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Lillian's Quicklooks

Gigi's Deli Poised to Open

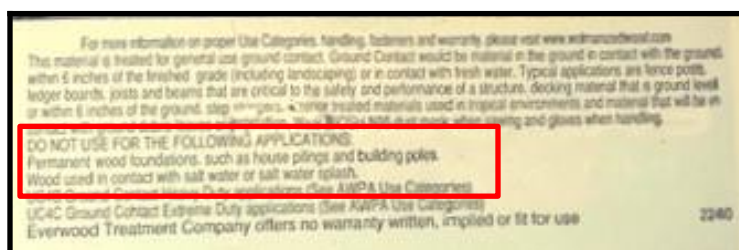
It's been a long time in the works, but it looks like Gigi's Deli will finally open. According to the crew putting the final touches on the cosmetics, the last of the paper-work has been submitted and the owners are just waiting for the final go-ahead from the county. The sandwich deli is located at the entrance to the Lillian boat launch on CR 99 just off U.S. 98.



County Does it Again

First it was hundreds of thousands of COVID recovery dollars from Washington the county leaders didn't know what to do with the cash so they simply "bonused" it to county workers.

Then it was the mixed signal flip flopping of night work, then day work, then night work schedule of the resurfacing of U.S. 98 from the bridge in Lillian to Elberta.



This time, once again, it's good news, bad news. Good news is that the boat launch repairs from Hurricane Sally damage is all but complete! Bad news is a cursory examination of the lumber product tags reveals that it's use is more appropriate for desert environs. Yes, the tags on the lumber used at the launch states above: "not for use in salt water projects or anywhere near salt splash." Hello?

Blue Sky Trading Makes It Official

Though the hotspot just off U.S. 98 in Lillian has been open for awhile, the owners made it official with a grand opening in mid-March. The facility is packed with merchandise likely to draw bargain hunters from the entire region. Congratulations are in order!

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Tough Traffic Issue: Data

Crash Stats Stump Sources; Big Picture Elusive

Early in March, Michael Reach of Elberta saw a deputy struck on Highway 98.

Stuck in a long line of traffic in a construction road-block near Raleigh's cafe, Reach glanced in his rear view mirror. A red van "shot out without stopping to look or anything," he said, struck the officer and the deputy was thrust into the opposing lane of traffic.

"With the long delays from road constructions, drivers are getting short-tempered," Reach said.

Two weeks later, he saw another victim lying in the middle of the same slice of road. In the middle of March, a driver struck a Lillian woman crossing Highway 98 to the Catholic church.



The woman, locally known as the "Cat Lady" from Key Street, told friends she was "thrown in the air and spun like a rag doll." She was airlifted to a hospital and is recovering well, according to people who know her.

Many Lillian drivers on social media platforms blame rising wrecks on the decision to do the road construction work during the daytime rather than at night as originally planned.

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Legion Reminds Citizens of its Medical Closet Availability

Legion Post 48 says, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" We had a hugely successful three months of ham dinners for our annual fundraiser.

The following are areas your contribution helps accomplish: 1) Support two students from Robertsdale High School for Alabama Boys State Program. 2) assist veterans with wheel chair ramps, 3) present the Veteran's Day program, 4) support the Medical Closet, 5) sponsorship of Elberta Jrrotc, 6) recognize two students from the JROTC program.

Post 48 here in Lillian's membership is at 89.90 percent. We need one more member whether you be a new one, old member who has been missing for a few years or even someone who has not renewed from last year to get to that converted 100 percent.

The American Legion is your voice in congress; they need membership numbers when they go in front of

the VA and all concerned. Membership has been declining with the last of our WWII, Korean and a good majority of our Vietnam Vets going on to that great commander in the sky. so this is your chance to be heard.

MEDICAL CLOSET: Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian Community that the Medical Closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available for use, such as hospital beds, toilet items and walkers. The only requirement is the return of said items

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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee,
Adjutant

The individuals to contact are as follows: Bill Burns at 251 978-3440 and Darrel Ochs at 251 961-1291. We are very fortunate to have this much needed service and we invite everyone to use it. The focus has been and always will be on service to the

Legion are: Fostering a strong national security, taking care of Veterans, mentoring the youth of our Nation, and promoting patriotism and honor.

Every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Legion Members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee!

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Lillian Community Club Hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.

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Help Out Great Programs That Serve the Hungry Through Local Charities

I woke up this morning craving a plate of biscuits and gravy, so I went to one of my favorite suppliers and enjoyed my goodies while I read my book. The other day my friend and I were looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage, but we knew our favorite Irish restaurant was not the place to go at this

time, due to the other hundreds who had the same cravings. We didn't spend much time thinking about what it would cost.

Afterwards I was reminded about the many in our area who could not even consider going to a restaurant for a meal or even spend money in a grocery store for the chocolate chip cookies I purchased today.

I happened to be at St. Joseph Catholic Church the other day when volunteers of the St. Vincent DePaul Society were stacking their shelves in the Food

Pantry where any eligible Alabama resident can "shop" for essentials and sometimes extra special treats. They were getting ready for their distribution day, the third Tuesday of the month, from 9 to 11 a.m.

It's just like going to Greer's or other favorite grocery store. "Shoppers" enter the doors on the west side of Immaculate Mary Hall and are greeted and checked in by a volunteer before being given a cart and shopping bag. Items can vary from month to month but can include canned fruits, vegetables, beans, stews, soups and meat and dry goods such as cereals, rice and powdered milk.

The SVDP volunteers purchase the food from a group called Feeding the Gulf Coast and some is given as donations. Approximately 38 households take advantage of this service each month. If you or anyone you know is

Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney



in need of help like this, please stop by on the third Tuesday at St. Joseph's off Highway 98 at Santa Piedro Street.

You may also get help by visiting Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church on Perdidoo Street on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Thanks to all who work as volunteers to help those in need and thank God if you are not one of those who needs their help.

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LOSERS WIN



Spanish Cove resident Jean Bennett hosted a "Biggest Loser" program recently. The participant who lost the most weight in a two-month period received a cash prize and was able to name a recipient of a donation from the group. First place winner Bonnie Messina chose the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. Pictured are weigh-in helper DeeJay Wigley, second place winner Tracey Leitner, Bonnie Messina, library president Betty Bovat and "Biggest Loser" host Jean Bennett.

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The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay membership increased by two when club President Dodd Bouchillon installed Kate McGlynn and Tom Sweetser. With them are their sponsors Tay and Daniel Randall.



Elberta High School students who participated in the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay annual essay contest visited the club's meeting recently. From left are Elberta School representative Laura Alms, third place Grace Calvin, first place Maya Curp, second place Gracie Helton and OCPB President Dodd Bouchillon.



Left, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently honored the St. Benedict Catholic School Teacher of the Year Courtney Catalogna.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Celebrates



Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church recently celebrated Pastor Alwin Legaspi's 27 years as a priest.



Archbishop of Mobile Thomas J. Rodi visited St. Joseph Catholic Church to confirm Caleb Sutton who also celebrated his 18th birthday. With them is Pastor Alwin Legaspi, and Caleb's sponsor Tudie Broz, his grandmother.



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Hannah Whitall Smith (1832-1911), Was a Prominent Quaker Speaker and Writer

It seems like each month has its own designation. February was African-American history month and March was Womens History's month.

Though March is complete, I want to jump back to recognize a least one other woman, a little known woman, Hannah Whitall Smith (1832-1911), a prominent Quaker speaker and writer who lived in the United States and England. She is known for her writings on Christian spirituality and the inner life, including her best-selling book "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" (1875), which was widely read and influential among Christians at her time.

Smith was closely associated with the Higher Life movement, a spiritual movement that emerged in the mid-19th century and emphasized the possibility of living a life of deeper spiritual fulfillment and holiness. This despite a difficult marriage to a husband involved in adultery numerous times and losing four of her seven children to illnesses before they reached age six. Smith's emphasis on the experience of joy and peace in the Christian life was considered radical at the time, and she faced some criticism from traditional Christian leaders. Smith's message of joy and peace found in the person of Jesus Christ resonated with many people, and her writing and speaking career spanned several decades and several countries, speaking more widely than women at her time were usually given opportunity to do.

Today, Hannah Whitall Smith's writings continue to be read and appreciated by Christians seeking a deeper spiritual experience. Her emphasis on the im-



Moving Forward

By Rev.
Tina Lockett

portance of faith, trust, and surrender in the Christian life remains relevant, and her insights into the human heart and the challenges of living a joyful life are still helpful to readers today.

A few quotes from Smith's books and speeches include:

"Why, I asked myself, should the children of God lead such utterly uncomfortable religious lives when He has led us to believe that His yoke would be easy and His burden light? Why are we tormented with so many spiritual doubts, and such heavy spiritual anxieties? Why do we find it so hard to be sure that God really loves us, and why is it that we never seem able to believe long at a time in His kindness and His care? How is it that we can let ourselves suspect Him of forgetting us and forsaking us in times of need? We can trust our earthly friends, and can be comfortable in their companionship, and why is it

"The Higher Life movement emphasized the possibility of living a life of deeper spiritual fulfillment and holiness."

then that we cannot trust our heavenly Father, and that we seem unable to be comfortable in His service?"

"Put together all the tenderest love you know of dear reader the deepest you have ever felt and the strongest that has ever been poured out upon you and heap upon it all the love of all the loving human hearts in the world and then multiply it by infinity and you will begin perhaps to have some faint glimpses of what the love of God in Christ Jesus is. And this is grace."

To conclude, this year Easter Sunday falls on April 9. The grace and peace and love of God in Christ Jesus spoken of by Hannah Whiteall Smith over 100 years ago is still available today. I hope that on Easter Sunday you will be able to be present in one of the wonder churches in Lillian or the surrounding area. I hope you will discover that God's yoke is easy and His burden is light. And that he really loves you.

April Fun

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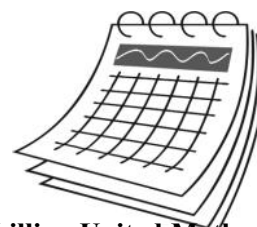
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Community Calendar



April 2 at 8 & 10 AM - Palm Sunday Worship at Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549.

April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:00 PM - ALANON at Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549.

April 6 at 6:00 PM - Holy Week Tenebrae Service at Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549.

April 7 at 12:00 PM Noon - Holy Week Good Friday Service at Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549.

April 8 at 10:30 PM - Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Lillian Recreation Park sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay in partnership with area churches. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Bring your own basket per child. Complimentary hotdog and beverage will be provided.

April 9 at 8 & 10 AM - Easter Sunday Worship at Lillian United Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549.

April 22 - Annual Respect for Law Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

Send Items to lillianeditor@yahoo.com

It's That Time of the Year Again: The Tax Man Cometh ...

Hello procrastinators, it's April and time is running out to file your taxes, if you haven't done so already. For some of you, it's worse than pulling teeth. Here are some tips that might be helpful and make the task less painful.

You can do this job yourself if you stay calm and determined. There are several ways to get started. Many folks that have investments with large companies have access to discounted software. Fidelity, for example, has coupons for Turbo Tax, HR Block, Tax Act, and several other companies that offer on-line tax preparation services and advice to help you prepare your own taxes. The questions in the software guide help to determine what's taxable and what's not, and if you get confused there is often a human out there to help you.

The IRS has a free guided tax preparation service if your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is less than \$73,000. Of course, you have to know how to calculate AGI, which is total income less adjustments (like IRA contributions or Educator Expenses), but it's easier to just count income to see if you're eligible for free filing. Determining whether any portion of your Social Security is taxable might be your biggest challenge. If you plug in the numbers, the software will calculate that for you.

You can buy software to prepare your taxes, like Turbo Tax or Tax Act at any local Office Depot or many other retail outlets. Again, there are usually a set of questions to help you decide what information to use. Many do not include state tax preparation software, but will allow you to download it for an extra fee. But check, many states have free filing on their websites. Ask Mr. Google, he

knows all!

Lastly, you can print the forms and instructions supplied through the www.irs.gov and state websites and fill them out and mail them. Not many people do this anymore and I don't really recommend it because of the way information on one form has to be put on the others to calculate tax. It's too confusing for most people. If you do your own taxes, download a copy of Pub 17 from the IRS website. It's a comprehensive guide to Federal Income Tax.

The IRS has some advice for taxpayers who complete their own tax forms. The most common mistakes to watch for:

Missing or inaccurate Social Security Information. Check the numbers carefully and also make certain you use the names as they appear on the Social Security cards. This is often a problem with newlyweds who change their name but do not notify the Social Security Administration.

Inaccurate Information – Check the wages, pensions, social security, dividends, bank interest and other income to make certain you report the correct amounts. Double check the tax withholding for both the Federal and State.

Review your Filing Status. IRS Publication 501 helps you determine your correct filing status. Recently divorced or widowed taxpayers could make mistakes in determining your correct status for the IRS.

Math Errors. Tax software helps reduce math errors, but if you are filling in the forms by hand, double check your math.

Tax Credits & Deductions. You can easily make mistakes determining whether you are eligible for Earned Income Credit, or in computing the

Child or Dependent Care Credits. Again, tax software can be a blessing if you answer the questions correctly.

Bank Information. If you want direct deposit or direct debit of amount owed, check the routing and account numbers to make certain you have entered these correctly.

Lastly, sign the return and if filing with your spouse, both of you must sign and date the return.

Remember, you have until April 18th this year to file and pay.

So, if you have thrown up your hands and want someone to prepare your taxes, run do not walk to your tax preparer's office. Remember your tax preparation is only as good as your tax preparer, so here's what to check:

Qualifications. The IRS website has a Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Qualifications. This tool helps taxpayers find a tax return preparer with specific qualifications.

The Preparer's History. You can ask the local Better Business Bureau about the preparer, or you can check for disciplinary actions and the license status for credentialed preparers. For Enrolled Agents, go to the Verify Enrolled Agent on the IRS website. For CPA's, you can check with the State Board of Accountancy or for Attorneys, the State Bar Association.

Service Fees. You should avoid preparers who base fees on a percentage of the refund or who boast bigger refunds than their competition.

Electronic Filing. Make certain your preparer can electronically file and direct deposit your refund.

Availability. You want a preparer who you can contact throughout the year in case you have a question or



Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

problem.

Records and Receipts. Good preparers will ask to see a taxpayer's records and receipts. They'll ask questions to figure things like the total income, tax deductions and credits.

Blank Return. You should never use a tax preparer who asks you to sign a blank tax form.

Review. Before signing a tax return, make sure you understand it and how the tax was calculated. Ask questions when something is not clear. Remember, you are the one responsible for the accuracy of your return, not the tax preparer.

Tax Preparer's Responsibilities: All paid tax preparers must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN).

By law, paid preparers must sign returns and include their PTIN on the return they file.

Abusive Tax Preparers. Most tax return preparers are honest and provide good service to their clients.

You can report abusive tax preparers and suspected tax fraud to the IRS. Use Form 14157 Complaint: Tax Return Preparer.

I hope you found this information interesting and helpful.

If you have any specific questions or areas of interest that you would like addressed in future columns (leave out your personal information), my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" in the Subject.

All Are Invited to Bayside Baptist Church Holy Week Services

You are invited to Bayside Baptist Church on Highway 98 to reflect upon the true meaning of Easter.

April 2 is Palm Sunday and we will have our traditional Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

On Friday evening April 7 at 6 p.m. we will

have our Good Friday service. We will sing traditional hymns, hear a short devotional on the meaning of Good Friday and be given an opportunity "to nail our sins to the cross".

This has become a highlight of our Good Friday service as we remember Christ taking our sin upon

Himself on the cross. Sunday morning, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. we will have our traditional Easter Worship service.

Sunday evening our choir will present its Easter cantata at 6 p.m.. We hope to see you at any or all of our Holy Week worship services

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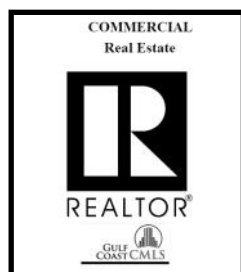
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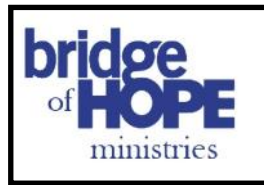
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WE WON THE BATTLE!

The Swift application for PRD22-3 was denied by the County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 21.

Commissioners Gruber and McKenzie sided with the Lillian community against the proposal resulting in a tie vote. A tie vote results in a default defeat for the application.

The Swift application for RSF-2, (2.9 houses per acre), re-zoning was withdrawn by the developer immediately after the vote of denial for the PRD, (Planned Residential Development), 80 homes on 29 acres located on County Road 91 near Hwy 98.

Many thanks to many people who supported this and especially our community spokesperson, David Williams, who gave a terrific PowerPoint presentation. Others too numerous to name helped us tremendously throughout as well! Thank you all!

Now we must WIN THE WAR!

We have to keep the momentum going to get the Zoning Text Amendments approved by the County Commissioners.

Once again, we need a lot of people to take 30 seconds and type in: baldwincountal.gov for the May 2 meeting time and location.

We are asking to eliminate RSF-2, 2.9 houses per acre, so that we can stop the madness that has been ongoing for far too long.

KEEPING IT COUNTRY!

Please call all of our County Commissioners to vote in favor of Zoning Text Amendments in May.

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All the Best, Tracey



**Keeping it
Country**

By Tracey Gambill

Tornado Assistance Request

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The Mouse
By Joseph Oakley

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This trio of lifelong performers forges its niche in the crowded Gulf Coast music scene by dropping simple backbeats and trusty harmonies to tunes that are the soundtrack of memories to folks of a certain age.

They're not out to sell CD's or book gigs in big-name tourist haunts. Tuesday night practice/jam sessions at Gordy's on Bayside Drive are a highlight of their week.

"We formed a musical bond," said Lani Hudson-Cameron, who sings and plays keyboard in Plus One. "When we're jammin' and jellin, it's a natural high."

Gordy Howe isn't bent out of shape by being a third wheel. He's The "Plus One" to husband-wife act of drummer Ken Cameron and his wife, Keyboardist, Lani. The two met through church choir and played in bands together in Kansas City.

When the couple moved to Lillian, they teamed up with Gordy Howe, a seasoned bassist and soundman from Grand Rapids, Mich.

The three have long musical pedigrees. Ken stepped to the beat of his father's drum. Attending the University of Arkansas on a drum scholarship, He once played beneath the photo of with well-known drummer dad in the prestigious Blue Room in Kansas City's jazz district.

Drumming is generational with us," Ken said.

Lani's roots stem back to her love of Gospel singing. The exuberant groove of Gospel morphs readily into the guttural tones of blues that embody the soul of old time rock and roll. Lani spent a good slice of her youth as a backup singer for bands in LA.

"We have a very unique instrumentation," Ken says about the trio's use of piano and bass leads instead of guitar. "It's a rare technique you typically don't see."

All three are adept vocalists, voices melding dependably in comfortable harmonies or confident taking center stage in solo interludes.

Howe shines with breathy notes in the 60's



anthem *Hang on Sloopy*, a vocal solo in *Mama Dont Dance* and amid the calypso beat of Brooks and Dunn's *Neon Moon*.

"Producing danceable music is our forte," Howe said.

Ken takes the higher ground with top vocal notes and a driving drum interlude during a rendition of the Tom Petty-Stevie Nicks duet *Stop Draggin'*

"We have a very unique instrumentation," Ken says about the trio's use of piano and bass leads instead of guitar. "It's a rare technique you typically don't see."

My Heart Around.

Lani comes through with meaty soulful strains as in *Something to Talk About*, at the same time replicating the sounds of sax, horns, and flute on the keyboard.

"It's a joyous almost dreamlike state when we're all in sync and we start to talk to each other with a few extra beats and a few extra notes," Howe said.

After decades of traversing the country Howe says he's had his fill of schlepping heavy equipment from gig to gig.

These days, Plus One is over wanting to take the act on the road. They're good to go with a couple of professional performances a month.

"We're all about keeping it local," Lani said. "We just want to get everyone up and dancing, having a good time and enjoying songs they know and love,"

Put on your dancing' shoes and catch Plus One at the AmVets in Elberta 6-10 Saturdays April 8, April 15, May 6, May 20, and June 10 and 3-7 June 4 at the Lillian Community Club.

Spider Mites: Prevention is Key to Control This Pest

Benjamin Franklin said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." While he was speaking specifically about preventing fires in Philadelphia, it is still sound advice. With the gardening season beginning here in Lower Alabama, it is time for that ounce of prevention.

Spider mites, *Tetranychus urticae* Koch, are arachnids and are closely related to ticks and spiders. These arachnids have four pairs of legs, no antennae, and a single, oval body region. As adults, they tend to be yellow-orange in color, with two dark spots, one on each side of the body. They are very tiny, about 1/50th of an inch long. They are about the size of a period in a sentence, or the head of a straight pin.

All spider mites go through the same stages of development. Adult females usually lay eggs on their host plants. Each female may lay over 100 eggs! The eggs hatch in 1-2 weeks into larvae. Higher temperatures lead to faster development in this mite. Larvae are round bodied and have only three pairs of legs. After hatching, the larvae build colonies on the undersides of leaves and produce webbing over infested leaf surfaces. This webbing gives them the name "spider" mites.

The young mites will feed for a few days, find a sheltered spot to rest, and then molt into the first nymphal stage. The first nymph now has an additional pair of legs. It had 3 pairs as a larvae and now has 4 pairs! The nymphs will molt two more times before adulthood. The adult males usually have pointed abdomens. The females have rounded abdomens and are the largest mites present.

Spider mites have tiny mouthparts modified for piercing individual plants to sneak a snack. Two-spotted spider mites can infest over 200 species of plants. This includes fruits like blackberries, blueberries, and strawberries; some vegetables like cucumbers, snap beans, peas, tomatoes, and lettuce; and trees or

shrubs, like azaleas, spruce, and roses.

This abuse by spider mites results in tiny, yellow or white speckles on the infested plants. When many of these colonies occur near each other, the foliage takes on a yellow or bronzed cast. Once the foliage of a plant becomes bronzed, it often drops prematurely. Severe spider mite feeding can stunt a plant's growth and can even kill the plant. Some plants, like azaleas, may develop distorted leaves and flowers.

What part of a computer do spider mites use? The webcam.



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



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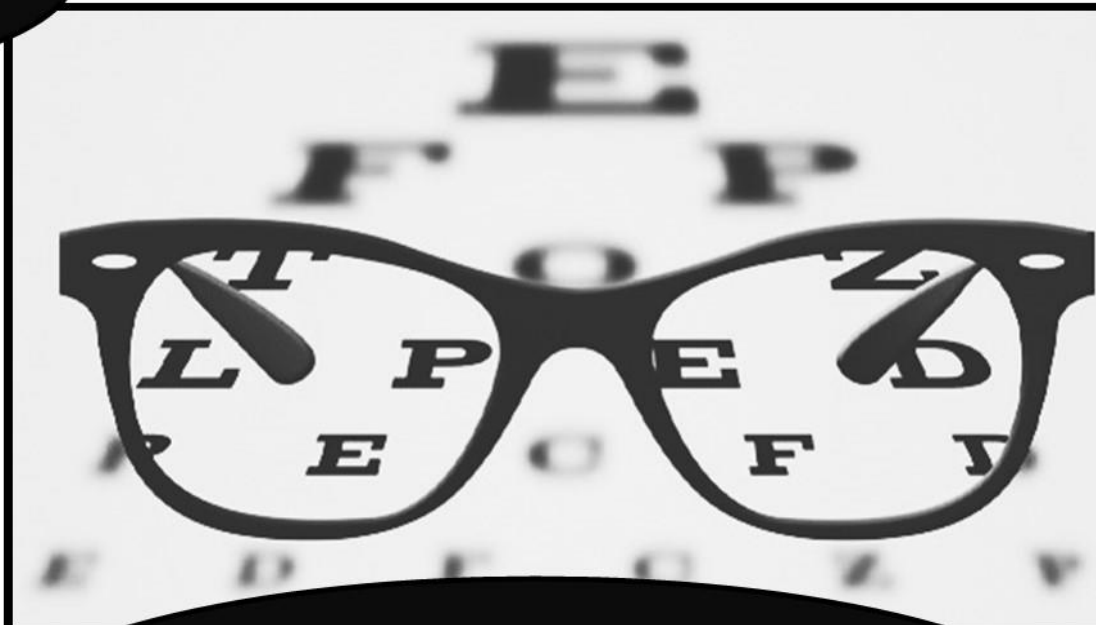


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**Lillian Perdido
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Corner
By Betty Bovat**

Another month of 2023 has passed and that is not an April Fool's joke!!

As most of you know, the Lillian Perdido Bay Library is a full donation library.

We receive no funding from local, county, state or federal. We rely totally on the members of the community for the donated materials we have at the library. We accept book donations that have been published within the last five years. Because of our limited space, we like to process books that are current and in good condition for our patrons. We CANNOT accept items that have mold, are torn, dusty or smelly. The Waterfront Mission will pick up any items at your house after calling them for an appointment at 850-607-8340. We always seem to have a good supply for sale of hardback books for \$1, paperbacks for 50 cents, DVDs, audios, music CDs for \$1, cookbooks for \$1 and other non-fiction books for \$1.

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 am to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

We welcome all patrons and encourage anyone who has not visited our library to please stop by and we will give you a tour. It's larger than you might think.

The library also has a computer lab with five computers and two printers for public use. There is also a printer/fax machine.

We also have the restaurant coupon books for sale for \$20. Thank you for all your generous donations at our Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

To Mother, Maryann Chetta 11/23/1945 - 2/11/23

Spring is a time for hope and optimism. The flowers are in bloom, days are longer and social gatherings increase.

Despite the welcoming air of spring, there are people who suffer from loneliness. We all suffer from loneliness from time to time but when loneliness becomes long-lasting it becomes a form of social isolation.

Loneliness occurs when people do not have the emotional and mental resources to meet their need for social connectedness. Loneliness is associated with health consequences such as depression, poor sleep quality, cognitive decline, and poor cardiovascular function.

Have you ever thought about how hard it may be for some people suffering from loneliness to reach out to a total stranger and admit they would like to form a friendship or some type of social bond?

These people I am referring to live in our communities. You might think to yourself they are not trying to make friends or join in the social activities.

What if those same people suffering in silence were sick and unable to get out the house or just so mentally worn and torn the thought of asking someone to talk to them seems like a heavy lift?

It is great to have community activities that bring people together to celebrate and connect but what about those outreach efforts for those who have physical, mental, and emotional limitations leading to loneliness and social isolation? Extending an invitation of warmth and hope to the lonely can be good for not only their health but yours as well.

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By Donna
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Losing the Written Page

It's Such a Shame to See Publishing Companies, Bookstores Disappearing

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Every reader understands that statement. Adventures can be found on every page and they tell a complete detailed account of panoramic views, personalities, emotions and the humanness of us all, good or bad, sad or happy, generous or stingy.

The reader is pulled into the story, getting to know the characters and traveling about the land wherever that may take them.

We can learn history, science, geography, psychology and enjoy every moment. The written page will give you more detail than a movie and wrap you up into the author's world.

It is such a shame to see publishing companies disappear, as well as, book stores and libraries, when we should be introducing children to books even as young as babies and open their minds to the pictures and words, and never stop.

My mother's high school principal told her that he thought she must read every book in the library. Reading was her MO as she always had a book if not in her hand, close by.

One of the new trends is vying to be an "influencer". Some think that having thousands of "likes" or friends on Facebook or their blog that they



**Bits and
Pieces**

By Jackie Reid

are influencers and so they are important. They create their phony world in cyber space and maybe get too caught-up in this make believe life?

Don't we all influence others by just living our lives and being involved with individuals we come in contact with?

Parents are probably the most important influencers that there are. Creating a persona hoping to be a "influencer" on the Internet is only important in the mind of the site creator.

Maybe we should remember that we do influence those around us and try our best to set a good example.

We could spend less time escaping life by living on social media and actually participate in the real-time world.

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Resurrection became real for the early disciples when they saw the risen Christ. "Suddenly Jesus appeared to the disciples. 'Greetings,' he said." (Matthew 28:9) At least one of the disciples, Thomas, had been extremely skeptical of the resurrection. Then Jesus met him face to face. "...he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands...Stop doubting and believe.'" (John 20:27) Jesus meets us in many ways at our points of need. As our eternal lives become secure and we experience the peace of Christ, we then Go and Tell the world. Then the cycle is complete and the news of resurrection spreads exponentially by YOU! Jesus' last command is our first order of business: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) The Early Church did it well. Acts 5:42 tells us that "day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." Edith Burns, an elderly widow who loved Jesus, would often sit down with someone and say, "Hello, my name is Edith

Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" If they said yes, she would ask them what they believed. If they talked about bunnies and colored eggs, she had a chance to share with them the real meaning of Easter. Countless people were led to Christ by Edith Burns, including her doctor's head nurse. One day her doctor called Edith into his office and said, "Edith, I've got bad news, your tests reveal an aggressive form of cancer, and you may not have long to live." Edith replied, "Why doctor, you need not look so sad. I have had a full life. Not long and I'm going to see my Lord Jesus face to face. I will be reunited with my dear husband, my parents, and so many friends." After several months of chemotherapy, she was admitted to the hospital. Everybody she met she would say, "Hello, I'm Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" She picked up a nickname in the hospital, Easter Edith. But there was one person who was not attracted to Edith. Phyllis Cross was a mean, ornery nurse. She had been an Army nurse for 20 years. She had been married four times. Phyllis told her supervisor, "I don't want to have anything to do with that religious nut, Edith Burns." One day Phyllis had to go to Edith's room to draw some blood. Edith said, "Phyllis, God loves you and I love you too, and I've been praying for you." Phyllis said, "Well, you can stop praying for me. It won't work and I'm not interested." Edith said, "I can't stop praying for you. And I've asked God not to let me go home until you have come into his family." Phyllis replied, "Then you will never die because that will never happen." Edith and Phyllis saw each other regularly over the coming weeks, but Edith never asked her the question she posed to everybody else, "Do you believe in Easter?" Finally, Phyllis' curiosity got the best of her. She said, "Edith, why have you never asked me if I believe in Easter?" Edith smiled and replied, "I asked God to have you ask me about the Easter question, and you just did." Phyllis was caught off guard. Her defenses dropped. Edith shared Christ with her. This tough old Army nurse invited Jesus into her heart as Savior and Lord. A few days later Phyllis walked into Edith's room and said, "Hey Edith, today is Good Friday." "No," said Edith, "It's Easter. In the life of a Christian, every day is resurrection day. Happy Easter, Phyllis." Two days later Phyllis walked into Edith's room Easter Sunday and noticed a tranquil and peaceful smile on her face and her soul had departed to be with the Lord. Phyllis placed her hands on Edith's and said, "Happy Easter, dear." Several

hours later Phyllis sat down in the break room to have a cup of coffee. One of the new student-nurses happened to be there. Phyllis said, "Hello, my name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?" My dear friend I pray you believe in the resurrected Christ of Easter. I pray you have the peace of Christ for now and all eternity. Happy Easter!



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By Rev. Daniel Randall

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Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

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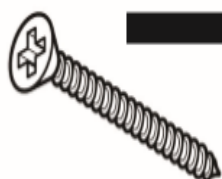
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The Happiness Project

10 Reasons to Volunteer

In this third installment of the HAPPINESS PROJECT series, we explore the top ten reasons you should consider volunteering. Spring is a time of new beginnings, so how about beginning a new chapter in your life as a volunteer? Whether you want to volunteer on a short-term or long-term basis, there is a place for you. Next month, we will begin to explore some of the volunteer opportunities available in the Lillian area, but in the meantime, if you would like to get involved, email us at LillianVolunteers@gmail.com.

By Erin Attaway

Spring is upon us here on the Gulf Coast. We begin trimming back all the brown debris in our gardens, making way for the new, tender shoots and brightly colored flowers to emerge.

I love spring, and the emotion it brings with it. The arrival of a new year we started several months ago, finally bursts forward with ambition. We know the heat and humidity are coming, but we hold fast to the small window of cool mornings and few bugs.

Can we all agree that the emerging feeling of spring is happiness? Everything representative of spring seems to rejoice, returning the bright and bountiful mood of possibility. The spring flowers in myriad colors, the return of nesting birds, baby bunnies and chicks on all the farms, and fresh strawberries in baskets from Cassebaum's, these are the embodiment of spring.

What better way to celebrate the return of spring than to join The Happiness Project and start your volunteer journey?

Here are the top ten reasons to volunteer:

10. It's good for you. It provides physical, mental and emotional rewards.

9. It saves resources. The financial benefit of having volunteers helps organizations save money and spend their limited resources more effectively.

8. You can gain or increase professional experience. If you're looking for more training, opportunities for leadership, or better local contacts, then look no more.

7. It brings people together! We have so many amazing community events coming up, get involved in the behind-the-scenes and reap the rewards with even more joy!

6. It promotes personal growth and self-esteem. Like the beautiful flowers that show their colors, volunteering helps us grow into our best selves and show our true colors.

5. It strengthens your community. If we know anything these days, it is to expect the unexpected. Hundred year floods, catastrophic hurricanes and depleted resources can knock us over at any time. A stronger community comes

together in the good times, and maintains those ties in the bad ones. Be a part of building a strong network to hold each other up when we need it.

4. You learn a lot. Ecology, government, resource management, sports, art, music, emergency management, rescue... There are community groups for all of your interests and they want to teach you! And probably, you have something to teach them, too.

3. You have a chance to give back. The happiest people on the planet are not the ones with the most, they are the ones with the deepest sense of gratitude and connection. Take a few moments each day to give thanks, and take a few moments to give to the ones around you.

2. You encourage civic responsibility. Just like being responsible for yourself, lead by example and show how to engage and be a change maker.

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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 a wide variety of events like birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in April go out to Jean Miller, Ron Parks, Dolores Price, Agnes Humble,

Linda Aycock, Don Dieterman, Judy Broz, Judy Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger, Hadley Verret, Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettner, Johanna Martin, Teresyta

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Celebrating wedding anniversaries in April are Jim and Carol Peale 1962, Dick and Mary Ayres 1963, John and Jamie Pugh 2006, Carl and Bobbie Benoit 2007, Bill and Linda Sepac 2007.

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.

Deadline for the May issue is April 19.

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Improvements Continue at the Lillian Recreational Park

Thanks to a \$109,000 grant from Impact 100 Baldwin County, the past few months have been full of excitement and activity at the Lillian Recreational Park. Not only does the Park have a brand-new kitchen, but our four new dedicated pickleball courts are ready for play!

The new pickleball courts will allow the Park to host pickleball tournaments and provide opportunities for play and for social events. Jean Bennett, a USA Pickleball Ambassador for Baldwin County and a Lillian resident, said, "Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation."

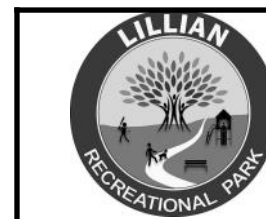
Our area, like many others in the country, is in need of public courts. Many people drive 35 minutes or more to play at courts in other towns. These four courts at the Park will fill a tremendous

need. We hope to have many activities for all ages including clinics, round robins, tournaments, along with social events."

Pat Pagan, a pickleball player who was recently certified as a pickleball instructor, is excited about the possibility of setting up a youth pickleball program, too. "I'd love to start a Kids Institute for young pickleball players."

There is none in our area. There are kids who are playing pickleball and working with them would be a blast." In addition to kids' classes, there will be adult clinics and lessons.

The grant from Impact 100 Baldwin County also helped the Park install a new kitchen, including all new appliances and an ice machine, and, thanks to Hamby Kitchens, we have beautiful new cabinets,



Lillian Recreational Park

By Monica Leonard

too.

The Park can be reserved for large or small gatherings, so the kitchen improvements will allow the Park to offer a venue for bigger and better events. Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and neighborhood get-togethers are all possible at the Park.

If you would like to reserve space, contact the Park at 962-2129.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Frank, 89, Lillian

Mary Ann Frank, age 89, a resident of Lillian, AL, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be missed by all who knew her.

Preceded in death by her husband, Adam Frank

She is survived by her daughter, Janet (Steve) Kelley; grandchildren, Ashley Kelley, Kale Kelley; great grandchildren, Quinn Kelley and Kage Kelley, many other relatives and friends.

A Private Celebration of Mary's Life was held.



Joseph Dean Shutt, 70,

Joseph Dean Shutt, age 70, a resident of Foley, AL, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023.

He was a longtime commercial fisherman and was known as Joe the Shrimp man.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl Shutt; parents, John and Delores Shutt; brothers, John Shutt and Hilary Shutt.

He is survived by his daughters, Christina Bethea, Seminole, AL, Linda Taylor, Seminole, AL, April Ewing, Foley, AL; son, Joseph Shutt, Daphne, AL; brothers, Paul Shutt, Bon Secour, AL, Luke Shutt, Bon Secour, AL; sister, Diana Shutt, Foley, AL; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; many other loving relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on March 14, at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home Chapel, Foley.



John Gary Kammerer, 81, Lillian

John Gary Kammerer, age 81, a native of Missouri and a resident of Lillian, passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Mr. Kammerer served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed good food, sailing and going to car shows. He especially liked Corvettes. Mr. Kammerer was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Kammerer and is survived by his wife, Barbara Kammerer; three children, John Kammerer, Julie Poller (David), and Jerry Kammerer (Kim); ten grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Graveside funeral services with military honors was held Wednesday, February 22, at Elberta Public Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

RICHARD SMITH

Manuel Drive

passed away Feb. 2, 2023

the age of 78

CHUCK LYONS

Land Harbor

passed away

Saturday, March 4

BARBARA HARRIS

passed away

Wednesday, March 22

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Challenges to Consider in the Long Journey Into Alzheimer's

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, or is starting to show symptoms, you will face some real challenges. Navigating the Alzheimer's experience involves a long journey, and there's no easy answer for how you can cope with your emotions. But you can at least address some of the financial issues involved to help give yourself a greater sense of control.

Here are some moves to consider:

Plan for care costs and identify insurance coverage. The list of Alzheimer's-related medical expenses is long and includes ongoing medical treatment, medical equipment, home safety modifications, prescription drugs and personal care supplies. As a caregiver, you'll want to know the extent of your loved one's health insurance: Medicare, supplemental policies, veteran's benefits if applicable, and so on. One big question is how much coverage they might have for adult day care services, in-home care services and full-time residential care services, and other long-term care options. Long-term care is one of the largest health care costs not covered by Medicare, so you'll want to determine if your loved one has a long-term care policy or another insurance policy with a long-term care rider.

Identify assets and debts. You'll need to know your family member's financial position, both what they own — bank accounts, investments, property, etc. — and what they owe, such as credit card debt, a mortgage, lines of credit, and so on. This knowledge will be essential if you're granted power of attorney to take over your loved one's finances.

Look for tax breaks available to caregivers. If you're a caregiver, you may have to pay for some care costs out of pocket. Consequently, you could receive some tax credits and deductions. These benefits vary by state, so you'll want to

consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility.

Ensure necessary legal documents are in place. As a caregiver, you may need to ensure some legal documents are in place, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which lets you make financial decisions for your loved one with Alzheimer's, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you make health care and medical decisions on their behalf. It's important to have these and other necessary documents drawn up before someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or when they're just starting to exhibit the earliest signs of the disease, so they can understand what documents they are signing. If you wait until they no longer have this cognitive ability, things will get much more challenging. You could apply to become a conservator, which grants decision-making abilities similar to a power of attorney, but the conservatorship process takes time and could involve court procedures. To avoid this potential difficulty, work with your tax and legal specialist.

Finally, you don't have to go it alone. To help deal with the emotional challenges of caregiving, you can find local Alzheimer's support groups that can offer practical suggestions for coping. As for the financial issues, consider working with a financial professional who can look at your family's overall situation and recommend appropriate actions.

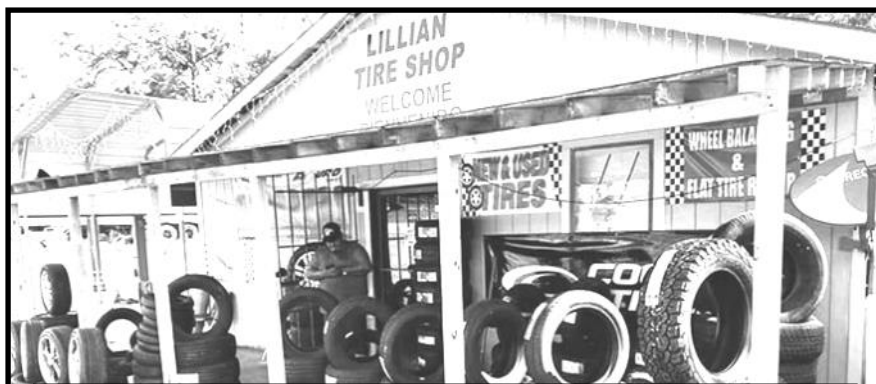
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Spring Has Sprung

Here's how we know: KOA, Lillian Recreational Park and dozens of Lillian organizations and churches have begun hosting the community in a myriad of events from markets to Easter Holiday events. So keep your ear to the ground so you don't miss a thing. It's onward to summer. Below is Just Cracked Up glass art.



Below is Glass Art by LOLO Market by the Bay. Spring is here!

Guardians of the bridge!

In December we featured the ladies who routinely clean debris off the bridge in the wee hours. They introduced us to a tiny puppet pilot whom they affixed to one of the signposts as a good luck charm, and named him Al Green. Al was subsequently puppet-napped. Soon, a pair of off-duty elves appeared. The saga continues.



AL GREEN



ELVES

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Others see rapid residential development as the culprit causing a spate of crashes and pedestrian injuries.

"It's horrendous," said Dave Williams, a local advocate for limiting new housing developments in the Lillian/Elberta area. He tells of waiting five minutes to pull onto Highway 98 near CR 91.

It isn't easy to obtain figures about accidents on US Highway 98 between Lillian and Foley. But figures from the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, which responds to these calls, show collisions are on the rise over the last several years - if not as dramatically as Lillian people seem to experience.

We do know 13,000 vehicles cross the Lillian Bridge every month, according to a Florida-Alabama traffic planning organization. "We know it isn't getting any less," Williams said.

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The LVFD responded to 50 motor vehicle accidents in 2021, 53 in 22 and 14 so far this year, according to their numbers.

But those statistics don't reveal the whole picture. County Highway Department officials don't keep figures on Highway 98 because it is a federal road, according to media spokesperson James Gordon. Alabama Law Enforcement Agency spokesperson Anna Peoples could not, over two weeks, produce numbers - though she said she tried.

The Elberta Volunteer Fire Department likely responded to more accidents, but a spokesperson did not respond to The Lillian's request for figures.

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Elberta Middle School FCCLA Shines at State Competition



The Elberta Middle School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently attended the Alabama FCCLA State Leadership Conference and Competition. The chapter one three state awards for community service and membership increase. Additionally, fifteen students attended and competed in nine events. Students who received gold medals were Meredith Williams, Catie Parker, Finley Loper, Zoeylynn Barnwell, Kortlyn White, Anna Schuck, Christa Tolbert. Students who received silver medals were Eva Aguilar, Delaney English, Ryleigh Fogos, Haley Burnett, Sadie Kitchens. Students who received bronze medals were Addison Cranford, Maggie Thorjusen, and McCoy Ezell. Furthermore, eleven students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO, in July (Williams, Parker, Loper, Barnwell, White, Schuck, Tolbert, Aguilar, English, Burnett, and Kitchens). For more information about FCCLA, please go to www.fcclainc.org.

Easter Invitation Accepted!

The Easter Bunny has accepted an invitation from the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay to visit with boys and girls 12 and under at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. April 8, at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell Ave. The event includes the hunt, photos with Mr. Bunny and a free hot dog lunch for the children and their families. Last year Victoria and Pearson Rosene participated in the event.



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