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legal Woes Swell Over Baldwin Co. **Open Sludge Pits**

By Robyn Monaghan

As questions loom about E. coli levels in Peterson Branch downstream from the Baldwin County Sewer Systems Water Treatment Plant on Caney Loop in Spanish Cove, the private company remains wrapped up in lawsuits over unpermitted sludge ponds and rate hikes. Some of them have dragged on for decades.

Behind the Little Lagoon Mobile Home Park subdivision in Gulf Shores is a large sludge pond serving the Baldwin County Sewer Service's plant on Fort Morgan Road in Gulf Shores. The City of Gulf Shores ordered a "cease and desist" notice to BCSS, claiming it did not receive the appropriate permit to build the pond when it appeared in 2021.

SEE BCSS ON PAGE 12

'Elberta Would Be No More'

As Elberta Town Council member Vicki Norris prepares for the annual convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities in May, she is planning to talk to lawmakers who will be there about the financial future of her community.

"If they pull out those zero interest bonds for small towns, the town of Elberta would be no more," she said at the March 18 council meeting.

"We probably wouldn't even be able to afford the interest" on the town's bonds, she said.

The U.S. House Budget Committee is looking at eliminating

(SEE ELBERTA PAGE 5)

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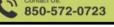
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LANDMARK O & A

Town Hall to Address Lillian Status Options April 5

Greetings!

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Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

TOPIC: LANDMARK DISTRICT LILLIAN Q&A WITH GUEST SPEAKER FROM FT. MORGAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, CLARK STRONG, WHO WILL SPEAK ABOUT FT. MORGAN'S LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST ANNEXATION BY GULF SHORES

Preserve the cultural history of the Lillian Community!

Support Landmark District Lillian – Share this with as many of your friends and family in Lillian as you can ... we need more signatures to get placed on the legislative agenda! This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2024, relating to Baldwin County to define the (SEE LANDMARK PAGE 5)

Lost Delivery Reveals No Postmaster Stationed at Lillian Locale

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have been customers of the Lillian Post Office and readers of *The Lillian* since 2005 because both are only two miles away from our Paradise Beach Circle home in West Pensacola across from the Lillian Bridge. We have had great U S Post Office customer service over the past 20 years that I often favorably remark is akin to Andy Griffin's TV's Mayberry Post Office in regard to customer service.

However, on Feb 26, 2025, we learned a new Lillian U.S. Post Office Lesson that cost us \$90. We mailed a priority (3-day delivery) envelope (\$10.10 postage) with a special designer birthday card (\$9) purchased at the post office lobby and a Starbucks Gift (\$71) purchased from Publix to my sister in New Orleans for her 71st birthday on March 2, 2025, that was dropped in the Lillian lobby outgoing mail drop. My sister did not receive the priority mail as of March 8, 2025. Because the USPS tracking number indicated

the envelope was delivered to Ohio. USPS could not trace my envelope and U.S. Postal Inspector and USPS Customer Service could not help us because we were given the wrong USPS customer tracking receipt. We have subsequently learned the Lillian Post Office does not have a U.S. Postmaster to appeal our case. Subsequently, we have lost \$90.

Sincerely, Capt. Tom Daniel U S Navy (Retired)

Perdido Bay Added to Estuary Program Not Likely To Stop It's Poisoning

Dear Editor,

The article in the February 2025 issue of The Lillian Newspaper about the poisoning of Perdido Bay indicated that the inclusion of Perdido Bay in a national estuary program may stop the poisoning of the bay. This is a little bit too hopeful. What these programs will do is spend a lot of money on projects that will have some impact for the good; but stop the poisoning of Perdido Bay? I doubt it. The bay may appear better, i.e. no algae growth. But there is no life as well. When we can go down and see shrimp boats plying the waters of the bay for shrimp, or crabbers and citizens setting blue crab traps for blue crabs, or fishermen catching speckled trout and redfish, then we

can probably say the bay is no longer being poisoned. Just going out and finding low bacteria counts means it may not be safe for swimming, but it doesn't mean much for the life of the bay.

Perdido Bay should be a productive bay, full of life. It isn't. I doubt the estuary programs will stop the poisoning of the bay. I may be wrong but the politicians who fund these programs don't want to offend the industries and entities which are doing the poisoning. After all, these entities are the money behind the politicians. There will be plenty of hype but no positive results.

Thank You, Jacqueline Lane, Ph.D. Friends of Perdido Bay

Lillian Recreational Park Pickleball Fun Day Sponsored by USA Pickleball April 12

Dear Editor,

April is National Pickleball Month, sponsored by USA Pickleball, which is the governing body for the sport. USA Pickleball provides players with official rules, tournaments, rankings, supports the growth and expansion of pickleball players and venues, and supplies a wealth of information on their website. Throughout the country there will be special pickleball events that occur to celebrate National Pickleball Month. We are very excited to have an event here in Lillian at the Lillian Recreational Park pickleball courts!!

This is a free event for all players. However, since it is sponsored by USA Pickleball all participants need to be members of USA Pickleball But, this is very easy and only takes a few minutes. Social Membership is free, at no cost to the participant. See the QR Code below.

There will be free pickleball lessons, open play, round robin competitive events, and fun pickleball games with prizes!! This is going to be a great day for the new and experienced players.

More information will be posted on the Lillian Recreational Park Facebook Page. Music, food, great exercise and a lot of fun!! Hope to see you there!!

> Jean Bennett Baldwin County Ambassador USA Pickleball



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St. Mary's Shelter Drawdown Names Winner and Top Sponsors

The Fifth Annual "Be My Valentine" drawdown event to benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast saw David Mandler of Gulf Shores as the winner of the \$10,000 prize. The event also included silent and live auctions and lunch.

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Mary's Shelter is a home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. A new program of transitional housing will begin soon with three homes to be built to house the mother and her children after leaving the shelter and eventually provide them with the means to purchase a home of their own. For additional information about Mary's Shelter go to maryssheltergulfcoast.org.



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Ryan Madden Hits a Milestone at Hadley Termite & Pest Control

People can be in your life for a moment, a season, or even a lifetime. It's rare nowadays for a person to stay in one job for more than a few years at a time. We are delighted to announce, that everyone's favorite, Mr. Ryan Madden, has been with Hadley Termite & Pest Control for 25 years.

We have some debate around here over whether Ryan was 19 or 20 when he started working here. One of my favorite young Ryan stories revolves around deer hunting season. You see, Ryan got up early to go hunting before work, shot a deer, and then lost it in the woods. What's a man to do in that predicament? Call his boss and say he is going to be late for work because he is chasing a deer, of course! Not only was he late that day, but his cohort and partner in finding-the-lost-deer, Mr. Stuart Shelby, was also late. Ryan needed Stu's help to find that lost deer! Did they find it? No i-deer!

Ryan was among the first to work with the termite dogs. His career has encompassed Cricket, Misty, Dixie, Rudder, Peeps, Jessie and Woody, his current canine partner. His steadfast patience has always made him an excellent handler and observer of canine detective behavior.

Now, he won't tell you that he is an expert in/of/on anything, but I will! He is certainly more reliable than Google! Whenever we have an insect identification problem, the first question is always "Have you asked Ryan?" There was one time when Ryan and I disagreed about the kind of ant sent in as a sample from a customer. It turned out that there were TWO species of ants in the bag! We were both right! I will confess, Ryan beats me 9 out of 10 times in identifying insects.

Ryan has a knack for finding pest problems. He has chased them in attics, in basements, in between walls. Together, we have found (and treated) a fancy schmancy kitchen on the Eastern Shore for drywood termites! He has cleaned out pantries to find stored product

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pests, and chased fruit flies to their source - a slightly cracked jar of pickles that fell off the back of the cabinet! It was kind of a big dill! He has found tobacco beetles where people who were trying to quit smoking would hide their



Know Your Critters
By Celeste
Hadley-Champion

(unopened) cigarettes. Smoking is bad in so many ways!

Whenever someone has a problem finding a house, our first call is to Ryan. His memory of locations, house colors, people, and their pets is nothing short of AMAZING! Google maps fails to take into account little things like Waterways and Human Error! Plus, the house numbering system in Spanish Cove is complicated enough to make a Saint swear! It doesn't matter if Ryan has not been to the location himself in over a year, he can still direct you to where you need to go.

Ryan is the Southern Repository of Redneck Knowledge. It's not raining cats and dogs, no! To Ryan, "That's a real toad strangler." He has tricks to get a cast net full of mullet. He can tell you how crickets' taste. He grows tomatoes and sugar cane in the backyard. Ryan tried to grow potatoes, but the termites ate them! Bug Revenge! He knows all the dirt roads, the hidden gems, and nearly every person who grew up in Baldwin County!

If you know anything about Ryan, then you know his soul exists for the Glory of God, the Love of his wife, Lisa, and their two precious babies. Ryan's oldest graduates high school this year! The younger child the spitting image of Ryan; she is an avid hunter, fisher, and killing it on the volleyball court.

It's hard to believe that so much time has passed! He's been complaining about his receding hairline since we first met! In all seriousness, Ryan Madden is one of the kindest, strongest, silliest, most patient, devout and delightful Gentleman (in the best sense). And we're blessed and lucky to have him! To Mr. Ryan Madden, you are loved beyond measure. Here's to the next 25!

Why did Ryan go on a date with a spider? His wife told him to take it out instead of killing it!







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(ELBERTA FROM PAGE 1)

the federal tax exclusion for interest earned on municipal bonds, or "Muni" bonds, as a large potential revenue raiser as Congress considers whether to extend expiring provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), according to information from the Tax Policy institute. By one estimate, this could raise \$250 billion over ten years.

What might be the consequences of ending tax exemption for Muni bonds for state and local governments and their residents?

State and local governments rely on Muni bonds to finance long-term capital investments such as transportation, infrastructure and public buildings. Doing away with zero-interest bonds would push borrowing costs higher, potentially negatively impacting state and local government finances, according to the Tax Policy Institute. The Tax Policy Institute provides basic information about tax codes and how they impact people.

(LANDMARK FROM PAGE 1)

Lillian Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality except under certain conditions. (Condition: Annexation must be approved by vote of the Lillian Community)

With a Landmark District designation, Lillian could still choose by vote to incorporate or by vote to be annexed by another municipality. It only means that a vote would be required rather than being forced involuntarily to be annexed by another municipality.

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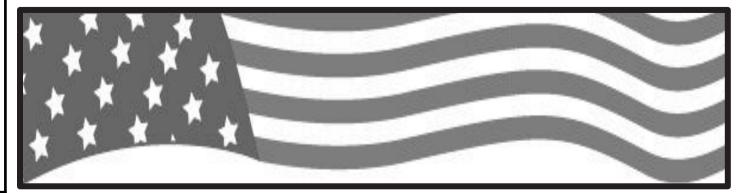
Nothing of relevance to our vicinity at the time of this writing. Stay tuned!

Wisdom: "Remember that the journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

P.S. Do you know what's "developing" in your community?

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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April 12 – Breakfast Meeting 8:00 a.m. Program – Dickerson Literacy Initiative

April 19—Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m. Lillian Recreational Park

April 21—Optimist Fun Night Out Johnny B's Front Porch 5-9 p.m.

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Chili, Community, Change: Lillian Volunteer Fire Dept's Latest Updates

Lillian Fire Rescue's third annual chili cook-off has been rescheduled due to the threat of severe weather last month. The new date for the muchanticipated event is Saturday, April 12, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club.

We invite everyone to join us for an afternoon of delicious chili, friendly competition, and community connection—don't forget, all proceeds go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We appreciate the community's understanding of the change and look forward to seeing you there!

Lillian Fire Rescue had a busy February, responding to 68 calls dispatched by 911 operators, including: 2 residential fires, 3 woodland fires, 47 EMS calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 watercraft rescue and 13 miscellaneous calls.

February also marked the end of an era for Captain Nick Dosh, who dedicated seven years of service to Lillian Fire Rescue. As he and his family relocate for work, we extend our deepest gratitude for his commitment to the department and community.

Dosh was inspired to join the fire service by his father, who served as a firefighter in Florida. Over the years, he found great fulfillment in the camaraderie among his fellow firefighters and the opportunity to serve the people of Lillian.

To those considering volunteering, Dosh offers this advice: "Even if you're not interested in becoming a firefighter, there are many roles within the department where you can provide support and make a difference."





Lillian Volunteer Fire Department By Janett Siler

We wish Captain Dosh and his family the best in their next chapter and thank him for his years of dedication to Lillian Fire Rescue.

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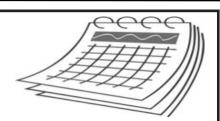
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- \sim Application MUST be submitted by mail to The Lillian, PO Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.
- ~ Applicant should submit a clear, current photo headshot by email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com. We will publish the winner's photo when the award is announced.
- \sim Questions may be directed by email to lilliane ditor@yahoo.com.
- ~ All eligible applications will be placed in a drawing to win the grant.

The \$500 award will be paid directly to the school once the student's enrollment has been verified.

The Lillian Calendar April 2025



April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 11:00 AM & April 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about ALANON at https://al-anon.org/

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 PM: AA Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about https://sober.com/aa-meetings/alabama/baldwin-county/

April 3 at 1:00 PM: Healing Hope Grief Support Group at the Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (If you are navigating the pain of loss, please know you are not alone. Join us for grief support in a safe space to share your experiences, receive compassionate listening, and find healing alongside others who understand. This group meets on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850 -221-8630)

April 5 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Spring Bake, Craft & Plant Sale, at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

To reserve a booth contact Jo Nagorka at 561-339-0303 or jonagorka@yahoo.com

April 12 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at the Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549. Come learn about the Dickerson Literacy Initiative. To discover more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay check out our website www.OptimistClubPB.org

April 13 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM: Palm Sunday Services at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

April 17 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.

April 17 at 6:30 PM: Tenebrae Service of Darkness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

April 18 at 12:00 Noon: Good Friday Service at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

April 19 at 10:30 AM - Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Lillian Recreation Park sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay in partnership with Park and area churches. Children must be accompanied by an adult and will need to bring their own Easter Basket. Complimentary hotdog and beverage will be served following the Easter Egg Hunt.

April 20 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM: Easter Sunday Services at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

April 26 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Respect for Law Recognition Breakfast Join us at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian AL 36549 as we honor all law enforcement agencies in Baldwin County. To discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org

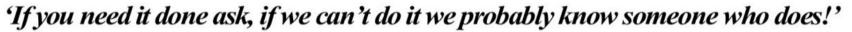
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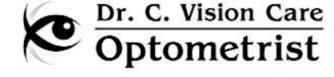
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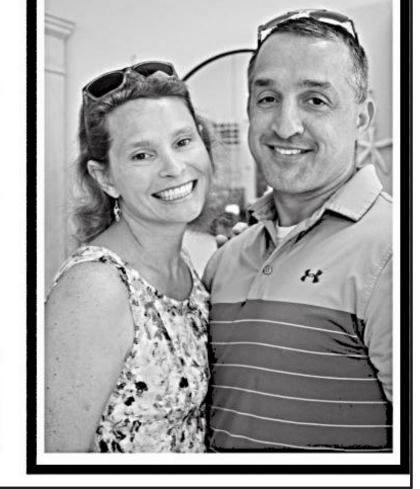
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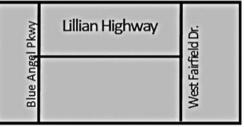
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In a story that will ring a bell with Lillian neighbors, homeowners in the Spanish Cove subdivision have complained about foul odors rising from their sludge pond since it was built. BCSS tells Spanish Cove officials that the stench has been reported for years. Cove officials say odors at the Peterson Branch and CR 99 are a result of a poorly designed filter system. That system fails to push smelly gasses back into pipes according to Spanish Cove Board Chair Bobby Beck.

BCSS says it has plans to update this filter but there is no word about when that will happen. As a private utility company, BCSS is not part of Baldwin County or any other governmental entity and would likely have no time restriction on when to correct the issue. The lift station in Spanish Cove also serves all of Lillian and Elberta.

The City of Gulf Shores responded to its odor complaints with a court filing, asking a Baldwin County circuit judge to stop Baldwin County Sewer Service from adding new customers who would rely on its Fort Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"The operation of the Fort Morgan Plant is in violation of its ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) permit, is unlawful, inherently unsafe, and a menace to public health," the city's motion states. "(Baldwin County Sewer Service) lacks the ability to operate the Fort Morgan Plant within its permitted capacity. Even so, (BCSS) continues to add new customers to its overcapacity plant."

In a novel plot twist, BCSS, which some call an "unregulated county utility" though it has a UIC number, took the City of Gulf Shores to court on claims the city improperly denied a conditional use permit to its Fort Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant last year. The company alleges that the city improperly annexed the treatment plant in 2011, potentially invalidating past and future annexations.

A private company, Baldwin County Sewer Services LLC, has made news more than once in recent years. After the City of Gulf Shores denied their expansion effort on Fort Morgan Road and problems with ADEM inspections, the company faced more legal problems.

Homeowners' associations, which include The Gardens at Glenlakes Property Owners Association, Inc. and others, challenged a sewer rate increase. Over the past decade, the case has been brought before the Supreme Court of Alabama multiple times. Last fall, The Alabama Supreme Court ruled against Baldwin County Sewer Service in its long-running legal battle over the sewer rate increase. The decision stems from a 2014 lawsuit brought by several homeowners' associations who alleged that BCSS violated a 1991 agreement between a real-estate developer and the company.

Residents continue to question where this is all heading with BCSS. They worry the company's Fort Morgan plant is taking on more wastewater than it can handle. Officials are also worried the plant is polluting Little Lagoon, a 9-mile-long strip of water just a half mile from the Gulf of America.

"We live in an environmentally sensitive area," said Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft in a statement to the press about ADEM's denial of the sewer plant expansion. "We know this area has had issues in the past and we are not in favor of further expansion of this sewer plant."

Craft applauded ADEM's role in monitoring the plant. He also credits the Little Lagoon Preservation Society (LLPS), a grassroots group started about 25 years ago by chemical engineers, experts on sewage plant operations, environmental law experts and scientists at the University of South Alabama. LLPS led the efforts to monitor the plant and keep ADEM informed

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SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Janet Asher, Elberta's Consummate Volunteer

By Jean Bennett

Need a recommendation for a good French wine? Need a Coordinator for your next Fundraising event? Looking for a person who has ideas on how to raise money for your non-profit organization? Janet Asher can help you out in all of these areas! She is a fascinating woman, and I am pleased to have her the subject of my first article about inspiring people in our community.

Janet Asher lives in Elberta. She was born in Pensacola and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. She moved to San Diego when she was 21 years old. There she met Mike, and they married in 1976. She and Mike have three children. They moved to Elberta in 1990.



Janet and Mike started a wine wholesale business that they ran for 26 years. How does a couple in Elberta, Alabama find themselves doing this? Janet and Mike traveled a great deal to France and became friends with the owners of a vineyard in Northern Burgundy. That is when they fell in love with French wines. They brought several bottles back home and took them to a wine shop in Fair-hope. The owner said that no one in the area had anything like it and encouraged them to bring more wine to the area. Janet and Mike got an importer's license and started selling wine to retail shops and restaurants. Their first wine shipment was only a 20-foot container. The business flour-ished and they started M and J Wine Wholesalers. They went from one small container to two warehouses!

Janet is passionate about volunteering and giving back to her community. Friends who know her say, "She is a rock and a pillar of our community". "Fabulous, I cannot say enough nice things about her". She is a 'true servant" and "cares passionately about Hospice and the Zoo". "She is amazing for being 80 years old"! Janet volunteers for Community Hospice, the Yacht Club, the Josephine Fire Department, the Josephine Baptist Church and the Gulf Coast Zoo, to name a few. What is amazing, also, is that she is always willing to take a lead role in many of her volunteer endeavors. Some examples are coordinating the Silent Auction which benefitted Community Hospice and chairing a fundraiser that benefited the Josephine Fire Department. She was also the Commodore of the Yacht Club for five years.

I saw this quote recently: "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew, author. If this is true, then the subject of this article has the biggest heart around!

Janet is amazing in what she does. It is also quite remarkable that she is 80 years old! How does she do it? I am not sure, but I know she is not looking to stop anytime soon! She said she is going to live to be 104 years old! So, we can expect her to continue being an inspiration for many more years to come!!



Celebrating Ordination

St. Joseph Catholic Church recently celebrated the 29th anniversary of Father Alwin Legaspi's ordination to the priesthood. With Father is Barbara Bennett, a member of the Altar Society and one of the faithful organizers of the event.





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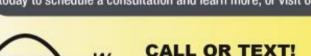
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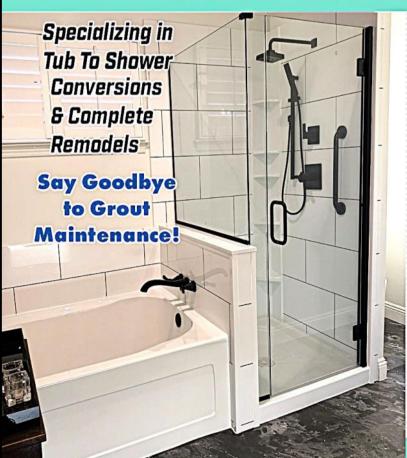
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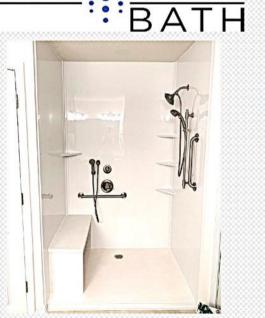
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This Can Be A Deal Breaker; Carefully Consider Social Security Decisions

Your Social Security benefits can be an important part of your retirement income — but when should you start collecting them? It's a big decision, so you'll want to consider your options carefully.

Essentially, you'll need to decide whether you're going to take your benefits as early as possible — age 62 — or if you should wait until your "full retirement age" or even longer. If you begin accepting benefits at 62, they'll be about 30% lower than if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you wait until 70, your benefits will be about 24% higher than at your full retirement age.

In deciding when to claim benefits, you'll want to weigh these factors:

- *Income needs* If you need the money to help meet your daily cost of living, then you may not feel you have much of a choice about when to take Social Security. However, if you have sufficient income from other sources, such as your 401(k) or other retirement accounts, you may be able to delay taking benefits until they're much larger.
- Employment If you're still working and you haven't reached your full retirement age yet, it might be a good idea to wait before claiming Social Security because your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned above \$23,400. In the year in which you reach your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 earned above \$62,160. (But once you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will adjust your payments to credit you for the months during which your benefits were lowered because of your income.)
- Life expectancy None of us can say for certain how long we'll live but you may have some hints. For example, if you have a family history of longevity, and you're in good health, you might decide it makes sense to

delay taking Social Security until your full retirement age, or even later, as you could potentially have more years of receiving larger checks.

• Spouse — If you're married, decisions about when to claim benefits could affect you or your spouse. The spouse with lower Social Security payments may be eligible to



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon of Edward Jones

Security payments may be eligible to receive spousal benefits, which, when combined with their own benefits, can reach up to 50% of the higher-benefit spouse's payment at their full retirement age. To qualify, the lower-benefit spouse's benefit at their full retirement age must be less than half of the other spouse's full-retirement-age benefit. But if the lower-benefit spouse claims their benefits before their full retirement age, their own retirement benefit and the spousal benefit will be reduced. Also, the lower-benefit spouse reaches their maximum benefit amount at their full retirement age — they won't receive additional benefits even if they or the higher-benefit spouse delays taking benefits past their respective full retirement ages.

One other point to keep in mind: If the higher-benefit spouse claims early, the survivor benefit to the other spouse is reduced, but if the higher-benefit spouse delays their benefit beyond their full retirement age, the survivor benefit is increased.

By making the appropriate choices, you can help maximize your Social Security benefits — and possibly enjoy a more comfortable retirement.

For questions, please contact Chantz Blackmon or Jason Kozon at 251-943

Calling All Veterans; American Legion Post 48 Seeks New Members

All veterans are invited to join Post 48 and become a part of the largest Veteran organization in the United States. 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.

Come and join our great organization for a minimum yearly cost, it helps our community and Veterans of every war. Now is the time for all veterans to support an organization that works to help you.

Applications may be picked up at the American Legion Building next to the Lillian Community Club on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 11 a.m.

If you are already a member, please stop by and pay your dues if you have

not already done so.

<u>Ham Dinners</u>. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who attended the Ham Dinners this year. We appreciate all the support; we could not do all we do without you.

Hope to see everyone next year.

Happy Easter to everyone from post 48.

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.

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Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle

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 Lillian.

Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee or a soda, and enjoyable conversation.

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

Happy Birthday American Legion celebrating 106 years of service to our veterans.

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on what they believe are environmental hazards linked to it. The group pushed for, and received, a public hearing into the plant's expansion.

ADEM, in its denial letter, acknowledged it received "numerous technical comments" on the BCSS permit during the comment period.

ADEM also acknowledged that "new information became known to the department that physical changes to the facility processes were not reflected" in the original application.

The Lillian

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Red Hat Ladies Celebrate St, Patrick's Day at Pedro's

The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat ladies held their St. Patricks Party at Pedro's Mexican restaurant on Perdido Key. We had a great time thanks to our hostesses, Brenda Cannon and Sandra Jurries. Each lady received a Shamrock cookie, four leaf clover good luck coins and a green bracelet. We were honored to have four guests – Sandy Ivie, Judy Wittig, Barbara Clemons, and Pat Lochner. Our birthday girls wearing the crowns were Linda Stephens and Brenda Cannon. Linda received a unique frame with starfish and Brenda received a book, ornament, dip mix and bowl, and wine glass ring. The door prizes were garden signs: "Happiness is Found in the Garden" and the winners were Linda Stephens, Judy Wargo, and Pat Lochner. On April 8 we will gather at Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley, hosted by Wendy Hatcher, Brenda Bradshaw, and Waynette Brown.





This year's Optimist International essay topic was "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success". At the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Feb. 21 breakfast meeting at Lillian Methodist Church medallions and prizes were present for first, second and third place. The club winner will have the opportunity to advance to the district contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship funded by the Optimist International Foundations. This year's winners are First Place, Mackenzie Sullivan who received a Gold Medal and a \$150 cash prize. Second Place was Josiah Marquez who received a Silver Medal and \$100 cash prize. Third Place was Ryleigh Fogus who received a Bronze Medal and \$50 cash prize. All three students



attend Elberta High School. Three Winners Picture: Essay winners above left, from left are Ryleigh Fogus, 3rd Place Winner; Mackenzie Sullivan, 1st Place Winner and Josiah Marquez, 2nd Place Winner. Pictured above, from left are Elberta High School English teacher Jessi Ledlow, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Essay Contest Chair Tay Randall, Ryleigh Fogus, Mackenzie Sullivan, Josiah Marquez, OCPB President Robin Newell and EHS Counselor Laura Alms. Article and pictures submitted by Rev. Daniel W. Randall, Vice President of Programs for the Optimist Club Perdido of Bay. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay check out the website at www.OptimistClubPB.org.

Freemasonry is a Fraternal Order and Not a Religion

The Lillian Masonic Lodge Brothers continue to practice for its Entered Apprentice presentation for the Baldwin Masonic Conference on Saturday, April 29. Brother Steve Williams continues to lead the training sessions.

Since last month, several new members have been voted into the Brotherhood, including Joe Williams, Tommy Potter and Jonathan Brewer. Chris King, Brandon Taylor and Joe Williams are among the Brothers continuing their Masonic education by participating in classes in Mobile and Foley.

According to Worshipful Master David Johnson, "The Lodge continues to receive petitions from the area, and we had visitors from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois' at our twice monthly meetings. One of the issues that has been openly discussed by the Brotherhood is the general public's belief that Freemasonry is a religion, and it is not."

Johnson continued, "To clarify, Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religious faith. It is a centuries -old fraternal organization dedicated to fostering personal development, ethical conduct, and charitable service. Freemasonry operates under the motto, "Making Good Men Better."

Freemasonry traces its origins to the medieval stonemason guilds of Europe and is one of the oldest fraternities in the world. The modern form of Freemasonry emerged in the early 18th Century with the founding of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Since then, it has expanded globally, welcoming men of all backgrounds who seek self-improvement and service to others.

While Freemasonry requires its members to hold a belief in a Supreme Being or deity, it does not dictate any specific religious doctrine, theology, or path to salvation. Instead, it

encourages members to deepen their faith within their own religious traditions. Freemasonry welcomes men of all faiths, provided they uphold a fundamental belief in a higher power.

Unlike religious institutions, Freemasonry does not offer sacraments, clergy, or a system of worship. It does not provide a route to heaven or dictate a path to salvation. Instead, it creates a fraternity where Masonic Brothers agree to assist their fellow brothers and their families. Masonic teachings, emphasizing respect for all religious perspectives without imposing a belief in anything other than a Supreme Being. For more information about Freemasonry and its values, please contact David Johnson at 816-721-6907 or email jeffreyakeener@gmail.com to learn more about becoming a Mason. The local lodge meets on the first and third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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Are You Thankful For the Scars?



The Methodist Message By Rev. Daniel Randall

On the evening of Easter Sunday the disciples, were locked away in a room, hiding from the Jewish leaders, scared to death by what they had seen that morning. Jesus' tomb was empty. His body was missing. They thought the authorities would suspect them. Besides that, the disciples had abandoned Jesus in his time of greatest need. If he really rose from the dead, He would be unhappy with his faithless friends. Can you just imagine the disciples huddled in this locked room, nervously discussing all the possible disasters awaiting them, and suddenly Jesus just shows up in the room, stands among them and says PEACE! If I were Jesus, I would have said, "Did you not pay attention to anything I had said? I told you I was going to be arrested, crucified and die. I told you I was going to rise from the dead." No, the loving compassionate sacrificial and very risen Savior greeted his terrified disciples with four little words, but they weren't "I told you so." Instead, Jesus said, "Peace Be with You!" The last thing Jesus said directly to his disciples was in John 16:33. He had just explained that he was returning to his Father, God, and the disciples would be scattered and persecuted for following him. And then he said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." So, Jesus' last conversation with them was focused on giving them peace, and his first conversation with them after his resurrection was about giving them

Jesus wanted them to know that they did not need to be afraid. They were not alone. From this day forward, peace would be a defining mark of those who follow Jesus Christ. The peace that Jesus promises us is not based on circumstances, comfort or even confidence in our own abilities. Jesus' peace comes from our knowledge of God's unfailing love and God's plan for us. Jesus' peace comes from knowing the complete story. That God's plan to redeem all of creation and undo the destruction and distance caused by our sin and separation from Him. That's the peace that Jesus is offering to his disciples then, and that he offers to us now. It is peace provided by the Nail Sacred Hands of a Loving Savior!

Jesus had the power to instantly heal and transform His body, but it was Jesus' scars that proved God's love for them, for us and for all the world! Those scars prove Jesus' commitment to his mission, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). There is a song called "Scars" by the contemporary Christian group I Am They. The chorus of the song says, "So I'm thankful for your scars, Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart and I know they'll always tell of who you are, so forever I am thankful for the scars." The sight of Jesus' scars instantly turned his followers' fear into joy. Jesus' scars motivated the disciples to unlock that room and go out and spread the good news of his death and resurrection to the whole world. And we're still doing that today. Because Jesus' scars show us the extent of God's love and the awesomeness of God's power. He proved it with his scars.

One night the house of an elderly woman raising her grandson caught fire. The grandmother, trying to rescue the little boy upstairs, perished. A crowd gathered around the burning house. The boy's cries for help were heard above the crackling of the blaze. No one seemed to know what to do, the front of the house was a mass of flames. Suddenly a stranger rushed from the crowd and circled to the back where he spotted an iron pipe that reached upstairs window. He disappeared for a minute, then reappeared with the boy in his arms. Amid the cheers of the crowd, he climbed down the hot pipe as the boy hung around his neck. Weeks later a public hearing was held in the town hall to determine in whose custody the boy would be placed. Several stated why the boy should come and live with them. The chairman asked, "If anyone else like to say a word?" From the backseat rose a stranger who had slipped in unnoticed. As he walked toward the front, deep suffering showed on his face. Reaching the front of the room, he stood directly in front of the little boy. Slowly the stranger removed his hands from his pockets. A gasp went up from the crowd. The little boy, whose eyes had been focused on the floor until now, looked up. The man's hands were terribly scarred. Suddenly the boy emitted a cry of recognition. Here was the man who had saved his life. His hands were scarred from climbing up and down the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw himself around the stranger's neck and held on for life. The farmer rose and left. The teacher, too. Then the rich man. Everyone departed, leaving the boy and his rescuer who had won him without a word. Those marred hands spoke more effectively than any words. Of course, this man would care for the boy, he was willing to die to save him and had the scars to show.

Our Purpose is to proclaim this good news of great joy because we have seen Jesus' scars. The scars Jesus received saving us is from an eternal fire! And we've been called to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Are you living for the resurrected Christ in a way that proclaims that you are thankful for the scars?

Volunteer Firefighters Reschedule Chili Cook-off Benefit to April 12

You know I like to promote activities and shine a light on various organizations in our community, all of which contribute to our high standard of living. However, there is one that we absolutely cannot do without and that is the LILLIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Day and night these wonderful men and women work to protect us whether it means getting us ready for a quick trip to the hospital, to save a home from fire or just to stop by because you've fallen and can't get up.

I can't remember the number of times they came to help my husband. I do remember the one time they came to help me because my leg was broken. They did everything to make me comfortable until I was picked up by the ambulance to take me to the hospital. They didn't even complain when I kept screaming in pain.

They don't just sit around waiting for us to call them out. They are taking training classes and making sure their equipment is in good shape when it is needed. They aren't all retired, as some even have jobs to provide for their families.

As usual they also were ready to host their famous Firefighters Chili Cook-Off to benefit Shriner's Hospital for Children in March. Then Mother Nature decided to mess things up with threats of tornadoes and other nasty weather on that day. Of course, predictions aren't always faithful, but always looking to keep us safe, the fire

Look Who's on His Way!



The Easter Bunny has confirmed his arrival in Lillian on April 19 for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lillian Recreational Park. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, the event begins with the hunt at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks. Children must be accompanied by an adult and are encouraged to bring their own baskets. Family members are invited to take pictures of their children with Mr. Bunny.

department decided to reschedule the event for April 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Mmmm! Home made chili. What's not to like? For \$5 admis-

sion you can sample a bunch and there will also be music and cold drinks.

Here's a great way to have some fun, food and fellowship and tell our firefighters we support them in everything they do. See y'all there.



Movies Are Set to Begin at the Lillian Recreational Park!

The Lillian Recreational Park is excited to announce the 2025 movie schedule. Starting April 3, the Park will host a monthly outdoor Movie & Music in the Park series on the first Friday of the month.

This year's movie lineup is: April 4 – Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny; May 2 – UP; June 6 – Moana 2; September 5 – Wicked; October 3 – Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire.

Movies begin at dusk, with live music and pre-show festivities beginning at 6. Admission is free.

The Park's family-friendly movies are designed for movie lovers of all ages, making them the perfect



outing for families, friends, and couples alike. So bring your blankets and lawn chairs and come enjoy a night of movies under the stars at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell. The concession stand will be open, offering a variety of treats, from the classic buttery popcorn to great burgers.

The Risen One Waits for Us in Every Corner of Our Lives

He rose out of obscurity and made a tremendous impact on his nation. Crowds of people gathered wherever he was, fascinated by him. The authorities felt threatened. Families quarreled over what he did. Those devoted to him sensed that a new era had begun. Then he met a tragic death. His abused body was laid to rest. All the joys he brought, all the release and new life, came to a crashing end. Those closest to him were lost in grief. But reports started to circulate that he was alive again. People familiar with his appearance saw him in one place, then another. He always took them by surprise.

Who is this, who had such a tremendous impact, died before his time, but was reported alive again? Some may think we are talking about Jesus Christ, but we are talking about Elvis Presley! He was once a cause for national controversy. He came to a terrible end. And now stories circulate that he has come back from the dead. What is happening here? I do not believe these reports are reality. But they do point to something significant in American people. You can call those who have these experiences crazy people and fringe elements.

The so-called appearances of Elvis also raise a question. What difference is there between a risen Elvis and a risen Jesus? Is the Man from Mississippi on a par with the Man from Galilee because both are said to have come back from the dead? Can we dismiss the Elvis reports and keep the Easter story? Let us consider the Easter experience and the difference it makes.

The tomb of Jesus is found to be empty. No one ever produce his body. There is no serious claim that Elvis' tomb is empty, and no one has bothered to check. The Elvis who is sighted at fast food restaurants seems to make no more than a visual impression. The risen Christ invites the inspection of his wounds, eats and drinks with his disciples, and points them to their mission. The Elvis who appears looks like a memory from the past. The Christ who appears acts as a force for the future.



The Elvis appearances leave people astonished but unchanged. Encounters with the risen Christ turn lives around. The cowardly disciples, so often uncomprehending, become, through the resurrection, brave and united, able to act. The resurrection happens not only to Jesus, but, in a way, to his disciples as the entire of the entire transfer of



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett

ciples as well. They are lifted from the narrow tomb and thrust into the sunlight of a spacious life. This resurrection process has never stopped since that first Easter Day. People continue to be transformed. The places where they were once wounded have become sources of strength. Perhaps you have seen this phenomenon in someone else's life. Perhaps you have seen it in your own.

The return of Elvis brings with it no gift of forgiveness. Christ submits to a world of punishments undeserved, in order to build a bridge between our sinful lives and the utter holiness of God. This Jesus refuses to remain only a victim. Marked by the wounds of the cross, Jesus appears in the midst of his disciples, offering the world forgiveness. He fills his disciples with forgiveness first, and commands them to pass on this gift to others. Thus, the resurrection of Christ is no isolated event, a freakish wonder fit for supermarket tabloids. The resurrection of Christ declares that our separation from God, our alienation from each other, our own death are overcome by a power that knows no equal.

Why then these stories about Elvis, when he is a dead legend who cannot help us? Because all people have the need for a savior, and if they do not meet the Good News of Jesus lived out in the Christian community, or if they refuse to respond, then they must establish for themselves some other savior. They may have fantasies of a dead celebrity come back to life. But their lives will remain untouched, unaided, unchanged.

Yes, all people have this in common: the need for a Savior. There is one whose tomb is empty. There is one who offers us the Easter experience. Contact with Him makes forgiveness real and brings about transformation. Each of us attend worship services because at some level we feel a hunger for meaning in our lives. We want a Savior who is real.

The Risen One who meets us. The Risen One waits for us in scripture and sacrament, in prayer and music, in community and service. The Risen One waits for us in the faces of those who love us, and in the faces of those who need us. The Risen One waits for us in creation: the stars that fill the night sky, the ocean's wild wave, the lily's exquisite flower. The Risen One waits for us in every corner. Forgiveness, transformation, and a purpose are what he offers. Jesus him-

self is the Easter experience available to us through all the days to come.

If you want to know about Jesus and his desire to be in your life, come visit us Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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St. Benedict Celebrates 52-Year Presence at Elberta's German Festival April 12

St. Benedict Catholic School is celebrating 52 years at the German Festival on Saturday, April 12 and enjoy delicious German sausages, baked goods, arts and crafts vendors, entertainment, and more! German Fest hours will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the campus located at 12786 Illinois Street in Elberta. (Turn south at the Dollar General off US Highway 98).

Raffle tickets are available for \$100 each with a chance to win \$10,000 and 10 \$200 cash prizes. Must be present to win the smaller prizes (but not the main cash \$10K For German Fest Raffle Tickets, go to https://secure.qgiv.com/ for/2025sbcsgermanfestivalraffletickets. Vendors may apply at https://bit.ly/VendorAppGermanFest25.

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Recent Water Testings Have Localized Problem Areas; Volunteers Still Sought

By Janet Larson

In the March edition of The Lillian there was a great article about the water testing of Peterson Branch in Spanish Cove. Bacterial testing for coliforms showed that E. coli bacteria levels were high and that oxygen levels were low. This work involved the entire communitv and could not have been done without the combined efforts of the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Alabama Water Watch, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, and the Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee. groups work together as advocates for the health of our waterways.

Testing of the waterways is ongoing at Peterson Branch as well as other areas. The data is collected by volunteers, compiled by Alabama Water Watch and is available for public access on the Alabama Water Watch website in the Wa-

ter Data section. To access the Western Perdido Bay Watershed testing sites' information, search the map for either Perdido Bay, or Palmetto Creek (which is the name of our watershed). If you search, Palmetto Creek, UT, Suarez Point, you will see the results of our local monitoring which got the attention of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management who then initiated their own testing of Peterson Branch. You can also access all the other Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association sites once you open the map. You will see active sites in green.

In future articles we will discuss how the data is used and how agencies work together for our community.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to evaluate an area of our watershed, please feel free to contact us at the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association wpbwac@gmail.com.



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CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits. Happy birthday wishes in April go out to Mark 'Morning Dew' Monaghan, Jean Miller, Ron Parks, Dolores Price, Agnes Humble, Linda Aycock, Judy Broz, Judy

Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger, Hadley Verret, Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettner, Johanna Martin, Teresyta Rybarski, Wes David Verret and Katie McNeill.

Celebrating an anniversary in

April are Jim and Carol Peale 1962, Steve and Allyson Greer 1987, John and Jamie Pugh 2006, Carl and Bobbie Benoit 2007 and Bill and Linda Sepac 2007.

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

Lillianedtor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549 or place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the May issue of The Lillian is April 16.



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The Car Barn – 9717 CR 91, Lillian 251-962-3704. Hello from the folks at The Car Barn. Cliff has been slowing down a bit but it's a new year and we have one more year of serving our dear friends in Lillian. Thanks for all your support. Cliff and Mary Collier.

ROOF REPAIR — Tree limb removal left over wood and other building materal, small amount (cost). Interested parities may call 850-426-8015.

Market in the Park Resumes

Join us at the beautiful Lillian Recreational Park's Market in the Park held the third Saturday of the month! Discover a delightful array of vendors offering unique treasures from handmade jewelry and homemade treats to stunning artwork, charming crafts, handmade soaps, and so much more.



The market opens at 9:00 at the Park, 33914 Widell. Whether you're searching for that perfect item or are eager to share your creations as a vendor, come check out the market. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Kelly Verret, LRPMarkets@gmail.com, 251-979-0154.



Movie & Music in the Park

Indiana Jones and Dial of Destiny Friday, April 4 - 6:00

Music and activities will begin at 6:00. Movie will begin at dusk.

Market in the Park

Saturday, April 19 9:00 - 2:00

First one of the year! Come check out all the great vendors!

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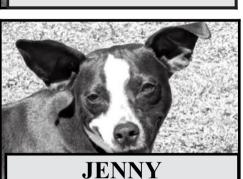
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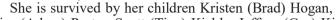
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OBITUARIES

Barbara Kiehle, 91, Lillian

It's with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Barbara Kiehle, 91, who peacefully passed away on January 5th, 2025. Barbara has been a resident of Lillian, Alabama since 1993. Barbara was born and raised in Syracuse, NY where she became a schoolteacher for 22 years for the Syracuse City School District. Barbara truly enjoyed camping, gardening, knitting, and spending time with family and friends. Barbara is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Norman Kiehle.

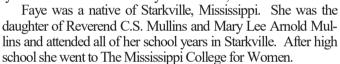


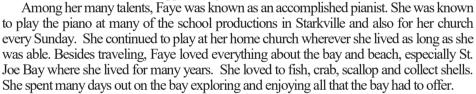
Lisa (Adam) Porter, Scott (Tina) Kiehle, Jeffery (Caz) Kiehle, 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held April 10 2025, 11 a.m. at the Lillian Methodist Church. Interment will be at Barrancas National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lillian Methdist Church.

Jimmie Faye Mullins Westmark, Lillian

Jimmie Faye Mullins Westmark, (Faye) of Lillian, Alabama, died peacefully in the arms of her husband. on July 11, 2024, following an extended illness. The reverend Dean Conkel officiated her funeral service which was held at Lillian Fellowship Church in Lillian, Alabama. She will be laid to rest near her family at the Oddfellows Cemetery in Starkville, MS.





Faye is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ron Westmark of Lillian, Alabama. Her daughters Lisa Ann Clapp of Pensacola and Susan C Gandy (Billy) of Madison, Mississippi and her son, Samuel E. Westmark (Tammy), of Pensacola. She is also survived by her 6 grandchildren Chris Gandy, Nicholas Gandy, Katherine Westmark, Ronald Westmark II, Serena Bishop and Celeste Bishop and many nieces and nephews. And a very special friend, Duane Filippi of Pensacola, FL.

Charlotte May Befay, 95, Lillian Charlotte May Befay age 95, a resident of Lillian, AL

passed away Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Charlotte was a Charter Member of Church of The Advent in Lillian, AL. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who will be missed by all who

Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph V. Befay; son, Dennis Befay; and grandson, James John Befay, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, James (Trisha) Befay, Steven (Amy) Befay, Brian Befay; a daughter, Michele

Loch all of Lillian, AL. A sister, Sue Thompson of WI; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

Charlotte was a long-time resident of Lillian AL. She was instrumental in starting the Church of the Advent and the Twice Upon a Time thrift store that was a big part of Lillian for many years. Charlotte also volunteered for the Lillian Fire dept., bringing food and drinks to the fire fighters. She had many interests in life. Charlotte always had a great imagination and wanted to try all the craft projects, she also loved to sew and garden. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends and is now on a new journey. We would like to thank her family at the Advent for the cards and many prayers over the years. We would also like to send a special thank you to her nurses Chris, Leslie and Phillip for their excellent care and support over the years as well as many



Patsy Sue Bonner met her Lord and Savior on December 22nd, 2024 at her home in Lillian, Alabama. She was born September 20, 1942 in Cullman, Alabama. She resided in North Alabama until 2009, when she and her beloved husband Billy moved to Lillian, Alabama. They both enjoyed motorcycle riding, walking on the beach, collecting seashells, and taking their meals to the pavilion where they could listen to the waves as they ate and enjoyed each other's company. Mrs. Bonner is survived by her daughter, April Langham (Brian) and daughter-in-law Caroline Moore; grandchildren, Jonathan Moore, Courtney Vinzant (Teddy Herchenhan), Heather Saint (Tyler), Anna Glover (Kris), Abbey Vinzant (Zac Morgan), and Josh Langham; Great grandchildren, Colter Moore, Elijah and Evan Glover, and Blakely and Maggie Saint; siblings, Max Townson (Kay), Mona Jasnow (Ed), and Christine Godbee, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Bonner; her parents, Flora Townson Bright and Clyde Townson; her sons, John Moore and Robert Moore; and her siblings, Charlie Townson, Eugene W. Townson, Marrell Townson, and Brenda Townson. A celebration of life and memorial service was held at Lillian Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Randall officiating.



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DEATH NOTICES

ARLENE STRAWN

formerly of Ridgewood Drive Lillian, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1 surrounded by her family in Illinois

RICHARD AYRES

1789 Rico Drive, Lillian passed away Monday, Feb. 3

LORRAINE C. HARRISON

1216 Ridgewood, Lillian passed away Monday, Dec. 23

We Remember While We Build the Best Memories of Our Lives

Once upon a time each Sunday afternoon a dinner was held at the Lillian Community Club. A local church or organization would host it with their own menu.

It was nice because there was one day of the week you knew you didn't have to cook. But like all good things, it came to an end from what I believe was the lack of volunteers. The American Legion eventually continued their ham dinner the first three months of the year.

Non-profits can't afford to pay for help and keep the cost of dinner down and still earn money for the church or organization. When these nice, generous helpers get sick, die, move away or just plain get old and tired, a fresh group needs to come in but unfortunately that doesn't always happen. We all miss out.

Since 1564 the Gregorian calendar has been in use which changed the beginning of a new year from the Julian calendar of April 1 to January 1. However, as what always happens with change, some people either get left behind or refuse to go along. The citizenry at the time decided to label these celebrants of the April New Year as April Fools and this led to the pranks and beginning of April Fools Day.

Visiting my great grandmother was always a wonderful experience for me. It was like a

trip back into the 1800s. She didn't have indoor plumbing so you had to use the two-hole outhouse with an old Sears catalog sitting on a



small table. Not sure if it was decoration, reading material or emergency tp. Someone had to bring water in from the outdoor pump in an old wood bucket. She got her milk from her grand-daughter's cows across the road, she raised her own chickens for eggs and meat and vegetables from her garden and she tapped her maple tree to make syrup. The pancakes were always a

special treat.

My greatgrand thought it was wonderful



Bits and Pieces By Jackie Reid

when she got a water pump installed at the kitchen sink. The cooking stove was the old black cast-iron with the grates that you lifted to put coal or kindling in. There was a root cellar to store the canned mason jars full of fruits and vegetables.

The house was over a hundred years old back then when I wasn't much older than a toddler and it still stands today, albeit it leans and is uninhabitable.

My great-aunt continued to live in the house until her late 90's when she went into a nursing home. It made me happy that my children were able to visit the old house and I wished that they would have had the chance to experience my same memories there and especially to have met their great great-grandmother.

"Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever." Charles Lamb.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

YEA! The Lillian Perdido Bay Library has a new President, Jean Courtney. She will be working at the library on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. through the month of March. Her designated work days have not yet been established, so now she is filling in for other volunteers.

The library is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every week. We have many new families moving into our area and I do hope y'all will take a trip to see our Lillian Perdido Bay Library, located on the corner of Ickler Avenue and Library Street. We do have a membership fee per year: \$10.00 Single; \$15.00 Family. The form is provided here, if you care to become a member. This fee is optional. We also have "the Library Card" which is FREE! It takes just a few minutes to fill out to be able to check out anything in the library.

The volunteers would be so grateful to give you a library tour. The whole library is much larger than it appears from the outside.

Besides our array of books, we also have a public computer lab with five computers and two printers, which a small donation would be appreciated for the use. There is a childrens' section of books for all ages, so bring in the children!!

If there are any questions you may have, pertaining to our Lillian Perdido Bay Library, please give us a call at 251-962-4700. We do appreciate book donations, only if the copyright is six years old or younger.

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Get Fit, Feel Great: The Health Benefits of Exercising at Lillian Recreational Park

Looking for a fun, scenic, and effective way to boost your fitness routine? Look no further than Lillian Recreational Park! Whether you're walking the trail, playing pickleball, romping in the dog park with your dog, or simply communing with nature, the Park offers a perfect outdoor setting to support your physical and mental well-being.

Here's why making Lillian Recreational Park part of your regular exercise routine is a healthy move:

- 1. Boosts Physical Health: Exercising in the Park's fresh air offers a wealth of physical benefits. The Park's walking trail is ideal for walking, jogging, or biking—great for improving cardiovascular health and building endurance.
- 2. Enhances Mental Well-being: Spending time in nature has proven to reduce stress and anxiety. A jog or a leisurely walk around the Park's green spaces can boost your mood by lowering cortisol levels

and releasing feel-good endorphins. Breathing in the fresh air and soaking in the natural beauty also provides a calming effect, helping to clear your mind and improve focus.

- 3. Encourages Consistency and Variety: Let's be honest—indoor workouts can feel repetitive. Exercising at the Park keeps things fresh and fun. One day you can power walk along the walking trail, the next you can challenge yourself with a friendly game of frisbee, pickleball or basketball. The ever-changing surroundings make working out in the Park feel less like a chore and more like an adventure.
- **4. Promotes Social Connection:** Fitness is always more enjoyable with company! Exercising with others not only boosts motivation but also fosters friendships and social connections, which are key to maintaining long-term wellness.

And, finally, exercising at the Park increases Vitamin D Levels: Soaking up the

sun while you exercise provides a healthy dose of vitamin D, essential for bone health, immune function, and mood regulation. Just 15-30 minutes of outdoor activity a



few times a week can help your body get the sunshine it needs.

Lillian Recreational Park isn't just a beautiful spot—it's a health and wellness destination. Whether you're aiming for better fitness, a clearer mind, or simply a breath of fresh air, the Park offers the perfect setting. So, lace up your sneakers, grab your yoga mat, or dust off your bike—and let the Lillian Recreational Park become your favorite outdoor gym. Your body and mind will thank you!

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