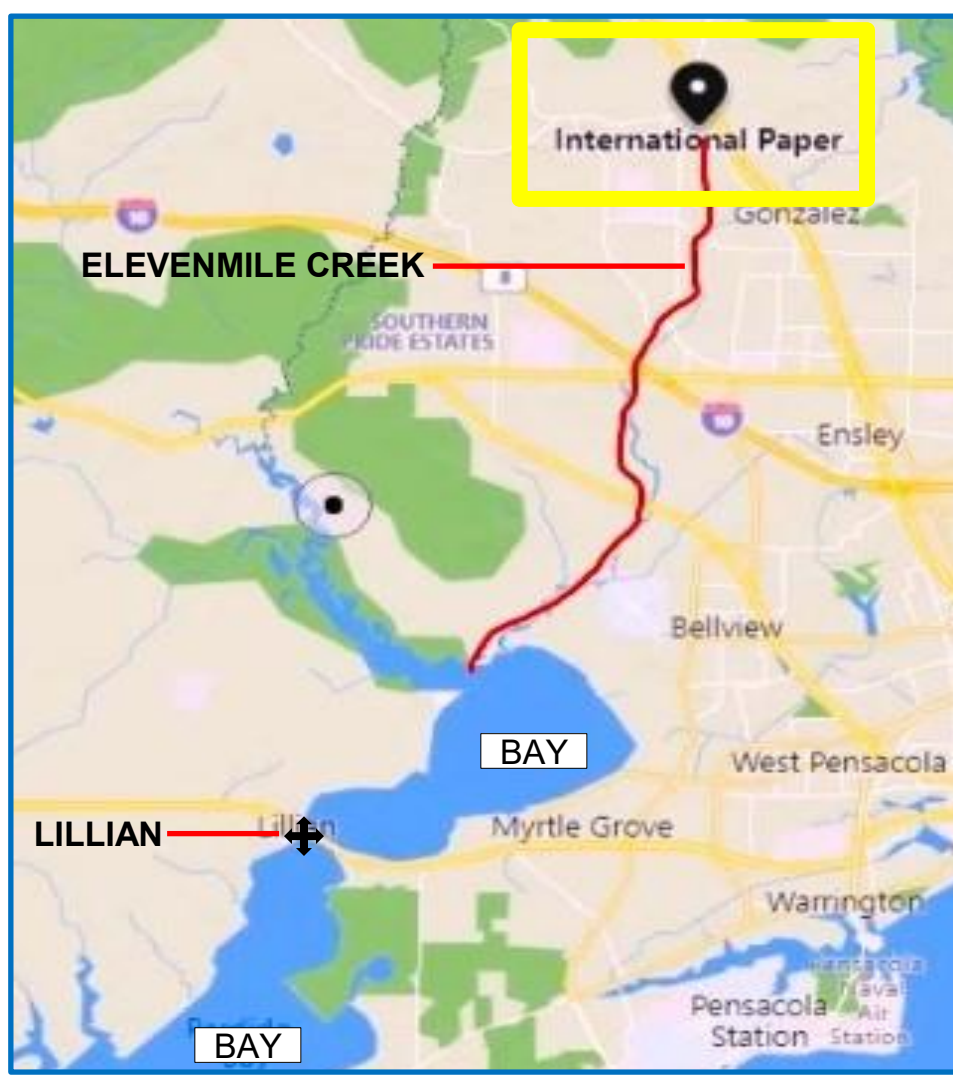
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LOST BAY: LOST FOREVER?

This month we are featuring the first of a three-part series chronicling the romantic history and the tragic pollution of our community's centerpiece: The Perdido Bay

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*** Perdido Bay: Wanted Dead or Alive

Coming onto the bridge slicing Baldwin County from Florida, the senses ignite. See Perdido Bay, sparkling blue in the sunshine as it snakes northwest and southeast.

It's a postcard picture, the Highway 98 bridge at Lillian. A billboard bids welcome to Sweet Home Alabama.

Piers jut into soft waves all along the sandy banks, echoing generations of angling bounty. Weathered posts push up a perch for a beaky pelican poised in the pink light of sunset.

A visitor wouldn't miss the sea grasses and lily pads that frosted the bay in years gone by.

Her husband could have no notion, as he reeled in his empty hook, of men netting mullet or of the croakers, pinfish, flounder, red fish and occasional

black bass, bream, or catfish loitering near the mouth of the creeks, where the water in the bay was pure enough that freshwater fish used to venture in from the steams.

The parents would have no warning, when their children splashed shrieking into the bay, that the waves were laced with industrial wastes known to cause birth defects, like dioxins, PCB's, arsenic and barium. After all, the water quality sign on the beach reads green.

But Jackie Lane knows better. The founder of Friends of Perdido Bay, advocating for restoration of the bay, she's lived on its banks most of her life.

"Perdido Bay is a gorgeous place to live and I'm lucky to be able to be here, but in the summer it used to be a lot busier. We'd see people water skiing, you'd look over and see your neighbors swimming. You'd be swimming."

Lane's kids amused themselves catching little pinfish near the banks of the family home.

"We used to fish all the time," she said in a video about Perdido Bay

made by Studio 850, a non-partisan, multi-part documentary called "Have We Lost Perdido Bay?"
See BAY on page 10

Next Horton Zone hearing set July 19 at 8:30 a.m. in Fairhope

Case No. Z22-5 - Swift Timber LLC Property District 22

19 July 2022 - 08:30 AM

Notice is hereby given that the Baldwin County Commission will conduct a public hearing concerning a request submitted by Aaron Collins on behalf of D.R. HORTON and Swift Timber, LLC. The applicant is requesting approval to rezone 29.4 +/- acres of a 31-acre parcel from B-4 Major Commercial to RSF-4 - Single Family.

The Parcel Identification Number is 05-52-05-21-0-000-016.000.

The public hearing will be conducted during the next regular meeting of Baldwin County Commission, which is scheduled for Tuesday July 19, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, County Commission Meeting

Chambers-2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, AL. 36532.

You may email your comments to: Planning@baldwincountyal.gov. If you desire to address the Baldwin County Commission in person about this application, please attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disability Act or those requiring language translation services should contact the Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department at 251-580-1655.



Members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church open their doors for those who need a little extra help. From left are Margaret Wilcox, Mike Handzus, Mary Jane Marion and Mike Wilcox. They and others in the society provide a variety of food from the pantry and freezer, as well as other information to help those who are going through rough times. The pantry is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Immaculate Mary Hall. For information call 251-424-5789. Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church also provides this service on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Time Marches for Lillian ... But No Snow, No Regrets

I have had an interesting six weeks. My daughter-in-law has been living with me while she and my son get a house here in Lillian.

Sure, they've visited here before, but living here is a bit different. You need to learn how to get to places without a tour guide. I've been helping in that endeavor, although I'll admit, I'm making it fun for me.

Every time we'd go out, I'd take a different route. You know there are several ways to get to Foley, depending on where you are going. Highway 98 of course if we're going to my bank that is west of Highway 59. The Beach Expressway is a great way to get to OWA, but if I want to go to Lowe's, I take CR95 to CR20. Sometimes I even zigzag from CR95 to Leiterman Road to CR97 to Hagendorfer Road to CR91 to Carrier Road to CR99 and back home. I know, I'm mean.

Pensacola opens all kinds of doors for confusing passengers, and don't get me started on all the ways to confuse a guest when driving through Spanish Cove. I must say though, my student is a fast learner.

It's funny how quickly you learn all the ins and outs of traveling to grocery stores, automobile repair shops, hardware stores, doctors and the like. The first thing you have to decide, of course, is which is the best way to go to do everything on the list. It isn't always possible to accomplish and may take a day or two to do it, driving to Foley and beyond or Pensacola.

I was reminiscing the other day and was thinking about our arrival in Lillian 30 years ago. Remembering the four-way stop at US Highway 98 and CR99, the used car dealership on the corner, the red dirt of Rosalia Avenue.

I recall that the first time we visited Lillian to look for a retirement home we heard about the plans for a library. I wrote a letter and told them

how excited I was and to

count me as a patron. Now I'm a volunteer there and have been for many years.

There was a small ball field behind the Lillian Community Club where the Little League games were played. Now the Lillian Recreational Park offers a whole variety of experiences including sports, walking trail, art classes, yoga, market in the park, movies and all sorts of special events. The board even welcomed baseball teams from the new Elberta High School to use the fields until theirs opened this year.

We visited the video store to get movies. No, we didn't watch them on our phones. We always had to go to the "red light" to make a left turn to Foley because Perdido Street wasn't there.

There were a variety of churches and still are, but many have changed their look, especially the ones that used the Catholic church chapel on the corner of Highway 98 and Santa Piedro to start their ministries. We were amazed that "the south" actually had a Catholic Church. We Northerners had no clue what the south was really about.

Two fires changed the look of the town, first the Lillian Community Club and then Pondera, the restaurant we had waited years to see open. Fortunately, LCC was up and running fairly quickly and we can enjoy all the fun and service they provide throughout the year, one of which is happening Saturday, July 2 - the fireworks event!!! And then the famous Col. George's fried chicken dinner, silent auction and music on the Fourth.

Yes, it has been an interesting 30 years. Who would have thought that all those northerners invading the south would find another home, new friends and a very special community? No regrets here to moving out of the snow zone to the sun zone.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

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Our local fire ant species is anything but indigenous resident

Fire ants can be a major problem in Alabama, and even in other parts of the country. In their genus *Solenopsis* there are more than 200 species! Two hundred species of stinging ants! Any area including home lawns, gardens, parks, and athletic turf among others are areas where fire ants can be found.

The red imported fire ant came to the US from Brazil and Argentina. (What do you call an ant from overseas? Important!) This little aggravation is a major nuisance in the Southeastern United States. There is another fire ant, *Solenopsis richteri*, that seems to be restricted to a small corner of northwestern Alabama, northeastern Mississippi, and some southern parts of Tennessee. (What do you call an ant that skips school? (A tru-ant.)

If you have been in Alabama for more than a year, chances are you have personal experience with how painful a "bite" these ants contain. The initial "bite" is less than a tiny pinch. Prey firmly clenched between powerful mandibles; the ant will arch its body to position the stinger that is located on the abdomen.

As a fire ant stings, it rotates its body in a circular pattern as it strikes the target 7-8 times. It is the venom that is released that causes the excruciating sting! (Do you know a fire ant's favorite singer? Sting!) The immediate reaction to the venom is an intense burning sensation that gives this little jerk his common name: Fire ant!

To make matters worse, these guys swarm. In addition to flying termites, roaches, and lovebugs, now we also have to deal with flying, stinging insects! Fire ant swarms can be easily identified from other ant species by their relatively large body (approximately 1/3 of an inch long) and two nodes on the petiole.

Nodes are the area between the thorax and the abdomen of an ant. This is one of the clues that can be used to identify what type of ant you have. Carpenter ants and odorous house ants have one node.

Fire ant swarms can be easily differentiated from termite swarms by three of their characteristics: narrow "waist" between thorax and abdomen (this is where the nodes are), front wings are longer than hind wings, and elbowed antennae. Termite swarms have single, oval shaped bodies, wings exactly the same size and shape and straight antennae. (What do you call an ant with frog legs? An ant-phibian.)

While swarming fire ants can still bite or sting people, they are less likely to than worker fire ants. Winged fire ants are less aggressive than workers because their only goal is to mate and reproduce. They are highly unlikely to bite or sting you while flying or searching for a nesting site.

The best control method for fire ants is to use bait insecticides. While the Internet is riddled with suggestions of natural remedies, ONLY the application of fire ant bait — spread by the label recommendations — is the most effective. Control methods such as grits, club soda, molasses, boiling water, mixing mounds together,



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

or the application of gasoline or diesel fuel are myths. These are not effective means of control, bad for the environment, and in the case of the food products, offering more sources of nutrition to the ants. (Where do ants go to eat? At a restaur-ant!)

The key to fire ant management is to control the queen. Fire ant

queens can lay hundreds of eggs per day and can live for years. Worker ants pick up bait products and take them back to the mound, where they feed the bait to the queen. Using baits ensures true colony control.

The best time to apply fire ant bait in problematic areas is during the spring and fall, but this can be site- and weather-dependent. For our area, do not put out your baits any earlier than May. A second application can go out in September or October.

What do you call an ant that won't go away? Perman-ant! Be safe, friends!





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By Betty Bovat

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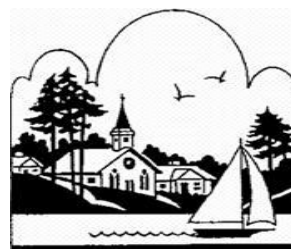
The library is currently experiencing a lull in activity at this time as patrons keep busy with summer's outdoor activities. We do hope it picks up as we miss your smiling faces and conversations. The computer lab seems to be busy every day we are open. Our hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

We are always grateful for donations and it gives me great pleasure to let you know we are using some not to clean and paint the building and clean the roof. It has been many years since this has been done.

The library will accept book donations that are no more than five years old and in good condition for us to process and put them on our shelves for our patrons to check out.

We also accept 2022 magazines in good condition. We do not have a source to dispose of old magazines, so we must put them in our rubbish.

Thank you all again for your support and patronage. We truly do appreciate each one of you and feel fortunate to be able to provide services to our community.



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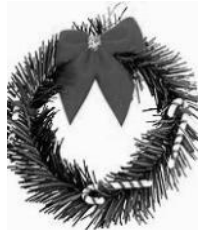
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We appreciate those who pick up trash or debris on their daily walks. Thanks to the pet owners for picking up after their pets and in some cases picking up after other dogs.

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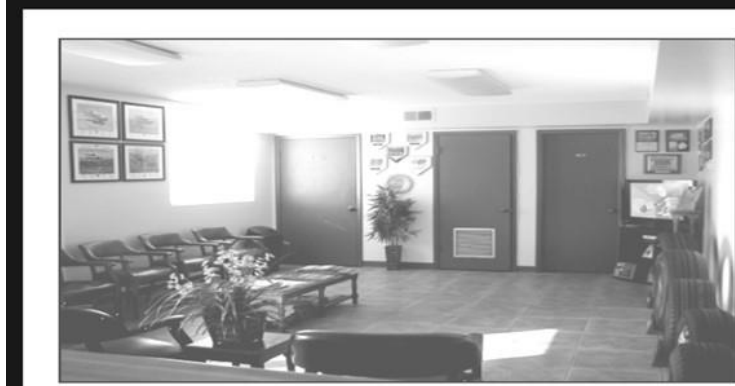
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Longest Bass overall winner was 7-year-old Hunter Merchant, 43 centimeters; longest Bream, 3-year-old Ethan Alms, 20 cm; longest Turtle, 10-year-old Katlin & Gade Norris.

Other winners in the Bass category included 5-year-old Rylee Williams, 33 cm; 6-year-old Colt Brasher, 37 cm; 8-year-old Noah Carroll, 42.5 cm; 9-year-old Chase Mesrol, 35 cm; 11-year-old Jaye Ligtsay, 23 cm and 12-year-old Braxton Brannon, 49 cm.

Bream winners are 5-year-old Rylee Williams, 18 cm; 9-year-old Zane Koptis, 20 cm and 11-year-old Talon Williams, 20 cm. Eleven-year-old Katlin Kilgore had the largest turtle in her age group.

The Fishing Rodeo is just one of the many programs for children hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Also provided are Trunk or Treat, Christmas gifts for special needs classes, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt and scholarships for graduating seniors.

The next big event is the Mullet Festival on Labor Day. The majority of funding for the projects is raised that day which includes a 5K run/walk, breakfast, lunch, silent auction, raffle and sale of gently used items.



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Putting the flags out to mark the spaces for the monthly market or helping a few vendors put their canopies

up or take them down the third Saturday of the month would be greatly appreciated. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference.

The summer is hot, and the weeds are thriving. Several gardens could use some attention. If you have some time to spare early morning or evening, you can adopt a garden and help make the Park even more inviting.

Many of the Park events involve special children's activities, so if you love children or want to teach your own children the value of community service, consider helping out with

events such as our summer Movies in the Park. It's great fun to see the kiddos enjoying themselves at the Park's movies, but we could use some help setting up activities that correspond to the evening's show. For the movie JUNGLE CRUISE, for instance, the Park set up a treasure hunt for the children. For ENCANTO, there was a pinata and a mini-fiesta for the children to enjoy.

Volunteers make all things possible at the Park. So do our sponsors. So, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and sponsors who allow us to

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At El Burrito



Lee Carreon's Style Offers Music Fans a Diversity of Fun and Laughs

It's Cinco de Mayo and the patrons partying on the patio of El Burrito on Highway 98 near Elberta are clutching their sides with laughter and dancing between the tables.

Even the little lapdog taking treats from table to table seems to be having a rip-roaring time.

While the music sometimes takes on a south-of-the-border flair, Lee Carreon's group is so much more than a Mariachi band.

When he breaks into his over-the-top twang caricature of Willie Nelson for *On the Road Again*, it completely captures Willie's nasal tone - then notches up it to a comedic level. The audience shrieks with recognition and glee.

When he slips into a smooth rich Elvis, folks abandon their fajitas for a foot in the light fantastic.

If you ever see Carreon setting up to play, settle in for a fabulously fun few hours.

Much of the merriment flows from audience participation. The band wel-



comes requests all through the performance, but the last set is special to Carreon groupies. That's when guests who follow Carreon take the stage to join him in their own renditions of songs.

Carreon and compadres Brad Arnold on bass and Mr. Gene on blues harp are regulars in Baldwin and Mobile County. dining and music venues, with a repertoire running from Merle Haggard to Carlos Santana. *'Women of Alabama'* headlines his stockpile of original compositions.

He regularly plays at Tacky Jacks and most Friday nights at Don Carlos Mexican restaurant in Daphne.

You can catch him on July Fourth at the Foley American Legion.

At The Porch

Brandon Giles: Nashville Comes Home to Lillian

As the sun sets over Highway 98 this Saturday night, the Front Porch stage ignites with flashing faces lit up in neon green and pounding strains of party pop country and bluesy southern rock.

Conversations stop and folks look up from their drinks. Ears go on alert.

Who is this now?

Brandon Giles, self-described "hell come to town on piano," has brought the best of Nashville to Lillian with his brand of hard-rocking honky-tonk classics, electrifying blues and boogie-woogie

Over the years, Giles shaped his own sound by co-opting styles of rock 'n' roll greats like Elvis, Rolling Stones, The Doors, Hank Williams Jr. and combined that musical energy with a newer, hard rocking beat.

"I'm kind of like Little Richard meets AC/DC on steroids," Giles said.

But Jerry Lee Lewis is his specialty. In fact, he played the role of Lewis in the musical live stage version.

Giles grew up on a farm in Magnolia, Ark., where he worked in the fields of his uncle's watermelon and pea patches. In college, he first dipped his toes in the music business at the clubs and honky-tonks in near-



by Memphis.

"I would play and sing in the saloons and the audiences would tip me," Giles said. "It took about three seconds after that first dollar hit my pocket to realize that my pea-picking and watermelon-vine-turning days were over."

He "made a leap of faith" and took his act to Nashville, where he promptly landed a regular gig at Lay-las Bluegrass Inn - Music City's premiere honky tonk on historic Lower Broadway.

"It was a crash course of honky-tonk chicken-wire, brick wall, shotgun nightclub entertaining," he said.

Two years ago, Brandon brought his Nashville show on the road to Orange Beach.

He can be found playing his heart out around the greater Pensacola and Orange Beach areas regularly at venues such as Flora-Bama, Hub Stacey's, The Purple Parrot, The Front Porch, The Sports Bar, San Bar, Whiskey Joe's.

Don't miss him at the Front Porch Sat. July 23.

New Fillin' Station Restaurant and Bar Debuts With Two-day Schedule

We've driven past and wondered for months on end - but at long last the Fillin' Station bar across the Lillian bridge on Highway 98 is open.

The bar is open part-time for now on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons into the early evening. They'll be barbecuing outside until their restaurant license get the nod from the State of Florida.

"We've been dotting our I's and crossing our

T's to finally open fully," said Pattie McCormack, who owns and runs the bar with her husband Mike. "We hoped to be open last November for football season."

The bar serves wine and a good variety of craft beers, which can be hard to find in the Lillian area. They'll have live music two evenings a week starting in the latter part of July and major sports events on big TV screens.



'That's What's Killing the Fish'

(BAY continued from page 1)

"Now we don't have any of that. It's too bad really," Lane said. "I mean, if Perdido Bay had fish, there'd be people out there fishing, obviously."

She waves her hand across the Upper Bay to show where Baldwin County is and to point out the mouth of the Perdido River, ironically one of Florida's outstanding waterways.

"If you want to swim in clean water, you take your boat up there and swim in the Perdido River," she says. "Otherwise, you've got all this pollution."

It's hard for her to look out and see the bay "so dead," she said.

"It should be a bay for recreation. There should be people out here," she said. "But there's just not."

What happened?

"Oh there's no doubt," Lane says with a guffaw. "It's the toxic effluent from International Papers."

Then she does the math.

"No doubt in my mind it's the 28 million gallons per day from the paper mill and all that toxicity. It's like 35,000 gallons per day of toxicity

pours out of that place every day," she said.

"That's what's killing the fish."

Finding Lost Bay

Perdido Bay got its name because its mouth was so tight-lipped about its secrets it was hard for early sailors to find. "A Short History of Perdido Bay," on the Friends of Perdido Bay website relates how the hardships of navigating the Lost Bay's narrow shoals made it the perfect spot for 17th and 18th century pirates to bury treasure. Not only was it tough to find, but the shoals in its slender mouth made entering the bay a tricky maneuver even for a seasoned sailor.

It's also what made it so hard for her to spit out the poisons progress was going to make her swallow.

Folklore is full of unconfirmed tales of locals finding buried treasure in shallow areas of the bay after a storm uncovered sandy hiding spots. Since Florida and Alabama both regard any treasure found in the water as state bounty, there's a high incentive for a lucky treasure hunter to keep as close-mouthed as the bay.

The shores of the bay remained largely unsettled until the 1940's. The

Second World War brought the construction of Bronson Field and Saufley Field, both on the shores of Perdido Bay. Navy men rented houses near the bay at Paradise Beach, a small subdivision just north of the Lillian bridge on the Florida side. Next to the subdivision was the Paradise Beach Hotel, the center of social life for Navy personnel at Bronson Field.

Although fish were plentiful, there was only light commercial fishing. You might have seen a flat-bottomed wooden mullet boat every two or three days, powered along by the fishermen pushing on the bottom with a ten-foot pole.

Despite signs at both ends of the Lillian bridge stating "Fishing Prohibited on Bridge," the bridge was usually lined with anglers on the weekends. Back then, rods and reels had yet to get traction and most fished with hand lines. When a rare car came onto the narrow, shoulderless bridge, all the fishermen would leap up on the 8-inch curb.

The Mill

The 1940's also brought the Florida Pulp and Paper Company to Can-

tonment. It was situated to discharge into Eleven Mile Creek, which flows into Perdido Bay. The mill changed hands several times and was finally bought by International Paper Company in 2000.

Within a decade of the mill's opening, the bay water turned a dark reddish brown. Swimmers in the upper bay would emerge from the water coated with ocher-colored fibers. Aquatic vegetation disappeared, and the number of fish and minnows sank.

By the late 60s, people living along the bay started to complain. The Florida State Board of Health evaluated the water quality of the Perdido River, offering no solutions but finding that Eleven Mile Creek was grossly polluted by waste discharge from the paper mill. Perdido Bay water quality was suffering as far south as Lillian Highway Bridge on Hwy. 98. At the same time, residential sewage from growing neighborhoods dumped into Marcus Bay was taxing the assimilation capacity of the stream.

Next time - Florida dysfunction washes back into Alabama waters and no one steps up to the plate to stop it.

Summer Fun at the Lillian Recreational Park Offering a Wide Variety of Programs

Whether your child loves sports or adventure or creativity, the Lillian Recreational Park has their interests covered at the Park's brand-new series of summer day camps.

The Kidzart Camp, taught by Stephanie McDaniel, runs from July 11 to July 15. Stephanie has many fun art projects in store for your child. During the week-long camp, children will explore a famous artist each day, the medium they worked in, and then students will paint, sculpt or draw with an array of mediums, their very own famous painting! At the end of the camp, there will be a pizza party and an art show for parents and grandparents. The cost for the week-long camp is \$150. Multi-child discounts are available. One scholarship is also available. The week-long camp is designed for children ages 5 to 14 and will run from 10 am to 2 pm daily. For more information or to register, call Stephanie (256-321-1831) or email her at bluehenvintage1@gmail.com. Camp is limited to 16 students.

A "Backyard Habitat" environmental camp will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 9 to 1. During the camp, children will learn all about the creatures that live around them and will take home a decorated bird house they can use to attract birds to their own backyard. Taught by Ashley Campbell, the class will be limited to 25 students, ages 6 to 12. Cost is \$10. To register, go to the Park's Facebook page or call the Park, 251-962-2129.

If your child enjoys sports, then the soccer camp might be right up their alley. This free clinic will run from 5 to 6:30 pm Friday night, July 29, and from 9 to 10:30 am Saturday, July 30. The clinic is designed for boys and girls, ages 6 to 10. No soccer experience necessary. For more information or to register, contact Lem Allen, 251-978-4478. For more information about the Park's events and happenings, visit the Park website (LillianRecreationalPark.org) or the Lillian Recreational Park Facebook page.

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 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, Dick Erwin, Carey and Jack Monaghan.

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

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email 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.

The deadline for the August issue of The Lillian is July 20.

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Legion Post 48 Calls for Membership

Post 48 wishes everyone a happy Independence Day to everyone this year, we hope you enjoy all the festivities at the LCC on the Fourth of July, and the fireworks on July 2.



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee,
 Adjutant

The American Legion Post 48 sponsored baseball team had its first games at the Lillian Recreational Park against Summerdale/Foley legions team. The first game was an 11-11 tie and the second game of the double header was rained out in the second inning.

On Memorial Day Post 48 held its annual shrimp boil, at the legion building for their members and guests, there were a lot of other activities on that day so we had a smaller turnout then expected, but all those who attended enjoyed shrimp, corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs and an assortment of other fine foods and had a great day.

Post 48 would like to encourage all 1983 Legionnaires (those in the American Legion but do not have a home Post) to consider joining with us. For more information please contact Wayne Lavallee, Adjutant, at the following email: cpman1951@yahoo.com.

Or stop by the legion building any Wednesday morning from 9-10 am. This also goes for any vet-

eran out there in Lillian who would like to be a legionnaire.

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

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

Every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. many members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48.

The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Drop by and join us – we would like to meet you!

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

To our Veterans and their families: Thank you for all you do!



Lillian Recreational Park, June 18 2022: *Limbering-Up...* Despite the extreme heat wave, the Girls of *The Gulf Coast Texans's 09 Soccer team* took to the fields of the Lillian Recreational Park to practice for an upcoming tournament. Ranked 3rd in the nation, the team will be participating in the South East Regional tournament at Murfreesboro Tennessee later in June. If successful they will then move on to the national tournament. (Photo by Ken Stewart)

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Why Eating Healthy is So Challenging

One of the biggest complaints I hear from my clients is that eating healthy is a challenge. There are several reasons, but I narrowed them down to three for the purpose of this article.

The three biggest challenges for eating healthy for many people is Taste, Time & Take-Out

Taste - Many of the "ready-made" and "heat and eat" meals are loaded with hard to pronounce ingredients. These ingredients with the big fancy names are processed by food engineers. Some food engineers are called flavor chemists and replicate natural food flavors to taste like foods that are processed, packaged, and preserved for you and put out at your local grocery store. The FDA defines a flavor as an ingredient "whose significant function in food is flavoring rather than nutritional."

The bottom line is that foods are being altered to taste healthy but are missing the nutritional components like mother nature intended. Try eating fresh fruits and vegetables to nourish your body and mind.

Time - Another common complaint I hear is that "I just don't have time to cook healthy". Cooking at home is a great way to start making healthier choices and cooking healthy doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming.

Meal planning is a great way to organize and prepare foods for easy cooking during the week. Meal planning is about being strategic on how you prepare food for the week instead of waiting at the end of the day asking yourself "what's for dinner." It involves three steps: prepare a list on Friday for the week, pick up your ingredients on Saturday and prep your food for the week on Sunday.

Take-Out-Food is all around us at convenience stores and fast-food restaurants.

Usually, people wait until they are so hungry, they run out and buy food that is un-



Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

healthy, or they are on the go and pick up whatever is easiest to eat. Making substitutes such as packing some skim milk, nuts or a protein drink is a great way to curtail hunger and prevent unhealthy eating.

Also, eating out doesn't have to be unhealthy. Lillian has some great local dining. The key to eating while going out or getting food to go is to

make healthy choices. Split a meal, skip an unhealthy appetizer, cut back on sugar, and choose meals low in saturated fat and high in sodium.

Enjoy the good food and great atmosphere and be mindful of healthy choices. The key is to cut down on foods with added sugars, cut down on saturated fat and replace with unsaturated fat and choose lower-fat meat, poultry, and dairy.

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Evening Worship	6:00 pm		
<u>Tuesday</u>		<u>Friday</u>	
Men's Breakfast	8:00 am	Women's Bible Study	10:00 am

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Community Calendar



July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10 a.m., meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

July 5, 19 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge

July 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7 PM - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at the Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

July 7, 12, 21, 28 - Bayside Baptist Church GriefShare at 6:00 p.m.

July 11 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

July 12, 26 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month

July 14 at 5 PM- Join Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for Optimist Night out at the Crazy Horse. To make a reservation call 256-280-6347 by Tuesday July 12.

July 12 at 8 a.m. - Lillian Recreational Park will hold its regular meeting at 8 a.m. in the conference room

July 23 at 8 AM- Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. Join us as we hear Laura Alms from Elberta Highschool and this year's recipients of the HOBY youth leadership attendees. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

July 19 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

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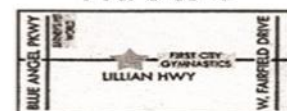
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We are blessed to be able to provide the food. But just as the prices for food are increasing for the public, prices are increasing for all food pantries. We still get frozen meats and other frozen food at 19 cents a pound.

The can goods, though, have increased. All food pantries are dealing with

increases. Please consider donating canned vegetables and fruit. Publix is providing the bread and desserts we give out.

The Feeding America program plans to provide one box of non-perishable food items to our seniors.

As of now, all the information we have is that seniors will receive one box a month along with the food items they would normally receive.

This is at no extra cost to us.

When more information is received, we will let everyone know. Thank you to all the volunteers who help. It means a lot to our community. May God bless you all.



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Since I don't keep tar remover handy, (how silly of me) I had five other options to try. Unfortunately, it took all five, but finally good results. I was tired and drenched and craving a tall glass of ice water. I also wished the jerk to come out of his house and find his car totally covered with big wads of bubble gum melting to the point that he wouldn't be able to get them off. The way I felt, I envisioned the police going to his door and telling him he was being arrested for malicious destruction of property and manslaughter. Of course, I have no idea whether it was a male or female. Maybe it was a monkey who craved the chewy stuff.

Humans are complicated and unpredictable. I often think they are the most dangerous of all mammals. A tiger, lion or bear, for instance, we know to stay clear of them because we know they are wild and dangerous. Even when they are a beauty to behold, we know to be respectful and wary. A human may be benign or an evil murderer. Honest or deceptive. Caring or violent. Helpful or malicious. Sometimes being cautious isn't enough. How sad.

Through my lifetime I've been blessed knowing love and kindness. Good people. People from all walks of life from super poor to rich and everything in between and of many religions, nationalities and races.

Human is human but not all humans are good or even nice. That is

Twelfth Annual Bunco Bash "Give Breast Cancer the Boot" slated for August 6

Come join us on August 6 for our Twelfth Annual Bunco Bash fundraiser for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" at the Lillian Community Club.

Early registration is open now through July 30 for \$30, \$35 after July 30 and at the door.

Either way please RSVP by July 30th so that we can be prepared for you to have a Bunco Blast. For additional information you may contact me at 251-978-4442 or by email at kekay926@gmail.com.

See you on August 6.

**Bits and
Pieces**

By Jackie Reid

an individual thing and that is how we should be judged. You can't feel or see that over the internet. It's important to learn how to read body language. From how a person expresses themselves from words to facial expressions and stance and character. Whether a person is pretty or ugly means absolutely nothing. Who are they inside, in the heart and soul? I have known a lot of jerks too and avoided them as much as possible. Haven't we all?

Lillian has been a wonderful place to live. Over the years I have met a varied selection of individuals and have learned good traits from many of them. I just hope the good will always outnumber the horrid.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm tells us to buy an electric car. It is our duty and it is time. Hmmm, then why doesn't she have an electric car? Maybe because the infrastructure isn't ready. Experts know this and she probably knows too.

We're being told to cut down on electricity. Warned that there might be blackouts all over the country. Our grid systems are old and vulnerable in the U. S. So, don't use electricity but go out and buy more electric using products? Just saying.

"And when we come to think of it, goodness is uneventful. It does not flash, it grows. It is deep, quiet, and very simple. It passes not with oratory, it is commonly foreign to riches, nor does it often sit in the places of the mighty; but may be felt in the touch of a friendly hand or the look of a kindly eye." David Grayson.

May God Bless America & May America Bless God!

May God Bless America & May America Bless God!

Proverbs 14:35, proclaims, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

In other words, the greatest nation will be the nation that serves the demands of righteousness, the nation that reaches for the highest values. That's how our nation came into being. The founders of our republic did not organize a government and then try to decide what kind of government it would be and what it would try to do. No, the government did not come first. Values, ideals, principles came first. After deciding upon those, they set up a government which would serve those needs.

Listen to these words from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted

among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

Our founders began with certain ideals and values, and that the government was established for the purpose of serving these ideals and values. They believed that the source of all our highest values is God. He made us free people and placed in our hearts a longing to be free. All our highest ideals and all our noblest intentions have come to us from God. When we are faithful to those ideals we are exalted when we falter, we are brought down!

Arnold Toynbee, a respected historian has said, "Nations, cultures, and empires are never destroyed from the



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

outside, but destroy themselves. Their self-destruction is always due to defects of character." That is a word we need to hear! He is suggesting that the future of this or any nation is utterly dependent upon a national character. It is dependent upon the values we decide to pursue together.

In our Pledge of Allegiance we say, "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." That is our highest ideal! Notice that it says that the nation is "under God". Of course, every nation is under God's providence and judgment whether we acknowledge that or not. Part of the greatness of our nation is that we do acknowledge it. Even though this conviction is not shared by all! So, how we honor and serve our nation

must be shaped by that commitment. God first. Righteousness first. With conviction and with passion we say that God, His truth, and His righteousness come first. God has our loyalty first. We love our nation best when we insist that that's the way it should be. "Righteousness exalts a nation!" What makes a nation great is having the right values - and then living up to them. That is true greatness!

Abraham Lincoln believed it. During the worst part of the Civil War, a person came to Lincoln and said, "I surely hope the Lord is on our side." In his wisdom, Lincoln replied, "I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that both I and this nation should be on the Lord's side." Lincoln loved this nation best because he loved righteousness even more.

That's the right kind of patriotism, because, above all else, it is righteousness that exalts a nation! I pray that we will each pledge to live a life of righteousness so that God can bless our nation. May God Bless you and our nation and we and our nation bless God!

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The Worshipful Master Joseph Taylor of Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 is Proud to announce the advancement of Rich Mercado to the degree of Fellowcraft. This is the second degree in Masons. We were proud of the turn out for this ceremony for the Lodge. Pictured left to right are Mike Blankenship, Steve William, Rich Mercado new Fellowcraft, Worshipful Master Joseph Taylor and Jim Calvert.

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Firefighters: Dedication, Hard Work

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 78 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in May: 37 Medical Assistance; 10 Public Assists; 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 2 Structure Fire; 5 Brush Fire; 2 Unauthorized burning; 2 Water Rescues; 6 Cancelled en route; 8 False Alarm/Miscellaneous; and 2 Aircraft Stand By.

May was an extremely busy time for the department. Although our calls are not as high as previous months, the number of structure and brush fires has increased. On any form of fire, whether it is brush or structure, it can take hours to get each fire under control. In addition to extinguishing the fire, there's still the clean up and hose cleaning/stacking back at the station, so one fire could be an eight hour day. However, our firefighters are up to the challenge. Because of their rigorous training, they are able to incorporate their skills and knowledge to face each situation as it arises.

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretta Lysek

To that end, we increased our fire training even more. Earlier in the month we did some vehicle fire-fighting and extrication training. In addition, we joined forces with our mutual aid fire departments and practiced our skills at the Barber Marina. The objective was to practice water transfer by way of pumper and ladder trucks. This was an extremely important exercise to ensure we are ready to take on any size infrastructure such as the Marina's warehouses.

We are also very pleased to announce four of our LVFD firefighters and two Summerdale firefighters just passed the 'Alabama state certified Firefighter II program. This was a highly intense 40-hour training program. The newly certified firefighters



From L to R: Instructor Deputy Chief Todd Mullane; Summerdale FF Zachary McMillan; FF Michael Andrews; FF Curtis Cantrell; Summerdale FF Brandon Stevens; Junior FF Bethany Dewhurst (standing in for father Chief Nick Dewhurst); Lt. Nick Dosh; and Elberta Instructor William Vanbrimmer.

worked through grueling exercises during the evening, weekend and even Memorial weekend to ensure they have the extensive knowledge and skills to protect the community of Lillian and surrounding areas. Please join us in thanking them for their dedication to the community. The newly certified LVFD firefighters are: Chief Nick Dewhurst; Lt. Nick Dosh, FF Curtis Cantrell and FF Michael Andrews. And from the Summerdale fire department:

Zachary McMillan and Brandon Stevens. In addition to the newly certified firefighters we would also like to point out the hard work and dedication of the two instructors: LVFD Deputy Chief Todd Mullane and Elberta Captain William Vanbrimmer. In addition, we would like to congratulate Lt. Jeff Gleason in his certification as a Firefighting Instructor. Great job guys! We are very proud of you!



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# Advice From Ignatius: Find God in All Things

July 31 is the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus who died on this day in the year 1556. St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in 1491, one of 13 children of a family of minor nobility in northern Spain. As a young man Ignatius of Loyola was inflamed by the ideals of courtly love and knighthood and dreamed of doing great deeds. But in 1521 Ignatius was gravely wounded in a battle with the French. While recuperating, Ignatius Loyola experienced a conversion.

On May 20, at the battle of Pamplona, his leg was broken by a cannon ball and he was bedridden for the next year. During his difficult recovery, Ignatius asked for books about chivalry, his favorite reading. There were not any at the family castle where he convalesced, so he had to settle for a book about the life of Christ and biographies of the saints, topics which he found unexpectedly riveting. As a soldier he had always dreamed of imitat-

ing heroes, but now, the heroes had names like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Ignatius also noticed something strange happening to him. God, he realized, was working within him — prompting, guiding, inviting. Reading the lives of Jesus and the saints made Ignatius happy and aroused desires to do great things. Ignatius realized that these feelings were clues to God's direction for him.

Upon the recovery of his health, Ignatius traveled to Jerusalem to see and feel the places where Christ had lived and walked. Ignatius studied in Jerusalem and in various places along the way.

Over the years, Ignatius became an expert in the art of spiritual direction. He collected his insights, prayers, and suggestions in his book the Spiritual Exercises, one of the most influential books on the spiritual life ever written. With a small group of friends, Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. Ignatius conceived the

Jesuits as "contemplatives in action." This also describes the many Christians who have been touched by Ignatian spirituality.

He envisioned the purpose of the Society of Jesus to be missionary work and teaching. Unlike members of other religious orders in the church, who take the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty, members of the Jesuit society also take a fourth vow of obedience strictly to the Pope, to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff.

According to St Ignatius, the purpose of the Exercises is "to conquer oneself and to regulate one's life in such a way that no decision is made under the influence of any inordinate attachment." In other words, the Exercises are intended, in Ignatius' view, to give the person undertaking them a greater degree of freedom from his or her own likes, dislikes, comforts, wants, needs, and passions that they may choose based solely on what



## Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

they discern God's will is for them and their students.

As the noted Jesuit historian, Fr. John O'Malley, SJ, observed, "Ignatius redefined the traditional basis of saintliness," which usually involved a degree of unworldliness. In contrast, Fr. O'Malley refers to Ignatius as a "worldly saint." Ignatius made sure that the early Jesuits were spending most of their time in relatively secular spaces such as classrooms, teaching less directly about the Bible and Church doctrine than about literature and the ancient classics. He sent letters to his missionaries asking that they write back not just about their ministries, but also about the local customs, the plants and wild life — "anything that seems extraordinary." Most of all, Ignatius wanted Jesuits to go out and "find God in all things."



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# Compress, or Not to Compress: That is the Question

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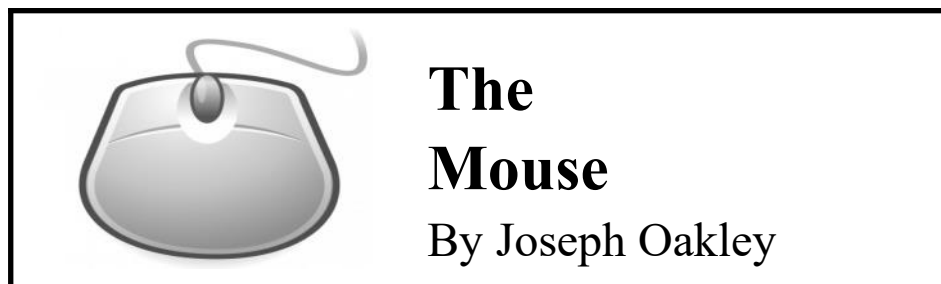
As we save data to our computer(s) it takes up space. Data has size measured in Kilo-bytes, Megabytes, Gigabytes, Terabytes, Petabytes, Exabytes, Zettabytes, and Yottabytes. Most of us deal with the first four.

Our hard drive size is measured by the aforementioned system. As data is added to our hard drive the size of the drive becomes smaller. Consider the hard drive a room; based on the size will determine how much you can put

in it. The more you store in it the less space you have thus making less storage space. Diminishing volume of the hard drive.

This is when Compressing or Zipping a file or folder / directory comes into play. To increase your hard drive space, you might want to compress a folder or file. There are various programs / applications that are available to install on your computer to perform that task. With Windows 11 a compress program is built into the Operating system (OS). This compression procedure does not remove the original folder or file but makes a duplicate in a smaller size. It is distinguished by an icon that has a zipper on it. You should move the original folder, and or file to an external drive. This will free up hard drive space.

To access the compressed item(s) you will have to extract to a known location hard drive or external drive. That is the drawback of



## The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

compression. You are not able to see your data until it is extracted.

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