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BLUEGRASS TIME!



The Pensacola String Farm Bluegrass Band is again coming to Lillian for the 5th year in a row. This is a FREE community event hosted by our local Shepherd of The Bay Lutheran Church. We will be accepting a free-will offering at the door. The Church will provide a free ice cream social after the concert in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend.

Date: Sunday June 8, at 3 p.m.

Place: Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, 12851 Perdido Street, Lillian Alabama

This well-known Bluegrass Band from Pensacola is known for their Gospel Bluegrass and all-time hits from stage to screen. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 251-962-7682.

School Leaders, Parents Grapple Over Disability Rights Issue

Some Lillian first graders may have found themselves caught up in a clash between the rights of a student with a disability and those of classmates and teachers.

Distraught Elberta School parents confronted leaders of Baldwin County Public Schools at the April board meeting asking for solutions to ongoing problems with an unruly and violent peer.

"Our daughter cries every morning to not go to school and begs to be home-schooled," said parent Brett Cardwell. "It's heartbreaking."

While parents told disturbing stories of children afraid to go to school after being hit, kicked and head butted, school officials say their hands are tied by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. Federal privacy protections prevent them from providing a full accounting to parents, Baldwin County School Superintendent Eddie Tyler sought the middle ground.

(SEE SHOOOL PAGE THREE)



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OPTIMISTS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS



The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently recognized the accomplishments of local students. Pictured left to right are Rev. Daniel Randall (VP of Programs for the OCPB); Isabel Wyatt, recipient of the Heart of Optimism Award; Nancy Barrios, recipient of the \$1,000 technical trade school scholarship; Harris Dunlavy, recipient of the \$4,000 college scholarship; Skyler Hadley recipient of the \$1,000 Stan and Elaine Fertig Science scholarship and Jeff Keener, President of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Foundation.



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(SCHOOL FROM PAGE ONE)

“Please remember there is more than one group of parents here. The ones who feel their child has been offended and the parents of special needs children...,” Tyler said in a written statement. “It’s important we realize there are numerous children involved in this discussion, even if on both sides of the argument.”

Parents gave accounts of both teachers and students being assaulted. Hitting, kicking, head butting, and desks flying across the room are daily classroom occurrences, the parents said. The student threatened to punch a pregnant teacher’s aide in the stomach, one told. The entire class is sometimes moved into the hallway while extra staff hired to help manage the situation establishes order in the classroom.

“While you’re worried about the rights of one child, you’re prioritizing that over the rights of the other 21,” parent Seth Hedley said.

Grandmother Teresa Thomas, Elberta, invoked the Teacher’s Bill of Rights as a mechanism to remove the disruptive student from the classroom. The Alabama Teachers’ Bill of Rights, enacted last year, allows a teacher to exclude a student from their classroom for the following reasons:

- 1. Disorderly Conduct: Any conduct that intentionally disrupts, disturbs, or interferes with the teaching of students; or disturbs the peace, order, or discipline at any school.
- 2. When a student behaves in a manner that obstructs the teacher or learning process of others in the classroom.
- 3. When a student threatens, abuses, intimidates, or attempts to intimidate an education employee or another student.
- 4. When a student willfully disobeys an education employee.
- 5. When a student uses abusive or profane language directed at an education employee.

Elberta parent Whitney Scapecchi said her child makes a point to lock the door at home in fear the classmate will turn up at the house. When Scapecchi brought her concerns to school personnel, she said she and her child were offered therapy.

“We ... recognize it can be emotional and trying for the school officials who are often placed between the children, the parents and the employees who may all feel they are trying to do the right thing,” Tyler said in his statement.

Scapecchi demanded Tyler’s resignation, accusing the school board of prioritizing politics over students.

“This district doesn’t have a PR problem,

it has a leadership crisis,” she said. “We’re not satisfied. We’re not done. You have lost the trust of the teachers, children, and families.”

Hedley accused school officials of trying to “sweep it under the rug.”

But Tyler, in his statement, said the publicity on social media and in the press only worsens the problem.

“Calling out, shaming and offending a student even in the advocacy of another student can create more problems which is why student actions and information are confidential,” he said.

Several others at the meeting, including a retired teacher, praised Tyler’s leadership.

“Eddie Tyler has turned the school system around to be one of the most innovative and successful ones in the state,” Anne Davis, Daphne, said.

Tyler told the press after the meeting that the discussion was a positive development.

“People get angry. They are parents. Lashing out at me, that’s OK. That’s their right. It doesn’t accomplish anything.”

Tyler said anyone has a right to call for his resignation and the school board has the authority to remove him.

Tyler’s three-year contract runs through July 2027.

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OBITUARIES

Jan (Jack) M, Vertregt, Spanish Cove

Jan was born in the Dutch East Indies. After the Japanese invaded, he spent three years as a prisoner of war. After Victory in Japan Day, he helped liberate Dutch dependents from terrorists until British troops arrived. He then worked on a hospital ship that transported ex-Burma Railroad POWs from Bangkok to Singapore. After Indonesia became independent, Jan joined the Dutch Air Force. In 1950 he was hired by the Flight Operations Department of Garuda Indonesian Airlines, where he worked as the senior air traffic controller. He was then re-patriated as a senior officer in the Netherlands, where he was re-trained as a carpenter. After schooling, he went to the United States arriving in 1960. There, he worked as a sailboat carpenter for 20 years, then formed a pump company for 10 more years. After retiring in 1990, he traveled via RV through the U. S., Canada and Europe. He then settled in Spanish Cove, Lillian, Alabama. Surviving relatives include his nieces Caroline Vertregt and Elise Kirchens Vertregt, of Luxembourg.

**Jack Earl Kinsler, 84, Lillian**

Jack Earl Kinsler, 84, of Lillian, Alabama passed away on April 13, 2025. He was born on September 8, 1940, to the late Jack C. and Margaret (Schefer) Kinsler. He worked as a salesman for STP and WD-40 companies before owning Jacole Sales and Marketing. He enjoyed flying and scuba diving. He retired in Lillian, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his brothers, James, Kenneth and Richard.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carole (Zegging) Kinsler, daughter Lisa (Bernie) Tenbarge of Haubstadt, Indiana; son, Jeff Kinsler of Villa Rica, Georgia; grandchildren, Clay (Riece) Tenbarge, Spencer (Megan) Tenbarge, Tait Tenbarge, Haley (Harrison) Morgan, Cody (Carlee) Reeves, Alexis (Clayton) Kinsler, Caden and Camern Kinsler; two great-grandsons, Max Tenbarge and Reed Morgan; and sister Rebrcca Hope.

Jack requested services be private.

**Dr. Darrell Eugene Brock, 90**

Dr. Darrell Eugene Brock, 90, a resident of Foley, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Darrell was born on November 10, 1934 in Omaha, Nebraska to Lloyd and Helen (Adamek) Brock. Darrell was a 1953 Graduate of Omaha Technical High School. After graduation Darrell joined the US Navy and traveled the world living life to the fullest. Darrell retired as a Chief Petty Officer after honorably serving his country for 21 years.

While serving in the Navy, Darrell completed his master's degree in psychology. After his retirement from the Navy, he obtained his Doctorate degree in Philosophy in Chemical Dependency and served as Executive Director for treatment Centers in Florida. Darrell remained passionate about working to help those with chemical addictions for the remainder of his life and will always be remembered for providing unwavering support and commitment to so many individuals and their families.

He is preceded in death by his son, Christopher Brock, Daughter Suzanne, grandson Seth and stepson, Douglas Cox.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Legere Brock of Foley, AL; stepdaughter, Andrea Cox of Foley, AL.; Son Gary Brock, of Interlachen, FL; sisters, Jackie Helms, of Olathe, KS; Cheryl Coors of Charlotte, NC; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Interment will follow in Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska.

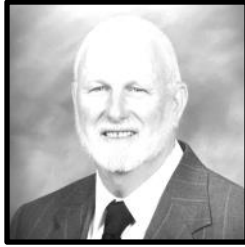
**James Thomas Patterson, 85, Foley**

James Thomas Patterson, 85, a resident of Foley, Alabama, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2024.

He was a 20-year U.S. Navy veteran. After he retired, he worked at Rohr as an Assembler and a Repair Mechanic and again retired from there. After Rohr he opened PATCO, an elevator installation company. He enjoyed spending time with his family, tinkering in his shop, fishing and hunting. He was also a huge supporter of Foley High School Band.

Preceding him in death are his mother Norma and father William, his brother William Craig and sister Margaret Ann, and his sons Vincent Todd Patterson and Scott Dale Patterson

James is survived by his wife of 64 years Elizabeth Ann Patterson; son, James (Donnette) Patterson; daughter, Victoria Lynne Shire, daughter-in-law Dawn Patterson, all of Foley, Alabama, granddaughters Ashley Patterson, Sarah Shire, Stephanie (Robert) Garriss; grandsons, James (Jessica) Patterson, Vincent Todd Patterson Jr., Eddie (Caitlin) Patterson, Brandon (Courtney) Taylor and Levi, Lyric and Lucian Metz; and great grandchildren, Cole Patterson, Britton and Cora Garriss, Garrett and Preston Taylor, and Brooklyn and Jackson Harris; along with many other loving relatives and friends.

**Joy Cassebaum, 88, Elberta**

Joy Cassebaum, age 88, a resident of Elberta, AL, passed away Friday, March 7, 2025.

Joy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was born in Amarillo TX, and a lifelong resident of Elberta, AL. Joy was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Elberta. She volunteered in numerous capacities all her adult life.

Preceding her in death is her husband, Frank Cassebaum; son, Daniel Steve Cassebaum, parents, George and Aletha Linville; sisters, Jean Weems, Judy Byrum and Janice Robertson; brother, George Linville, Jr.

She is survived by; two daughters, Kelly (Pat) Rohe of Elberta, AL. and Lisa (John) Harris of Mobile, AL; four grandchildren, Jason (Marcia) Rohe, Megan (Shea) Lutkins, Zachary Harris and Amelia Harris; great grandchildren, Levi Rohe, Emily Rohe, Aubrey Lutkins, and Great Grand Baby Number 4 due in August; and many other loving relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to: The Dementia Society of America www.dementiasociety.org also St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Topics of a partisan political nature, purely fundraising or of a private financial gain will not be considered for this forum.

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.



LAW DAY IN LILLIAN

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay held the annual Respect for Law Breakfast Program to honor law enforcement members from Baldwin County and to present scholarships to law enforcement family members. Officer of the Year is Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Corporal Adam Dee and Robin Taylor of Care House Child Advocacy Center is Citizen of the Year. Baldwin County Sheriff's Department Major Steve Arthur was honored for his 50 years in law enforcement.

Others nominated for Officer of the Year were Alabama Law Enforcement Marine Patrol Senior Troopers Jacob Manning and Kenny Wade, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Deputies Dalton Anderson, Keith Beasley, Hayden McMahan, Nicholas James and Corporal Stephanie Lewis.

Also, Daphne Police Department Corporal Clinton Rile, Elberta Police Department Officer Michael "Jason" Lamey, Fairhope Police Department Detective Brittany Jackson, Foley Police Department Corporal Erik Morris and Gulf Shores Police Department Officer Gabe Trujello. Jon and Hayley Klover with Operation Lost Sheep and Sherry Duggan were also nominated for Citizen of the Year.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay presented scholarships to Cooper Davis and Blakeley Peterson. The OCPB Foundation awarded Humphrey Memorial Scholarships to Gavin Rehorn, Sophie Seay, Gabrielle Bidwell, Alexis Tetreau and Trenton Staller



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Walking is the Secret to a Happier, Healthier You

The Lillian Recreational Park has a beautiful figure-8 walking trail with benches and beautiful spots to stop along the way. Whether by yourself or with someone, walking or jogging the Park's trail is a great way to spend some time.

But more than enjoying the beautiful scenery, there are lots of reasons to use the trail.

First off, it's great for your body. You're moving, your blood is flowing and your joints will thank you (especially if you sit a lot). The mile-long trail may not be a marathon, but it's enough to burn a few calories and get your heart pumping.

It's also an instant mood booster. Being surrounded by trees, flowers, and

the sound of birds is like a natural reset button. Even if you're stressed, just being outside in that kind of natural environment can help chill you out big-time.

It can also help spark creativity. You know how your best ideas come when you're not trying too hard? Well, walking - especially in such a pretty, natural space - can help clear your mental fog and spark creativity. It's a great space for problem-solving,

Bring a friend and you'll find the Park's walking trail is a perfect opportunity to catch up, promoting bonding and a meaningful conversation.

But if you're not into walking with a friend, you can just enjoy the quiet time. Sit on one of the benches along the trail and check out everything happening

around you. Watch the squirrels scamper. Watch the ants march by, (Yes, really. They're fascinating to watch!)

And if you get a little bored, have some fun with it! Create a mini-treasure hunt for yourself. Make a list of things you think you might see at the Park. Maybe try to spot a yellow flower, a squirrel doing something crazy, a bench with a plaque, an osprey nest, or a bird you've never seen before. See if you can find something heart-shaped - a rock, a leaf, or a cloud. Or look for one of the personalized painted rocks that are hidden around the park. You get the idea.

During your next stroll around the Park, remember, "Walking is a journey that not only takes you places, but also brings you back to yourself." And that's a pretty good place to be.



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Optimists Invite All to Market in the Park Meets



Men and women who want to learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay may attend a club meeting on the second or fourth Saturday at the Lillian Methodist Church. The meeting begins at 8 a.m. with the famous Optimist Club breakfast. Guests eat free. You may also visit with members at the Lillian Recreational Park "Market in the Park" on the third Sunday of the month.



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A Farewell to Chief Dewhurst: ‘Go Forth and Do Great Things’

After 15 years of dedicated service, Chief Nick Dewhurst stepped down from his role at Lillian Fire Rescue on May 26 as he accepted active duty Navy orders to serve as the Director for CREDO (Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation) Northwest. His departure marks the end of a meaningful chapter for our department and community.

Chief Dewhurst has always had a serving heart—something that shows in every role he’s taken on, including his day job as a 7th grade Civics and Geography teacher at Daphne Middle School. It’s a full-circle moment for him. As a seventh grader himself, he was inspired by his own teacher, who was also a volunteer fire chief. That early influence, combined with the personal experience of losing his home to a fire, set him on a path of lifelong service.

During his time as Chief, Dewhurst focused on increasing firefighter training and building a strong foundation for future leaders. Among his proudest moments was leading the department during the Pirates Cantina fire, a demanding call that highlighted teamwork, resilience, and camaraderie. When asked what he’ll miss most, Chief Dewhurst didn’t hesitate: “Everything and everyone.” He reflected on the volunteers who give selflessly and on moments like comforting a young girl rescued from a capsiz-

ing boat—moments that remind us why this work matters.

His advice to future leaders? “Put ego aside... Always make decisions that will make our people better and our citizens’ lives happier.”

Though he’s heading to new challenges in Washington, Chief Dewhurst leaves behind a legacy of compassion, leadership, and dedication. His parting words to the department and the community are simple, yet powerful: “Go forth and do great things.”



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It will be an unforgettable movie night, including a full lineup of festive, family-friendly entertainment. The Park is going full-on island style with free, family-friendly entertainment, including hula lessons, a fire eater, limbo contest and steel drum music by Colin Beasley.

Wear your island attire and come learn the graceful art of hula. Prepare to be amazed as a professional fire eater puts on a thrilling display of fire-eating skills. Let the upbeat, tropical sounds of steel drums transport you to the islands, and then discover how low you can go during the limbo contest. Prizes, bragging rights, and lots of laughs are up for grabs, so gather your friends and see who can go the lowest in this fun challenge. Prizes will be awarded.

And once the sun sets... it’s movie time! Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and settle in for the heartwarming and adventurous story of Moana2, who sails across the ocean to save her people and discover her destiny. Not just a “kids’ movie,” this tale of courage, culture, and ocean adventure inspires audiences of all ages.


Movies and Music in the Park is part of the Park’s ongoing effort to bring families together for safe and fun adventures and experiences. So don’t miss this island-inspired evening of fire, fun, and film!

The event is completely free and open to the public.


Activities begin at 6:00. The movie will begin at dusk.

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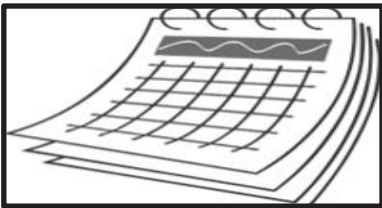
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- ~ Completed application MUST be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by JUNE 5 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- ~ Application MUST be submitted by mail to *The Lillian*, PO Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.
- ~ 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.

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The Lillian Calendar JUNE 2025



AA Meetings - In Lillian go to gulfcoastaa.org June 2-6, 5:30-8:25 PM, Vacation Bible School, Ages 5-12 at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (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>.)

June 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 11:00 AM & June 5, 12, 19 & 26 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.)

June 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549 Learn more about ALANON at <https://alanon.org/>.)

June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7:00 PM, AA Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL (Learn more about <https://sober.com/aa-meetings/alabama/baldwin-county/>.)

June 5, 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.)

June 14, 8:00 AM, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL (Come hear from former Baldwin County Sheriff Hoss Mack as he shares about his new role with the State of Alabama Sheriffs Association. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

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

June 28, 8:00 AM, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL (Come meet our 2025 HOBY scholarship recipients from Elberta High School. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at www.OptimistClubPB.org.) There is a list of meetings at easternshoreaa.org. Pensacola meetings are at aapensacola.org.

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Astronomical Events in June 2025

On June 1, the 33%-illuminated Moon will be close to Mars (mag 1.3) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Leo.

June 8: Jupiter near Mercury

- **Close approach time:** 20:12 GMT

Close approach distance: 1°58'

On June 8, Jupiter (mag -1.9) will be close to Mercury (mag -1.2) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Taurus.

June 10: Moon near Antares

- **Conjunction time:** 10:25 GMT

Conjunction distance: 0°18'

On June 10, the 99%-illuminated Moon will be close to Antares in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Scorpius.

June 11: Full Moon

The Full Strawberry Moon will occur on June 11 at 07:44 GMT. Our natural satellite will be in the constellation Ophiuchus. Although the Full Moon technically lasts only a moment — when it is directly opposite the Sun relative to Earth — it appears fully illuminated a day before and after this time.

June 17: Mars near Regulus

June 19: Moon near Saturn

- **Close approach time:** 01:38 GMT

- **Close approach distance:** 2°59'

- **Conjunction time:** 03:47 GMT

Conjunction distance: 3°24'

On June 19, the 47%-illuminated Moon will be close to Saturn in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Pisces.

June 19: Moon near Neptune

- **Close approach time:** 02:46 GMT

Close approach distance: 2°11'

On June 19, the 47%-illuminated Moon will be close to Neptune (mag 7.8) in the sky. Observe them through a pair of binoculars or a telescope in the constellation Pisces.

June 21: **June solstice**

The June solstice marks the first day of astronomical summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of winter in the Southern Hemisphere. In 2025, it will happen on June 21, at 02:42 GMT. It will be the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere; the observers from the Southern Hemisphere, on the contrary, will experience the least amount of sunlight and the shortest day of the year. We prepared a fun and educational quiz about equinoxes and solstices for you. Check if you can tell the difference between these two astronomical events!

June 23: Moon near Uranus

- **Close approach time:** 01:51 GMT

Close approach distance: 4°50'

On June 23, the 8%-illuminated Moon will be close to Uranus (mag 5.8) in the sky. Observe them through a pair of binoculars or a telescope in the constellation Taurus.

June 23: Moon near Pleiades

- **Conjunction time:** 02:59 GMT

Conjunction distance: 0°36'

On June 23, the 8%-illuminated Moon will be close to the Pleiades star cluster (mag 1.2) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Taurus.



June 27: Moon near Mercury

- **Conjunction time:** 06:02 GMT

- **Conjunction distance:** 2°54'

- **Close approach time:** 07:13 GMT

Close approach distance: 2°45'

On June 27, the 5%-illuminated Moon will be close to Mercury (mag 0.2) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Cancer.

June 30: Moon near Mars, lunar occultation of Mars

- **Occultation start:** 22:56 GMT (June 29)

- **Occultation end:** 03:34 GMT

- **Conjunction time:** 01:05 GMT

- **Conjunction distance:** 0°12'

- **Close approach time:** 01:14 GMT

Close approach distance: 0°11'

On June 30, the 32%-illuminated Moon will be close to Mars (mag 1.4) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Leo. Also, a lunar occultation of Mars will be visible over western Peru, Ecuador, western Colombia, and Clipperton Island.—NASA

Could Online 'Portals' be a Form of Time (Lost) Travel?

I don't like to whine but sometimes ya just gotta bitch. My current beef is with time-crushing online "portals" that have replaced the charm of chatting with actual humans. Recently, I've been thrown into the inferno of the Baldwin County Building Department's Internet portal. Back in the day, like 40 years ago, you could secure a building permit in Foley for a mere \$25. They didn't ask to see your plans, they didn't ask where you lived. No driver's license, social security card or urine samples were needed. They just sold you the permit and said, "Good luck with that project Bubba." This was before condominiums and track home villages started popping up like summer corn. The boom has forced Baldwin County to make more rules than the IRS.

Sadly, the \$25 permit days are just distant dreams because when you build a house now, there are something like eleven permits (I honestly forgot how many) needed - land disturbance, driveway, sewer, water, 911 certificate, electrical, plumbing, foundation, framing, decks, redneck IQ assessment - all to get the Holy Grail, an actual building permit...which, by the way, expires in one year.

Even though I'm sort of handy, I made the wise move and paid a contractor dude to get all those permits for me. Best money I ever spent, except for my boat, of course.

After successfully getting all of the permits you still have to navigate the hellscape of the online portal. It is the ONLY way to schedule inspections, apply for any changes or anything else. Forget speaking to anyone on the phone. And, sadly, those days of personally visiting the county building department are over, my friends. Ya gotta get on your computer, log into the portal with a secure password (which, like me, you probably forgot),

navigate a mass of drop down menus and links to hopefully get to the right page. If you make it that far without deep diving into the adult beverages, you're then required to submit your request with the requisite attachments that you had to scan and download and then, maybe, if you're lucky and have no criminal record or expired library books, you'll get a response. On several occasions, mine was an automated email that said, "The information you submitted was insufficient to process your request."

Frustrating? You betcha! Hours of my golden years wasted on the glowing



screen.

To their credit, the nice folks at the county have taken my phone calls but mostly to explain how to properly use the portal. I get it, computer programs make people's workplace more efficient. But, for the rest of us, having to do everything on the Internet is getting ridiculous, especially when a simple phone call or visit to their office is better for us, the customer. Perhaps the most twisted irony is when your internet goes out, so you call your provider on the phone and you get a recorded message saying, "Many issues can be resolved by going to our website." Really?

In the end, I'm fortunate to have two 20-something daughters who can zip around the web on their iPhones faster than the strawberries sell out at Casselbaums - one place that I pray will never have an online portal.

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Catholic Women Meet



The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women held their business meeting and luncheon at the Shrine of the Holy Cross in Daphne, Alabama. The Guest speaker was Deacon Rich Perkin who will be ordained a Catholic priest on May 31. With Deacon Perkin is Deanery President Ann McAdams. The next meeting of the Deanery will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lillian.

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Take the Time to Sort Out the Best Questions to Ask Your Financial Advisor

You should always be able to ask as many questions as you'd like when working with your financial advisor. So, before you have your annual review, think carefully about what you'd like to ask.

Here are a few suggestions:

- *Are my goals still realistic?* When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated several financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college education, or that you'd like to retire at age 55, or that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask whether you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs, having adequate insurance protection or estate planning.

- *Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk?* Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

- *How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?* Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major

events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.

- *How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio?* Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals.

A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it. For questions, please contact Jason Kozon or Chantz Blackmon of Edward Jones, located at 22394 Miflin Road in Foley, 251-943-3399.



Financial Focus

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Post Number 0048 Annual Election:

The following individuals were newly elected and installed as Officers for the American Legion Post 48 for the 2025-2026 year: Commander; Jimmy Willis, 2nd Vice; Bill Youngs, Adjutant; Jeannie Sibis. Congratulations!

Congratulation to all: This year we are proud to recognize the following two Cadets:

General Military Scholarship Award: Haley Wheels of Elberta High School.

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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle
1st Vice

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

Reminder: If you have borrowed equipment from the medical closet and no longer need it, please return it.

We like to make sure we can help everyone in need.

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 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.



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.

Clover Mites; The Original Flower Children Who Love Gardens

Spring is both beautiful and troublesome. All the pollen makes yards all over the South beautiful, lush, and verdant and makes the pollinators happy. It's troublesome because it makes nearly everyone sneeze! How does a clover mite stop sneezing under the pollen onslaught? It eats its' greens!

Clover mites, *Bryobia praetiosa* Koch, are plant feeders who sometimes invade homes. Since World War II, this mite has been working its' way up the household pest ladder from accidental invaders to common household pests. They haven't quite made it yet, but they are making a good effort.

Mites located in the vicinity of buildings may climb the exterior walls and gain entrance around windows or doors. If the mites are overwintering under the building siding or within the wall voids, they may become active and enter the living areas rather than exiting to the outside. The mites are frequently encountered on windowsills on the sunny side of homes and will move about at a relatively rapid pace.

Clover mites are widely distributed throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. This worldwide (except Antarctica!) increase in activity may be due to the use of lawn fertilizers. The common use of fertilizers causes high nutrient levels in the soil and most houses have lawns that go right up to their exteriors, whether it is brick or siding or what-have-you. This means that clover mites have a lush garden to snack in and an easy avenue into homes. What do you call the leftover bits of lettuce at the bot-

tom of your salad bowl? The last remains.

Clover mites can appear at first to be bedbugs. Good thing they are not! Clover mites are about 1/30 inch long (smaller than a pinhead), and oval-shaped. They tend to be bright red in their juvenile stages. As adults, they are usually dark olive-green with pale orange head and legs. Speaking of legs, they have eight legs but the



front pair of legs are so much longer than the others that they are often mistaken for antennae

Named for their fondness for clover, clover mites are plant feeders. They will make a snack of many things including grasses, dandelions, wild strawberries and several other ornamental trees and shrubs. Their feeding will damage plants and is often concentrated on the sunny sides of homes and businesses where temperatures are higher.

Like the rest of their mite-kin, clover mites use tiny, piercing mouth parts to rupture the cells of plants, releasing nutritious fluids that are slurped into their digestive tract. This method of feeding produces tiny white spots on leaves, a type of injury

known as "stippling". Stippling has another use in the Art World: it is the technique used by artists to create contour in illustrations. Check out Van Gogh's painting "Trees & Undergrowth" to see it in action. The clover mite took a painting class so she could draw her own conclusions.

Energized by plant sap, the adults wander off to lay eggs. All clover mites are female and develop from unfertilized eggs! Each female may lay as many as many as 70 eggs, either in clusters or singly in cracks and faults of concrete foundations, in mortar crevices, between building walls, under loose bark of trees, and in other protected places. How did the clover mite egg get up the mountain? It scrambled up!

These mites do not attack people, and although vast numbers of them can enter homes (mostly up North), they will not reproduce under indoor conditions and will perish shortly. Removal is easy, so long as no one tries to sweep them away. Their microscopic red bodies are easily crushed. The following explosion of



Know Your Critters
By Celeste Hadley-Champion

their small but mighty, scarlet splatter will be on the floor, walls, or curtains. To avoid this mess, use a hand-held vacuum, hold it slightly above the mite, and swirl them away to their demise.

To reduce the number of clover mites entering a home or business, remove grass, weeds, and other herbaceous plant material near the foundation. Create a no man's land, or should we say a no mite's land, of crushed stone or pea gravel a few feet wide around the foundation. This barrier will help reduce invasions not only by clover mites, but also other ground dwellers like earwigs, American roaches, and lady bugs.

Clover mites love garden parties, they're the original flower children.

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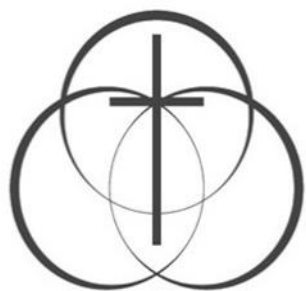


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As a pastor, I take great Joy in proclaiming as I baptize someone that, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All Christians have had those words spoken to us as water was sprinkled on our heads or our bodies were plunged into water. If water is a sign of God's grace, then the Trinity is a mystery of God's nature. Sunday after Sunday, we sing about the Trinity, pray to the Trinity, and hear great thanksgivings expressed to the Trinity, but who of us understands this uniquely Christian expression of faith?

First, we believe in one God. Like Jews and Muslims, we Christians practice a monotheistic religion. Let not our belief in the Trinity diminish our understanding of the Unity which exists in the one living and true God. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit are one. You can't have one without the other. When things are in chaos, we need someone to take charge. When life is falling apart, we need a creator to put things back together. So, we call upon God the Father Almighty to demonstrate His power. But we do not call upon God the Father separate from the Son or in lieu of the Holy Spirit, for the three are one. When we mess up, miss the mark, trespass on another's personhood, or transgress against the laws of God, we need a Savior. We find a friend in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. But the mercy seat of Jesus is no different from the mercy seat of Jehovah made present by the power of the Spirit, for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One. We talk about being filled by the Holy Spirit, maybe even shouting, shaking, or speaking in tongues. But let us remember the Holy Spirit does nothing on its own.

As Jesus said, the Holy Spirit brings glory to me even as I am one with the Father. God is One.

Second, we believe this one God is expressed in three persons which makes Christianity a unique religion in all the world. While the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, the concepts of the Trinity exist in the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The Holy Trinity is a mystery. Personally, I would rather believe in a God that I can't understand than shrink God to the size of my finite brain. Thankfully, the Trinity is a mystery because God is bigger than I can think. Every attempt to explain the Trinity is inadequate. Every attempt we try falls short or trivializes God. After Christ's resurrection and ascension, the apostles and disciples also found that God in Christ continued fully to be with them in the Person of the Holy Spirit, as Christ has promised. Thus, the one God of the Old Testament was fully present in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He was One, in three Persons. Not only the Father, but also the Son and the Holy Spirit, are wholly divine, the Son also having been fully human and incarnated in human flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. The Son, who is with us, is God.

The Holy Spirit, who comes to us, is God. Our belief in the Trinity gives deeper meaning and expression of our understanding of the unity which exists in the one living and true God.

Theologians have spent lifetimes straining their brains trying to understand the Trinity. I don't think that the doctrine of the Trinity is an attempt to describe what God is in Himself. Rather, I believe that it is an attempt by Christians to describe the manifold ways in which God manifests Himself to us here on earth: as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. The doctrine of the Trinity describes God's continual efforts to get closer and closer to us. Not content to be above us, God came to walk beside us. Not even content with that, God now dwells within us.

That is what we mean when we say, I believe in God the Father (Creator), God the Son (Savior) and God the Holy Spirit (Sustainer). God has created us; God has redeemed us, and God will sustain us through His Holy Spirit. So, praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one, God of Glory, Majesty, clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names!

Say it Ain't So; The 'H' Word Season Is Calling for Your Attention

How did June get here so fast? Wasn't Christmas just last month? As we've said all our lives, "Time flies when you're having fun." It really flies when you're having fun all the time in Paradise, Lillian, Alabama.

Although it's been summer here for a while, it is now summer in the north, kids are out of school and it's time to go meet friends and family near the Gulf Coast.

However, unfortunately, it's time for us to think about what might happen in these "H" months, June through November. Yes, I don't want to spell it out, hoping that will keep Andrea, Barry, Chantal and their friends out in the Atlantic somewhere, in the middle of nowhere.

But, just in case, here are a few tips for "H" Season. The first absolutely important one is BE PREPARED! Make your plans early. Decide whether you will stay or evacuate. Store supplies like water and food. Don't forget pet supplies, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit.

Check with news media, the National Weather Service or the Baldwin County EMA for reliable information. It's a good idea to have a Weather Radio in the home. Be aware that Lillian is in Evacuation Zone Two so zero in on that info when listening to or reading storm notifications.

When an "H" Watch is given, it means a storm is possible within several days. Check your emergency plan, food, water and other supplies. An "H" Warning means one is on the way to the area and follow local instructions as well as your emergency plan.

Don't forget to secure items from around your home that may get blown away, damaged or do damage on other properties. Bring them inside, if possible. Be sure you have any medications that you may need. Let your family outside the area know your plans.

Review your insurance coverage and have the contact information handy in the event you have damage to your home. It might be a good idea to copy important papers and store them online or

keep them in a waterproof container during the storm. Be sure your vehicle is filled with gas.

If you are driving and see lots of water over the road, do not attempt to drive through, turn around and find another way out.

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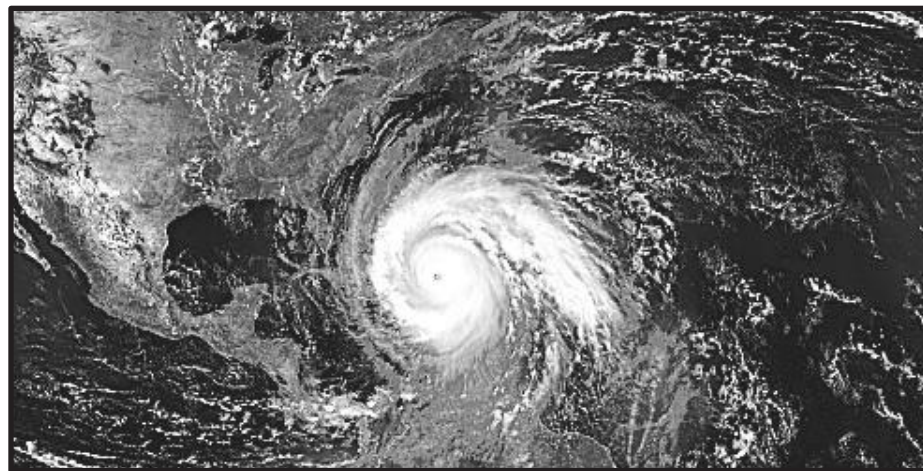
Bay Bridge will be closed, so stick to the Lillian evacuation route on County Road 87.

Remember, after "H" there may be no power. It might be a good idea to purchase that generator that you've always thought about



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney



getting. Remember, it takes awhile for emergency services to show up.

There is much more information on the Baldwin County website, <https://baldwincountyal.gov/departments/EMA>. Please do everything to keep yourselves safe. I'm praying that the "H" word will not be used this season and that Jim Cantore can have a peaceful summer and fall.

Just a Safety Reminder: Golf Carts Are Not Street Legal in Spanish Cove

Spanish Cove, located in Lillian, AL, offers amenity-filled resort living with planned activities on Perdido Bay. The community has three distinct neighborhoods with homes ranging from luxury bayfront homes to RVs and

park models. There are two clubhouses, a Jr. Olympic-sized year-round pool, tennis courts, and a pier. Golf carts are not street legal in Alabama, but Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) are. LSVs must be registered, have proper insurance, and are

restricted to public streets with a speed limit of 25 mph or less. A valid driver's license is required to operate an LSV in Alabama. The Property Owners Association of Spanish Cove can be contacted for more information.

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Queen Gave Him the Title ‘Commander of the British Empire’

Dr Paul Brand (1914-2003) was a world-renowned orthopedic specialist and leprosy surgeon. The son of missionary parents, Dr Brand was born in India and spent his early years in the mountains of southwest India. At age nine, he went to London, England for his education and later completed medical school at London University, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr. Paul Brand combined medical skill with gentle compassion. This missionary doctor’s care for leprosy patients reflected the heart of Christ.

Paul Brand grew up in India as a missionary kid. He was born to British parents, and his father was a medical doctor. Years later, he wrote of the experience he said, “As a boy growing up in India, I idolized my missionary father who responded to every human need he encountered.” Paul Brand remembered one vivid encounter when he was seven years old. He saw three men approaching his dad’s clinic and home. They were wearing the traditional garb of turbans and draped in blankets as the custom. But as they got closer, he noticed that their hands and their feet were covered in bandages. They were suffering from leprosy. It was Paul’s first encounter with lepers.

As a teenager, Brand was sent back to England to study. He studied carpentry and engineering and was on a track to be a builder. It was as if he was resisting the call to follow in his father’s footsteps, but eventually he switched over to medicine, and then he studied at the University College Hospital in London. His apprenticeship was rather intense. It came right alongside of the London Blitz of World War II. He was a casualty surgeon, and in 1944, he was appointed as a surgical officer. He met his wife in medical school. Margaret was a fellow surgeon, and in 1946, the two of them moved to India. In India, they en-

countered a severely suffering group of outcasts. These were those lepers that he was first introduced to when he was seven years old, and Dr. Paul Brand was immediately taken back to that encounter and to his father and saw his life’s mission as to help these suffering from leprosy.

His research led him to conclude that nerve damage caused by leprosy led to patients not sensing pain, so they would unknowingly damage their bodies, especially fingers and hands and toes and feet. He was convinced that he could help, and he applied all of his labors and research to bringing about rehabilitation for these lepers. In 1953, the two doctors joined the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Carville, Louisiana, which is the only leprosy hospital in the US and a world-famous center for leprosy research. Here Dr. Brand was Director of the Rehabilitation Branch until his retirement in 1986 and continued to act as Medical Consultant to The Leprosy Mission. From 1993 to 1999, Dr Brand was President of The Leprosy Mission International. For his lifelong work in India and in the United States he won numerous awards and was given esteemed appointments.

Queen Elizabeth II honored him with the title Commander of the British Empire. All who knew him spoke of his compassion, his humility in his lifetime of service. Fellow doctors would say that when he would meet with patients, he would not be looking at their hands or looking at their feet. He would be looking right into their eyes and acknowledging them as a person made in the image of God.

All of this humility and service was right alongside his incredible talents and his drive. He saw his efforts to be used in service for the gospel and for the glory of God. Much like Christ, who also healed lepers, Brand served the least of these among us. After both Dr. Brand and his wife retired they settled in Seattle, Washington where he died in 2003. He and Margaret had six children and twelve grandchildren. He wrote shelves full of books from standard texts on surgical procedures to books on the Christian life. He co-wrote a few books with the writer, Philip Yancey. One of them was Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, and another was Pain: The Gift Nobody Wants. It was said of Dr. Brand that he saw everything as revealing God from cells under the microscope to verses in God’s word, and he also saw God as illuminating the world for him.

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By Rev. Tina Lockett



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CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in June go to James Maloney, Corey Robinson, Dan Hayden, Walker Price, Alyssa Palmer, Dawn Pochel, Julia Stephens, Becky Youngs, Bobby Schell, William Wigton, Bertha

Bateman, Carol Waller, Mary Ayres, Katherine Miller, Barbara Heiner, Brannen Hall, Misty Williams, Bill Lyon, Terry Danson, Van Stout, Bob Burkhart, Kathy Weir, Ed Kish, Daniel Romes, Larry Green, George McNeil and Pat Coggin.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in June are Susie and Jim Harrison, Roland and Barbara

Kasper 1955, Stan and Elaine Fertig 1960, William and Dawn Lachnicht 1964, Aaron and Julie Brewer 1964, Larry and Lois Price 1968, Ray and Linda Hayes 1970, John and Dottie Stabler 1976, Dennis and Dawn Pochel 1978, Robert and Teresa Metts 2001 and Stan and Georgia Everett 2002.

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

column, please email lillianeditor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549. Or contributors may place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

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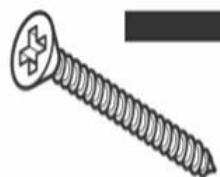
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Lillian Masons Announce Member Recognitions at May Meeting

The Lillian Masonic Lodge F & AM 925 is proud to announce that Brother Thomas Hollister Potter III was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft during a stated meeting held on May 20, 2025. The degree was conferred by Brothers Chris King and Steve Williams in a ceremony attended by members and visiting Masons.

A delicious dinner preceded the meeting, featuring lasagna, salad, and rolls prepared by Kat Keener. Interim Lodge Secretary Roger Cramp contributed a hearty venison chili. Dessert was provided by Gloria Cramp, who brought a homemade brownie pie, and Donna Johnson, who brought an assortment of cookies.

Worshipful Master David Johnson presided over the regular business meeting, during which the Lodge recognized visiting Master Masons Dale Kugler and Juan Henriquez. Brother Kugler is affiliated with West Point Lodge #758 in New York and Cullman Lodge #421 in Northern Alabama. Brother Henriquez hails from Waukegan Lodge in Waukegan, Illinois.

Lillian Lodge 925 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. All visiting brethren in good standing are welcome.

For more information, please contact Jeff Keener at (251) 210-9081 or via email at jeffreyaakeener@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming a Mason, "Just Ask" and more will be shared with you.



Left to Right - 1st row Leonard "Buz" Mahood, Junior Warden; David Johnson, Worshipful Master; and Thomas Potter III, Fellow Craft member. Second row Fellow Craft Lecturers Chris King, & Steve Williams and Michael Blankenship, Senior Warden.



Left to Right - Chris King (Trainer), Joe Williams, Thomas Potter III and Brandon Taylor (Trainer) the two most recent additions to the Lillian Masonic Lodge Brotherhood.

FISHING RODEO ... ONLY A FEW GOT AWAY!

Dozens of children and their families gathered around Schaff Pond for the annual Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. After the competition concluded, the participants enjoyed a hot dog lunch.

The Overall Winner for the longest fish is Vivian Kensey with a catch of a 15 5/8-inch fish. Colton Lewis caught the most fish, 19.

Age Level Winners are two and three-year olds, Longest, Isabell Gilley, 14 inches and Most Caught, Becket Moore, 10 fish. Four and Five-Year Old Winners are Longest, Elli Wills, 13 3/4 inches and Most Caught, Colsen Taylor, eight fish.

Six and Seven-Year old winners are Longest, Vivian Kensey, 15 5/8 inches and Most Caught, Mason Prater, five fish; Eight and nine-year old, Bo Bryson Gilbert, 15 inches and Most Caught, Rylan Hardiam; 10 and 11-Year Old, Longest, Levi Chisenhall, 15 1/2 inches and Most Caught, Colton Lewis, 19 fish. Winnrs picture right.



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As Time Rolls On, Everything Changes, so Take Comfort and Adapt

It seems when we get into our senior years our mind wants to visit old memories. As a kid I would sit and listen to my elderly relatives reminisce over bygone years. I found it interesting and enjoyed the stories.

The younger generation usually roll their eyes and tune into their 'Imusic' or whatever they call it. That's a shame because whether or not it sounds like it at the time, there is so much to learn from their tales of yore.

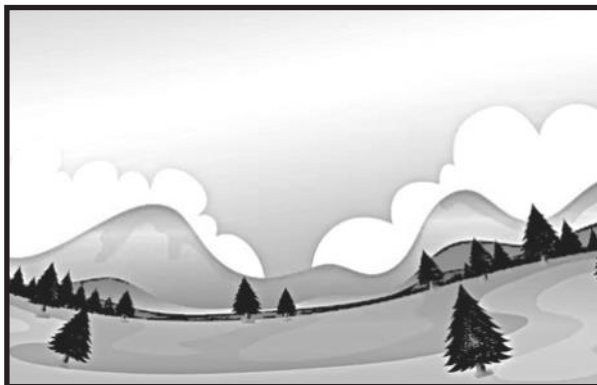
Last summer I had a chance to spend a lot of time with my 19-year-old grandson and we talked about all sorts of subjects and I also shared some of my old memories. I listened to him and I really think he listened to me. I hope he enjoyed the experience as much as I did because I sensed this heart-felt connection.

Yes, there is always a generation gap but it doesn't have to alienate the two age groups. We can learn from them and they can learn from us. There is a lot of history wrapped up in our memories of long ago. I remember when one of my grands was in middle or high school and they were studying about JFK and he asked me if I knew where I was and what I was doing when I heard about the assination. My memory was quite clear on that and I describe it to him in detail. What a better way to learn history than having dates that don't mean anything thrown at you, don't you think?

These connections are valuable and more of us of all ages should make an effort to participate in them.

It creates strong family bonds that carry on long after we are gone.

Because of the tectonic plates deep within the Earth's crust the topography of our planet over the past 4.54 billion years has changed completely many, many times and will continue to do so. Mountains and oceans have come and gone and come again. Some mountain ranges grow taller eve-



ry year: Himalayas-5 mm or .197 inches, Mount Everest-4 mm and Mount McKinley-.04 mm to name a few.

Larger jolts and collisions of plate movement cause the earth quakes, and tsunamis that change the landscape as well as volcanic eruptions especially if the volcano is located at the convergence of two opposing plates. Earth today doesn't look anything like it did a million years ago and if you were able



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

to come back in another million years, you wouldn't recognize your surroundings.

Land was once massed, then separated and came together into different continents and then pieces have broken off again, such as Japan which was once attached to what is now Asia. One hundred-fifty million years ago the last land mass to connect to what was to become North America was the land that became California and two other states and South America erupted from under the sea. Continents will most likely separate again and reform someplace else. Nothing is stagnant on our little blue ball in the sky. It's exciting and scary at the same time.

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these." George Washington Carver.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner
By Betty Bovat

Stop in Today and Check Out Lillian's Best Convenience

We have had several new members recently that filled out the required form to get a library card, now that will enable them to check out anything that the Lillian Perdido Bay Library has on hand and available to offer.

The Library has a room full of computers and two printers for public use, asking a small donation.

The volunteers are in the Library every Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is offering a Summer

Reading Program to be held at our Lillian Perdido Bay Library all Thursdays in June and July, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The registering will already be done in May. Sounds like a fun idea!

We do not have enough books being donated recently to hold our book sales, but we do have some hard books for \$1 each and paperbacks \$.50 for sale.

The Library certainly appreciates all the donations we receive. We are here to serve the public.

Please come and visit this Library in Lillian.

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Good News and Bad News on the Lillian Landmark Status Front

Greetings!

Due to circumstances beyond my control ... Good news, bad news.

The good news ... Please keep the signatures coming! I have some new ideas that I will be presenting to our state representatives in hopes for a more direct approach.

The bad news ... the legislation for our effort is not going to be for awhile. (See below)

Did you know that our legislature is only in session from February to mid-May each year?

We now have a good example of how the wheels of government turn slowly. No legislative session this fall??? Seriously? Well, we will be first in line next February, so the bright side of this is that's plenty of time to get more signatures. Don't stop gathering them every chance you get. We need to make our effort SCREAM community support!

Belforest Landmark District (near Daphne) did not get approved this past session due to some shenanigans/hardball between two or more legislators (shall we say "politics?"). This would have happened to Lillian Landmark District as well.

So, we have plenty of time for more signatures and fund-raising to pay for the public notice if we should need it. And we didn't waste our time trying for this to be on the agenda for the last session nor pay for public notice for nothing! That's the positive outlook.

Following the advice of Senator Albritton, I will be working on how to end this nightmare of all of these different locations having to go through the Landmark District process.

Do you know any legislators that you feel I should con-

tact? Please email me.

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!

Call to Action! Please share this: Your support can be sent to either tbird32507@gmail.com with your name and address or using the QR Code below to fill out the petition form:

Cost to publish Lillian Landmark District Public Notice in a paper of record in Baldwin County – The estimated cost for publishing the required legal notice per Alabama State law, running for four consecutive weeks in a paper of record, is several hundred dollars at a minimum. If my new idea plays out, we can avoid this cost.

Planning & Zoning updates in the Lillian vicinity:

Warner Property Rezoning Z25-05 – Heard and approved April 15, 2025 by the Baldwin County Commissioners. The subject property is located West of Library Street and South of Widell Avenue. Current zoning: RSF-1, Residential Single Family Requested zoning: RSF-2, Residential Single Family on 1.70 acres, 4-lot subdivision.

May Brothers Property corner of Hwy 98 and CR 99 – Still in the intake phase of a commercial site plan request for a fireworks store. Once that has been satisfied, the matter will go before the Planning Commission July 10 at the earliest. Do you think this is an appropriate use of the land?

Please write to our Commissioner, Charles (Skip) Gruber, cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov, if you agree with one or more of the following to voice your support ...

I propose re-visiting Planning Districts 22, 29 & 33 Text

Amendments to

local ordinances:

We have asked

for our Text

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nances to be re-

visited by the Department of Planning and Zoning, minus any

items of concern as previously identified as well as minus any

items that have since been fully absorbed into the county's

full ordinances.

I propose creating a new zoning category, "RSF-1.5": RSF-1 (30,000 sq.ft./1.45 homes per acre), 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 currently for half an acre.

If Planning and Zoning and our County Commissioners would create this category, there would be an additional option for mid-range density.


I propose creating a new Activity Node around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83: Located in a rural area, my opinion is that there 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.

There is acreage 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.



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