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SEE 'AT LARGE' ON PAGE 26

## Lone Dem. Bids for Vacant Baldwin Co. Dist. 4 Seat

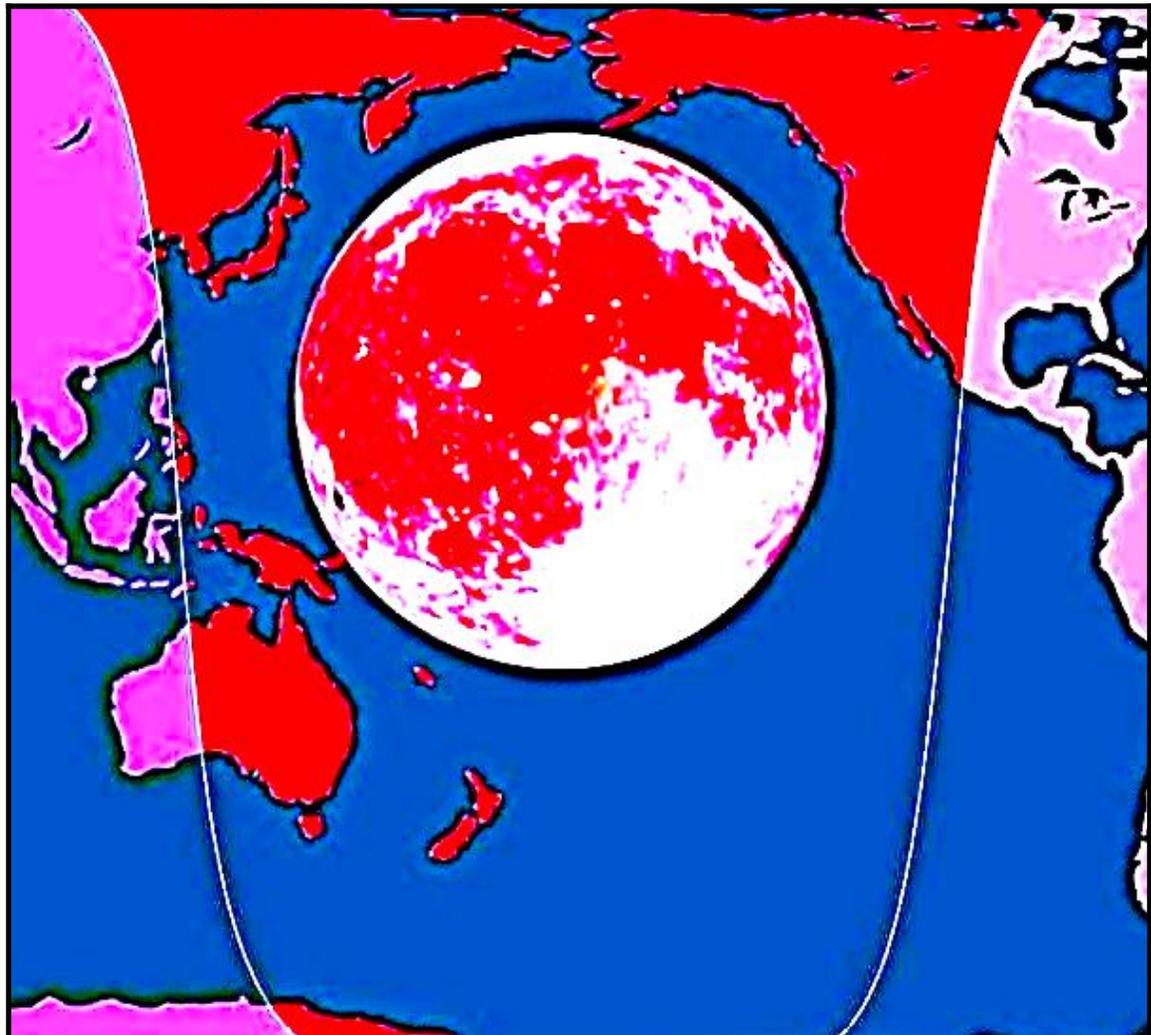
As Drew Arredondo drives backroads and byways of Baldwin County, he hears firsthand the struggles and worries of everyday people.



He sees with his own eyes the murky streams and byways, smells the stink of antiquated sewer systems, observes the clear-cutting stripping the Southern expanses of its iconic charm. Arredondo is no country club politician. He doesn't hold court at fancy restaurants or behind a big desk in a posh office.

SEE CANDIDATE ON PAGE 16

## RED MOON BEGETS SPRING



### MARCH ECLIPSE A HARBINGER OF THE VERNAL SEASON

On March 3, the Moon will turn red in the sky during a total lunar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible from parts of Europe, Asia, Australia, North America, South America, the Arctic, and Antarctica. You don't need any special equipment to watch this event, though binoculars can make the view even better.

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## Timely Treats From Capt. Dave: Mardi Gras & St. Paddy's Day Fare

### Captain Dave's Crab Ball Appetizer

(You will benefit from having a small food processor for this recipe.)

2 -8 oz. packages of cream cheese softened

1 TSP of finely minced garlic

1TSP of finely minced Onion

3 TBSP of finely minced jalapenos

3 TBSP of Worcestershire Sauce

½ tsp of horse radish sauce

½ cup of finely grated cheddar cheese

½ cup of finely grated Parmesan cheese

1 heaping cup of crab meat. Lump Crab from a can is fine.

Mix all ingredients except crab meat and grated cheese into cream cheese. Mix these ingredients well. Add grated cheese and Crab meat and stir in. Don't over stir the mixture to help keep the crab meat chunky. Form this into a glass bowl and refrigerate. theww or four hours is good, overnight is best. Turn the bowl upside down on your serving board and let it warm slightly to be a good dip. Serve with your favorite chips or Crackers.

You can bake this at 350 degrees until

bubbly, then transfer to a small dip crockpot to serve warm as well.

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### Captain Dave's Grilled Reuben

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ADD warmed Corned Beef or Pastrami to the slice of bread with Dijon mustard.

Top that beef with thin sliced Provolone Cheese. Be Generous again.

Top the cheese with Clausen Brand Sauerkraut from a jar. Let the Kraut drain as you dip it from the jar with a fork.

Place the Top slice of bread with the Buffalo Ranch sauce on top.

Yield: 1 Great Grilled Reuben Sandwich. Repeat quickly for more sandwiches.

Serve with sides of chips, fries, etc.



FROM THE  
CAPT'S GALLEY

By Dave Morgan Odom

Happy Cooking!

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### Coming up Next Month

A Hearty Gumbo that is a Gulf Coast Favorite!



*The captain and crew live in Spanish Cove. They have been property owners since 2016and dock at Buena Vista Circle.*

*You may remember Captain Dave from volunteering and running BINGO at the LCC for almost three years. Having just recently escaped from that, you can find him on Facebook under his name David Morgan Odom (also Captain Dave's Kitchen). Captain Dave has cooked a lot for the Bingo crowd ... Gumbo is a local favorites.*

## Garden Club Open to All; Meets 1st Monday Each Month & Benefits Students



The Lillian Garden Club, with open attendance to all, meets on the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Lillian Recreational Park conference room. The next meeting is March 2. Jill Boyles will continue the second part of her series, Butterfly Gardens. There is a social time with refreshments after every meeting for attendees to ask questions and share. Twenty Club members enjoyed attending the Gulf Shores Garden Club Floral Seminar followed by lunch at Wolf Bay. The Club collects Greer's grocery receipts dated from September 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, for the students of Elberta Elementary school. Please join the Facebook group Lillian's Garden Grows for additional gardening opportunities and program updates. UPCOMING: April 6, 2026 Marilyn Mannhard. "The Healing Qualities of Plants" and May 4, 2026 Annual Spring Luncheon.



# Out of the Seed of Service Sprouts a Garden of Support, Love

Here it is, deadline day tomorrow and until a few minutes ago, I had no clue as to what to write. Usually something in my daily life gives me the idea, but since almost two weeks of my daily life in the hospital have been eventless, nothing much came up.

Until tonight. I started thinking about the previous 10 days that I spent in South Baldwin Hospital. Yes, I had spent time in a hospital before, but not for such a long time. It was usually just overnight.

This time I realized what goes on each day in the hospital. The nurses, the techs, the doctors showed their concern for me each time they stepped into my room. "How are you feeling?", "Is there anything I can get you?", "Sorry, this may hurt." All the procedures and questions with concern on their faces. They truly made me feel that I was loved, whether they were just out of school or Moms and Dads who had been on the job for years.

When we moved to Lillian almost 34 years ago, we knew absolutely no one. Now,



I have a whole new group of family living in my neighborhood. We joined our church, signed up for local activities and attended as many others as possible. We met so many people over the years and now they are here with backup to help me however they can.

I have always felt that joining a commit-



## Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

tee is the best way to meet people. There are so many opportunities in our wonderful community to use your talents, church, Lillian Recreational Park, Lillian Library, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR), your homeowner's association, American Legion, Mary's Shelter, Ecumenical Ministries.

I have always felt that if you are going to take from the community, you should also give to the community in whatever way works. This has always worked for me and when you are hit with something completely out of the blue, the community comes through with love and prayers. Thank you so much for your concern and love.

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The Lillian Recreational Park has many plans for 2026, including a new, accessible parking lot which will be a solution to the drainage issues the Park continually faces. It is expected that the Park will have to be closed periodically during construction, so check the Park's Facebook page and website for updates on the parking lot project.

Brand-new gardens will be installed this year, thanks to the Baldwin County Master Gardeners and the welding students at Baldwin Preparatory Academy. The welding students are creating metal house outlines that will be placed by the new gardens.

Also new this year, the Park is installing a livestream Osprey Cam. Thanks to Riviera Utilities and Point Broadband, you will be able to watch as the Park's ospreys build their nest, lay their eggs and watch the fledglings as they learn to fly. We hope to get the camera installed before the osprey migrates back to the Park, but if not, it will be ready to go for the next nesting season.

Other activities this year include Movies & Music in the Park which will begin in May. This year's movies will feature live music and special activities. Another fun Splash Fest will be held in partnership with the Fire Department in August, the Fall Fest will be September 26 and Christmas in the Park begins Dec. 5.

In addition, the Park will continue to offer mah Jong and bingo lessons and play, and pickleball lessons and tournaments. Because of the uncertainty about the parking lot construction schedule, there will not be monthly markets this year. This year's markets will be incorporated into the Park's special events. Check the Park's Facebook page and website ([www.LillianRecreationalPark.org](http://www.LillianRecreationalPark.org)) for up-to-date information on all these events and activities.

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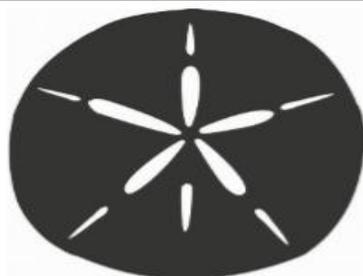
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Our waterways are part of what makes this community special. They're where we walk, paddle, swim and fish with our families, as well as connect with the landscape we call home. Protecting these waterways isn't just an environmental issue, it's a community responsibility, and every resident has a role to play.



We are asking local residents to join us in keeping our creeks, rivers and bays healthy. You don't need scientific training or special equipment. What matters most is your interest in preserving the natural resources that support our daily lives.

As a member of the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association, you can observe changes in local streams, report pollution, share information with neighbors, and strengthen our collective voice when it comes to protecting our waterways. It's a meaningful way to stay connected to the place you live and contribute to something that benefits everyone.

We are inviting new members to join us in this mission

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A membership form is attached for your convenience. Thank you for your support!

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association Board, [wbwac@gmail.com](mailto:wbwac@gmail.com), 816-590-497.

### SAVE THIS DATE

Join us at the Perdido Beach Community Center April 27 from 6-8 p.m. if you want to learn about Alabama Water Watch and the ongoing water testing of our watershed. The address is 9212 Country Road 97 in Perdido Beach. Ashley Cambell, the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Natural Resource Planner, will talk about the tests that are performed and what we are finding.

Also, consider joining the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association. For membership details or questions, please email [wbwac@gmail.com](mailto:wbwac@gmail.com). Also, feel free to join our Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association Facebook page for more watershed information and updates.

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## Body Language Compliments the Spoken

Have you ever had a moment when you wished the floor would open and swallow you? I had one of those moments at Meet the Candidate's Night at the Lillian Community Club last month. Maybe the floor opening is a bit too strong.

As I was speaking to a local candidate about supporting her *keeping Lillian rural*, I opened my mouth to tell her about one of the meetings I attended, and the word for which meeting suddenly disappeared from my brain into oblivion. She couldn't guess what the elusive word was that I wanted to convey and with others vying for her time, I left her and went looking for a seat, mumbling about my horrible senior moment. How could I have forgotten the word? For crying out loud, I could still remember the three memory test words from my Medicare yearly exam I had the month before.

Hope came in the form of three people I knew from bingo. Bingo players know everything, right? I approached them with a crazed look and grabbed one by the arm, "I need your help!" I explained my problem and the word game began. I gave definitions and the three spit out their answers and then voila, "yes, yes, yes, that's it," I yelled as I left them and headed toward the candidate to prove to her, I wasn't crazy even though looking very much the part.

I impatiently waited until the candidate finished a conversation she was having with another attendee. When she finally turned toward me, I grinned and said with excitement, "just so you don't think I'm completely nuts, the word is ZONING."

"Oh yes." She answered unimpressed. Her reply was also accompanied by an expression that she wasn't convinced of my state of mind, but it didn't matter because I remembered the word thanks to those smart bingo players.

Many times, I have mentioned the importance of paying attention to body language. The more you watch others, the better you get at detecting someone's moods, character or intentions. That's what worries me about the younger generations because they spend more time texting on their phone rather than communicating face to face even when they are sitting across the table from the person. Teenagers especially put too much trust in the strangers they meet on Facebook.

It takes practice to recognize certain physical characteristics. It may not get you a job as a profiler, but it could give you a sense of who you can trust or even save your life. On a meet the candidate's night it could give insight of who emanates genuine honesty. Listening to speeches is only part of the knowledge you need to be an informed voter.

**Watching** the Olympics last month filled me with awe as I wondered how the athletes could push their bodies to the extreme pressures of their sport. It's more than fanaticism; it's a wild thriving part of them that pulses deep within pushing them to achieve far beyond average human endurance.

I may have cheered louder for USA, but I applauded all the athletes for the hard work it took for them to get to the games and put their mind and bodies through all that it took to compete. Win or lose, they all deserve our respect no matter what country they represented.

"When work, commitment, and pleasure all become one and you reach that deep well where passion lives, nothing is impossible." Nancy Coey.



### Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

## Living With Growth Takes a Special Kind of Thinking

One of the things people love most about Lillian is something you can't build or manufacture — it's the feeling of community. Neighbors still wave when you pass by, people look out for one another, and life moves at a pace that lets you actually enjoy where you live.



Lillian offers something special along the Gulf Coast. You can enjoy Perdido Bay sunrises, quick drives to the beach, and still come home to quiet streets, friendly faces, and that true hometown feel. It's a place where families grow, retirees settle comfortably, and newcomers are welcomed like they've always belonged.

As growth continues across Baldwin County, many residents hope Lillian keeps what makes it unique — the charm, the kindness, and the connection to both the land and the water. Growth can be good, but here in Lillian, it's about growing the right way — while keeping the character that makes this community feel like home.

Another growing interest locally is smaller 1–2 bedroom villas and low-maintenance homes. Many buyers today are looking for simple, comfortable living without the upkeep of larger properties. Homes with ground maintenance included can offer more time to enjoy boating, community events, travel, or just relaxing on the porch — all while still being part of the Lillian community.

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## Lillian Recreational Park Elects New Board of Directors Team

The Lillian Recreational Park recently elected two new board members to its Board of Directors: Becky Schuck and Lauren Garlock. They join other Park board members Fourd Attaway, Patti Bergstrom, Juanita Dodd, Jack Hammond, Cheryl Josephson, Carol Kovacs, Lucy Smith, Rosie Stallworth, and Kelly Verret.

The board also said goodbye to John Larson whose term expired. They thanked John for all his hard work putting together the dog park and Christmas in the Park. Fortunately, John will remain involved, so his wisdom and insight will continue.



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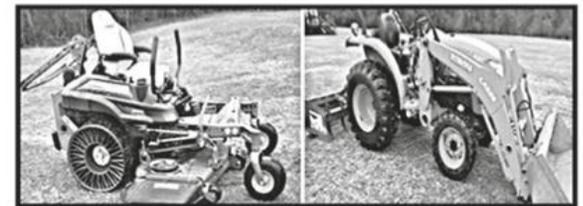
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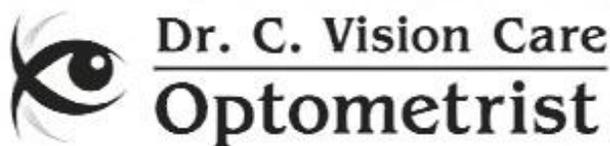
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**Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner**  
By Betty Bovat

## Join Our Library by Mail; See Info Below

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library finally sent out our usual member postcards last month. This is a yearly offer to become a member of your local library. This library is completely funded by donations; we get no county, state, federal or local funds. We pay our bills by membership, \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. We also ask for additional donations from our patrons, if possible, and we are also grateful for donations from other Lillian organizations. You may remit cash, check or a money order. Our mailing address is Lillian Perdido Bay Library at P.O. Box 237, Lillian. If you did not receive one of our post cards, please use the form provided here and "Thank You!"

We would like to introduce a new volunteer member of our Library board and is also our new secretary, Ashley Bunch.

A change has been made in the policy of the age of the donated books. You may now donate any age book that is in good condition that we could place on our library shelves, something that YOU would want to check out. All you need to check out any item we have in our library is a Library Card, which is FREE! The volunteer will give you a small form to fill out, then you have your card.

Our hours are Monday - Thursday, also Saturday: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Perhaps you are new to Lillian and do not even know we are here at 34081 Ickler Avenue, just south of US Highway 98 and east of Perdido Street.

Of course we have the usual hardback fiction books, including large print copies, paperbacks, also with larger print and non-fiction. Classics and biographies have special sections. We also have a room full of western books. Bring the kids for Easy to Young Adult books. There is a special section for Baldwin County, Alabama: a large wall map, books and paraphernalia to use or check out.

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library has a computer room with 5 computers and two printers for public use, just for a small donation. We also have a printer that prints/scans/fax also a small donation for use.

We will have the Federal tax forms for you to take. So far, the Alabama tax forms are not available, but soon!

Thank you for supporting our library, we certainly love it and appreciate our community.



**Our Library is 100 % Community Funded: This is the Time of Year We Seek Donations From Readers**

## PLEASE DONATE TO THE LILLIAN PERDIDO BAY LIBRARY

Perhaps you are not aware that the library is completely funded by donations. We get no county, state or federal funds. Books are donated by patrons and sometimes due to special donations provided as memorials. Our workers are all volunteers. We pay our bills by memberships, \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. We also ask for additional donations from our patrons, if possible, and we are also very grateful for donations from other Lillian organizations.

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For several years the Lillian Community Club (LCC) has hosted the annual Bunco Bash with all proceeds going to charitable cancer research. KK and her family have devoted many hours to plan, organize and host this worthwhile event year after year. Thank you for all you have done; it's always a lot of fun. Unfortunately, KK and family are no longer able to continue. Without a dedicated planner, the Bunco Bash cannot continue.

If you are interested in taking the helm of this awesome event, please contact the LCC main office at (251)962-3366, ext. 1 or email at [LCC@lilliancommunityclub.com](mailto:LCC@lilliancommunityclub.com)

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**March 14—Breakfast Meeting, 8:00 a.m.**

Program—Elberta Scouting – Carolyn Hertel

**March 16—Optimist and Friends Night Out**

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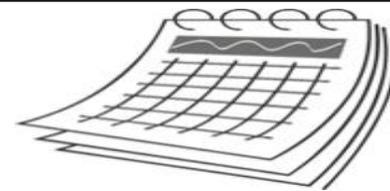
**March 28—Breakfast meeting, 8:00 a.m.**

Program—Optimist Oratorical Contest Winners

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## The Lillian Calendar MARCH 2026



**March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 11:00 AM & March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Body & Brain Fitness, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630. We will not meet on New Year's Day 1/1.)**

**March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 7:00 PM: Al-Anon Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (Al-Anon is a fellowship for relatives and friends of alcoholics, offering support for those affected by a loved one's drinking. It provides a safe, non-judgmental space to share experiences and develop healthier coping mechanisms through its meetings, which are based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Learn more about AL-Anon at <https://al-anon.org/>.)**

**March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 General AA Meeting & March 7, 14, 21 & 28 Open AA Meeting at 7:00 PM: Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (Alcoholics Anonymous, AA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope to stay sober, primarily through a 12-step program and mutual support at free meetings. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking, and the organization is open to anyone regardless of background, beliefs, or identity. For information, contact Bill Halford at 850-380-8132. Learn more about AA at <https://www.aa.org/what-is-aa>)**

**March 5 at 1:00 PM: Healing Hope Grief Support Group, 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. For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.)**

**March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 6:30 PM: Lillian Community Celebrate Recovery Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (Rev. Rick Long and Rev. Daniel Randall invite everyone to join us for Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based, Christ-centered, 12-step program designed to help individuals overcome various hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery uses a combination of biblical principles, the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and small group support to foster healing and recovery. The program addresses a wide range of issues, including substance abuse, codependency, and other life challenges, and is offered in thousands of churches worldwide. Learn more about CR at <https://celebraterecovery.com/>. We will not meet on Christmas Day, 12/25 or New Year's Day, 1/1.)**

**March 14 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL (Our guest speaker will be Carolyn Hertel with the Elberta Scouting Troop. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to [www.OptimistClubPB.org](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org).)**

**March 19 at 1:00 PM: Dementia Education Forum, Caregiver Support Group and Aging in Place, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.)**

**March 28 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. (We will be recognizing this year's Oratorical Contest winners. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to [www.OptimistClubPB.org](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org).)**

## Episcopal Church of the Advent

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Lillian, AL 36549



### Service for Holy Week at Episcopal Church of the Advent

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3 at 12 noon

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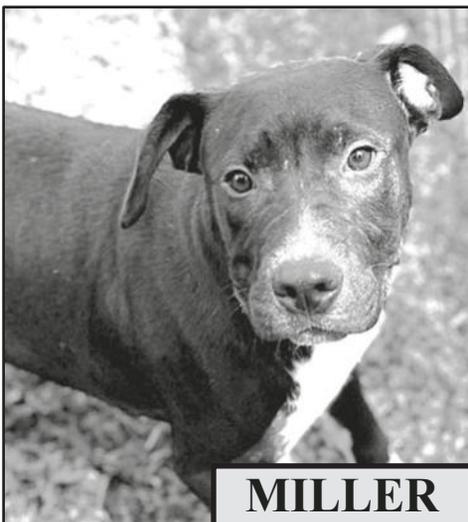
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# Man-Faced Stink Bugs Use Pheromones to Attract Mates

Tis the season of king cakes, beads, and too much of all the things, in other words - Mardi Gras is upon us! Regular readers of this column will notice that often there are seasonal tie-ins to the monthly bug. For Carnival season, clear choices are critters that like to form a single line, ants or termites for example. Too easy! Too obvious! Too pedestrian! (Get it, pedestrian – because you walk in parades?)

Anyways, this month's critter is the Man-faced stink bug (*Catacanthus Incarnatus*). These insects are found in Madagascar, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Japan and South Korea. Due to the global economy, are heading this way very, very soon.

(*Catacanthus Incarnatus*). *Catacanthus*, meaning "having downward-pointing thorns" is a genus of insects within the family *Pentatomidae*. Some people won't care if the scientific name for creatures comes from Latin or comes from Greek phrases but it is really re-wording information! What is both funny and frustrating about *Catacanthus* is that the Greek roots are "Latinized" (yes, that's a real term) so the scientific name is essentially both. *In-car-nat-us* is basically incarnation or looks like a person.

Now, *Pentatomidae* is from Greek "pente" meaning five and "tomos" meaning section, which refers to the insects 5 sections of antennae. Pentatomidae is the largest family containing around 900 genera and over 4700 species!

Science would say that this insect was discovered in 1778 by British entomologist, Dru Drury. Mr. Drury was a silversmith by trade. He "gathered" his specimens by correspondence – talk about snail mail! Mr. Drury offered 6 dimes for any insect collected by sailors – the ones who did the actual traveling and collecting of insects. He did create a very detailed pamphlet about how to properly preserve and send the insects found, even if he left the finding to others. Decide for yourself, was it Dru Drury who discovered new insects or his employees?

Why call them Man-Faced Stink Bugs? Well darlings, you need to perform an Image search, for they are certainly worth a gander. These insects can come in several colors: red, yellow, orange, and cream. The bold colors warn predators that this bug is either poisonous or tastes terrible. They have a thick, hardened extension of the thorax, called a "scutellum", that covers and protects the top of its abdomen. It may also have two prominent black dots on its scutellum, but they always have a pair of big, black spots on its leathery wings.

You can see the man's face on the back of the bug in two ways: with the head facing you, the scutellum represents wind swept hair, the two dots the eyes and the crisscross of the wings a nose. In this direction it almost resembles Elvis Presley. With the head facing away from you, the hair becomes a beard or goatee, the nose comes to a point like a Roman statue. Seriously, a picture is worth a thousand words!

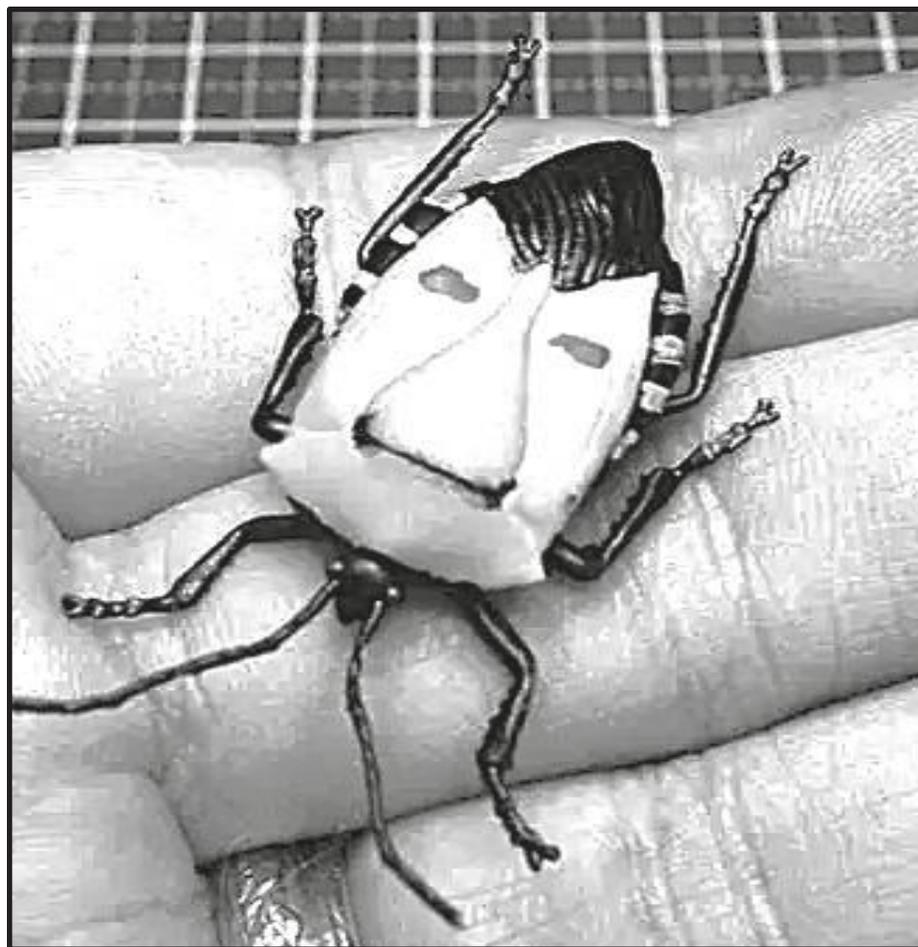
The Man-Faced Stink bugs are notorious pests because they target a plant's fruit and tender shoots. They are a threat to cotton, corn, sorghum, soybeans, native and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines, weeds, and many cultivated crops. It can be found during spring,

summer, and fall crawling around on top of flowers from evening until mid-morning. They are often resistant to pesticides. The adults and nymphs do the damage by sucking the sap of young shoots, and damaging leaves. They can also cause fruit to rot from secondary invasions of microorganisms or fall from the stems altogether.



## Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



Man-Faced Stink Bugs use pheromones to attract scores of bugs to congregate on trees. It makes it much easier to mate when the youth gather together! Light green or yellowish eggs are laid in the hundreds on undersides of leaves. The eggs will hatch in 4 – 7 days depending on temperatures. The higher the temperature, the faster the hatch. From the eggs, black and white wingless nymphs will scurry. They are not yet fully developed and are without the face pattern. Their entire life span is from 40 to 60 days.

Did we gloss over the face that the Man-Faced Stink bug is also a STINK bug? No! The stink bug derives its name from an unpleasant scent released from pores in the thorax when disturbed.

Let's check off all the ways the Man-Faced Stink Bug is like Mari Gras? Masque? Check! Stinky? Double Check? Attracted to bright colors and yummy foods? Triple Check! This time with you has been pun-derful!

What did the King Cake say to the Fork? You Wanna a Piece of Me!

## Pork Roast: Lillian Legion Annual Fundraiser 'Serves' the Best for Last!

The American Legion is your voice in congress, we 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.

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!

**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. Membership 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. or at any American Legion meeting.

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day:** Post 48 wishes you a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

**Thank You:** Thanks to everyone who came out to support Legion Post 48's Fund

Raising Dinner. Hope you enjoyed the dinner and hope to see you again on 29 March at the Lillian Community Club Hall. Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$15 a plate.

This will be our **last dinner of the year**, so come out and enjoy it with friends while supporting the American Legion.

**POST 48 FUND RAISER DINNER:** These dinners are the Legion's primary fund raisers and provide the money for the continued activities and donations, such as building ramps for disabled veterans, maintaining the medical closet and much more.

**MEDICAL CLOSET:** The Medical Closet is for all Lillian residents and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more.

The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed.

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

Every Wednesday morning from 9am to 11 a.m., Legion members "drop by" the



**Lillian  
American  
Legion Post 48**

By Gay L. Pyle  
1st Vice  
President

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 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.



### CANDIDATE FROM PAGE 1

Drew Arredondo, 39, is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket to fill the seat occupied by Charles Skip Guber, who is retiring after representing District 4 for two decades.

Arredondo hears what's important to Baldwin County voters as he drives them to their dialysis appointments, to buy their groceries or to share a meal together at community gathering centers as a driver for the Baldwin Rural Area Transit Systems.

"I represent a new generation of leadership, committed to protecting and working with the people of Baldwin County. That means standing against reckless, and unvetted growth that benefits developers at the expense of our environment and current residents," he said.

"It means ensuring school safety, support to local businesses and farmers, respect and care for seniors and vulnerable community members, and assuring that every

citizen feels heard, valued, and confident that their county government works for them beyond the election."

A graduate of Central New Mexico College in Psychology and Environmental Science, he spent nine years working with youth groups for Family Support Services at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served as a volunteer firefighter for the Albuquerque Fire Department.

Motivated by his education in environmental science, Arredondo began sitting in on Baldwin County Commission meetings. He noticed that, despite crowds of community members across the demanding responsible development, they seemed to fall on deaf ears when the vote went down.

"I'm here to show the county a better way than the way things are," he said. "You can trust my commitment to never selling my integrity and always fighting for the little guy."

## Attention Lillian Community!

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We're thrilled to announce our first ever Firefighters Ball on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lillian Community Club, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This elegant evening will feature a catered meal, a cash bar, and an opportunity to celebrate and support those who proudly serve our community. Tickets are \$75 per person, with formal attire requested, floor-length gowns for ladies and suits or tuxedos for gentlemen. Ticket purchase details will be available soon on our Lillian Fire Rescue Facebook page and checks will also be accepted. We hope you'll join us for a memorable night benefiting your local fire department!



want to be transparent, we are currently behind on our donation goals this year. Lillian Fire Rescue does not receive funding from the town and relies heavily on community donations to operate. These funds help cover essential equipment, fuel, training, and medical supplies used on lifesaving EMS calls. If you have already donated, thank you,

your support truly matters. If not, we respectfully ask you to consider giving. Every dollar stays right here in Lillian, supporting the neighbors who answer the call day and night.

Finally, we are actively recruiting new volunteers. Whether your interest is firefighting, EMS, traffic control, administration, or community outreach, there is a place for you at



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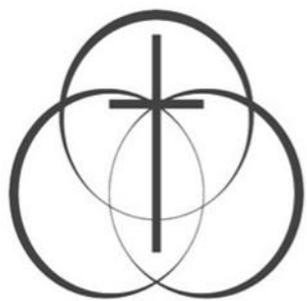
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**POTLUCK SUPPER March 16 5:30 PM**

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**REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE**

## Finding Our Way in the 40 Days



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel  
 Randall

As the seasons begin their subtle shift from winter to spring along our beautiful Gulf Coast, we enter our own season of transformation during Lent. For those of us at Lillian Methodist Church, for believers throughout our community and the world, the arrival of Lent marks a sacred "spiritual reset." It is a 40-day journey modeled after the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, a period designed for reflecting, searching, and ultimately, making the deeper commitments that Christ asks of us.

We often wrestle with the purpose of the wilderness and why we must all go through periods of struggle. In the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-2, we read that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. If the Son of God sought a period of isolation and intense focus to prepare for His mission, how much more do we need such a time? Our lives often become cluttered with "good" things that nevertheless distract us from the "best" thing: a vibrant, walking relationship with our Heavenly Father. Lent is the season where we intentionally clear that clutter. It is a time to ask ourselves the hard questions: Where have I drifted? What has taken the place of God in my heart?

The first movement of Lent is one of inward reflection. The Psalmist provides us with the perfect prayer for this season in Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." This search isn't meant to lead us into shame, but into honesty. When we allow God to search our hearts, we aren't discovering things He doesn't know; we are finally seeing things we have been too busy to notice. In the quiet of these 40 days, we seek the direction God has for us, trusting the promise found in Jeremiah 29:13: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

However, Lent is not merely a season of thinking; it is a season of doing and becoming. While many choose to give something up, a practice that reminds us of our dependence on God rather than worldly comforts, the true heart of Lent is found in what we take up. Christ calls us to a deeper level of commitment than the world expects. He calls us to a sacrificial love, an active faith, and a transformative grace. As we look toward the Cross, we are reminded of the cost of our discipleship. In Joel 2:12-13, the Lord pleads with us: "Even now...return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments." To rend our hearts means to break open the hardened places to make room for God's will. It means recommitting ourselves to our neighbors here in Lillian, to our families, and to the mission of the Church. It is a time to reconvene our spirits and align our priorities with the Kingdom of Heaven.

I am continually moved by the resilience and faith of this community. My prayer for us this Lent is that we wouldn't let these days pass us by as just another spot on the calendar. Let us use this time to listen. Let us use this time to repent. And let us use this time to prepare our hearts for the miracle of Easter. The road to the empty tomb always goes through the wilderness, but we do not walk it alone. The steadfast love of the Lord walks with us, guiding us toward a commitment that changes not just these 40 days, but our entire lives. May God Bless and Keep You!

## Born in Alabama, Helen Keller Lost Her Sight, Hearing at 19 Months of

As I continue in 2026 looking at famous Americans to mark our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary I want to recognize Helen Adams Keller, author, disability rights activist, and lecturer who was born in 1880 and died in 1968. Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama and lost her sight and her hearing when she was 19 months old after a bout of illness which was likely meningitis. After this illness, Keller then communicated primarily using homemade sign language until the age of seven, when she met her first teacher and life-long companion Anne Sullivan.

Anne Sullivan came to the Keller family home in Tuscumbia to become Helen's full-time teacher. It was a challenging relationship at first. Then Helen Keller made a breakthrough, when she realized that the motions her teacher was making on the palm of her one hand, while running cool water over her other hand, symbolized the idea of "water".

Writing in Keller's autobiography, *The Story of My Life*, she recalled the moment: "I stood still, my whole attention fixed upon the motions of Anne's fingers. Suddenly I felt a consciousness of something forgotten and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me. I knew that w-a-t-e-r meant the wonderful cool something that was flowing over my hand. The living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, set it free!" Sullivan taught Keller language, including reading and writing. After an education at both specialist and mainstream schools, Keller attended Radcliffe College of Harvard University and became the first person both deaf and blind in the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Despite her disabilities, she was a prolific author, publishing several books, including her autobiography, "The Story of My Life," which was adapted into a play and later a film.

At some point, Keller was introduced to the writings of the 18th-century Swedish scientist, philosopher, and theologian, Emanuel Swedenborg by her mentor and friend, the American author John Albert Macy. Swedenborg taught that the physical world was only a manifestation of a deeper spiritual reality, and that spiritual truths could be discovered through direct experience and intuition. He wrote extensively on a wide range of topics related to spirituality and theology, including the nature of God, the afterlife, and the inner meaning of the Bible.

Keller was initially skeptical of Swedenborg's ideas, but she was intrigued by his emphasis on the inner spiritual life, and she began to explore his writings more deeply. She eventually became a devoted reader of Swedenborg's works, and his ideas had a profound impact on her spiritual beliefs and worldview. In particular, Keller was drawn to Swedenborg's teachings about the connection between the natural world and the divine, and his emphasis on the importance of love and compassion

in spiritual life. She saw in Swedenborg's ideas a way to transcend the limitations of her physical disabilities, and to connect with a deeper, more meaningful dimension of existence.

Swedenborg's ideas also had a practical impact on Keller's life, as she saw in them a call to action to work for social justice and the betterment of society. She saw her own struggles as an opportunity to help others, and her faith gave her the strength to persevere through difficult times.

His ideas offered her a way to make sense of her own experiences, and to find meaning and purpose in a world that might otherwise have seemed incomprehensible. Keller wrote a book about Swedenborg and her religious convictions called, "My Religion." It was more recently published under the title, "Light in my Darkness." In that book Keller said, "To one who is deaf and blind the spiritual world offers no difficulty. Nearly everything in the natural world is as vague, as remote from my senses, as spiritual things seem to the minds of most people. But the inner or mystic sense, if you like, gives me vision of the unseen. My mystic world is lovely with trees and clouds and stars and eddying streams I have never "seen." I am often conscious of beautiful flowers and birds and laughing children where to my seeing associates there is nothing. They skeptically declare that I see "light that never was on sea or land." But I know that their mystic sense is dormant, and that is why there are so many barren places in their lives. They prefer "facts" to vision." She also wrote, "Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there is a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see."

Helen Keller, wrote of her spirituality, "As I wander through the dark, I am aware of encouraging voices from the spirit realm. I sense a holy passion pouring down. I thrill to music that beats with the pulses of God. Bound to suns and planets by invisible cords, I feel the flame of eternity in my soul. I am conscious of the splendor that binds all things of earth to all things of heaven. Immured by silence and darkness, I possess the light which shall give me vision a thousandfold — when death sets me free." (From her book, *My Religion*) Words of a remarkable woman who faced great challenges.

If you want to know about other Americans who loved God and loved their neighbors then come visit us at Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10am. Everyone is welcome.



### Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett



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# Solar Farm Plans Lack Public Sunshine, Threatens 'American Amazon'

## Greetings!

**Stop Solar in Stockton:** There was a Townhall in Stockton on Feb. 9 with hundreds of citizens there in opposition. I attended, spoke, and volunteered to be of help. This is a HOT TOPIC because there was no public announcement until the first hurdle was approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The lack of transparency is of top priority here and very disturbing. This is a proposed 4,800 acre solar farm (7 square miles) supposedly for power to be provided to a Montgomery Meta-Data Center. Since there seems to be a fast-track on this without public information, one has to wonder what the actual facts are. Committees are being formed in order to fight this monstrosity in an important area called the American Amazon, full of wildlife, endangered species, wetlands that help absorb water, and more. It's also called the Tensaw River Delta and the whole ecosystem affects all of us, keeping our waterways clean and healthy all the way to Mobile Bay. Runoff from a project such as this could drastically affect this delicate system. Please join Stop Solar in Stockton on Facebook to learn more and help out if you so desire. It takes loud voices to combat mega money! The Baldwin County Commissioners approved GA2 on February 19, 2026, to pay for consultant services for utility-scale solar energy facility permitting review & support services.

**ATTENTION VOTERS:** Of the four candidates in the District 4 race, I am the only one who has been heavily involved in the Commission meetings and worked with Planning & Zoning regularly for the past four years. My experience in this regard makes me the best qualified candidate of the four.

I am officially qualified to be on the May 19, 2026 ballot for Baldwin County Commissioner District 4. This is a county-wide voting opportunity for the primary on May 19, and if I win that primary, I will advance to the November 3, 2026 ballot. If there is a run-off, that will happen on Jun 16, 2026. You can vote for one candidate in each District. Current candidates in all four Districts: **District 1:** Richard Cox (R) v. Jeb Ball (R); **District 2:** Angelo Fermo (R) v.

Kyle Henderson (R) open seat; **District 3:** Kevin Brock (R) v. Phillip Dembowski (R) v. Roy Browning (D) v. Billie Jo Underwood (R); **District 4:** Brett Gaar (R) v. Tracey Gambill (R) v. Tater Harris (R) v. Drew Arredondo (D) open seat.



## Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

**Re-zoning updates by Baldwin County Commission February 19, 2026:** Case Z25-64 Howard Property re-zoning from RSF-2 to RSF-3 was heard and denied. I spoke in opposition to this case and appreciate the denial. **Planning & Zoning:** Next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting March 5, 2026, Robertsdale, and Baldwin County Commission rezoning meeting March 17, Fairhope. **March 5 public hearing, Baldwin County Planning Commission, Baldwin County Central Annex, Robertsdale, AL, 4 p.m.** CPD25-03/SV25-24, Lillian Boat Storage (County Road 99): The subject property is located south of County Road 99 and west of 7th Street in the Lillian community. The applicant is requesting Commission Plan Development approval for a commercial development consisting of 100 open boat/RV storage units. The subject property is approximately ±3.62 acres and is zoned B-3, General Business District. No wetland impacts are proposed as part of this project. A variance from the usable open space requirements of Section 6.1.4 of the Subdivision Regulations has been requested, as this is a commercial use. The request meets the requirements of the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance. \*\*\* This is likely to be approved since the zoning is already in place.

**In Progress:** I am currently working with local citizens and ADEM on a matter of a sensitive nature as well as a citizen proposal for a traffic light at The Peninsula neighborhood exit in Ft. Morgan/Gulf Shores.

All the best, Tracey Gambill. Stay tuned for updates on Facebook LET'S KEEP IT COUNTRY and LETSKEEPITCOUNTRY.COM or call 251-216-2012.

## Optimist Day Celebrated at Elberta High

Students at Elberta High School joined communities around the world last month celebrating Optimist Day, thanks to a partnership between the school's Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club and the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

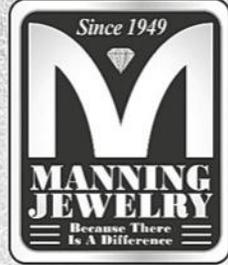
The event, organized by the JOI Club and advisor Theresa Togneri along with members of the adult Optimist Club, aimed to raise awareness about the high school club's activities while highlighting the programs and opportunities the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay offers to students and the greater community.

Among the featured programs were the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY), the Naval Air Station Flight Academy, the club's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Rodeo, the Baldwin County Special Olympics, and the Mullet Festival. Informational materials about these initiatives and more were distributed to approximately 350 students.

Scholarship opportunities generated significant interest. The Optimist Club promotes Essay and Oratorical contests, scholarships for students attending traditional colleges, awards for those pursuing vocational or technical training, and a community service-based scholarship.

Eleven adult members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay participated in the event, working alongside JOI student leaders. The Junior Optimist Club leadership team — President Grace Galvin, Vice President Cynthia Whitehead and Secretary-Treasurer Sam Martinez — played a visible role in organizing and hosting the event. EHS students Lauren Maxwell and Alex Bacetti, previous attendees of the Naval Air Station Flight Academy also promoted this program to their fellow students. Hugh O'Brien, Grace Gavin and Kortlan White shared their experiences at the Conference. Kortlan will serve HOBY this year as a mentor for the program as an Alum of the program. Oliver Brown and McKane Harvard also played a key role in the event.

The event was staffed by OCPB members President Robin Newell, Dennis Newell, John Maye, Kate McGlynn, Todd Turk, Tom and Karen Rocque, Daniel Randle, Nicole Warrick, Jeff Keener and Theresa Togneri.



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## Strive to Ease the Squeeze on Your Retirement Planning

Rising prices may not dominate headlines the way they did a year or two ago, but if you're retired, you're probably still feeling them. Even when overall inflation cools, the costliest expenses — like health care, utilities, insurance and property taxes — tend to rise faster than broad inflation numbers suggest. That creates a squeeze that can make you question whether your income plan is built to last.

Fortunately, you often can adjust without drastic cuts that affect your lifestyle. Start by understanding where the pressure comes from and how to build more flexibility into your plan.

**Inflation hits retirees differently.** You've likely noticed your grocery bill, prescription drug costs and heating expenses haven't returned to "normal." Even small increases compound over time and can chip away at your buying power.

If your income plan was created years ago, it may assume lower inflation or relatively stable price increases over time. Recent years have shown that's not always the case.

**Why some income plans feel strained.** Any plan relying on fixed withdrawals or rigid budgets can feel tight when living costs rise. If you're drawing from investments, you may hesitate to increase your withdrawals because of market volatility. And if you depend on fixed income sources like Social Security or a pension, yearly cost-of-living increases may not keep pace with your expenses. You might live 25 to 35 years in retirement, giving small annual cost increases decades to add up.

**What you can do without sacrificing stability.** A few adjustments can help you stay ahead of rising costs and maintain your financial confidence.

First, review your withdrawal strategy. Ask your financial advisor about flexible approaches that increase income when markets and portfolios perform

well and pull back during tougher times. This protects your long-term plan with room to respond to rising prices.

Next, rebalance your portfolio. You may uncover opportunities to shift toward investments with more consistent income or better tax efficiency. Sometimes a small tweak can generate extra cash flow without increasing overall risk.

Finally, look at your income sources. You may be less affected by rising costs if you delay taking Social Security, work a part-time job, add inflation-protected bonds or create predictable lifetime income with annuities, if they're appropriate for your situation.

**Don't overlook health care:** Health care costs often grow faster than general inflation. Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket expenses can rise annually, and the need for long-term care remains a big financial uncertainty for retirees. Building health care-specific inflation into your plan now can help prevent surprises later. Any savings you have in a health savings account can help you cover health care costs. And many pharmaceutical companies offer financial assistance programs to help pay for costlier medications.

**Stay flexible and informed:** Today's retirements look different from those of even a decade ago. The key is staying flexible, reviewing your plan regularly and making small adjustments before pressure builds. A financial advisor can help you find the right approach to navigating rising costs without disrupting the life you've worked hard to build.



### Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon  
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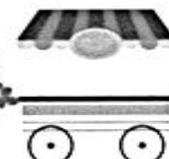
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## CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to brag a little, share a little, and have fun with a wide variety of events like birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in March go out to Cathy McNeill, Andy Gauci, Ivy Pitard, Eric Goff, Jean Legg,, Edward Heiner, Edi Langlois, Elaine Grounds, Marcia Allen, Rita Roth, Joan Rugg, Bill Weaver, Bob Davidson, Tootsie Farrell, Sarah Wigton, Ted Bennett,

Lynn Corker, Cliff Ledbetter, Patricia Heiner, Don Hartman, Inez Parker, Jerry Skates, Julie Moore, Dee Woodford, Louise Greenley, Joanne Bold, Ron Morris, Chuck Townsend, Ed Rugg, Jim Avera, Jean Bartlett, Christine Clark, Joe Keller, Jana Widener, Kelly Varret and Brooks Foster.

Celebrating a wedding anniversary in March are William and Sara Laibe, John and Peggy Blalock, Jim and Blanch Crandall 1961, Richard and Carolyn Holt, 1963, Jim and

Mary Morris 1972, Dennis and Linda Roach 1975, and Joanne and Brooks Foster 2019.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com), mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549.

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## OBITUARIES

### Alma Irene Doege, 96, Elberta

Alma Irene Doege, age 96, a lifelong resident of Elberta, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Alma was more than the matriarch of her family; she was a matriarch of the town of Elberta. A graduate of Pensacola High School, she devoted her life to serving her community with quiet strength, kindness, and unwavering faith.

Alma worked for 36 years at the Elberta Post Office, also worked at Elberta Grocery, was a member of the Elberta Town Council, a faithful member of St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, and served as an Elberta Police Commissioner. Her dedication helped shape the town she loved so deeply.

Known as a kind and loving friend to all, Alma never met a stranger. She was a faithful servant of God and a steady presence in the lives of so many. If you needed help, encouragement, or simply a listening ear, Alma was there, often before you even realized you needed her.

To her family, she was "Momma," always present with perfect timing. She would tell you that her greatest accomplishment in life was her husband and her four fine jewels, her daughters.

She is survived by her four daughters: Paulette Corban of Elberta, Anita (Jason) Bishop of Fairhope, Janice (Tom) Werner, and Darrah (Alan) Lassiter, all of Elberta; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends who were blessed to know her.

Alma was preceded in death by her mother, Elafair Resmondo Milsted; her father, Wade Hampton Milsted; her husband, Norman Paul Doege; and her grandson, Benjamin Thomas Werner.

Funeral services were held at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 10 a.m. The family received all friends at Wolfe Bayview Foley Funeral Home on Monday, December 29, 2025, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Donations may be made to the Benjamin Thomas Werner Foundation in memory of Alma Irene Doege.

Mailing Address: 11551 County Road 87 Elberta, Alabama 36530.



### William T. Godfrey, 75, Lillian

William T. Godfrey, age 75, was born on August 21, 1950. He lived a life defined by strength, generosity, and deep love for his family and community.

William loved and helped all that he could. He often stepped in to help those who needed guidance, encouragement, or simply someone to stand beside them — many saw him as a father figure. He made a point to bring people together and gave as much of himself as he could, for as long as he could.

He was known for his steady presence, his willingness to help others, and the values he passed down to those who knew and loved him. He will be remembered for his character, his work ethic, and the lasting impact he made on the lives around him.

He leaves behind family, friends, and loved ones who will continue to carry his memory forward. William loved and helped all that he could. He often stepped in to help those who needed guidance, encouragement, or simply someone to stand beside them — many saw him as a father figure. He made a point to bring people together and gave as much of himself as he could, for as long as he could.

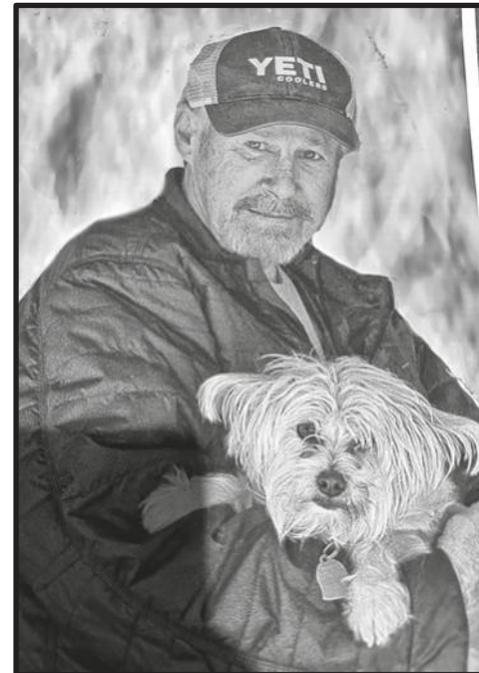
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William will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

He leaves behind his daughter Shannon Young (Scott) and grandchildren: Tyler, Chandler, Shaylynn, Charity Fritzius and Abigail Young. Great grand-children Rowan and Olivia Fritzius. His brother Gerry Godfrey and many nieces and nephews.

His legacy will live on through the stories shared, the lessons taught, and the love he gave throughout his life. William (Dad) you will forever be missed and see you when the timing is right. Services will take place on March 21, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian.



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Statistics**Person injured in fall at Westfield Loop address**

! Medical Emergency  
2/17/2026 05:00 AM  
*Westfield Loop, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person injured in fall at Westfield Loop address

**Person experiencing difficulty breathing at Camino Real Loop**

! Medical Emergency  
2/17/2026 02:06 AM  
*Camino Real Lp, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person experiencing difficulty breathing at Camino Real Loop

**Person fell at 9195 Soldier Creek Rd in Lillian**

! Medical Emergency  
2/16/2026 08:48 AM  
*Soldier Creek Rd, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person fell at 9195 Soldier Creek Rd in Lillian

**Person reported having a stroke at W Barclay Ave**

! Medical Emergency  
2/16/2026 02:22 AM  
*W Barclay Ave, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person reported having a stroke at W Barclay Ave

**Person fell at residence on Barclay Avenue**

! Medical Emergency  
2/15/2026 07:14 PM  
*W Barclay Ave, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person fell at residence on Barclay Avenue

**Boat drifts from launch near Lillian Public Beach**

! Missing Person  
2/15/2026 06:46 AM  
*Lillian Public Beach, 13159 2nd St, Lillian, AL 36549*

Boat drifts from launch near Lillian Public Beach

**Grass fire reported on Pope Lane in Lillian**

● Fire & Arson  
2/14/2026 12:58 PM

*Pope Ln, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Grass fire reported on Pope Lane in Lillian

**Person falls at Soldier Creek Road in Lillian**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 11:16 PM  
*Soldier Creek Rd, Lillian, AL 36549*

Person falls at Soldier Creek Road in Lillian

**Pregnant woman has heart palpitations near Camino Real Loop**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 08:48 PM  
*Camino Real Lp, Lillian, AL 36549*

Pregnant woman has heart palpitations near Camino Real Loop

**93-year-old woman found on floor breathing but unable to get up**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 07:18 PM  
*Soldier Creek Rd, Lillian, AL 36549*

93-year-old woman found on floor breathing but unable to get up

**Air medical transport coordinated at Lillian hospital**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 11:20 AM  
*N Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Air medical transport coordinated at Lillian hospital

**Small brush fire extinguished in Lillian**

● Fire & Arson  
2/13/2026 11:20 AM  
*N Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Small brush fire extinguished in Lillian

**Landing zone set at Shepherd of the Bay for medical air response in Lillian**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 11:18 AM  
*N Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Landing zone set at Shepherd of the Bay for medical air response in Lillian

**Brush fire at County Road 93 lot alpha**

● Fire & Arson  
2/13/2026 11:02 AM  
*Co Rd 93, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Brush fire at County Road 93 lot alpha

**Person having a stroke near Powell Lane**

! Medical Emergency  
2/13/2026 09:10 AM  
*Powell Ln, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Person having a stroke near Powell Lane

**Hit-and-run crash in Circle K parking lot**

🚗 Traffic  
2/12/2026 11:59 AM  
*US-98, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Hit-and-run crash in Circle K parking lot

**Crash with injuries near Circle K on Highway 98**

🚗 Traffic  
2/12/2026 11:50 AM  
*US-98, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Crash with injuries near Circle K on Highway 98

**Patient handed to MedStar by Lillian Rescue near Bowling Center**

! Medical Emergency  
2/11/2026 03:09 AM  
*Lillian, AL 36549*  
Patient handed to MedStar by Lillian Rescue near Bowling Center

**Elderly woman falls and hits head near Santa Rosa Dr**

! Medical Emergency  
2/11/2026 02:35 AM  
*Santa Rosa Dr, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Elderly woman falls and hits head near Santa Rosa Dr

**84-year-old female falls and injures hip at community club**

! Medical Emergency  
2/10/2026 07:14 PM  
*Widell Ave, Lillian, AL 36549*  
84-year-old female falls and injures hip at community club  
Medical emergency near US

Highway 98 and County Road 93

! Medical Emergency  
2/4/2026 11:43 PM  
*US-98, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Medical emergency near US Highway 98 and County Road 93

Medical emergency reported near 4th Street in Lillian

! Medical Emergency  
2/4/2026 11:12 AM  
*4th St, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Medical emergency reported near 4th Street in Lillian

Fire crews respond to brush fire near roadway

● Fire & Arson  
2/3/2026 12:16 PM  
*Lillian, AL 36549*  
Fire crews respond to brush fire near roadway

Deputy en route for scene safety near Matias Dr during medical call

! Medical Emergency  
2/3/2026 02:12 AM  
*Matias Dr, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Deputy en route for scene safety near Matias Dr during medical call

Paramedics respond to chest pain near Escambia Loop

! Medical Emergency  
2/2/2026 03:27 PM  
*Escambia Loop, Lillian, AL 36549*

Paramedics respond to chest pain near Escambia Loop  
Medical emergency reported near Medlin Lane

! Medical Emergency  
2/2/2026 05:48 AM  
*Medlin Ln, Lillian, AL 36549*  
Medical emergency reported near Medlin Lane

Brush fire reported near Carrier Drive

● Fire & Arson  
2/1/2026 01:04 PM  
Medical helicopter deployed near Pensacola Dr

# Celestial Events in March 2026 from NASA

## This Month NASA Has It's Saucer Full:

\* Artemis II Returns Humans to the Moon

\* Total Eclipse of the Moon

### Key Events in March 2026

#### Artemis II Mission:

This mission is expected to be the first crewed flight of NASA's Artemis program, which aims to return humans to the Moon.

Artemis II will send four astronauts on a journey around the Moon, marking a pivotal step towards future lunar landings and exploration. The exact launch date is still subject to change, but it is anticipated to occur in early 2026.

#### Total Lunar Eclipse:

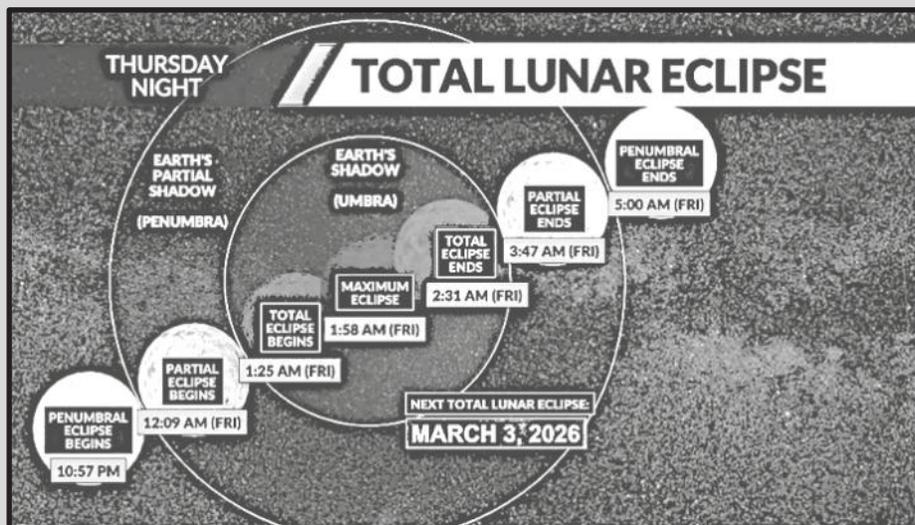
A total lunar eclipse will occur on March 3, 2026, and will be visible from Western North America, Australia, New Zealand, and East Asia. This event is notable as it will be the last total lunar eclipse until the end of 2028. During the eclipse, the Moon will pass through Earth's shadow, resulting in a "blood moon" effect, where the Moon appears reddish. The totality phase of the eclipse will last approximately 58 minutes providing a spectacular viewing opportunity for skywatchers.

#### Astronomical Events:

March will also feature other astronomical events, including a conjunction of Venus and Saturn on March 8, and the March equinox on March 20, which marks the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

#### Conclusion

March 2026 promises to be an exciting month for NASA and enthusiasts.



EACH FULL MOON RISES NEAR SUNSET; IN MARCH ON DAYS 2 TO 4 LOOK 86 DEGREES EAST

## ELECTION UPDATES

## 'AT LARGE' FROM PAGE 1

In 1988, the Federal District Court of Alabama, Northern Division, issued a judgment and injunction in the case of *Dillard v. Baldwin County Commission*. The plaintiffs questioned the pure at-large system of electing county commissioners. This was one among many *Dillard* suits that challenged the at-large election systems used by dozens of cities, counties and school boards across Alabama.

A Federal judge ruled that the at-large system of electing county commissioners in Baldwin County violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 because it made it impossible for African-American voters to be represented through election to the Baldwin County Commission.

With "its roots vested in a transformation that would alter America's and the South's political landscape dramatically," as the history on the Baldwin County website puts it, the federal Judge in *Dillard* ordered

the commission be increased to seven members, each elected from a specific district of the county.

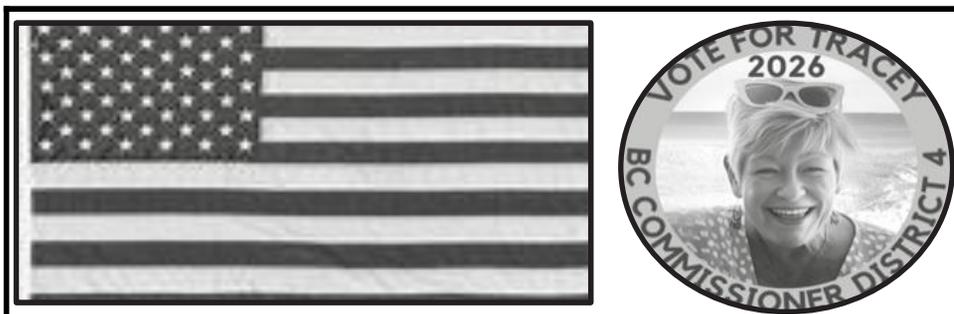
That same year, Samuel Jenkins Sr., of Daphne, became the first African-American to chair the Baldwin County Commission and served until 2000. His district ran from Little River to Point Clear, according to the Baldwin County archives.

But the four-member at-large commissioner election format made a comeback in 2004. After a slew of *Dillard* lawsuits across Alabama, the courts reversed the 1988 decision. Over the 90's, the Supreme Court had trended toward a narrower interpretation of voting rights cases.

"The dramatic change in judicial climate...did the most damage in coastal Baldwin County," the Cumberland Law Review wrote.

He's for making sure infrastructure keeps up with the fast pace of growth through smarter city planning that also protects our environment. He will advocate for minorities and the disabled, investing in public schools and creating childcare and after-school programs.

Just this year, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee honored Barnett as Baldwin County Citizen of the Year. The Alabama NAACP State Conference named him Humanitarian of the Year. He's the environmental chair of the Baldwin County NAACP, and represents House District 94 on the Alabama Democratic Party's State Democratic Executive Committee.



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## PERDIDO GRAND DAMES CELEBRATE VANLENTINE'S DAY



The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Ladies held their Valentine gathering at Elberta Sandwich Company on Miflin Road in Foley. The owner, Shelby, made sure our sandwiches and salads were fresh and delicious. Our hostesses were Ann Cox and Karen Brady. The birthday girls: Deb Pifer, Sandra Jurries, and Brenda Cannon are wearing their crowns and we enjoyed birthday cupcakes. From Ann they received beautiful colored

praying hands made with resin, tea lights and slipper socks. Karen made unique resin starfish that held candy treats and ten lucky ladies received blue turtle trinket boxes. Sandy Ivie surprised all 18 of us with handmade prayer quilt pillows with a sewn heart on top and a cross hidden inside. Diane Gilbert showed us her Quilt of Valor kit and the quilt she is making which was very inspirational. Our March gathering will be held at Lillian's Pizza on Perdido Key

# LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

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### March Music

- Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> • Deep South • 7-11 pm
- Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> • Chitlin Switch • 7-11 pm
- Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> • Kelly Poole • 7-11 pm
- Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> • Jimmy Smith • 3-7 pm
- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> • Jeri Band • 7-10 pm

## BINGO!

Tuesdays at 6 pm

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March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm

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- CIVIC & LEGISLATION MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> • 8 AM
- NEW MEMBERS MEETING: SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> • 3 PM
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**LCC Fish Dinner**  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Hoffman Hall  
5 pm - 6 pm | \$15

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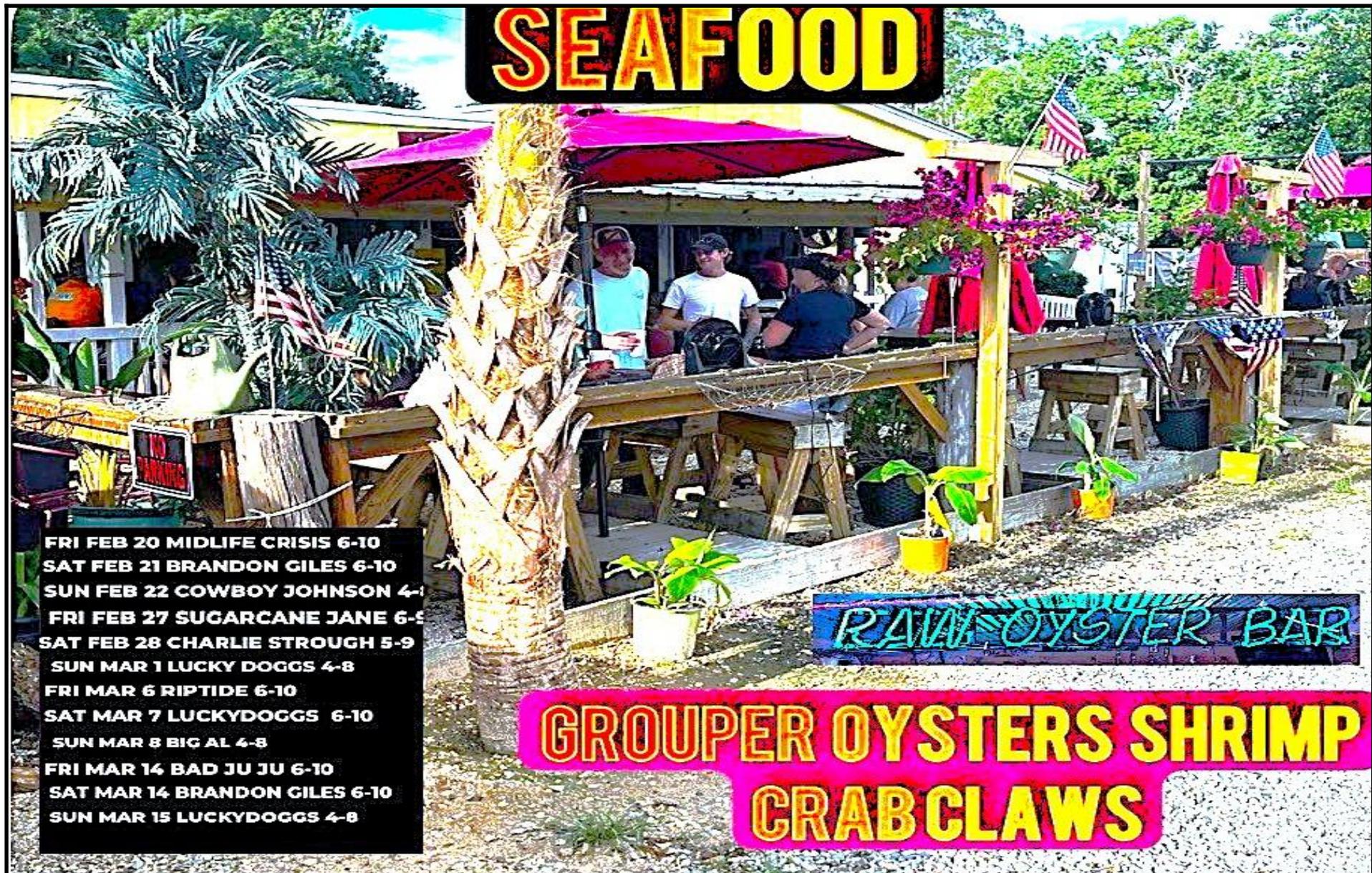
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 SAT FEB 21 BRANDON GILES 6-10  
 SUN FEB 22 COWBOY JOHNSON 4-8  
 FRI FEB 27 SUGARCANE JANE 6-9  
 SAT FEB 28 CHARLIE STROUGH 5-9  
 SUN MAR 1 LUCKY DOGGS 4-8  
 FRI MAR 6 RIPTIDE 6-10  
 SAT MAR 7 LUCKYDOGGS 6-10  
 SUN MAR 8 BIG AL 4-8  
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