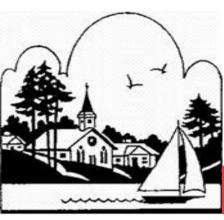
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## IS POISONING OUR BAY IN DEBATE?

#### Politics vs. Science: The Cases Made All But Lock Perdido's Death Sentence

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

The Perdido Bay

#### By Robyn Monaghan

The debate between politicians and environmentalists about the future of Perdido Bay shows no more signs of change than the continuing abuse of Lillian's most precious treasure.

Local officials spoke out to defend International Papers in a 2018 series about the bay published in the Pensacola News Journal. Long devoted to refuting the findings of Friends of Perdido Bay and similar environmental advocates, Escambia Commissioners Jeff Bergosh and Doug Underhill condemned what he called "a lot of hyperbole out there about how bad it is."

In news footage, Underhill gulped a glass of saltwater from the bay to dramatize his stance.

Last month, an administrative law judge found Underhill violated three counts of Florida ethics law in failing to disclose contributions to his legal defense fund and called for a public censure, reprimand, and \$5,000 fine.

Bergosh talked while demonstrating how to catch a crab with a string. He believes IP is acting legally and cannot



Doug Underhill



Jeff Bergosh

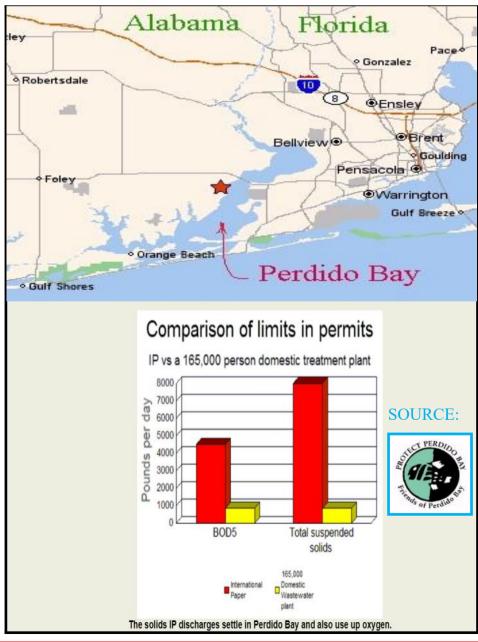
# "... a lot of hyperbole out there about how bad it is ..."

be held to blame for its impact on the bay. Environmentalists who think IP "should come in for the landing on the permit" should organize and advocate for changes in the laws governing paper mills, he said. Closing down the plant would only force industry into countries with even weaker environmental regulations.

The county's top scientist, Chips Kirschenfeld, director of the Department of Natural Resources Management, said there was nothing in recent data that gave him any concerns about the boy's safety for swimming or fishing. He waxed poetic about the miraculous powers of water bodies to heal themselves.

"We don't see green sludge, we caught some fish, we caught several crabs," he said. "This bay is not dead."

See BAY on page 10



#### BAY continued from page 1 Dead or Alive?

Since the 1960s, the mill has been cited as a likely cause of excessive nutrients, depressed oxygen levels, high levels of bacteria, elevated conductance, and other problems in Eleven Mile Creek and Perdido Bay.

A National Wetlands Research Center study found the Perdido Bay lost more aquatic grasses than any other bay on the Gulf Coast. The sea grass beds shrank about three-quarters between 1940 and 1992, from 1,204 to 319 acres. The report also noted declines in the quantity and diversity of seabed dwelling organisms like marine worms, snails and bivalves.

Last summer, Friends of Perdido Bay got its latest study of life on the floor of Upper Perdido Bay from its environmental consultant Cardno Engineers of Pensacola. Lane was not surprised to learn it found even fewer signs of life than the last sampling two years ago.

So no, the bay is not getting better. "Bottom line - after two bottom sampling events over four years, we

can say that the discharge to the wetland did nothing to improve life in Perdido Bay. It is worse," Lane wrote on the Friends of Perdido Bay website.

And now there's a new threat to the water quality in Perdido Bay. Bayou Marcus water treatment plant is increasing its discharge of sewage into wetlands draining into Perdido Bay.

Studies show that will spike the saturation of harmful nutrients as more residential waste seeps into the bay.

There are still regular delightful dolphin sightings. Some environmental activists hope a surge in manatee sightings may boost incentive to clean up the bay so the manatees can live here comfortably. But they admit it's a long shot.

Still, Perdido Bay looks pretty dead to Lillian resident Wesley Reeves, a member of the Poarch Creek Tribe.

The water doesn't smell right, he says, standing by the boat launch under Lillian Bridge. It's been 15 or 20 years since Reeves has seen any of the

shrimp boats that used to cross his horizon countless times a day.

When he was young, his crab trap would be full within an hour, he recalls. Back then his family counted on crabs for supper. Today, they'd all go

hungry. They'd be lucky to trap five crabs in a week, he said in the documentary video.

"You respect the water, it will respect you," Reeves said. "You mess around, it will mess you up."

#### Strange Things in Baldwin: Switcheroo in Dist. 2

When the Aug. 2 Baldwin County Commission meeting opened, Matthew McKenzie was sitting in the District 2 seat. Not a peep about what became of Joe Davis, who sat there just two weeks ago.

Fellow commissioners extended a warm welcome to McKenzie, appointed by Kay Ivey in keeping with the governor's authority to fill a vacant seat. They warned their new colleague about the rigors and demands of serving his new constituents in Fairhope, Daphne and Spanish Fort.

But why had Davis forfeited the chair before the end of his term? Nada. No one asked. No one offered any information.

McKenzie, a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps and Alabama Law Enforcement Officer, was the heir apparent for the District 2 county commission slot after winning the spring Republican primary and approaching Election Day with no Democratic opponent.

Joe Davis III had announced in January that he would not seek a second term. So the only real upshot of the hushed resignation and subsequent gubernatorial appointment is to grant McKenzie an extra couple of months of service.

A source close to the situation said Davis likely resigned due to health issues.

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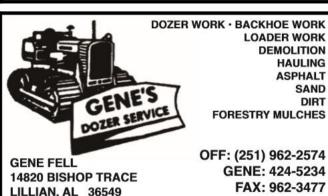
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#### **Mullet Festival Lets Optimists Offer Fun While Supporting Community**

Lately it seems the only mail I get in my mailbox is a request for donations to some cause. Many of them are ones that I have given to in the past and some that are still on my list, and of course, the Lillian Recreational Park and Lillian Volunteer Fire Department.

This month, though, I have a chance to give to one of my favorite organizations, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. And!!!! I get to have fun, have delicious food, hear great music and best of all, see a bunch of friends and neighbors having a good time, too.

Now, I'm not going to go over all the events of this Labor Day Mullet Festival because I'm sure they are listed elsewhere in this publication. However, I will tell you what your donations do for your community.

"Bringing Out the Best in Kids" is tied to the Optimist Club. Most of their programs are geared to boys and girls of the community. Many of you have heard of all the fun things the group does for kids, Breakfast with Santa, Fishing Rodeo, Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. These are events free to the public. The free Christmas breakfast also includes other family members, too.

It isn't all fun free stuff The club also provides college and tradeschool scholarships, delivers Christmas gifts to special needs students at local schools, hosts essay and oratorical contests, provides scholarships to the NAS Flight Academy and Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Scholarships, and lunch for Baldwin County schools Special Olympians, their aids and teach-

Wait, that's not all. The club also sponsors Educator of the Year Awards as well as a Law Appreciation Program providing breakfast for members of law enforcement and their families. The event also includes a scholarship to a gradu-



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#### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

of a law enforcement officer's family. Don't forget the Christmas Parade is hosted by the club, too.

This year on Sept. 10 the 9/11 Remembrance meeting will honor our Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) and the American Legion.

Now, as you may know, this all costs money, a lot of money. That means we must all do our best to support this great organization, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Yes, I know it mostly provides activities and projects for kids and large numbers of us don't have any youngsters around anymore. But think about it, who provided these events for your children, and provides them for your grandchildren and great grands? By supporting this event, you are helping Lillian area kids, just like others helped yours and are helping yours in other communities.

And maybe the best thing of the day is, wait for it, a chance to throw a mullet! See you at the Lillian Community Club on Labor Day.



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lillian hosted its Second Annual Gospel Bluegrass Concert. The String Farm Bluegrass Band performed a variety of gospel and popular bluegrass songs. Thanking the group for their participation is Dennis Pachel, President of the Congregation

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#### Earworm: More Than Just a Catchy Tune That Sticks in Your Head!

If you have kids, grandkids, or are near kids, chances are you may have been subjected to the song "Baby Shark". It is what we, in modern parlance, call an "earworm:" a catchy tune that sticks in your head. (If you look it up on YouTube, don't say you weren't warned, it's seriously catchy and slightly ridiculous.) Of course, there is an Actual Insect known as an Earworm, Helicoverpa zea, or the corn earworm! This guy has had a lot, and by a lot I mean a LOT, of common names. As a rule, the common names of insects are usually based on what kinds of plant life (or animal life) that it eats. Well! The corn earworm eats everything! Cotton, tomatoes, hemp, lettuce, lima beans, spinach, squash, okra, peppers, melons. If it grows in the summer, this little invader eats it!This species is found throughout North America except for northern Canada and Alaska. It is known to survive as far north as Kansas, Ohio, Virginia, and southern New Jersey, depending on the severity of winter weather. It migrates very easily. The corn earworm is active throughout the year in tropical and subtropical climates (that's us). The farther north they travel, the more limited to the summer months they become. The number of generations is dependent on high temperatures.

The corn earworm is a major agricultural pest! It can be more damaging in areas where it successfully overwinters because in northern areas it may arrive too late to inflict extensive damage. The estimated cost of the damage is more than \$100 million



# **Know Your Critters**

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

per year. It causes grain losses at an estimated rate of 2.5 percent annually, and in sweet corn as high as 50 percent in unsalable produce.

Corn earworm is considered by some to be the most costly crop pest in North America. It often attacks valuable crops, and the harvested portion of the crop. On corn, young larvae tend to feed on silks initially, and interfere with pollination, but eventually they usually gain access to the kernels. They may feed only at the tip or may feed down the ear creating a track of damaged kernels. If the ears have not yet produced silk, larvae may burrow directly into the ear. They usually remain feeding within a single ear of corn, but occasionally abandon the feeding site and search for another.

This insect has high fecundity. Fecundity is a fancy word for breeding potential. The corn earworm could lay between 500 and 3,000 eggs per season!! What a range! There can be up to seven generations per year in the area between southern Florida and southern Texas. That means, if conditions are perfect, there could be 21,000 of these at any time. Whoa!

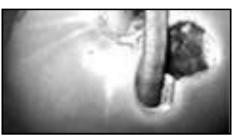
Their life cycle can be completed in about 30 days. Eggs are deposited singly, usually on leaf hairs and corn silk. The egg is pale green when first deposited, becoming yellowish and then gray with time. The eggs hatch in about three to four days.

This is the life phase that does the most damage, the larval phase. When the eggs hatch, the larvae will group together at prime feeding sites. As the larvae age, they grow more aggressive and will eat their brethren. That's why you will only find one larvae corn worm per ear of corn. They do not share well at all! The larva can be many different colors. The head tends to be orange or light brown with a white net-like pattern. The top scales are black, and the body is brown, green, pink, or sometimes yellow or mostly black. The larva usually bears a broad dark stripe laterally above the spiracles (which are breathing holes), and a light yellow to white stripe below the spiracles. A pair of narrow dark stripes often occurs along the center of the back. The body has numerous black thorn-like microspines that give the body a rough feel when touched.

Eventually, the mature larvae stop eating and drop to the ground, where they burrow into the soil and pupate. The pupa case is mahogany-brown in color. The pupal stage will last about 13 days on average during the summer. An adult moth will emerge from the pupal case. The moths are quite variable in color. The forewings are usually yellowish brown in color, and often bear a small dark spot centrally. The moths are principally nocturnal.

During the daylight hours they usually hide in vegetation, but sometimes can be







seen feeding on nectar. The females will start laying eggs within 3 days of their metamorphosis. Corn silk is prime real estate for laying eggs. Of all our local fruits and vegetables, The absolute best (in my not-so-humble opinion) is Cassebaum's corn.

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#### **County Update:**

# Planners, Leaders Wade Through Baldwin's Issues As Lillian Area Zone War Rages On

Lillian area neighbors are working to organize a hefty public turnout to oppose two new subdivisions at the October 6 Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Case Z22-10, Gulf Coast Farm, is an application to rezone the property east of the Fields Crossing subdivision to Pope Lane from Rural Agricultural to RSF-2, which allows homes to be built at the density of 2.9 homes per acre. This case has had two public hearings.

Case Z22-17 Swift Lumber is a new name for a familiar application. It is a new application to rezone the property directly across HWY 98 from Fields Crossing from B4, Major Commercial to RSF-2. The previous application, Z22-5 was to rezone this property to RSF-4 which was recommended for denial by the Planning Commission and the applicant withdrew to file a new application.

"As you see, the October 6 Planning Commission meeting is going to be very critical to the future of our area," Lillian resident Caroline Mack posted on social media.

"I can not stress enough that we need a huge attendance at this meeting to make our best effort in getting these applications denied," she said.

Opposition to two proposed subdivisions drove over 100 people to a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting July 7, when public hearing for the Gulf Coast case was on the agenda. Constituents said the developments would destroy their rural lifestyle and that both areas lack infrastructure to support an influx of new residents.

Tempers flared, constituents shouting at the planning commission members. With so many people signed up for public comment, officials moved the subdivision proposals to the end of the agenda. But before the final case, one of the commissioners left and the body was short of a quorum.

Officials voted to table the issue until next month, ending the meeting before any of the throng that turned out for the meeting had a chance to speak.

"All of these people came, and they put the most important issues last," Phillip Norris, a Baldwin County resident, said.

#### More Zoning Rifts Roil Baldwin County

Opposition to new development is not confined to our neighborhood. From Elberta to Daphne, voters are banding together to keep control of what many see as runaway growth.

Skip Gruber, County Commissioner for District 4, which covers the Lillian-Elberta area, was the sole vote to disregard the will of a citizens advisory committee in the newly created County District 37 near Fairhope.

At the July 19 regular meeting, Gruber voted to approve an apartment complex near the intersection of Highways 104, 181 and St. Michaels Way, even though it does not comply with building regulations just adopted in two new county districts.

"When we went door to door (to advocate for creating the new planning district) people were passionate against high-density residential," said Elizabeth Wilson, chairman of the citizen advisory group that drew up new rules for development in District 37.

Those new zoning regulations limit apartment development to six units per acre.

"That's the reason we won in a landslide is because people don't want apartments in our district." she said.

Alec Barnett, who is challenging Gruber for District 4 in this fall's election, is running on a platform to curb runaway development and to ensure infrastructure is in place before approving new construction. Commissioners have a duty to give more than lip service and follow through on the wishes of constituents, he said.

The citizen advisory committee turned down developer Robert Alexander's application for a 12- unit per acre complex and the Planning Commission recommended it be denied. The apartment plan was ultimately rejected, with three county commissioners voting to turn down the request and Gruber the only vote to approve.

In defense of his vote for the development, Gruber said the complex was "a logical place for workers to live" and was sympathetic to the \$560,000 the developer had invested on the project. Planning and Zoning Director Matthew Brown said the application was not complete at the time the new regulations took effect, so investors could not claim "vested interest."



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# 36th Annual Mullet Festival, Set for Labor Day, Promises Fun, Food and Activities for Everyone

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For many folks living in and around Lillian, the Mullet Festival offers something for everyone. Registration for the Mullet Festival Run & Walk opens at 6:30 a.m., while the opening ceremony for the event is the flag raising performed by the American Legion Post 48 at 7:15 a.m.

Want to avoid the heat? The airconditioned Lillian Community Club will hold breakfast, lunch, with Déjà Vu Market, the Silent Auction and the day's entertainment.

For the active type, the event offers a 5K run, walk or the 1-mile fun run. The post-race party is always a hit. The cost is \$25 for the 5K events,

while the 1-mile fun run is free.

Food lovers will start the day with an outstanding Optimist breakfast (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and lunch (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits & gravy and drinks. Breakfast will cost \$5 per person, while lunch is \$12 per person. Children under the age of 8 eat breakfast or lunch for free.

Lunch is always a hit featuring mullet or catfish. Cole slaw, hush puppies, baked beans and choice of desert. Barbeque sandwiches will also be available for the non-fish lovers. Take-out meals will also be available.

Enjoy music? Spend the day inside the air-conditioned Community Club. You can listen to the tunes of yesteryears performed by Jake & the Tag-A-Longs. The group has a reputation for encouraging sing-a-long and supporting those that want to dance.



Competitive runners take off during last year's Mullet Festival

The activities offered for children include the Mullet Toss, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon and the bouncy house.

The kids bouncy house will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The annual festival honoring the mullet began in 1986 and is the major fundraising project of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Today, the Mullet Festival is one of Lillian's biggest festivals with activities for young and old.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

meets the second and fourth Saturday each month at the Lillian Community Club at 8 a.m. Guests for the meeting always eat breakfast for free and are encouraged to attend the meeting that immediately follows the meal.

The group regularly has speakers on topics of great interest to our community.

For more information on the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, please reach out to Mullet Festival Chair and incoming President, Dodd Bouchillon at 256-280-6346.



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**September 6, 13, 20 & 27** at 7 PM - **AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at the Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

September 8 at 5 PM— Optimist Club Night out at The Point Restaurant in Perdido Key, FL. Come join us for a special time of food and fellowship. Please make your reservations with Sheila Bouchillon (256-280-6347) by Tuesday September 6.

**September 10 at 8 AM**– Optimist **Club Breakfast** at the Lillian Community Club to honor and thank the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, LAZAR, active duty members of the military and veterans. Join us as we Celebrate this past year. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

**September 17 at 8 AM 2 PM**– Bake **Sale & Craft Show** sponsored by the Lillian United Methodist Women. To register as a vendor, call 251-962-4336 and leave name and number or email <u>office@lillianumc.org</u>.

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**September 24 at 8 AM**— **Optimist Club Breakfast** at the Lillian Community Club. Join us as we Celebrate this past year. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

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#### Gordon Lunsford, 82

Gordon Lunsford, 82, of Lillian, Alabama, died unexpectedly Aug. 2, 2022 at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola. Gordon's family was by his side when he died. A devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, Gordon was also a civil servant, a world traveler and a man of faith. He was filled with a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, embodied in his many interests and skills.

Gordon is survived by his wife of more than 62 years, Connie Lunsford, and their children: Beverly Tenorio and her husband Thomas of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Martin Lunsford and his wife Kathleen of Clayton, North Carolina; Merrily Cassidy and her husband Patrick of Harwich, Massachusetts; and Mitzi Archer of Orlando. He is also survived by his siblings Marvin Lunsford and his wife Norma of Lillian, and DiAnn Midkiff and her husband Randy of Glendale, Arizona, as well as seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sisters, Wanda Lunsford and Barbara "Eloise" McMillion, and his parents, Martin Elijah Lunsford and Edna Lucille (Yates) Lunsford.

Gordon was born Oct. 2, 1939 in Chesapeake, Ohio.

He attended Chesapeake High School and Marshall Lab High School in Huntington, West Virginia. He graduated from Marshall in 1957, the same year he first met Connie at a swimming pool in Chesapeake. They married Jan. 23, 1960 and were rarely apart, enjoying years of travel together, including 52 cruises. Gordon and Connie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2020 surrounded by family and friends followed by a family trip to Hawaii.

In addition to their children and grandchildren, Gordon doted on the family chihuahuas: Bit O Honey, Sweetie Pie and most recently Lollipop, who died at the age of 16 only a week before Gordon.

In 1962 Gordon graduated from Kentucky Christian University in Grayson, Kentucky with a degree in religious education and went on to minister at a church in Brandon, Iowa. He served as a chaplain's assistant in the Army for a short time before being honorably discharged. Gordon worked for the Standard Ultramarine Co. and then Pony Express trucking company.

He then joined the Social Security Administration, where he worked for 38 years, starting in Charleston, West Virginia as a claims representative and working his way up to technical expert.



After retiring from the Social Security Administration, he and Connie moved to Lillian, Alabama, in 2002.

He was an avid bowler and on teams in New Mexico, West Virginia and in Spanish Cove where he and Connie lived in Lillian, making many friends through the friendly competition.

There was little Gordon couldn't accomplish when he set his mind to it and his mind was always set on something new. But his great joy came during times spent with his family when he could share new found knowledge, stories and dad jokes that elicited equal parts groans and laughs.

The Lunsford family would like to thank the many friends, including members of the church community, who have supported Connie and the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Kentucky Christian University Alumni Endowed Scholarship fund, 100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, KY 41143-2205, or a favorite animal rescue organization.

A memorial service was held Aug. 20 at Lillian Fellowship Church.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

#### Local Entertainer Big Jake Keeps Us From 'Fading Away'

If you don't keep doing what you love, you start to fade away.

Those are the words Big Jake lives by. And, if you're a regular at the Lillian Community Club you'll know he's not fading away any time soon. At nearly 82, Jake still sings and drums monthly with his band, the Tag-A-Longs to the delight of his loyal followers.

"There aren't very many out there still playing at 82," he said. "I thought I'd grow out of it, but I sure haven't yet."

Music found Jake Fretwell when he was a young man of 20. He was hanging with his brother's band as they were tuning up for a Friday night gig at a Pensacola pub. In a moment that would change his life forever, the drummer failed to show

"Can you play the drums?" his brother asked.

'I'd never played drums before, but I told him I figured I could keep a beat," he said. "I've been keeping the beat ever since."



Stage fright was not a Fretwell family trait. Growing up among 10 brothers and sisters with a Pentacostal preacher for a father, Jake was no stranger to public performance. Once he found himself in the spotlight, he couldn't get enough. "I still haven't," he

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Jake evolved into "Big Jake" and dubbed his band the Poppa Tops, adding vocals to his repertoire. He played the Hilltop Lounge six nights a week after his day job at the Escambia School District and made a name for himself in a circuit of area military bases over the decades to come.

Big Jake's range and fame spread as far as highprofile clubs, hotels and conference centers in New Orleans.

A career highlight was when the Poppa Tops played the Hotel Royal New Orleans on Royal Street off Bourbon Street. In the 1973 movie "Live and Let Die," James Bond stays at the Royal Orleans. The Led Zeppelin song "Royal Orleans" is based on an incident among band members at the

"I'll never forget the security in that place," he said. "I felt I'd hit the big ime."

The latest incarnation of Big Jake's band, the Tag-A-Longs, still draws a throng of dancers and singers who share the mic for nostalgic sets of old-time country and 50's rock and roll.

Even after six decades center stage, Big Jake still gets a bit of butterflies in the first few bars of his opening number.

"What's funny is that even though I've been doing this for 60 years, I still get nervous for the first song or two," he said.

'Then, just like always, I know I got this."

# Optimist Club of Perdido Bay ANNUAL LABOR DAY MULLET FESTIVAL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 At the LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

6-7AM 5K Run/Walk Registration

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7-9AM **Breakfast** - \$5 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)

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7:15 AM Presentation of the Flag by American Legion Post 48

7:30 AM Run for the Mullet 5 K Run/Walk Followed by Awards Party

8:30AM 1 Mile Mullet Fun Run

&30AM Homemade Baked Goods, Drinks, & T-Shirt Sale

10AM-12PM Mullet Toss (Age Level Prizes given at 12:30 PM in Main Hall)

10AM-1PM Kids' Bouncy House

10AW-2PM Silent Auction & Déjà Vu Market

11AM-2PM Lunch - \$12 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)

Fish or pulled pork, hushpuppies, beans, dessert & tea

11AM-2PM Big Jake & The Tag-A-Longs — Sing-Along & Dancing

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The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is a volunteer service organization and ALL profits go directly to the activities, programs and scholarships for local children and teens.

To learn more about our organization and to register for the Mullet Festival 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, Online Silent Auction and Online Raffle go to our website and follow the links at

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# Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will Host 9/11 Honor Breakfast Sept. 10

To honor those who sacrificed their lives on 9/11 the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host a special breakfast to recognize and thank the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, LASAR, active duty members of the military and veterans on Saturday, September 10.

We are grateful for those who place their lives on the line for our community and country.

All guests will eat for free and we celebrate their service. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. at the Community Club and we hope the community will come show their support and appreciation.

#### **OBITUARIES** continued from page 8

#### David Harlan Danson, 86

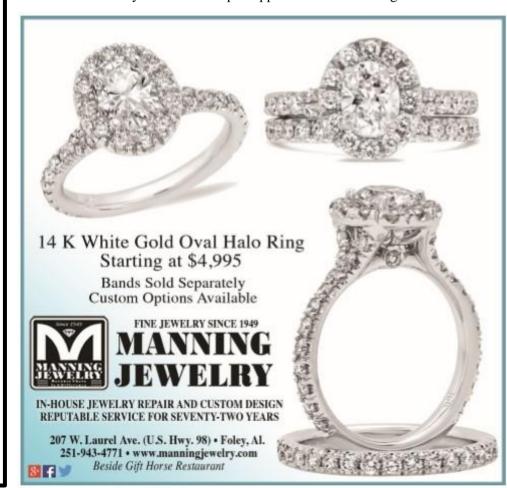
David Harlan Danson, 86, died Thursday, August 11, 2022 in Asheville, North Carolina. David was born in New York, New York and was the son of Maurice and Miriam (Lass) Danson. He graduated with a degree in accounting from Pace University. David had a love of travel and photography and an extreme sense of civic duty serving on the Parsippany, NJ Board of Education for nearly a decade and the POASC Board of Directors in Spanish Cove, Lillian AL.



David is survived by his loving wife of 60 years,

Theresa S. Danson, his two sons Daniel and Michael, two grandchildren Elizabeth and Katelyn (Ross) and two great-grandchildren Wyatt and Elias Ross. David is also survived by his younger brother Carl.

Memorials may be made to http://support.worldwildlife.org.





Nearly 200 people attended the Lillian Recreational Park's August movie, Moana. Bryan Bailey provided the music and Aloha Made BBQ provided BBQ with a tropical flair from their food truck. The Park's next movie, JUNGLE BOOK, will be September 2.

#### **Lillian Recreational Park Slates Weekend-Long Fall** Festival October 21 to 22



Games, activities, amazing music, unbelievable BBO, incredible art, and fun pumpkin patches. The Lillian Recreational Park will have something for everyone to enjoy at this year's expanded Fall Fest which will be held at the park on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. While plans are still being finalized festival-goers will have the opportunity to enjoy live music and great art throughout the weekend. In addition, this year's festival will feature several new fall-themed activities, including a pumpkin patch, scarecrow contest, face painting and so much more.

Friday night will have an Oktoberfest theme, featuring live music and a biergarten. Saturday will be family day, with a full day of family activities and fun. Music and the art festival will continue all day long. In addition to providing the community with a weekend of fun, this year's festival will be a fundraiser for the Park. Proceeds will be used to help fund improvements to the Park. Check the Park's website (LillianRecreationalPark.org) or Facebook page to get current updates about plans, musicians, and schedule.

The Park is seeking volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested, please call the Park at 962-2129.

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#### **Assault**

36549 Reported on 08/01/2022 at 5:51 pm Responding Agency: Baldwin County Sheriff's Office

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#### **Assault**

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#### Legion Post 48 Reports on Membership, Legacy Run

We are happy to report that membership is 103.7 percent for the 2022 Fiscal Year. The 2023 membership year is upon us this is a

Reminder to all Post 48 Legionnaires. If you have not re-

newed yet – please do not forget. WE NEED YOU!

On Friday the 19 and Saturday the 20 of August. Legion Riders from all over the country came to Mobile and Baldwin County as this year's Legacy Run was starting from the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park on Sunday morning through Thursday for a 1200-mile ride going through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois before ending up at Post 434 in Wisconsin.

Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year the Legion Riders have raised more than 15 million dollars for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The Fund provides college scholarships for the children of US military personnel killed on active

#### Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee,

Adjutant

duty on or after September 11, 2001, and the children of post 9/11 veterans with a combined Department of Veterans disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

Since 2004 the Legacy Scholarship Fund has given out 478 scholarships totaling more than \$4.7 million.

Post 48 would like to encourage all Veterans and 1983 Legionnaires (those in the American Legion but do not have a home Post) to consider joining with us.

For more information, please contact Wayne Lavallee, Adjutant, at the following email: legionpost48@aol.com POST 48 WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR MEMBERSHIP!

#### **CHIT CHAT**

The 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 go out to Bill Hayden, Robert Metts, Ed Fehn, 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 and Helen Paschke.

Happy anniversary congratulations go out to Wayne and Christine Fritchie, John and Jeri Edge, Bob and Vicki Shankwitz, Tom and Carolyn Canaday, Bill and Carolyn Hayden 1958, Andy and Tina Kociban 1959, Cliff and Nancy Yuettner 1959, Jerry and Marcie Langford 1969, Frank and Nicole Fehn 1996, 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 you may place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the October issue of The Lillian is September 24.



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#### Let's Think About Your Brain on Exercise

We often hear of the physical benefits of exercise. What we don't hear much about is that there are also cognitive benefits of being physically active. For example, aerobic and strength training exercises build new connections between different parts of the brain and increases blood flow. It also helps to slow down cognitive decline associated with dementia and Alzheimers and neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's.

So what are the best exercises for your brain? The research shows a correlation between cognitive decline and sarcopenia, (age-related muscle loss) and dynapenia, (decline in strength). Resistance and weight training help to build strength and slow muscle loss; therefore, it makes sense it carries over to good brain health. Also, cardiorespiratory training impacts metabolism and increases the brain's blood flow. Think about adding strength training to your exercise routine. Be sure to include compound moves such as lunges with biceps

curls or some goblet squats to keep your brain active and your heart pumping.

Exercises combined with coordination moves are another great way to add brain-boosting benefits by engaging the brain more than repetitive exercises like running or riding a stationary bike. The key is to keep your brain guessing and engaged. Think about activities like dancing or pickleball. According to the CDC, dance has the added dimensions of balance moves and a social setting that enhances the benefits of simple movement. If you want to improve your memory by exercising it is recommended people get active for half an hour on most days of the week, or 150 minutes a week involving moderate-intensity exercise. Moderate intensity can be measured using the Borg Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) chart. Using the Borg Scale, the perceived level of exertion of moderate-intensity activity would aim for a Borg Scale level of

"somewhat hard" (12-14)

For ideas and videos - Perceived Exertion (Borg Rating of Perceived Exertion Scale) on increasing your brain health with exercise see the below links:

- \* Dance Your Way to a Healthy Brain
- \* Dance Your Way to Better Brain Health
- \* Go4Life Exercise (youtube videos for older adults) Work out at home for free

Men's Breakfast



Health Corner By Donna Chetta, RN

with these Go4Life exercises for older adults.

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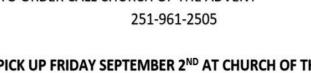
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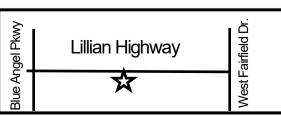
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Front row, left to right, are Past Master Joseph Taylor, JD Leonard, Mahood, SD Jim Convert, New WM Mike Blankenship, SW Bill Hall, JW James Adams. Back row, left to right. Are S Sam Jackson, S Jeffery Keener, Sec. David Johnson, Tyler Dan Brantley and Chaplin Jim Backer. Not shown is Treasurer Steve Duckworth.



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#### Things Are Not Always What You Think!

FYI: The first state to have cattle was not Texas. Does that surprise you? Maybe the answer will surprise you more. In the 1500s, the Spanish introduced this species of bovine to this side of the Atlantic in Florida. After the Spanish left and other influences moved into this territory, they found wild cattle that the Spanish left behind. Out of necessity and a way to make money, the first cowboys were created. In Florida they go by *cracker* not cowboy because these ranchers used a whip. The crack sound of the whip moved the cattle along.

Let's keep getting surprised. Florida has the largest cattle ranch in the United States with 300,000 acres of land. This is equivalent to 450 square miles and includes parts of three counties. Who says that trivia can't be interesting?

While I'm on the subject of FYI, or "bits and pieces" I'll keep on going while I can remember it. We live in the south and southern born people have a pronounced, recognizable accent. But here is the surprising kicker, this specific accent didn't begin until after the Civil War. The reasoning of the why is that southerners wanted to have a way to make themselves different and separate from who they considered the enemy—the north. My friend thinks that is hogwash. Maybe it is, but that is what the experts tell us. Of course, sometimes I wonder if they know what they're talking about. I'd like to take a peek back in history to verify this but that is not one of my talents.

If you feel like you shrank over this summer of rain, you may be right. Gravity increases during heavy rain. It also compresses fluid in the spine. Yikes!

Most of us know that as we get older, we also get shorter, maybe shorter faster with all this rain, but did you know that if you measure your height in the morning by afternoon



# Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

you could be shorter by about one-half inch? Just think of your insides being push down all day long. No wonder we have all of those aches and pains. Gravity is one of those things we have to have but isn't always good for us. Without it maybe we'd be floating in space like all those discarded satellites

The wine in Bordeaux, France owes its unique flavor to a subtropical sea that covered the region two million years ago. The sea deposited limestone which infused heavy amounts of calcium into the soil. Who would figure?

Here is a disturbing bit of information: Representatives from the Chinese government are buying up large plots of land in the U.S. but it is the where they are buying it that should give us all a wake-up call. This rampant real estate take over is near our military bases and our nuclear power facilities. One state official asked why they wanted that piece of land and was told they wanted to plant legal marijuana.

The official asked them if they realized that there weren't any water rights to that land and their answer was that was all right. This state let the sale go through. Hello, is anyone awake out there? Any idiot would know something isn't right. Just saying.

"People who believe they are ignorant of nothing have neither looked for, nor stumbled upon, the boundary between what is known and unknown in the universe." Astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

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#### The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

In Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." Jesus is telling about two discoveries that were worth selling everything their owners had in order to acquire those treasures. Jesus is reminding us that there are some things in life that are priceless. For example, how much would you take for your health? Or how much would you take for one of your children or grandchildren? Some of you are thinking, "Which one?" Just kidding, of course. How much would you take for your good mind? Most do not appreciate the important things in life until they lose them. There are some things that are priceless, though we may not realize their worth at the time. We

need to sit down from time to time and enumerate those priceless things in our life and ask whether our day-today priorities reflect the things that matter most. To many are literally destroying their lives pursuing worthless treasurers. Some things are priceless, they cannot be measured in dollars. Your life is one of those. Your family is another. Your health is another. But most important is YOUR SOUL. No matter how much you may own, no matter how glamorous you may be, no matter how high on the I.Q. scale you register, if you have missed out on the kingdom of heaven, vou have missed out on the one and only thing in life and the life to come, whose value exceeds all others.

If it is true that the kingdom of God is worth more than everything else, we own, don't you think that you and I should know more about this kingdom that Christ is describing, and furthermore, don't you think that this should be our foremost vocation to appropriate that kingdom for our-



# The Methodist Message By Rev. Daniel Randall

selves? What can we say about the kingdom of heaven that will help us see how precious it is? The Kingdom of Heaven was the primary content of Jesus' teachings, it is almost an unknown entity to many Christians. So, let's try to get our minds around this important kingdom that Jesus talked so much about. The Kingdom of God exists where He is made Lord and not just Savior! Does God rule in your life? Then you are already experiencing the kingdom of God. Wherever God is, there is His kingdom. Wherever God is there is love, joy, peace, and total contentment. Does God rule in the way you treat others, speak to others! What would it be worth to you

to have love, peace, joy and contentment in your life? It is not about being RIGHT but being RIGHTEOUS! It is not about being HAPPY but being HOLY!

Deep down we know this to be true, yet we resist because we think we can do a better job ordering our life than God. We love to be in control, even if being in control offers us a mediocre life at best and makes people around us miserable, we miss so much in life because we refuse to turn over complete control of our lives to God. We resist confessing our sin, accepting God's gracious unconditional love, and surrendering our lives to His leadership. We want to be in control of our own lives, even if we sometimes mess up our lives, even if we are not too satisfied with our lives. Jesus says to us that we will never find the abundant life that God offers us until we put ourselves completely under His control. I pray you will and discover the greatest treasure of all life and experience God's love, peace, joy and contentment in your life.

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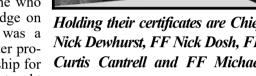


#### Lillian's Fire Fighters Mark Gains and Pains While Serving Community

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 103 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in July: 54 Medical Assistance; 13 Public Assists; 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 3 Structure Fire; 1 Brush Fire; 1 Unauthorized burning; 2 Water Rescues; 7 Cancelled en route; 10 False Alarm/Miscellaneous; and 6 Aircraft Stand By.

Over the years firefighters come and go and we are always sad to see anyone leave, but when a firefighter

passes away, it is a lot harder to say goodbye. Firefighter Jim Ellsworth's watch ended on July 21, 2022. Jim was a firefighter with Lillian since 2011 and the Port Ewan Fire Department for 60 years. He was a snow bird and long-time resident of Spanish Cove and the Lillian Community. Jim was a friend to all and a fountain of knowledge. He was one who would constantly pass his knowledge on to the younger firefighters and was a great proponent for junior firefighter programs. He was a source of mentorship for firefighters young and old and taught Andrews them in pump operations and fire tactics.



He will be missed by the department, his family and friends. RIP Jim.

On a happier note, last month we had a celebration dinner and presentation for four of our firefighters who passed the 'Alabama state certified Firefighter II program'. This was a highly intense 40-hour training program. The newly certi-



**Bethany Dewhurst** 



Holding their certificates are Chief Nick Dewhurst, FF Nick Dosh, FF Curtis Cantrell and FF Michael

fied firefighters worked through grueling exercises during the evening, weekend and even Memorial weekend to ensure they have the extensive knowledge and

skills to protect the community of Lillian and surrounding areas. Please join us in thanking them for their dedication to the community. The newly certified LVFD firefighters are: Chief Nick Dewhurst; FF Nick Dosh, FF Curtis Cantrell and FF Michael Andrews. In

#### Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

addition to the newly certified firefighters, we would also like to point out that our junior firefighter, Bethany Dewhurst, worked just as hard keeping up with the rest of the crew. Although she is still too young to receive an Alabama state certificate, we all know she is competent enough to work along with the rest of the firefighters.

We would also like to point out the hard work and dedication of the two instructors: LVFD Deputy Chief, Todd Mullane and Elberta Captain, William Vanbrimmer. We are all very proud of our dedicated firefighters!

A reminder to all board members and Lillian residents, due to Labor Day falling on September 5, we have rescheduled our September board meeting to September 12.

The fiscal year for LVFD will end September 30. Once again we will be having our Annual General Membership and Election of the LVFD Board of Direc-

Some of the board member's current terms are expiring and up for renewal and vote. This meeting is open to all Lillian residents and we would appreciate your attendance. This is a great way to be involved in the community and give the board a new prospective in handling many of the decision/objectives and to help provide a positive direction for the future of the department.



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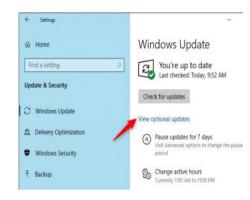
Let us understand the computer term for "Driver", a piece of software that makes hardware work. As an example; printers, keyboard, mouse, video card, audio card to mention several. Hardware devices have software to make them work with your computer's operating system.

Most driver updates are contained in Microsoft Windows Update. The driver updates are submitted to Microsoft by the hardware manufacture. Microsoft bundles it with their software updates and separates it in "Optional Updates".

This is how you can see device driver updates provided to Microsoft. Windows 10 and Windows 11 are a little different in locating driver updates.

Access settings within the "Start" icon the four squares / Windows Logo then click on Updates and Security.

Windows 11 bottom left column "Windows Updates. Or use short cut keys on your keyboard; "Windows



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Once there Windows 10 will have a message View Optional Updates, click on it then click on drivers. Click the box next to any and all the drivers then download and install. This only appears when device drivers are available.

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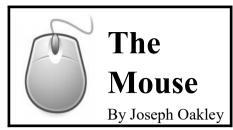
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umn click on Advanced Options, Optional Updates under heading Additional Options. Follow Windows 10 steps to download and install.

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I hope to accomplish that you know you are smarter than your computer, that the computer is a tool, and you are the master of that tool. If you have any questions, you would like answered in this column,



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