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Lillian Water Expansion Process Bringing New Well, Safer Water, Increased Capacity

Perdido Bay Water is drilling a new well that will give the company the capacity to serve about 2,500 additional families in the Lillian area.

“We’re expanding to meet the needs of the increasing population in our service area,” said Mark Bohlin, Perdido Bay Water Director.

When it’s up and running sometime within the year, all four PBW wells combined will have the capacity to pump about 3.6 million gallons per day, up a little over a million from the 2.5 million gallons per day they’re able to produce now.

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EYESORE TO EATERY?



That is the Question ...

It’s been quite a spell since passersbys have seen any activity at 13141 Lillian Highway just across the bridge from Lillian. According to the Board of Commissioners of the Escambia County Natural Resources Management Department, the former Vallarta Mexican Restaurant property is undergoing a demolition process. New owners, LLC Pedros of Lillian Properties, are pressing ahead with its renovation presumably for a new business. The questions is: Will it become a new addition to the company’s popular eateries? Only time will tell. We will keep readers up to date as progress continues.

TOWN HALL SEPTEMBER 7, 1 P.M. AT LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

Citizens Townhall ... Z24-40 SECOND ATTEMPT SPANISH COVE-Hamm – Resubmitting this application asking for RSF-3 vs. RSF-4 previously denied. There are several factors regarding this matter and we will have a Citizens Townhall on Saturday, September 7 at 1 p. m. at the Lillian Community Club to discuss the details as well as other very important Planning and Zoning issues. Your attendance makes a HUGE DIFFERENCE! Please make this your priority for your community! Thank you! RSVP Ruralcharacterlillian@gmail.com

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Hamm Developer Takes 2nd Shot at Cove Land Rezone; Town Hall Set Sept. 7

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. After the Baldwin County Commission previously denied - by a tie vote - Hamm Development's bid for rezoning that would have allowed 80 new homes in Spanish Cove, the developer is knocking on the County's door once more. Sources say Z24-40 (allowing 60 new homes) will be heard by the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission at an Oct. 3 meeting. No published date has officially been released.



According to sources close to the board, a Commission work session will be held at the Baldwin County Central Annex, 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsdale at 3 p.m. before that Oct. 3 meeting at 4 p.m., with both opportunities open to public attendance.

Spanish Cove residents' concerns have not changed since the first zoning request was made and denied. There are questions of infrastructure, including safety, increased traffic, drainage and protecting Perdido Bay that remain to be addressed and answered by the POASC board.

An open meeting Town Hall will be held on September 7, 1 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club. An overview of Hamm's request and additional Baldwin County Planning and Zoning requests will be provided at that time. Hamm is requesting the one Residential Lot property (23 acres) be rezoned from RA - Rural Agriculture District to RSF-3 - Residential Single Family District. The Commission denied the request in May, 2024, to rezone from RA - Rural Agriculture District to RSF-4 - Residential Single Family District.

The change in the request from the previous RSF-4 to the current request RSF-3 will increase the lot sizes from 7,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet, thereby lowering the density. The owner's strategy of lowering the density of homes may make the rezoning more palatable to the Commission and change the outcome of the vote.

However, this strategy may be a moot point, as internal questions have arisen within Spanish Cove regarding whether the rezoning - and dividing of the single Residential Lot in question - follows the property Owners Association's Covenants. As of this date, Spanish Cove residents have not been polled or consulted by the POASC board on whether residents want the rezoning to move forward. Section 8.04 Subdivision of Lot and Time Sharing, Page 25; "Except as provided in this Declaration, no Lot shall be split, divided or subdivided or the Property Lines of a Lot changed except with the prior written approval of POASC. As to all Lots except Commercial Lots, POASC may permit a division in ownership of any Lot but solely for the purpose of increasing the size of the adjacent Lots."

There is no reference in the POASC Covenants that provide relief allowing for an individual Residential Lot to be subdivided other than going through the POASC Variance process, which, depending on legal interpretation, may not apply in this case.

Section 4.09 Variance, Page 20; "A Variance is a relaxation of certain requirements contained in this Declaration and certain Rules and Regulations where such Variance shall not be contrary to the interest of the Owners in Spanish Cove and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the Lot and not the result of the actions of the applicant or the Owner, a literal enforcement would result in unnecessary and undue hardship. A Variance may be authorized only by the Board of Directors for height, area, square footage or size of Improvement, size of yards and open spaces, Building Setback, location of Improvements, parking requirements or height of fencing or buffering. Establishment or expansion of a use otherwise prohibited shall not be allowed by Variance, nor shall a Variance be granted because of the presence of non-conformities or use of another Lot." (Italics by the author of this article)

— Robin Newell



Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

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For more information contact Robin Newell at 402-677-3944.

Attend: Crucial Baldwin Zoning Meetings Announced

Greetings! August meetings below:

First Thursday of each month, 4 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. Planning and Zoning Commission

Baldwin County Commission
Baldwin County Central Annex Auditorium 1100 Fairhope Ave., 2nd Floor
22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Fairhope, AL 36532

Call with questions 251-580-1655; Send comments to planning@baldwincountyal.gov; Attend meetings; Watch meetings on YouTube. Compatibility is number one in rezoning phase. Traffic and infrastructure are addressed in subdivision phase.

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Z24-25 FRANK PROPERTY & PRD24-02 Farmington - Rezoning request and Planned Residential Development approval for a 102-site residential development (north of Woerner Rd. and west of County Rd. 95) Planning Commission **recommends denial 9-1 due to incompatibility.** Baldwin County Commission **denied Z24-25 and PRD24-02** on August 20.

Z24-33 Chadwell Property (US Hwy 98 near Brehman Road)-Rezoning request for 19 acres from Rural Agricultural to RR, Rural District. Public hearing by Planning Commission **Thursday, September 05, 2024 beginning at 4:00 pm in Robertsdale.**

Z24-13 Bailey Property & PRD24-01 Sailor's Landing -



Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

Rezoning and Planned Residential Development (asking for 226 units). Planning Commission **recommends approval** to County Commissioners. (South of US Hwy 98 and west of County Rd. 95) Public hearing September 17, 10 am, County Commissioners, Fairhope, AL.

Z24-29 McCraney Property and PRD24-06 Bear Creek -Rezoning request and Planned Residential Development (asking RSF-2, 132 units on 59 acres) East of CR 83 & Kichler Circle, North of the Town of Elberta. Planning Commission **recommends denial** to County Commissioners. No public hearing date set.

Postponed -Z24-23, Jim & Donna Enterprises LLC Property -Rezoning request (asking 124 acres be rezoned from RA to RSF-1) located north of County Road 20 and west of Stucki Road. Planning Department **staff recommends denial.** No public hearing date set.

No date set-Z24-40, Hamm Property 23 acres-Rezoning request from RA to RSF-3 (RSF-4 denied in May 2024) located adjacent to Spanish Cove). Formerly Z24-10.

COMING SOON ... Traffic light will be installed at Hwy. 98 & County Road 91; Permanent bathrooms to be built at the Lillian Boat Launch and Hwy. 98 park!

Commissioner Matt McKenzie for Baldwin County Sheriff - Having participated in numerous Baldwin County Commissioners' Public Hearings over the past two years, I can wholeheartedly support and recommend Commissioner McKenzie for Sheriff! Good luck, Sir! I, for one, am grateful to be here. I will keep you updated in The Lillian each month ... please consider subscribing!

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A family of four uses an average of 400 gallons of water each day, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Well 4 just north of U.S. 98 on County Road 91, will pump 750 gallons per minute, while Well 3 in Spanish Cove pumps 500 gallon per minute. Well Number 3 will be reserved for emergency water needs when the new well is up and running. PBW had originally planned to build its additional well next to Well 3 on Spanish Drive North but decided on the CR 91 location after the Spanish Cove well tested with high radium levels in the winter of 2022. The water from Well 3 continues to require blending with fresher water to meet industry standards of safety.

PBW is taking out a \$1.4 million loan from The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Rural Development agency to finance the well, Bohlin said. Rural Development offers programs and initiatives that support rural families and farmers impacted by domestic and global economic issues.

Water quality reports have shown slightly high iron content in water from Well 4, but the company plans to use a commonly used chemical to control that, he said.

"We've drilled a test well, done water quality and output tests and everything is looking good so far," Bohlin said.

PBW expects Rural Development to sign off on engineering reports within the month. The next step will be to put the engineering contract out for bid, he said.

While Riviera Utilities, which supplies water to Foley customers, last month issued an emergency water use bulletin urging residents to curb water consumption during peak hours, Perdido Bay has not had problems meeting demand this summer. For now, PBW continues to blend water to maintain safety and quality at Well Number 3 but it will remain operational as future capacity dictates the need.



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With Roots Here, E. O. Wilson Pioneered Pheromone Research Using Ants

Have any of y'all seen downtown Mobile lately? There's a semi-new thing that is happening in downtowns all over the country: there are murals *everywhere*. Some of the murals are artsy rainbows with encouraging thoughts. Some are portraits of famous Alabamians. Did you think of Wille Mays? There is one that required further investigation, E. O. Wilson.

Edward Osborne Wilson was born on June 10, 1929, in Birmingham, Alabama. From an early age, he was interested in natural history. His parents allowed him to bring home black widow spiders and keep them on the porch.

When he was seven, Wilson was spending a summer in Pensacola, fostered with strangers as his parents navigated their divorce. He was fishing from a dock. A pinfish nibbled on his bait, and he jerked the line, bait, and the fish clean out of the water. The pinfish flew into his face, one of its spines pierced the pupil of his right eye. Despite the pain, he did not stop fishing. Remind you of anyone? He did not complain because he wanted to stay in nature, and never sought medical treatment.

As one might imagine, Wilson's eye never healed well. Several months later, his right pupil clouded over with a cataract. He was admitted to the hospital to have the lens (of his eye) removed. In his autobiography, Wilson wrote that the "surgery was a terrifying [19th] century ordeal". For years afterward, the smell of ether made him nauseous. He was o-fish-ally blind in his right eye.

Wilson had exceptional vision in his left eye, 20/10 to be precise! His microscopic vision prompted him to focus on little things. At age 18, intent on becoming an entomologist, Dr. Wilson began by collecting flies. Flies, with their delicate wings, needed to be preserved using special, long, black pins, and in the days before the internet, those only came from a few places. The main place was Czechoslovakia and in 1945, after the Second World War, Soviet-occupied Czechoslovakia wasn't exporting much at all, even insect pins.

Ants, on the other hand, could be preserved in alcohol and stored in medical vials, both of which were easily obtained from just about any drugstore. Only reproductive ants have wings so the need for the highly specialized pins was greatly reduced. "The attention of my surviving eye turned to the ground," Dr.

Wilson wrote. He developed an obsession with ants — one that would last his entire life. Wilson discovered the first colony of fire ants in the United States while he was still a student at Decatur Senior High School. Where were those ants he found? In Mobile, of course!

Dr. Wilson earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology at the University of Alabama, (Roll Tide!) where he studied ants. "They are under the microscope among the most aesthetically pleasing of all insects," he wrote in



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



his memoir. Among other things, Dr. Wilson studied the geographical ranges of ant species, looking for clues to how they spread from place to place, and how old species gave rise to new ones. Wilson's innovative, interdisciplinary work has led to the development of new fields of science, including chemical ecology, sociobiology, and biodiversity.

In 1950, Dr. Wilson went to Harvard to earn his Ph.D. He began as an ant taxonomist and worked on understanding their microevolution, how they developed into new species by escaping environmental disadvantages and moving into new habitats. He developed a theory of the "taxon cycle". He was a professor at Harvard for 40 years.

Dr. Wilson wrote more than 30 books in his life. "On Human Nature" won the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction in 1979. "The Ants," which he co-wrote with his longtime colleague Bert Hölldobler, won a second Pulitzer, in 1991. To date, there is only one other person to win two Pulitzer Prizes in non-fiction, Barbara W. Tuchman! Ms. Tuchman is fascinating too! Go look her up!

In 1996, Dr. Wilson was named one of "America's 25 Most Influential People" by Time magazine, joining the likes of fashion designer Calvin Klein, comedian Jerry Seinfeld, talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, novelist Toni Morrison and architect Frank Gehry. Sir David Attenborough described Wilson as "a towering example of a specialist, a world authority."

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Western Perdido Watershed Watchdogs: Seagrass Helps Protect Our Bay from Toxins

By Janet Larson

Seagrasses, often confused with seaweed, are not really grasses but they are the focus of the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Organization (wpbwac@gmail.com).

Seagrasses are submerged plants with leaves, flowers and roots. Seagrasses evolved over 100 million years ago and are the only group of plants that produce flowers and seeds while living underwater in a marine environment. Seagrasses are found in brackish and salt waters around the world, usually along protected coastlines. They depend on light for photosynthesis, so they grow in shallow water where there is ample light, usually around 3 to 9 feet of depth. There are roughly 72 different seagrass species; they form dense underwater meadows around all the continents except Antarctica. Some seagrass meadows are so large they can be seen from outer space.

Seagrasses make up one of the most productive and valuable ecosystems in the world. Seagrass meadows are referred to as nursery habitats because they provide shelter for small invertebrates (like crabs and shrimp), small fish, and fledgling large fish. Algae and bacteria grow directly on the seagrass leaves, and sponges, clams, worms and sea anemones grow between the blades or in the sediments around seagrass. The accumulation of these smaller organisms, as well as the seagrass itself, attracts bigger animals. As a result, a single acre of seagrass can support 40,000 fish and 50 million small invertebrates. This includes many types of fish, sharks, turtles, manatees, mollusks (octopus, squid, cuttlefish, snails), sponges, and crustaceans (shrimp, crabs).

Seagrasses are known as the "lungs of the sea" because a square meter of seagrass can generate 10 liters of oxygen every day through photosynthesis. They are also very efficient at sequestering carbon dioxide. Seagrass can store up to 35 times more carbon per area than tropical rainforests. The carbon stored in sediments from seagrass is known as "blue carbon" as it is stored in the sea. While seagrasses occupy only 0.1 percent of the total ocean floor, they are estimated to be responsible for up to 11 percent of the organic carbon buried in the ocean.

Seagrasses help stabilize the coastline and are often used as components in living shorelines. Seagrass leaves slow the flow of water, capturing



sand and silt. Their roots trap sediment, which not only enhances water clarity and quality, but also reduces erosion and buffers coastlines from storms.

Seagrasses face daily threats, including coastal development and physical disturbances from boating and dredging. High amounts of nutrients (excess fertilizer and animal waste) in runoff can lead to algae blooms that block the sunlight required for seagrass growth. Agriculture and land development sediment in runoff can also harm seagrass beds by smothering the seagrass and blocking sunlight. Unfortunately, seagrass coverage is being lost around the world at 1.5 percent/year (approximately 2 football fields per hour). It's estimated that 29 percent of seagrass meadows have disappeared in the past century. Large grazers like manatees and green sea turtles are also endangered, because they eat the seagrass leaves directly as a major component of their diet.

There are attempts to rebuild and restore seagrass beds in many areas of the country, including the Gulf Coast. Some of the most successful restoration stories come from Chesapeake Bay, coastal Virginia and Tampa Bay. These restoration projects have improved local water quality and fish diversity.

But for restoration to work, it is critical to work on the causes of seagrass decline. We can help our seagrass habitats by watching our litter, limiting the amount of fertilizer and pesticides we use, and picking up our pet waste. When boating, we should go slow and avoid shallow areas that support seagrass. Small things can make a big difference. For additional information please contact the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Organization at wpbwac@gmail.com.

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American Legion Post 48 will once again be on hand to present the colors at 7:15 a.m. to officially begin the event.

The day starts with a 5K Run/Walk. Registration is available at www.OptimistClubPB.org or at 6 a.m. on Labor Day. The run starts at 7:30 a.m. Winners will be announced and awards given at the Runner/Walker Party. A One Mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The famous Optimist breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m. The cost is \$5, but kids eight and under eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit and drinks.

Running and eating are not the only events of the day. The Silent Auction, Déjà Vu Market and Bake Sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Silent Auction will feature gift cards, baskets of goodies and other special items. Visit the Déjà Vu market for a variety of gently used items. Don't forget to stop by the Bake Sale to purchase home-

made goodies.

The Mullet Toss will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with age-level prizes to be awarded in the hall at 12:30.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include fish or BBQ, hush-puppies, beans, potato salad, dessert and tea. The cost is \$12, but once again, kids eight and under eat free.

Big Jake & the Tag-A-Longs will be providing music for singing and dancing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 50/50 Drawing will be held at 2:15 p.m. Participants need not be present to win.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay provides approximately \$10,000 in grants to local schools and school and area organizations that serve the needs of children and teens in the community. Members provide a weekly reading program for Kindergarten and First Grade students at Elberta Elementary, participate in the Willie Nell Evans Thanksgiving Lunch for all Baldwin County Special Needs students, and deliver Christmas gifts to special needs students at area schools.



The club hosts "Breakfast with Santa", provides gifts to the children, sponsors the annual Lillian Christmas Parade, helps with Trunk-R-Treat, hosts the community Easter Egg Hunt and fishing rodeo and conducts annual Essay and Oratorical contests in local schools.

Educator of the Year awards are presented to Elberta Elementary, Middle and High Schools and St. Benedict Catholic School.

The club provides lunch for all participating in the Baldwin County special Olympics and provides the Law Appreciation Program that honors officers and gives scholarships to family members.

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Kovacs to Retire, Plans No-cost Tax Service, Seeking Volunteers

By Carol Kovacs, CPA, EA

Well folks I have had a nice run, but it is now time to take the shingle down. I am officially retiring my business on December 31, 2024, which means that I will not be doing taxes under Kovacs Accounting for 2025. For many of you, I have been your tax preparer for as long as I have lived in Lillian, which is 12 years, and I feel bad that I cannot pass the baton on to someone else.

There is, however, the possibility that I can start up a VITA service here in Lillian. VITA is an IRS-sponsored free tax preparation service. At one time there was a VITA center here in Lillian and I would like to re-establish it for you, but I need volunteers to help run the center and to do some of the tax preparation.

If you like numbers and meeting people, please consider volunteering with me. VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and there are few requirements to be part of it. You must become a certified volunteer and follow the Volunteer Standards of Conduct (VSC), which are:

Follow the Quality Site Requirements.

Do not accept payment, ask for donations, or accept refund payments for federal or state tax return preparation from customers.

Do not solicit business from taxpayers you assist or use the information you gained about them (their information) for any direct or indirect personal benefit for yourself, any other specific individual or organization.

Do not knowingly prepare false returns.

Do not engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, notoriously disgraceful conduct, or any other conduct considered to have a negative effect on the VITA programs.

Treat all taxpayers in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner.

If you want to prepare taxes, you must take the training necessary to perform this function and pass the certification test. You will also need to be somewhat computer savvy since the training is done on-line and tax preparation is with IRS tax software licensed

from TaxSlayer, a copyrighted software program owned by Rhodes Computer Services. I have been part of a VITA program both in NJ and FL, so I have a little experience on how things work. However, I still have much to learn in setting up and running the program, but I am willing and hope some of you are too.

I will need at least three volunteers

— two for tax preparation and quality review and one for screening and scheduling appointments. I can do some tax preparation, quality review and be available to answer questions or to help with unusual situations.

If I have enough volunteers, we can schedule more appointments and serve more clients on a weekly basis. Each volunteer must commit to at least two days per week and at least 3 hours each day during the tax season, which runs from February 1st through April 15th.

If you have a laptop computer, we can load the IRS program on your computer. I will secure a printer and make certain the site we use has secure internet service to file the returns.

There is much work to be done yet to establish the service, but the first step is volunteers. Just think, you will learn to do your own taxes and feel in control during tax season, as well as participating in doing a great service to our community.

If you are interested, even in a limited role, please call me so we can talk further.

Please call me at 251 962-2050 or you can also email me at carolpkovacs@aol.com.

I can receive text messages at 609 510-8949. So looking forward to hearing from a few of you!



Let's Talk Taxes

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That lady is Pat Morris. Pat hosts 70 or so ladies every week for a variety of activities including bunco, plus 20 or so for mixed Euchre every Monday night. She arrives at both popular events loaded with all that is needed for playing.

Very often she will buy supplies out of her own pocket. She also organizes lunch trips and excursions to the movies. Pat does all this week after week with a cheerful smile.

Residents of Lillian's Spanish Cove are a lucky group indeed to have such a dedicated volunteer to provide extras for these activities, such as paper plates, coffee creamer, sugar and anything else for the home-



owners who choose to participate.

Good work Pat, we who share and enjoy these activities thank you for all you do.

(FROM SUBMITTED REPORTS)



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Full Harvest Moon Will Include 'Fuzzy' Eclipse



The full moon in September 2024 will be on Tuesday, September 18, at 7:21 PM LILLIAN TIME. Look to the sky at 94 Degrees S. The Super Harvest Moon will be the last full moon of Summer. The September 2024 Full Moon will be in Pisces and the second of four full supermoons in 2024. There will also be a Penumbral Lunar Eclipse at the same time as the full moon.

This Month There Are Several Exciting Celestial Events Including a Sliver Moon

1. Visible Planets:

- o **Mercury:** During the first half of September, you can spot the elusive planet Mercury low in the eastern morning sky about an hour before sunrise.

- o **Mars:** As the month progresses, Mars becomes more visible in the east-northeast sky after midnight.

- o **Jupiter:** Gleaming brilliantly against the stars of Taurus the Bull, Jupiter appears in the east-northeast during late evening hours.

- o **Saturn:** Positioned directly opposite the Sun, Saturn graces the night sky all month and is at its closest and brightest during September.

Venus: Although the

brightest planet, Venus hangs very low on the western horizon as an “evening star” and disappears about an hour after sundown¹.

o Notable Sky Events:

- o **September 1:** A razor-thin waning crescent Moon (only two percent illuminated) kisses Mercury about 45 minutes before sunrise.

- o **September 2:** New Moon occurs at 9:56 p.m. EDT, providing an excellent stargazing opportunity. Look overhead around 9 p.m. local daylight time to spot three faint constellations: Vulpecula (the Little Fox), Sagitta (the Arrow), and Delphinis (the Dolphin). (NASA)



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Library Sets New Hours

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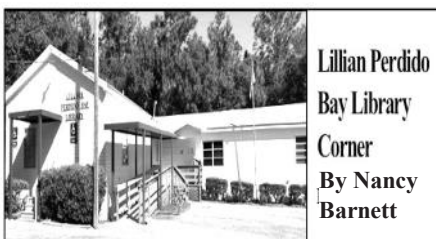
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We would also like to point out the items we do have at the library. We have Fiction and Non-Fiction in book and Large print books, we also have Young Adult books, Classics in regular and paper back, Biographies in regular and Large print, Short Stories, children books, we also have DVD's and Audio CD's , the computer room has 5 computers and 2 printers, and we also have a separate computer that prints and sends faxes.

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10:00 to 2:00 - Ceremony at 11:30



Please join us as we celebrate the many Park improvements that have recently been completed. Come check out the Park's new amenities, including a dog park, pickleball courts, and Eagle Scout wildlife viewing area, as well as improvements to the kiddie playground, conference room and kitchen.

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As Retirees, You Must Identify & Manage Income Sources

During your working years, you know where your income is coming from because you're working. But once you retire, you'll have to identify your income sources, know how much you can expect from them and know how to manage them to help support a retirement that could last two or three decades.

So, where will your retirement income come from? And what decisions will you need to make about these income sources?

Consider the following:

Retirement accounts – If you have regularly contributed to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, you have accumulated substantial amounts of money in these accounts — but during your retirement, you'll need to start tapping into them. In fact, once you turn seventy-three, you're required to start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, with the amount determined by your age and account balance. You could take out more than these amounts (technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs) but you cannot take less without incurring penalties. Many people take out four percent of their balance each year, and this guideline may be reasonable, but everyone's situation is different. So, you will need to weigh several factors including your age, health, and other sources of income before deciding on an appropriate withdrawal rate.

Social Security – You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your payments will be much higher if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be between 66 and 67. And your benefits will reach the maximum amount if you wait until 70 before collecting. So, your decision on when to take your benefits will depend on whether you can afford to wait, and for how long. In making this choice, you will also need to consider your health and your family history of longevity. And if you are mar-

ried, you may want to factor in spousal benefits when deciding when you should collect Social Security. A spouse can receive either their own benefit, based on their work record, or up to 50% of their spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if one spouse has a much higher benefit, it may make sense for that spouse to delay taking Social Security as long as possible so that both spouses can receive bigger payments.

Earned income – Even if you have retired from one career, it does not mean you can never receive any earned income again. If you have specific skills that can translate to part-time work or a consulting arrangement, you might want to consider re-entering the work force in this way. With the added income, you might be able to afford delaying Social Security, and you would still be eligible to contribute to an IRA.

Supplemental lifetime income – There are not many guarantees in the financial and investment worlds — but one of them is the income from a fixed annuity, which can be structured to provide you with a lifetime income stream. Annuities are not for everyone, however, and they do involve penalties for early withdrawals and lack of protection from inflation.

By learning all you can about your potential retirement income sources, and by understanding how to manage this income to your best advantage, you can help yourself achieve a comfortable — and more rewarding — retirement.

For questions, please contact Jason Kozon or Chantz Blackmon at 251-943-3399. They are located at 22394 Mifflin Road in Foley.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Local Legion Post 48 Seeks Hospice Volunteers, Quilters

The American Legion is your voice in Congress. They need membership numbers when they go in front of the VA and all concerned. The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

Post 48 held a flag ceremony on July 4th. Thanks to all who attended, with a special thanks to our Veterans.

Membership cards are in and can be picked up in the Legion office on Wednesdays from 0900-1100. he Cost is \$55.

Become a Hospice volunteer: SouthernCare Hospice Services are looking for Veteran-to-Veteran volunteers. No one understands a Veterans experience better than a Veteran. To volunteer or for more information call 251-621-2844 or go to www.southerncarehospice.com.

Quilts of Valor Foundation: The QOV mission is to cover Servicemembers and Veterans with a quilt for comfort and healing.

If you would like to nominate a veteran for a quilt go to www.QOVF.org/nomination-awards

For more information contact Linda Tipp at 251-459-3282

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, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more. The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed.

The individuals to contact are: Bill Burns at 251-978-3440 and Darrell Ochs at 251-269-9084.

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 or a soda, and good conversation.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian

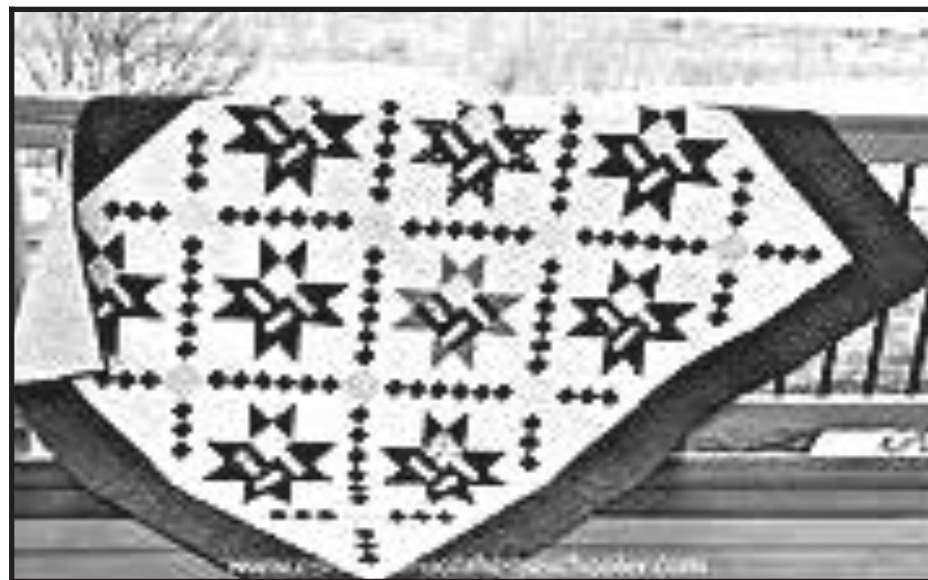
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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle



QUILT OF VALOR

Local Author Posts Chapter Two, Part 2 of Early Life in Lillian

Chapter Two , Part 2 – Catching Shrimp and Trout.

Mr. Walt eased back on the throttle. “Okay, boys, pull ’er in. Let’s see what we’ve got.”

The sun was low on the horizon and nightfall was coming fast, a welcome event for shrimping because the temperature became more bearable. Plus, they never knew what mysteries might be revealed under a dark, starry sky.

“You take the right side,” Will said to Danny. “My arm hurts from all the net sewing.”

“Okay,” Danny said, always agreeable with his older cousin. He knew Will’s arm was fine, but he didn’t mind pulling the load, as long as it won him favor with Will. Some said they were like brothers, but they were closer than that. Brothers, at least in the Thornton family, fought like wild dogs and tormented one another with fists, ropes, sharp-toed boots, and death stares. Danny and Will had their differences, but deep down they loved each other as much as a mother loved her child.

Trout wasn’t a blood relative, but his family had an old cottage down the beach. As long as Danny could remember, Trout had been his best friend. Whenever Will was back home in Montgomery, Trout and Danny bonded even more. Friendship got more complicated in triplicate, but Danny made sure it worked out.

“Pull harder. You’re getting behind,” Will scolded. “We need to bring the doors in at the same time.”

Danny tightened his grip, but the rope slipped, burning across his palms. “I can’t. I’m trying as hard as I can.”

“Don’t be a crybaby. Just pull.”

A half-foot taller and considerably stronger, Will was barely breaking a sweat while Danny gritted his teeth and tugged hand over hand. Mr. Walt eased off the throttle just enough for Danny to build his back muscles and some character.

“Come on, Danny,” Mr. Walt said. “It’s hard but it’s fair.”

Danny already knew pulling in the net was hard, but he kept his thoughts inside.

Mr. Walt cranked the wheel hard to starboard. “I see the doors. You boys bring the net around the motor. Watch that propeller! Don’t drop it. Be careful. Will, help Danny with those doors. Okay, pull it in. Pull it IN!”

Every muscle in Danny’s back strained under the weight of the net and the tickler chain. With a grunt, he finally dragged them over the railing, leaving the prize—the ball of shrimp and fish at the end of the net—for Will. *So much for fairness*, Danny thought.

Will caught sight of the net and slumped in disappointment. “Not much, Mr. Walt.”

“Dump it in the bucket anyway and let’s see.”

Will poured the meager catch into the twenty-gallon steel bucket. A few muddy sticks, a dozen or so shrimp, and a pile of jellyfish filled it up.

“Damn,” Mr. Walt said. “Let’s run down the bay a ways to that deep trough by Tarkiln Bayou. You boys get those shrimp and pull a few of those pinfish and croakers out. We might use ’em later.”

They wanted to dump it all overboard, lose the shrimp, and save themselves from certain jellyfish torture, but Mr. Walt had put out an order, so they followed without question. As Trout reached for a shrimp, it jumped away, splattering tiny droplets of jellyfish venom into his face.

“Ouch!” he yelled and fell backward. “It went in my eye.”

Will chuckled. “Hey, goofball, once you grab it, you gotta close your eyes and pull it out quick.”

“If you’re so smart, you do it,” Trout said. “My eye burns.”

“I think you need the practice,” Will said. “I’ll just watch and give you advice.”

“I need your advice like I need a poke in the eye,” Trout snapped.

“Then you’d be blind in both eyes.”

“I’ll try,” Danny volunteered as he pulled on his work gloves. “Will, can you shine the flashlight so I can see their eyes glow?”

“Got it,” Will said. “I can handle this.”

“Yeah, holding a flashlight is your kinda job,” Trout said.

“Yep,” Will said, unfazed. “And I’m good at it, too.”

Mr. Walt already had the boat planed out and was focused on finding the elusive crustaceans while the boys tried to avoid too much jelly carnage. The fish and shrimp splashed around wildly, trying to figure out how they’d ended up in a galvanized bucket. Unfortunately for the boys, the brimming jellyfish soup sloshed on them, too.



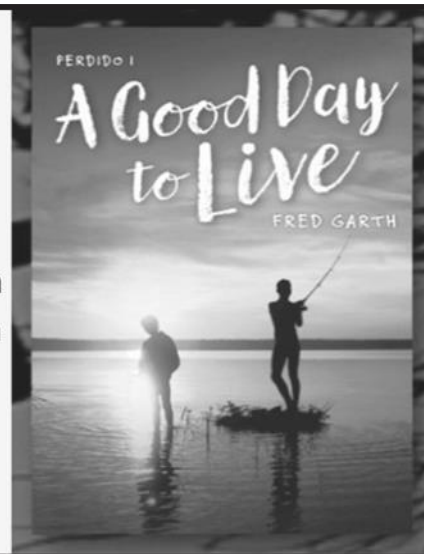
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Trout helped Danny dig into the slimy goop. The paltry total came to nine shrimp, hardly enough for a decent seafood platter. Their forearms burned and they dared not rub their eyes or touch any part of their bodies. Even though they’d worn gloves, they’d learned to keep their hands off exposed flesh or pay the price.

“I hope we get some shrimp on the next pull,” Trout said. “I’ve had enough jellyfish stings for one day.”

Danny leaned against the hull and stretched his back. “We will. I can feel it. Mr. Walt always finds ’em.”

“Yeah, he does,” Will agreed with a smile.

The motor throttled back quickly.

“Put her in, boys,” Mr. Walt said. “Let’s catch some shrimp.”

Like seasoned commercial shrimpers, they moved in silent synchronicity, tying off the net, tossing the buoy, dropping the doors, and making sure the tickler chain was in place. For the next thirty minutes, they waited and hoped.

“Dump the bucket overboard when I turn,” Mr. Walt said. “We don’t want to pick those jellyfish back up.”

Danny saw movement on the water as he dumped the bucket. “Dolphins!”

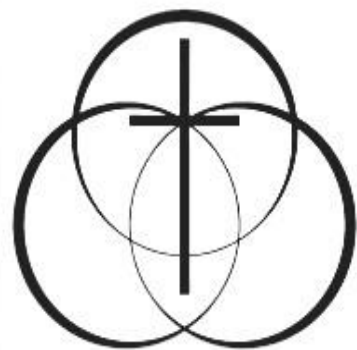
Trout rushed to the side. “I see four, no five. Wait, there’s six, at least.”

“Let’s feed ’em,” Will shouted while he collected a few stray fish that had fallen out of the bucket.

“Use those pinfish and croakers,” Mr. Walt said. “That’s why we saved ’em.”

Pink light rimmed the horizon as the bay’s surface faded into deep purple. Stars popped out in the eastern sky, and a fingernail moon hung overhead. Half a dozen dolphins cut a lazy path across the surface, nibbling on the fish the boys tossed out. They watched the show in awe with a symphony of seagull squawks and the puff of air from the dolphins’ blowhole.

(GARTH CONTINUED ON PAGE 23)



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Bearing the Fruit of Patience



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

We are told in James 5:7-8, "Therefore, be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. Like the farmer, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Patience is a virtue which is sorely lacking in our society today, it is what the Bible calls "longsuffering" or forbearance. Let me be the first one to admit, I need patience. I tell the Lord all the time: "Lord, I want patience, and I want it right now!" How many of you have a problem with patience? Longsuffering is regardless of the circumstances; we are determined to live by faith and not by feelings or emotions. We are determined to respond with grace rather than to react with grief or anger. Now the word for patience or longsuffering is a combination of two Greek words: the word macro which means "long or slow" and the word thumia from which we get the word thermos or thermal, which means "Anger." It literally means to be Long-Tempered as opposed to being Short-Tempered. In other words, patience is the ability to be slow to anger, rather than being quick-tempered. God is this way. Psalms 103:8 says: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy."

Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears. Patience is not passivity, indifference or a fatalistic attitude toward life which sits back, twiddles its thumbs, and simply says: "Whatever will be, will be...." Patience does not mean that you never get angry. Patience simply means you are slow to anger, and quick to get rid of it. Too often we are just the opposite. We are quick to be angry, slow to get rid of it, and that is when the acid of anger turns into the burden of bitterness. Then we either hold grudges or try to get even. You know, sometimes we look like we are being patient when we're not. Some American soldiers rented a house during the Korean War and hired a local boy to do their house-keeping and cooking. He had an unbelievably positive attitude, always smiling, jovial and happy. So, they played one trick after another on him. They nailed his shoes to the floor. He just woke up, pulled the nails out with pliers, slipped on his shoes, and kept on smiling. They put grease on the stove handles, and he just wiped it off and kept smiling and singing. They balanced buckets over the door. When he opened the door, he got drenched and just dried off and never complained. Finally, the soldiers became so ashamed of themselves that they called him into the room they were in and said: "We want you to know that we are never going to play tricks on you again. We really do appreciate your patience." He asked, "You mean no more nailing shoes to the floor?" They said, "No more." "You mean no more grease on the stove?" They said, "No more." "You mean no more water buckets on the door?" They said, "No more." He said, "Okay Then, "Me No More Spit in Soup." Now the fact of the matter is, you cannot get away from people in life who are going to try your patience. The only way to learn to be patient with difficult people is to love them. Paul said in First Corinthians 13:4, "Love suffers long." You all know that the word of God tells us we are to love everybody. If you will love everybody, then you will be patient with everybody, which is why Paul said in First Thessalonians 5:14, "We exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all."

I believe that God allows difficult people and demanding problems into our lives to develop us in Christian maturity. James said in the first chapter vv.3-4, "knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." God's goal for you is maturity, and patience may be a bitter plant, but it always bears sweet fruit. Full-blown patience makes for a full-grown Christian. Troubles and troublemakers are in your life to develop longsuffering, and you will never graduate to maturity until you go to the school of hard knocks and learn the discipline of longsuffering, which is patience, perseverance, and persistence. You see, it is by patience we see God's work in us, and it is by perseverance we learn God's will for us. It may be difficult to be patient and to wait on the Lord, but the wait is worth the reward. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that, "Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." That's why James says in v.7, "Be patient until the coming of the Lord." My friend, the only reason the world is still here is not because God is powerless, nor is it because God is passive; it is because God is patient. He is long-suffering. Jesus is coming back. Make no doubt about it—that is His promise. But Peter said in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." This sin sick world has another day to repent and get saved because of the longsuffering of God.

When it Comes to Recycling, the Efforts Are Strong and Getting Stronger

I guess my obsession with recycling began when I was first married and we didn't have much money. Just before payday we would gather up the empty Pepsi bottles and take them in for the return refund. Then we bought some more Pepsi and, of course, a pack of cigarettes for each of us. Yes, cigarettes were only 20 cents a pack then. I guess that's not really recycling, that was just making do with what you had. We stopped smoking when cigarette prices went to 25 cents and the Surgeon General said they were bad for your health.



I remember taking glass jars and bottles to a plant in the suburbs of Chicago for recycling. If there was a drive to recycle, we recycled. These days when my children come to visit, they know not to throw any recyclables into the trash. I have a special place for them and they know just where everything goes, including the pop tabs that I take to Ronald McDonald House.

When we first moved to Lillian, there was a recycling program with house-to-house pick up. Later, when that was discontinued, recycling places were set up in various places in the county. We had some in Lillian, but some peo-

ple didn't understand that those areas were not for trash, furniture or mattresses, so the bins had to be removed. Now we must drive to Perdido Beach or Elberta to dispose of paper and cardboard, aluminum and plastic. Hopefully, people are respectful of those locations. It would be great if everyone would break down boxes, so more could be placed in the bins.

But I have good news for you! The Civic and Legislative Committee in Lillian met with Baldwin County Commissioner Skip Gruber recently. He told us the county is constructing a recycling plant and within the next year we should have door-to-door pick up. Yay! Maybe now more people will hop on the bandwagon and start saving all those items that can be reused. I don't know what the rules will be, but I'm sure the county will inform us when the program is set to begin.

By the way, if you are in the recycling mode and don't know what to do about glass, you can take it to Target. They have a recycling area near the pharmacy. Also, you may take Styrofoam to Publix. Their containers are outside near the entrance. These places also recycle other items such as paper and plastic. Check them out.

Some Wal Marts recycle HP and Kodak printer cartridges. Best to check your favorite store to see if they participate. Canon partners with FedEx to recycle cartridges. They send them to the recycling facility, so just drop them off. Lexmark provides prepaid shipping labels in its new cartridge boxes and offers printable shipping labels online.

FYI: The county is still working on providing a jetty at the boat launch in Lillian. They have been working on it for years, but I got the impression it's getting closer to fruition. Also, they are working on upgrading the county park on CR99. There was damage to the beach and the access area during Hurricane Sally. Hopefully that will be completed soon. Please note it was HURRICANE Sally that did the damage, not THIS Sally.



**Just a
Thought or
Two**

By Sally McKinney

Lillian Masonic Lodge No. 925 Begins It's New Year With Officer Inductions



Back Row (L to R): Jeffrey Keener; Gary Sturgeon; Al Perez; Jim Baker; Shane Todd Front Row (L to R): Joseph C. Taylor, Steve Williams; Chris King; Cliff Collier; Worshipful Master David Johnson; Mike Blankenship; Buzz Mahood

The Masonic Lodge introduced its new Worshipful Master Dave Johnson at its August 6 meeting, while installing its officers for the 2024-25 year.

The induction service included Mike Blankenship as Senior Warden, Buzz Mahood as Junior Warden, respectfully. Michael Shane

Todd will serve as Secretary and Jeff Keener as Treasurer. The Senior and Junior Deacons are Cliff Collier and Chris King, respectfully. The Senior and Junior Stewards are Al Perez and Joe Taylor. The Lodge historian for 2024-25 is Bill Hall and the Chaplain is Gary Sturgeon.



Joseph Taylor, Past Worshipful Master of the Lillian Masonic Lodge and a founding brother pictured with his grandson Joseph Brandon Taylor, who was raised to Master Mason on August 20, 2024.

On August 20, Joseph Brandon Taylor of Foley was raised as a Master Mason. He follows the tradition of his grandfather Joseph Taylor, who was the Worshipful Master of the Lillian Lodge during 2023-24 and is a founding member of the Lillian Lodge.

Brother Billy Jackson, with Brother Bruce Garrison, Grand

**Lillian Masonic
Lodge**

By Jeff Keener

Warden of the Alabama Grand Lodge was the Worshipful Master for the first section.

Brother Billy Jackson, Past Grand Master was the Worshipful Master for the second section. Lillian Bro. Steve Williams gave the lecture.

Lillian Lodge No. 925 was fortunate to host numerous brethren from other lodges who helped raise Joseph Brandon Taylor.

According to Worshipful Master David Johnson, "The degree work done by all made this degree very special for the candidate and the members that attended".

Mother Teresa Answered the ‘Call From Within’ to Service

As regular readers here will know the Christian church has hundreds of saints. Mother Teresa would certainly be one of the most famous and the most recent. Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu was born August 26, 1910, in Skopje, in Albania, then part of the Ottoman Empire and at the age of 18 moved to Ireland and later to India where she lived most of her life, dying on September 5, 1997. On September 4, 2016, she was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation, which grew to have over 4,500 nuns across 133 countries as of the early 2010's. The congregation manages homes for people who are dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis. The congregation also runs soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, children's and family counseling programs, as well as orphanages and schools. Members take vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, and also profess a fourth vow: to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor."

On 10 September 1946, Mother Teresa experienced what she later described as "the call within the call" when she left Calcutta and traveled by train to the Loreto convent for her annual retreat. There, Mother Teresa had an experience of God. She said at that time, "I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them. It was an order. To fail would have been to break the faith."

Thus she began missionary work with the poor in 1948, replacing her traditional Loreto nun's habit with a simple, white cotton sari with a blue border. Mother Teresa adopted Indian citizenship, spent several months to receive basic medical training at Holy Family Hospital and she founded a school in Calcutta, before she began tending to the poor and hungry. At the beginning of 1949, Mother Teresa was joined in her effort by a group of young women, and she laid the foundation for a new religious community helping the "poorest among

the poor".

Her efforts quickly caught the attention of Indian officials, including the prime minister. Mother Teresa wrote in her diary that her first year was fraught with difficulty. With no income, she begged for food and supplies and experienced doubt, loneliness and the temptation to return to the comfort of convent life.



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett



“Our Lord wants me to be a free nun covered with the poverty of the cross. Today, I learned a good lesson. The poverty of the poor must be so hard for them. While looking for a home I walked and walked till my arms and legs ached. I thought how much they must ache in body and soul, looking for a home, food and health. Then, the comfort of my former convent came to tempt me. ‘You have only to say the word and all that will be yours again’, the Tempter kept on saying. ... Of free choice, my God, and out of love for you, I desire to remain and do whatever be your Holy will in my regard. I did not let a single tear come.”

On October 7 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Vatican for foundation of the Missionaries of Charity. In her words, it would care for "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone".

Years later Mother Teresa would receive the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work among the poor in India. Upon receiving the prize she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?" She answered, "Go home and love your family." She continued, "Around the world, not only in the poor countries, but I found the poverty of the West so much more difficult to remove. When I pick up a person from the street, hungry, I give him a plate of rice, a piece of bread, I have removed that hunger. But in the west, a person that feels unwanted, unloved, the person that has been thrown out from society, that poverty is so hurtful, and I find that very difficult."

Several books are written by or about Mother Teresa and from those many quotes are attributed to her. I will close with one of my favorites. Mother Teresa once said, “Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” A good goal to keep in mind.

If you want to know about other saints of the Church or any aspect of the Christian faith, come visit us at the Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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OBITUARIES

Michael H. Russell, Lillian

Michael H. Russell, of Lillian Alabama, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, went to live with the Lord on August 13, 2024. He was at home surrounded by his family.

Mike's accomplishments included founder of Valley Electric (VEC) of Youngstown, Ohio, The Kiwanis, several masonic lodges, and The Lillian Optimist Club. He also helped develop the Lillian Park and Lillian Library. He was a proud card carrying member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) local 129 Lorain, Ohio, completing his apprenticeship in 1959. Mike also served in the Army and Navy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years Lois Nunn Russell; his children Ty (Maureen) Russell of Elberta, AL, Kathy (Curt) Bodamer of Boardman, OH, Keith Russell of Vietnam, Diane McDonald of Panama City, FL; his grandchildren, Amber, Cori, Jessica, Abby, Emily, Polina, Alex, Kate; and many nephews and nieces.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Doris Russell; his sisters, Tammy Fuller and Jan Hubbard; and two infant babies.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at a later date.



Edgar 'Ed' Stephen Fuller, 64

Edgar (Ed) Stephen Fuller Jr., 64, Lillian, Alabama, went home to Our Lord on July 27, 2024, after a short time in the hospital with lung cancer.

Ed was born in Lambstone, Germany to Edgar Fuller Sr. and Juanita Mary Fuller. He graduated from Homer Central High in 1978 and went to Auburn University, studying engineering.

He was in the army in his early years. Ed moved to this area in about 1979, and was living with his special friend, Peggy, for the last 3 years. Ed loved his furry friends "Little Man", "Mazie" and "Neo".

Ed's father lives in Homer, New York. His brother: David Fuller, lives in North Carolina and 2 sisters: Claire Fuller, lives in Utah and Elizabeth "Liz" Parker, lives in Homer, New York.

A private cremation has taken place, and Ed will be laid to rest in Homer, New York, alongside his family.

Ed was an active member of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church since 2015. Ed will be dearly missed.

In remembrance of Ed, a Celebration of Life service was held in August at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Lillian, AL. There was a luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.



Petie (Pete) Joseph Schnatz, 83

Petie (Pete) Joseph Schnatz, age 83, a resident of Silverhill, AL, passed away on July 20, 2024.

Pete was a lifetime resident of Lillian, Alabama on the shores of Perdido Bay where he spent much of his time fishing and swimming as a child.

He joined the Army when he was 18 and was stationed in Germany after completing basic training. He became a sharpshooter during those years.

After his honorable discharge he returned to Lillian from which he worked on oil rigs in the Gulf. Later he learned the welding trade and went to work for Westinghouse in Pensacola until he retired in 2000.

Pete grew up serving his community of Lillian as a child and continued to do so as an adult. He was a volunteer firefighter as well as Fire Chief of Lillian's Fire Department. He was also in charge of the Independence Day firework show in Lillian for many years. His family donated the property where the fire station and community club now stand.

He loved fishing; especially bass and took part in many bass tournaments. He won many tournaments over the years. He loved family events and attending performances and sporting events over the years with his wife in which his children and later grandchildren participated. He was a devoted, loving husband, dad and papa.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Pete and Betty Schnatz; sister, Betty Morris; and brother, Michael Schnatz. Pete is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cherry Schnatz of Silverhill, AL; son, Brett (Rose) Sandford of Lillian, AL; daughter, Crystal (Michael) Phelps of Fairhope, AL; grandchildren, Bethany (Brad) Freemantle, Briana Sandford, Jack Phelps, and Blake Phelps; and many other loving relatives and friends.



Robert 'Bob' Howard, 75, Lillian

Robert "Bob" Howard, 75, passed away on July 19, 2024, in Lillian, Alabama. Born on September 2, 1948, in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Bob's journey through life was marked by dedication to service, both in the military and in his civilian career.



Bob proudly served in the United States Navy as an ordnance man aboard the USS America. His service during the Vietnam War was a testament to his bravery and commitment to his country. Following his military service, Bob transitioned to a career in civil service, where he worked as an aircraft electrician specializing in Chinook Helicopters at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

His post-retirement years were filled with various maintenance jobs, reflecting his ever-present desire to stay active and engaged.

A true Harley enthusiast, Bob's passion for riding his motorcycle was well-known among his friends and family. He cherished the freedom of the open road and the camaraderie found within the biking community.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert; daughter, Rose; siblings, Barbara, Mary, and William; and his eight grandchildren, Bethany, Briana, Lindsey, Jasmine, Bryant, Michkaela, Izabella, and Paisley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lilly Mae and R.L., and his sister Lynn.

Bob's life and service will be honored in a manner befitting his significant contributions and lasting legacy. His family and friends will remember him as a courageous veteran, a skilled professional, and a loving family man who brought joy and strength to all who knew him.

Cheryl Dempsey, 68, Lillian, Retired From MedStar Emergency Medical Services

Cheryl Dempsey, 68, a resident of Lillian, AL, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Cheryl was a friend to all who loved life, people and pretty much all animals. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lillian, where she held many roles, including her favorite, being a member of the worship team. She retired from MedStar Emergency Medical Services after many years of dedicated service.

Most notably, her life was marked by her unwa-

vering faith and deep love for her family and friends.

Cheryl is preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Betty Lowe, and her son, David Dempsey.

Her legacy lives on through her survivors, which include her husband, Russell Dempsey; daughter, Kim (DJ) Frank; grandchildren, Jordan (Bridget) and Conner Frank; Teah (JR) Brown and Chaz Dempsey; one great-granddaughter, Meah

Kelly and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in August, at First Baptist Church of Lillian.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



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 September go out to: Flynn Thomas Whittle, Robert Metts, Donna Rosen, Pat Colburn, Miriam DeHaan, Nancy Yuettner, Ken Brady, Elaine Fertig,

Mickey Gugliotti, Laverne Holtz, Louise Hawley, Aaron Brewer, Bo Burgenmeyer, Jill Caudill, Susie Harrison, Arnie Gengerke, Pat Lutz, Joni Matthews, Bill Suttle, Joe Shankwitz, Connie Long, Tammy Koskie, Eugenia Robinson, Jaylene Brown, Bill Hall, Traci Price, Al Carpentie, Barbara Flynn, Mary Morris, Gloria Jackson, Janice Fuller, Ann Garner, Judy

Roth, Lisa Majors Ard and Helen Paschke.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in September are Wayne and Christine Fritchie, John and Jeri Edge, Bob and Vicki Shankwitz, Andy and Tina Kociban 1959, Cliff and Nancy Yuettner 1959, Jerry and Marcie Langford 1969, Frank and Nicole Fehn 1996 and Stephanie and Chad Porter 2010.

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.

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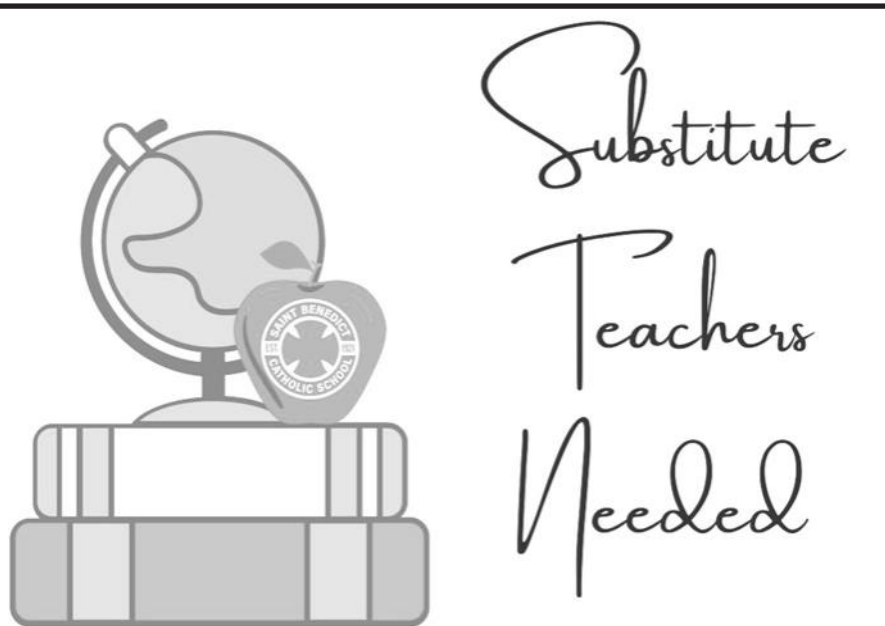
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“Whoa, look at that,” Danny said. “They’re glowing.”

“Where?” Will and Trout yelled in unison as they sprang next to Danny.

“Look there.” Danny pointed. “Under the boat. There goes one.”

“Unreal!” Trout said. “It’s like a comet.”

Will tugged on Mr. Walt’s shirt tail. “Look, Mr. Walt, the phosphorus is out.”

“It’s so bright,” Danny said. “Why is it so much brighter sometimes?”

“Well, boys, on a dark night like this,” Mr. Walt explained, “the phosphorus seems to get really active. But you never know. It’s one of God’s mysteries. Sometimes the phosphorus glows and sometimes it doesn’t.”

Growing up on the bay, they’d seen phosphorus many times before but never as intense as that night.

“It’s like a million lightning bugs,” Danny said.

“Yep, same idea,” Mr. Walt agreed. “Put your hand in the water and shake it around.”

In a flash, the boy’s hands were incandescent. They began drawing lines across the surface as

if their fingers were sparklers.

“Try putting a fish in your hand and see what happens,” Mr. Walt said.

All three boys scrambled around in the stern to find another fish. They’d already tossed out the ones they saved from the first haul. Trout spotted a tiny flounder stuck to the side of the hull. Holding it by the tail, he swished it in the water. In a few seconds, a white bottlenose bobbed up an inch from his hand. Wet, dark eyes looked directly at him. With that signature smile, the dolphin floated motionlessly, waiting for Trout to drop the fish.

“He probably won’t take it from your hand, Trout,” Mr. Walt said. “Just drop it.”

The flounder was snatched from mid-air so fast it startled the boys. Then, in a flash of phosphorescence, the dolphin disappeared.

“Whoa!” they all shouted.

For the next fifteen minutes, they found anything they could, even braved a couple of jellyfish tentacles, to attract the dolphins. Mr. Walt watched with admiration, knowing this was one of those experiences that would fertilize their Alabama roots—something he hoped they’d be able to share with their kids, too.

“Okay, enough playtime, boys. Let’s pull in the net.”

Trout stepped forward. He was due.

Will grabbed the bucket. “Let me move this out of your way,” he said, leaving Danny to pull with Trout. “I’ll pull in the next one.” He hoped this haul would be big enough to take them in for the night. “Oh! And I’ll hold the flashlight.”

“Yeah, you’re getting to be an expert at that,” Trout said sarcastically.

“Watch it, Butt Face,” Will said. “Somebody has to do it.”

“You’re the butt face, making us do all the work.”

“I pulled it in last time so kiss my....”

“Okay, that’s enough, boys,” Mr. Walt said. “Focus on getting the net in. You can fight like wild boars if you want when we get home, as long as I’m not around.”

“Yes, sir!”

When Will’s flashlight beam hit the net, they saw sweet success. As big around as a fifty-five-gallon drum, the ball of seafood they’d scraped off the bottom of the bay took all three of them to drag over the side. Hundreds of tiny red eyes shined at them.

“Oh, man, look at all those shrimp,” Will said as they filled the bucket. “We hit the motherlode!”

“How much do you think we got, Mr. Walt?” Danny asked.

“Oh, I don’t know. Looks like at least twenty-five, maybe thirty pounds. That oughta do it.”

“Yeeee-haw!” Trout yelled. “We’re gonna eat like kings.”

Mr. Walt cut the engine and tossed out the anchor. “Y’all put the net back out and let the current clean out the trash,” he said.

A steady tide sucked the net behind the boat, washing away the pinfish, croakers, and baby crabs that hung in the webbing.

“I have an idea,” Mr. Walt said. “How about a quick swim?”

The boys stared silently down at the dark water.

“Come on, boys, the water’s warm. And if you open your eyes, the phosphorus will zoom by like you’re flying through the stars.”

“I’ll go if you go, Daddy,” Danny said, his voice shaking.

“All right. How about it, Will? Trout? Y’all in?”

“Okay.”

As they dove in, hundreds of tiny lights swept over their corneas. Just like Mr. Walt said, they were flying through outer space passing stars at warp speed.

“Will, look at this,” Danny said as he stirred the water with his hands and feet until they glowed.

“Unreal!” Will exclaimed.

In a flash of light, a dolphin streaked under them and shot out of the water like a Roman candle. They cheered wildly as he splashed down in a spray of luminescence. Even Mr. Walt let out a hoot. Their bodies tingled with sheer joy and wonder.

Will floated on his back and looked up at the stars. The Milky Way arched over them in a blaze of light. *Folks who don’t believe in God have never seen anything like this*, he thought.

Mr. Walt shook Will out of his dreaminess. “Where’s Trout?”

“He was picking fish out of the net,” Danny said.

“I told you boys to stay away from that net!”

Danny and Will swam to the back of the boat but couldn’t find him.

“Trout!” They all screamed.

Then Danny noticed the net jerking violently.

“Daddy, he’s in the net!”

“Get in the boat and pull it in!” Mr. Walt yelled as he dove under the net.

When he got to him, Trout wasn’t moving. The last few bubbles of air had spilled from his lungs. Mr. Walt grabbed a wad of Trout’s pants, and in one motion, tossed the boy into the boat. Danny and Will pulled in the rest of the net and saw the tickler chain wrapped around Trout’s cut-offs. He’d fought hard enough to almost rip his pants off. But *almost* didn’t count underwater.

Even in the darkness, Trout looked ashen. Mr. Walt knew how quickly the sea could take someone. He’d seen it happen before. With calculated swiftness, he turned Trout on his side and pounded on his back. Then he shoved his fist into Trout’s stomach. The seconds ticked off agonizingly slow as Trout’s body lay limp at the bottom of the boat. Three more whacks on the back and another solid punch in the gut. Like a fire hose, Trout threw up what seemed like twenty gallons of water. Then he gasped and threw up again.

“Danny, keep Trout on his side,” Mr. Walt said. “We have to get him to Doc Jordon.”

Mr. Walt jerked the anchor off the bottom and into the boat with two yanks. Mud from the flukes splattered all over the bow, but no one noticed. They were headed home at full throttle. At least Trout was semi-conscious and breathing, but Mr. Walt had seen people lapse back into darkness. He was determined this was not going to be one of those times.

Will sat next to Trout and rubbed the hair out of his face. His forehead was clammy, and he could only force shallow breaths.

“It’s okay, Trout,” Will said. “You’re gonna be fine. I know it for certain. Anyway, you’re the toughest kid I know. Tougher than galvanized nails. And I’m really sorry I called you a butt face.” Trout’s eyes twitched toward Will. There was a blackness Will had never seen in his young life.

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Lillian Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2024



September 2: Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for its 38th Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival held at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Avenue, Lillian AL 36549 (See Schedule in The Lillian)

September 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 11:00 AM & September 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Brain & Body Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

September 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at the Lillian Methodist Church located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about ALANON at <https://al-anon.org/>

September 14 & 28 at 8:00 AM: Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for their Community Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian AL 36549. To discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org

September 19 at 1:00 PM: Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

FOR AA MEETING INFO: If you are looking close to Lillian go to gulfcoastaa.org. There is another list of meetings at easternshore-aa.org. Pensacola meetings are at aapensacola.org.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to all the volunteers that showed up today to help unload the food pantry delivery truck. Your help is very much appreciated! Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, 2851 Perdido Street Lillian, 251-962-7682.

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Shepherd of the Bay Bluegrass



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church hosted their 4th Annual Bluegrass Concert featuring the String Farm Bluegrass Band. With them at far right is the church Pastor, Rev. Timothy Sowers. The band performs at Palafox Market every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretta Lysek

Last month was a sad occasion for our firefighters and board members. We had to say farewell to two essential members from LVFD. One was a volunteer firefighter and the other a board member. First, Janett Siler, who has been with the fire department for the last couple of years, bravely served our community as a volunteer firefighter. Her dedication and courage have been an inspiration to us all. Janett is leaving the fire department to embark on her new journey in the Navy and we know she will continue to serve with honor and excellence. Thank you for your service, and best of luck on your new adventure!



Nathan Bartl



Janett Siler

The second person to leave is Nathan Bartl. Nathan has served on the board of directors for the fire department for approximately 20 years. He represented the community by ensuring the department was run efficiently and responsibly. During his time as a board member, he has undertaken several roles including treasurer. His calm and thoughtful input on all discussions and decisions will be an unfortunate loss to all the members. Nathan, we thank you very much for all the years you have served the board and community and wish you all the best for all your future endeavors.

On a good note, we voted in Denise Stout to replace Nathan's position. Welcome Denise we are happy to have you on board!

Just a reminder, we are still in a Burn Ban until October 31.

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ATTEND MEETINGS WHEN POSSIBLE

Perdido Bay Residents,

Your bay is being used as a dump. International Paper is dumping chemicals into our bay. The water is toxic to larvae and is herbicidal. Testing by Friends of Perdido Bay has demonstrated the toxicity. Our government has not only allowed this to happen but has supported it. No longer do we see shrimp boats or crabbers in our beautiful bay. This million dollar fishery is gone. Paper mills are the problem. Restore Perdido Bay to its once prolific past. Join Friends of Perdido Bay with a \$30.00 annual membership. Send your membership (Name, Address and Telephone Number) to: Friends of Perdido Bay, 38 S. Blue Angel Parkway, PMB 350, Pensacola, FL

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From Trips Downtown to Laptops; Library Books Shift to Keyboards

Whenever I'd visit a library, I always ran my fingers over the book spines as though I thought by doing so all of the words would fill me with their stories of adventure and magic. I always liked the reverent, calm atmosphere I felt amongst the stacks.

The mindset now is why bother going to the library when all you have to do is boot-up your computer or turn on your phone. My point is, you miss the experience. That's something you can't get sitting in front of your device.

My generation is lucky, because we actually lived life instead of watching others on video blogs telling us how. We saw and touched and felt in "real time".

We also learned body language because we communicated with people face to face. We saw their reactions to our conversations and to the environment around them. If we paid attention to those around us, we could pick up on, for instance, if they were being dishonest in some way. An important skill that is missed in texts and social media.

Did you ever walk into a room and immediately either felt a heaviness that made you feel uncomfortably wary or a lightness that felt like happy sunshine? This is the combined energy or vibrations of the occupants. We should pay attention to body language and sensations we have in certain surroundings; they are our natural gifts to guide us through life.

Most of the gold that exists on Earth has already been mined and would only cover a football field and be about 30 feet high. According to the experts in the science of metals, gold isn't native to our planet but was deposited here by meteors or imbedded into Earth's mantle at our planet's birth. This probably means that other planets and moons in the universe have gold also. Gold is created from the stars that explode upon their death, also known as supernovas or when neutron stars collide, and the dust of the gold and other metals are dispersed into space.

The space probe Voyager that was launched into space in 1977 has traveled over 15 billion miles. The furthest of any man-made object to date. Much of what astrophysicists know about the Universe comes from images sent back from probes such as Voyager. Learning about what is out amongst the stars helps us understand more about life and our planet.

About 455,000 years ago Earth experienced one of several global periods of warming. The English Channel was created at this time when ice sheets on what is now known as England and Scandinavia melted flooding the valley between France and England dividing them forever.

FYI: Should humans be taking all of the blame for our planet's carbon count? Special interest groups want you to think so. The truth is that one volcanic eruption spews 10,000 times more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than all humans have throughout history.

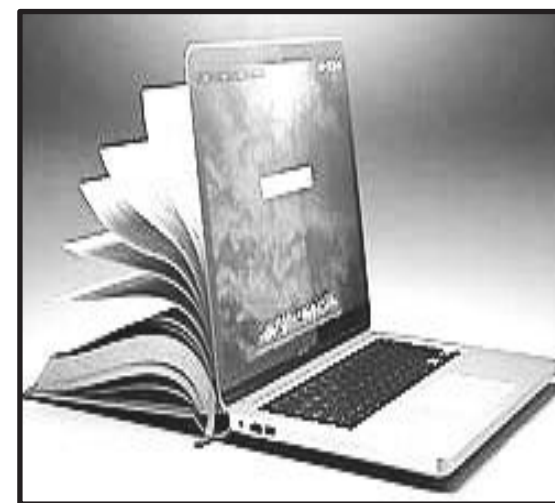
An average of 20 volcanos can erupt during the same time frame and about 70 or 80 a year. Stick that under your hat and think on it. And don't believe everything trendy groups try to make you feel guilty about. Just try and live responsibly. Whatever that may be.

"It is almost impossible to watch a sunset and not dream." Bern Williams.



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid



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For more information, contact Robin Newell at 402-677-3944 or visit the OCPB website:

www.OptimistClubPB.org

OCPB Breakfast Meeting: Saturday(s), September 14th & 28th - 8:00 am

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