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TIDE SWELLS FOR LILLIAN STATUS

Signatures, Support Mounts for Landmark Rank

LANDMARK DISTRICT LILLIAN Q&A WITH GUEST SPEAKER, CLARK STRONG, FROM FT. MORGAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF ATTENDEES APPROVE OF LILLIAN LANDMARK DISTRICT! Thanks also to Commissioner Matthew McKenzie, Steve Dunnam and Al Mullek for contributing to the conversation! The best of many compliments I received about our Community Forum on Lillian Landmark District was, "Most valuable ... thank you." I am so honored! Thank you everyone.

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 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 designa-

tion, 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. The **only** thing this will do is give us the CHOICE BY VOTE whether to be annexed or incorporated. Nothing more. CALL TO ACTION! WE APPROACH THE DEADLINE AND NEED MORE SIGNATURES! Please share this:

Your support can be sent to either tbird32507@gmail.com with your name and address or using the QR Code in this article to fill out the form:

If you agree with the following, please write to our Commissioner Gruber at the address underlined: cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov

More details on the Letter to the Editor which was previously presented to Commissioner Gruber:

Text Amendments: We have asked for our Text Amendments to be re-visited by the Department of Planning and Zoning, minus any items of concern as well as minus any items that have since been fully absorbed into the county's full ordinances.

RSF-1.5 COMPARISON: RSF-1 (30,000 sq.ft./1.45 homes per acre),-



Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

RSF-1.5 (21,780 sq.ft./2 homes per acre), -RSF-2 (15,000 sq.ft./2.9 homes per acre) According to former Planning Director Brown, there is no restriction to only use the current categories. We can have categories that are in between. There is no category cur-



rently for half an acre.

Creating a new Activity Area around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83: Located in a rural area, my opinion is that there

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Eberta Fire Chief Stewart Moves On Haupt Named Interim Leader

Elberta Volunteer Fire Chief Frank Stewart has resigned after just over two years on the job.

Charley Haupt, a 20-year veteran on the force, will serve as interim chief, Elberta Mayor Steve Kirkpatrick announced at the monthly town council meeting March 15.

Stewart, a Baldwin County EMT with three young children, stepped down to serve "in a less

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plans for Lillian Landmark Status Starting to Come Together

Dear Editor:

We are getting close to finalizing our legal description and signatures for our effort to establish Lillian Landmark District to our sponsor, Representative Alan Baker. It is not clear at this time if we will meet the legislative deadline for this session.

Our Community Forum on April 5, 2025, had a great turnout and was very successful. One hundred percent of the 75 attendees are in favor of Lillian Landmark District and we are approaching 400 signatures with more on the way. Commissioners Matthew McKenzie and Skip Gruber are in favor as well.

I will keep you posted.

I have made several suggestions to our Commissioner, Skip Gruber, about matters I feel should be taken up by the Planning and Zoning Department. These are outlined below with attachments in more detail:

- Revisit Text Amendments for Planning Districts 22, 29 and 33. This was heard on December 5, 2023, by the Baldwin County Commissioners' public hearing and failed due to three of the items being of concern. We are asking for another hearing after the removal of the items of concern.

- I have also asked for consideration of adding a new zoning category that fills the gap between RSF-1 and RSF-2 as an additional option for development. I have named it RSF-1.5, 2 homes per square acre, which is in between RSF-1, 30,000 square feet, and RSF-2, 15,000 square feet.

- I have suggested creating a new Activity Node surrounding the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83. Please see attached.

If you choose to publish any of these suggestions, it would be most helpful to inspire the public to write or call the Baldwin Coun-

ty Commissioners as well as the Baldwin County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Tracey Gambill

CLARIFICATION

The February issue of The Lillian Newspaper carried a letter to the editor picked up from a social media site written by and concerning the current owner of Chubs in Lillian and the recent hardships alleged to be a result of unresolved debts and residual tax issues prior to purchase. These issues have been strongly denied by that former owner. We regret any harm caused by the confusion and apologize for publishing the dubious information.

Old Glory Rescued from Bay

This photo is a rescue story on Perdido Bay in Lillian. During the recent storm Robert Hoogerwerf, Lillian, discovered this American flag all wadded up with tons of sand trapped in its folds, entangled in tree roots, and holding it captive and mostly buried with crashing waves making it difficult to get to. Robert is now proudly flying the flag at his home.



WINNING ORATORS



The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently honored the winners of the club's Oratorical Contest. The topic for the contest was "How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times." From left are OCPB President Robin Newell, Second Place Winner Maxie Wilson, First Place Winner Thomas Hopkins, Third Place Winner Mackenzie Sullivan and Contest Chair Ashlie Bloodworth. Thomas and Maxie are Juniors and Mackenzie is a Freshman at Elberta High School.

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12800 Block Pr Fld Dr Lillian, Al 36549
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Reported on 04/06/2025 at 8:53 pm
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Assault
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Assault
19300 Block Co Rd 87 Elberta, Al 36580
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Assault
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The Lillian Recreational Park recently completed several new projects, one of which is the Park's new Bark Park. Featuring a double-gate secure entrance, it has both large and small dog areas and provides an off-leash, safe space where dogs can run, play, and socialize with each other. It also has waste bag dispensers and water for thirsty pups.

Just like their human counterparts, regular exercise is essential for a dog's well-being. Many dogs don't get enough physical activity at home, and playing at the dog park allows them to run and play freely. This is important because a well-exercised dog is less likely to engage in destructive activities such as chewing or excessive barking at home.

Socialization is also a great reason for you and your dog to visit the dog park. Dogs that interact with others in a positive environment tend to develop better behavior skills. At the dog park, dogs meet and interact with other dogs, helping them learn proper social behavior. This can reduce their anxiety, aggression, and fear. For puppies and young dogs, this kind of socialization is especially beneficial.

It also gives dog owners the opportunity to connect with fellow dog enthusiasts. It's a fun way to meet other people, form friendships and exchange advice. The shade structures offer a place to sit and relax and visit while dogs play, making it an enjoyable experience for everyone.

The bond between a human and a dog is a deep, natural connection that grows through shared moments of trust, affection, and companionship. Spending quality time together in a fun setting enhances that bond. So join us at the Bark Park for a very "paws-itive" experience!



Movie Night in the Park Sets May 2 for This Special Family Event For Kids of All Ages

Prepare for lift-off and an evening of great fun at the May 2 movie and music night at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell.

This month's movie will be Disney's UP, so get ready to go up, up and away! Fun photo opps, great music by Robert Kirby and Wayne Johnson, lots of enjoyable activities and a fun movie are all on the evening's agenda.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., kids of all ages will have a chance to earn badges, a la the movie's character Russell, to make binoculars, do art projects, and do other exciting activities. Once they complete their badges, the kids will receive a special prize.

There will be photo opportunities that night, too. Surrounded by balloons, you can take a picture of yourself getting ready for lift-off and going up, up, and away!

Music will start at 5 p.m., The movie begins at dusk.

The concession stand will be open. The concession stand serves hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, chips and queso, giant pretzels grilled with garlic butter and other great choices.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars, listening to music and having fun playing cornhole, Jenga, and badminton before the movie starts at dusk.

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No letters will be accepted regarding property owner associations' problems. All letters must be legible and limited to 300 words or less.

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DEADLINES AND CONTACTS

The deadline for the June issue of *The Lillian* will be May 21. Anyone may send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles and news.

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will be a need for housing and some commercial services in order to accommodate the numerous students and their parents where there is currently nothing of the sort. This would make an excellent location surrounding the school property for housing, gas station, convenient store as well as other commercial sites for things like gymnastics or karate for the kids, gyms for the parents, nail and hair salon, pizza restaurant, etc. That area is lacking in any such diversity and is not currently provided in the nearby area. I suggest presenting this proposal to the Department of Planning and Zoning sooner than later. There is acreage there that is ready to sell; however, developers usually do not develop in areas that are relegated to the current zoning restrictions of RA or RSF-1.

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 now for a discounted rate!

All the best, Tracey Gambill, Stay tuned for updates on FaceBook LET'S KEEP IT COUNTRY!

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3rd & 4th Quarter slots are available.

ANYONE (LCC membership not required) may request to use this forum to present topics they feel may be of interest to our community. Requests must be submitted no later than the 10th of the month PRIOR to the scheduled meeting.

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Fill out the Request Form on the LCC website or stop by the LCC Office during office hours (8-11 am, Monday thru Friday) to submit your request.



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

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 per-



fect 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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demanding role in the department” in an effort to balance family and work demands, Kirkpatrick said.

The Elberta Fire Department is all-volunteer right now, but to accommodate rapidly growing population and calls for service, the town looks to include some paid staff within the next couple of years, the mayor said.

“Elberta does a lot of mutual aid calls with Josephine, Perdido Beach and Lillian,” Kirkpatrick said in an interview with *The Lillian*. “Our calls have doubled over the past four years.”

Elberta town council members reflected on the ways the skyrocketing number of fire department calls have impacted fire and rescue efforts on the ground.

“With traffic so bad on 98, we used to meet the ambulance there. Now, it can be 30 minutes before the ambulance gets there,” Kirkpatrick said.

Council Member Vicki Norris weighed in.

“More and more people are ever upon us,” she said.

Elberta is looking to federal Safer Fast grants to fund future paid salaries for firemen. The grants would pay 80 percent of salaries in the first year, 60 percent the second and 40 percent the third year, Kirkpatrick said.

Meanwhile, the volunteer fire department, with about 30 members now, “welcomes new volunteers,” Mayor Kirkpatrick said.



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Lillian Fire Rescue responded to 83 emergency calls dispatched by 911 operators in March, including 1 building fire, 3 woodland fires, 49 EMS calls, 7 vehicle accidents, 1 search and rescue, and 22 miscellaneous incidents.

Big congrats to Derek Siler and Kyle Miller, who completed their 90-day probation and are now official members of the department! Derek is a proud, recently retired Marine. (Kyle's job title goes here!) We're thrilled to have them on board.

Lillian Fire Rescue is always looking for volunteers! If you've got heart and want to serve your community, we'll provide the training, gear, and mentorship. Call us at (251) 552-FIRE (3473) to learn more.

March also brought the heat with our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off, raising over \$5,000 for Shriners Children's Hospital! A huge thank-you to our sponsors, judges, and everyone who came out to support.

Congratulations to the winners: First Place to Curtis Cantrell, second Place to Care Patrol and third

place to Escambia Fire Rescue. We're already looking forward to next year's spicy showdown!

Burning Reminder: The seasonal burn ban runs from May 1 to October 31 in Baldwin County. No open burning during this time. Violators may face fines. For more information on the burn ban guidelines, contact us anytime.

Let's all stay safe and keep Lillian fire-free!



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By Janett Siler**

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Optimists Honor St. Benedict's Kim Walsh Teacher of the Year



The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently honored the Teacher of the Year at St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta, Kim Walsh. She is the First Grade Teacher and Assistant Principal. In addition to the certificate, Ms. Walsh also received a check which she was encouraged to spend on herself, not on her class, as teachers are wont to do. With her are Vice President Daniel Randall and President Robin Newell.

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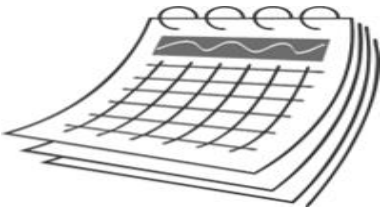
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Follow these instructions to apply:

- ~ Completed application MUST be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by JUNE 5 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- ~ 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.
- ~ Questions may be directed by email to lillianeditor@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 MAY 2025



May 1- 31 Register for Lillian Methodist Church's VBS scheduled June 2-6, 5:30-8:25 PM For rising Kindergarten to 5th Grade. This year's theme is "True North", where children will learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. VBS will be filled with incredible Bible learning experiences, hands-on fun science experiments, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats. There is no charge, and you may register your child at <https://www.lillianmc.org/vbs>.

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 11:00 AM & May 6,13,20 & 27 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Body & Brain Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.
For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

May 1 at 1:00 PM: Healing Hope Grief Support Group at 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.

May 3 from 9:00 AM to Noon - Annual Optimist Kids Fishing Rodeo at Schaff Pond, 32695 Bartell Street, Elberta, AL 36530. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for children 2- 12 years of age. Responsible adults must accompany children. Download the flyer at OptimistClubPB.org. For more information, call 251-234-1122.

May 6,13,20 & 27 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about ALANON at <https://al-anon.org/>.

May 6,13,20 & 27 at 7:00 PM: AA Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about <https://sober.com/aa-meetings/alabama/baldwin-county/>.

May 10 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Come meet our 2025 Scholarship recipients, Harris Dunlavy and Nancy Barrios, from Elberta High School. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, check out our website www.OptimistClubPB.org.

May 15 at 1:00 PM: Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

May 24 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Come meet our 2025 Heart of Optimism Recipient from Elberta High School. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, check out our website www.OptimistClubPB.org.

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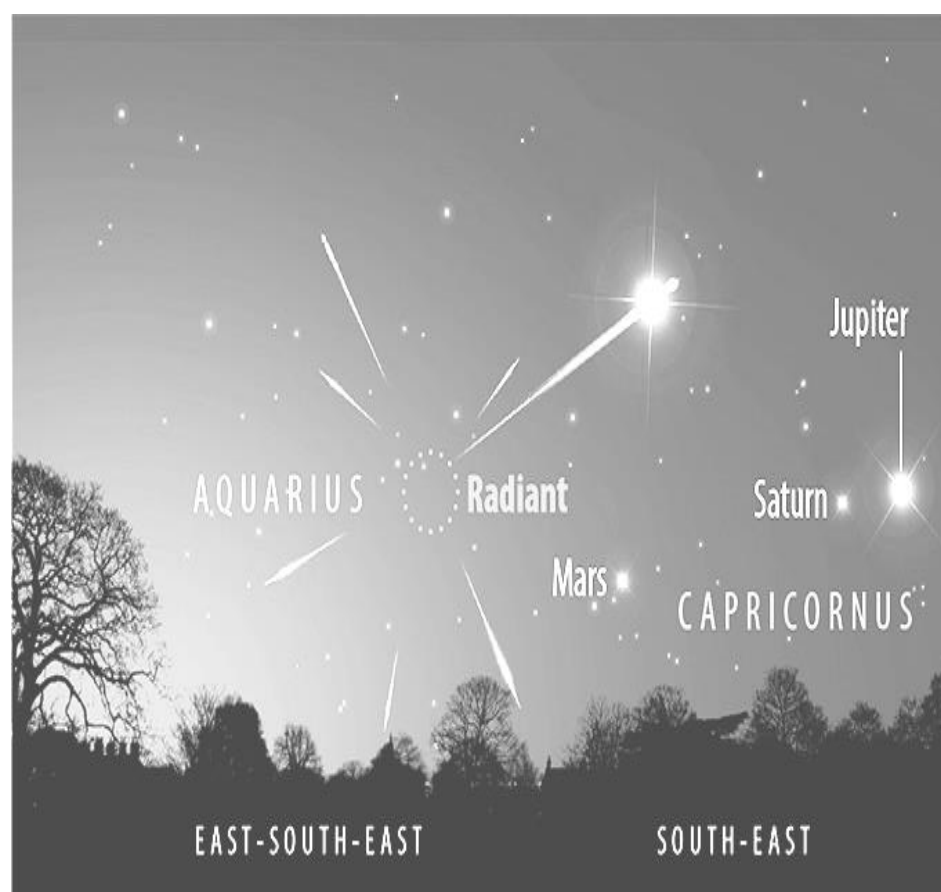
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Glorious Night Skies of May



- **May 6, 7 - Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower.** The Eta Aquarids is an above average shower, capable of producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. Most of the activity is seen in the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern Hemisphere, the rate can reach about 30 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet Halley, which has been observed since ancient times. The shower runs annually from April 19 to May 28. It peaks this year on the night of May 6 and the morning of the May 7. The waxing gibbous moon will block out some of the fainter meteors this year. But if you are patient, you should still be able to catch a some of the brighter ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.
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- **May 27 - New Moon.** The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 03:04 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.
- **May 31 - Venus at Greatest Western Elongation.** The planet Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation of 45.9 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the bright planet in the eastern sky before sunrise.

FULL FLOWER MOON MAY 12



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Everybody Wants to Know: How Should We Respond to Recent Tariffs?

The Trump Administration has announced tariffs on trade with other countries. While there has been a lot of uncertainty as to how these policies will evolve, it's generally agreed that tariffs can be inflationary, and they have also sparked volatility in the financial markets. How should you respond to tariffs — as a consumer and an investor?

As a consumer...

- *Review your budget.* If you're worried that higher prices will put stress on your cash flow, look for ways to cut costs, perhaps by eating out less often or eliminating streaming services you no longer use. Look for items that could easily be swapped for cheaper alternatives, like generics for brand names. You may even be able to get a better deal from your cable or internet providers, just by asking.

- *Build or replenish an emergency fund.* It's typically a good idea to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Usually, you'd want this fund available to meet large, unexpected expenses, such as a medical bill or a new furnace. But with the possibility of tariffs causing inflation in some sectors, you might also want your emergency fund ready to handle price increases in items such as car parts.

- *Accelerate large purchases susceptible to tariffs.* If you're already planning on making a large purchase, and you think the price may be affected by tariffs, you might want to act now, if you can afford to do so. Some items that may be susceptible to tariffs include automobiles, smartphones and computers.

As an investor...

- *Diversify.* Tariffs may affect some industries, such as automobiles and consumer electronics, more than others, such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals. But rather than making hasty "buy" and "sell" decisions based on tariffs and their possible effects, try to build and maintain a diversified portfolio containing a mix of

stocks, bonds and other securities. Diversification is the best defense against the market volatility caused by tariffs — or, for that matter, caused by any other factor. While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but at any given time, some asset classes may be up, or not hit as hard as others. And if your portfolio is heavily invested in an asset going through a downturn, you'll likely take a much bigger hit than if your dollars were spread across the wide array of available investment types.

- *Keep following a long-term strategy.* Right now, tariffs are certainly in the headlines as a potentially disruptive force in the financial markets. But there have always been such forces — wars, natural disasters, political turmoil, and so on — and while they have caused volatility for a while, the markets regained its footing, sooner or later. And the most successful investors were the ones who stayed the course throughout the disruptive events, rather than jumping out of the market until things cooled down. This doesn't mean you should never make changes in response to market conditions — at times, you may need to adjust your portfolio somewhat.

But by following a long-term strategy based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and financial goals, you'll be better equipped to cope with market gyrations. Tariffs can lead to uncertainties in the financial world. But by thinking carefully about how you might respond, you can bring more clarity to your own situation. For questions, please contact Jason Kozon or Chantz Blackmon at Edward Jones located at 22394 Mifflin Road in Foley, 251-943-3399.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Lillian Legion Continues Its Recruitment Campaign While Maintaining Services

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 that helps our community and Veterans of every war. If you have served Active Duty in the United States Armed Forces and have been honorably discharged or are still serving -- you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! Applications may be picked up at the American Legion Building next to the Lillian Community Club on Wednesday mornings between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If you are already a member, please stop

by and pay your dues if you have not already done so.

Post #0048 Annual Election have been held and will be posted in the next article.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers out there from Post 0048.

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

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



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle
1st Vice

Elberta Public Library Opens Window to County-wide Resources

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There is no charge to use the library. We are staffed by volunteers and welcome community participation. As we accept more funds, volunteers and community participation, we hope to offer more services and community activities.



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Junior Golfers Invited to Compete in Alabama Mississippi District

The Alabama Mississippi District #29 and its 41 Optimist Clubs invites junior golfers to compete in the upcoming Alabama Mississippi District Championship on June 9 at the Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley, Alabama. The tournament is for Boys ages 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-18 and Girls 10-12, 13-14 and 15-18.

Top young competitors can qualify to move onto compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships in July at Trump Doral National Resort and Spa in July. From the district-level tournament, the top two competi-

tors in each age group that meet or better the qualifying score are extended an invitation to the Optimist World Championship. This year the local tournament can offer a third invitation for the Girls 13-14 age group. When one of the qualifying golfers is unable to participate the honor falls to the next qualifying golfer.

To register for Alabama Mississippi Junior Golf Championship and OI World Championship Qualifier, junior golfers can register onsite at Glenlakes Golf Club or register online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/amodqt/event/amodjgqtc/>

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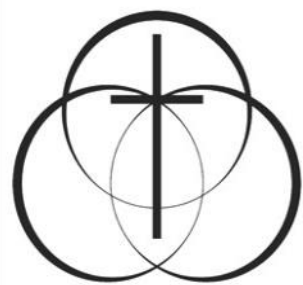
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**The
Methodist
Message**
By Rev. Daniel Randall

On the evening of Easter, the disciples of Jesus were gathered behind closed doors. The disciples are scared to death, and Jesus comes and stands among them, and he says, "Peace be with you." He says it three times here, you notice. My guess is they needed to hear it! It is an amazing moment, even more direct than Mary's brief encounter in the garden. He shows them his wrists, where the nails held his body to the cross. He shows them his side, pierced to prove to the Romans and the world that he was dead. No comma or swooning here to explain away his death and the reality of the resurrection. He challenges them with the great commission of the new era, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you." He breathes on them the promise of power, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He sends them with words of forgiveness and reconciliation the world so desperately longs to hear. But, John notes, Thomas wasn't there. For whatever reason, Thomas missed it. He wasn't there to experience the joy of the day. He wasn't there when Christ appeared. He wasn't there when Jesus made himself known, as he promised, wherever two or three are gathered in his name. When Thomas found out about what had taken place, he was brutally honest with the disciples. He said, "Unless I see, I will not believe." Now just for a moment, put yourself in his place. In fact, I guess we are in his place. It is now the next week, the next Sunday, and all he has been hearing all week is about what happened last Sunday. Mary, over and over again, saying, "I've seen the Lord." John and Peter, telling and retelling the run back and forth and into the tomb, the location of the grave cloths, the stench of death and the evidence of new life. Cleopas and the others who encountered him on the road to Emmaus. Where they said that Jesus was made known to us in the breaking of the bread. I am sure Thomas had it up to here! He must have been ready to shout, "Enough already! I can't take it anymore. I don't want to hear any more about your experience with the Risen Christ. I will not believe until I see for myself." And in that sense, I want to say, "Right on, Thomas!" Don't settle for a secondhand experience. Don't believe it just because someone else told you. Because questioning and doubting, questing and seeking, it's all part of the journey of faith. So, Thomas waits. Thomas questions. Thomas doubts. Then, one week later, he is present in the upper room, and into the haze of his questions and the maze of doubt, comes the Living Christ, saying, "Here I am. Touch."

See. Feel. Know. Be not faithless but believe." And in that moment, as he reached out to Jesus, he believed, and he saw.

You see, sometimes seeing is believing. But sometimes, believing is seeing. Like Thomas, when we finally come to the end of our searching, there comes the moment when we take the great leap of faith; when we reach out beyond our understanding to grasp a truth larger than our doubts; when, after asking all the questions, we take the step which leads toward the Risen Christ. And in that moment, we discover that believing is seeing.

You see, Resurrection faith is not true because you can prove it, like a theorem in your high school geometry book. It is not true because you've mastered it by trial and error. Resurrection faith is not true even because the women and the angels say it was so.

Resurrection faith is true because something in this witness to God's way of working connects with your own experience in a way that says, "Yes, of course." Jesus affirms Thomas's desire to see in order to believe, but Jesus also affirms belief which goes before and beyond sight. "Blessed are those who haven't seen and still believe." He is speaking about you and me. After all his searching, all his questions, all his doubts, Thomas, when confronted with the mystery of the Risen Christ said, My Lord and my God. And oh, how I pray that you have moved beyond your doubts and declared like Thomas,

My Lord and My God! For sometimes seeing is believing. Ah, but better yet, says Jesus, sometimes in the believing, there is seeing.

Just When the Clouds Turn Dark, a Ray of Sunshine Breaks Through

Yes, there's a lot of negativity in the world: fires, tornadoes, plane crashes, killings. I'm happy to say, though, that there is still a lot of good stuff happening, too.

Here's something that happened to me just recently. It was a Friday and I picked up a reimbursement check for something I had purchased for the library. I stuck the check in my purse, planning to deposit it later.

The day went on and I stopped at Dollar Tree. When I got home, I looked for the check and couldn't find it. I figured I would check my purse again later. Well, I did and it was still missing. It wasn't much but I figured I'd tell the treasurer to cancel the check since it evidently was lost.

Forward a few days later when I was at a meeting where I could talk with the treasurer. As I was getting ready to tell her the story, my phone rang. It was a representative of United Bank calling to tell me someone had turned in the check, that they had found it on the floor in Dollar Tree. It must have fallen out of my purse when I was pulling out my cash. I don't know if it was an employee or a shopper who found it and turned it in, but it certainly was kind of them to go out of their way to see that it would get to its owner.

Several years ago, I had eaten at a restaurant in Pensacola and paid with my credit card. A couple of days later I looked for it, but it

wasn't there in my wallet. First, I had to remember where I had used it last and then I called the restaurant, asking if anyone had turned it in. Yes, they said, someone had found it on the pavement in the parking lot. Now, that could have been a really bad situation, but someone with a good conscience made sure that I would not suffer.

A few times I have been in a restaurant and have asked for the bill and been told someone had paid it for me. Wow!

Neighbors have dropped off food when we're ill or grieving and take us to the store or doctor appointments when we can't do it ourselves.

And just think of all the good our community does. Our churches distribute food to the needy, give support to the ill and consolation to the families of the deceased. The fire department gives help in emergencies as do the members of the police departments. The library provides books, internet and copying services. The park offers a variety of services for all ages. The Optimist Club focuses on providing entertainment and support for children. The Lillian Community Club offers a venue so that they and other organizations can fill their roles as good neighbors.

All is not lost. Thanks to all who make our lives better in Paradise.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

It's That Time of Year Again! 22nd Annual Fishing Derby Set for May

Boys and girls aged two to 12 are invited to participate in the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay 22nd Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo that will be held Saturday, May 3 at Schaff Pond. The event is held from 9 a.m. to noon. A hot dog lunch is provided for those attending.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Awards are given in a variety of categories. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs, buckets, poles and bait. A few poles and bait will be available, however. Catch and release all catfish, but bass and bream may be kept. Permission forms will be available at the pond.

Schaff Pond is located at 32695 Bartel Street, Elberta. From Lillian turn north on County Road 93 for one mile. Go west on Bartel Road four tenths of a mile and the pond is on the right. For additional information call 251-284-3793 or 636-236-5226.



Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hope the winners of last year's Fishing Rodeo will join them again on Saturday, May 3 at Schaff Pond for another great day of fishing.

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This mystery novels author had much to say about Christianity

Dorothy L. Sayers, 1893-1957, was an English writer and scholar who is perhaps best known for her detective novels featuring the character Lord Peter Wimsey. Sayers was also a significant religious thinker, known for her writings on Christian theology and apologetics. She attended Oxford University, completing a program in English and French literature but before women were permitted to earn a degree. Her degree was given after Oxford changed its rules. Ultimately, Sayer wrote 16. novels, 10 plays and 24 works of non-fiction and along with poems and other writing projects.

Sayers' theological writings focused on the intersection of Christianity and culture, and she sought to engage with contemporary issues and challenges facing the church. Her most famous work in this vein is probably "The Mind of the Maker," a study of the doctrine of the Trinity and its implications for creativity, art, and human personhood. She also wrote on topics such as the problem of evil, the nature of sin, and the importance of liturgy and sacraments.

Sayers knew several members of the famous literary group, the Inklings, that included J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis. In particular she was a friend of Lewis and collaborated with him on a translation of Dante's "Divine Comedy." She also corresponded with Tolkien, author of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and attended some of the group's meetings as a guest. Her own literary and theological work was distinct from that of the Inklings, and she is often considered to be more of an individual thinker and writer than a member of any particular group or movement.

While friends, Sayers also disagreed with C.S. Lewis on the matter of women's ordination. He wrote to her asking that she take a public stand against it.

Lewis believed the defense of tradition needed to be written by a woman. Instead, Sayers suggested she would be an "uneasy ally" for him because she did not see any theological reason why women should not serve as ordained ministers. She distinguished between whether a man or a woman should be "cast for the part" of "playing" Jesus in a narrative of the Gospels other than yes it made the most dramatic sense for it to be a man. In her writings she contemplated whether a man or a woman could represent Christ to humanity. Because Christ was the representative of all humanity, not simply male humanity, she believed either a woman or a man could reflect that representation.

Sayers also wrote, "Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man, there never has been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them either as "The women, God help us!" or "The ladies, God bless them!"; who rebuked without querulousness and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend; who took them as he found them and was completely unself-conscious. There is no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows its pungency from female perversity; nobody could possibly guess from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything "funny" about woman's nature."

While it was used about her, Sayers never accepted the term feminist only thinking of herself as a plain speaker of her own opinion. She was never accused of being boring. Sayers was never a fan of boredom. Sayer said about Jesus, "The people who hanged Christ never accused Christ of being a bore. On the contrary; they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium." And, "It is the dogma that is the drama, not beautiful phrases, nor comforting sentiments, nor vague aspirations to loving-kindness and uplift, nor the promise of something nice after death. But the terrifying assertion that the same God who made the world lived in the world and passed through the grave and gate of death. Show that to the heathen, and they may not believe it; but at least they may realize that here is something that a man might be glad to believe." All in all, the author of wonderful mystery novels also had something to say about the Christian faith.

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Happy birthday wishes in May go out to Ben and Will McNeill, Marge Whittle, Julie Mauer, Eddie Hoggle, Jeff Jordan, Johnny Barbato, Enid Cooper, Barbara Hinson,, Ben Williams, Nick Lichliter, Wilma Spivey,

Earl Dickson, Lee Hoffman, Carmen Greene, Samantha Lichliter, Dylan Curl, Adele Hartman, Jerry Langford, Charlie Spivey, Tina Kociban, Jim Vargo, Karen Messerli, Dottie Weaver, Terry Armit, Bob Carmichael, Sharoyne Linde, Luellen Sutton, Ruby Del Cox, Jacob Paul, Lind Harrison, James Eldredge Jr., Norman Taylor, Sandy Cowie, Sandra Lyon, Donna Hinds, Jean Champagne, Blanch

Crandall, Charles Bingle, Tracy Brown and David Mitchell

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in May are Joanie and Ed Saunders 52 years, Ron and Pat Morris 1965, Bruce and Virginia Allen 1971, Traci and Shannon Price 2000, Celeste and Richard Champion 2005, Jennifer and Chuck Canaday 2008.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat col-

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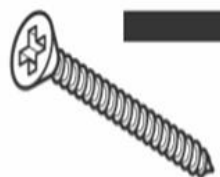
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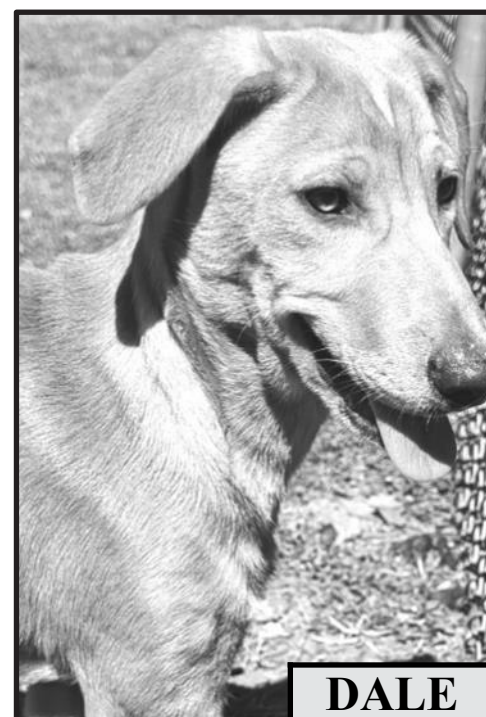
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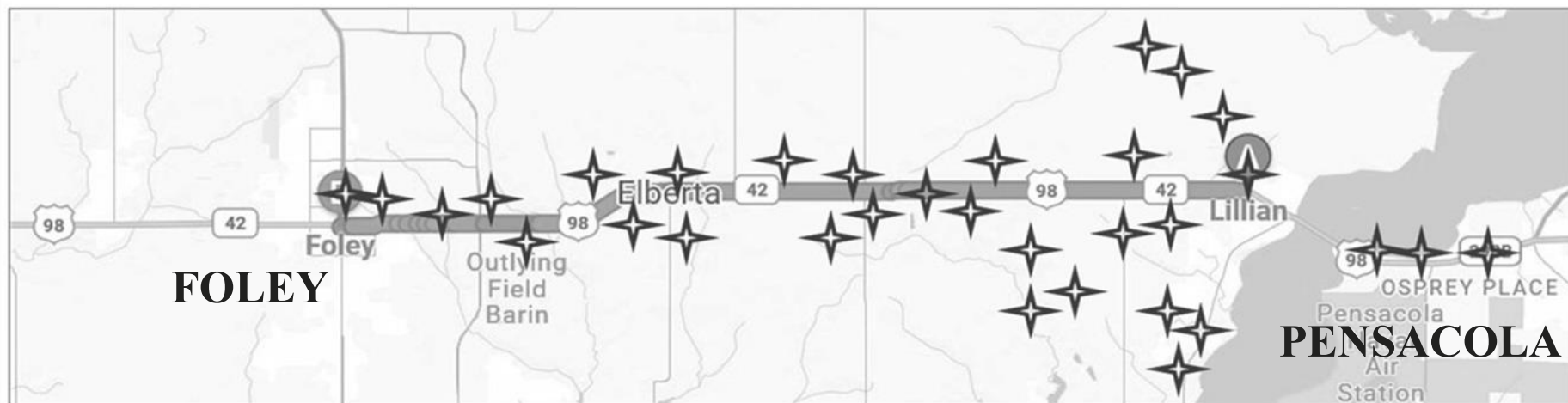


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So, it would seem that there is a lot more that impacts our weather than what we think and what may be instore for this planet in the future. Just saying.



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

When Earth was first formed it tilted on its side, probably from a collision with another orb. But through another such event the moon was formed and became a very important orbital partner. The gravity pulled and up righted Earth to a 20% tilt which brought our poles in an almost upright position, so this is why we have four seasons. The moon helps us in other ways too. It keeps us from flopping about in space and its gravity causes the tides which stimulates the seas adding oxygen which brings life. In other words, there wouldn't be life on Earth if we had stayed at 50% tilt. That old man in the moon is watching over us, next full moon, smile back at him in gratitude.

"The universe is like a safe to which there is a combination but the combination is locked up in the safe." Peter De Vries.



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