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# Lillian Activists Score Narrow Win to Defeat 80-Home 'Sprawl' Subdivision Proposal

Tie Vote Kills Bid to Rezone Z24-10 Hamm Property From Rural to High-Density

The Baldwin County Commission has denied Hamm Development's bid for rezoning that would have allowed 80 new homes in Spanish Cove.

A tie vote among the four commissioners confirmed the denial, as it takes a majority for the County Commission to grant a rezoning request. Hamm asked for a change from agricultural to moderate residential for a 23-acre parcel off Ridgewood Drive in Spanish Cove. Commissioners Matthew McKenzie and Skip Gruber voted to deny. Commissioners Billie Jo Underwood and Commissioner James Ball voted to approve.

The vote came after 13 Lillian area residents spoke to oppose the zoning change, citing strains on already overburdened infrastructure and a desire to maintain the rural nature of the area.

"Everyone leaves a legacy," said local activist Dave Williams.

Lillian is facing a choice between maintaining the natural beauty and highdensity housing, he said. 'Once we turn it all into concrete, it's no longer desirable," Wiilliams said. "There's no going back."

Several of those speaking in opposition cited water issues.

Fred Lurwig, who owns an adjacent family farm on Soldier Creek Road, talked about the importance of the fields in the area west of Spanish

"I listened to what the citizens want," he said. "The (Spanish Cove) POA is not here, the board is not here. .
For all you here, I'd say to look at your board."

Baldwin Co. Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie

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Cove in filtering rainwater, preventing flooding in neighborhoods downstream and keeping contaminants from flowing into Perdido Bay.

Treasure Adams, of Mobile Baykeepers, explained how removing trees and grasses in favor of more roads and driveways disrupts the hydrology and causes "more frequent and severe folding and further degradation of water quality.

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#### Lillian Man's Peterson Branch Tests Net Official Action; K-9s Eyed to Track Pollution

About a year ago, Mike Cleveland started testing water in Peterson Branch, a creek that runs through Spanish Cove, through the water treatment facility on Caney Loop and on to Perdido Bay.

Cleveland tested at the bridge on Pensacola Drive above the Baldwin County Sewer Service treatment plant and he tested below the plant at the bridge near the Perdido Pines entrance on Highway 99. He tested over a matter of months in all kinds of weather conditions. Dry spells, rainy spells, warm and cool weather.

He used R cards to test. On R cards, e coli shows up as blue dots and any other substances show up as red.

"Every time I tested, the blue dots far outnumbered the red downstream from the water treatment plant on Caney Loop," Cleveland said.

Chairman of the Western Perdido Bay Water-

shed Action Committee, Cleveland passed his findings in Peterson Branch on to project engineer Wade Burcham. shortly to release his plan for Perdido Bay assessment and restoration.

Burcham passed Cleveland's findings on to Alabama Water Watch, a nonprofit citizen water testing organization, who passed it to Christian Miller at Mobile Bay Estuary. Miller passed it on to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, which is now investigating the quality of water flowing through Spanish Cove and into Perdido Bay.

"My testing is a little subjective and I wanted to get more scientific corroboration, so I called in the scientists to get more precise data," Cleveland said.

So now, water quality experts all across the Gulf region are following the dots on Cleveland's R cards. Burcham's report is expected to be released

soon. Reports from ADEM are in the works.

Local activists have been sounding the alarm about over burdened infrastructure like water and sewer (along with a long list of others) unable to keep pace with rapidly growing local populations.

And now regional water quality experts are seeing red flags in the results of Cleveland's testing and passed the results up to ADEM. The Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee, a group of citizens who meet to discuss stewarding the county's natural resources, requested that ADEM do additional sampling around Peterson Branch to verify higher levels of bacteria and where it is coming from..

Christian Miller, public sector program lead at the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, credits Cleveland for his water quality testing.

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## 'BLUBERRY HILL WORKAROUND'

# How One Lillian Woman's Vision Overcame County Injustice & Bullying with Determination, Grass Roots Support From Neighbors and Common Sense

This year, Maria Nogueira will be inviting Lillian neighbors to her farm to pick blueberries at no charge.

Donations appreciated.

Nogueira came to America three decades ago, became a US citizen and settled on a six-acre parcel at the corner of Barclay and 7th Street about 10 years ago.

She works as a nurse to support her aging parents. A Statue of Liberty replica looms near the barn, which is full of church pews so she can host guest pastors for services every week.

"I'm proud to be a citizen of this country and I love it. I worked hard to buy this place and make something of it" she said.

"I'm not giving up."

Blueberry farming is the third of Nogueira's enterprises on her six acres.

When she first bought the parcel, she hoped to build an RV park. That dream was shot down by the County Commission even though the Planning Committee recommended approval and there are several small RV parks in the surrounding blocks of Lillian.

Undeterred, she developed a new business model to transform a horse barn into a B&B. Permits for that were denied after rumors circulated that Nogueira was planning a brothel.

So a couple years ago, she turned her talents to farming. She took extension classes to learn about organic blueberry farming and spent thousands to buy two thousand plants, install an irrigation system and create special organic mulch mounds.

She bought chickens, beehives and planted beauteous sunflowers that graced the neighborhood with yellow blooms.

But the devil was in the details. Turns out she could not get liability insurance to host customers on her blueberry farm unless she got the zoning changes

from residential to agricultural.

After 160 neighbors signed a petition supporting her (15 opposed) and the Planning Committee recommended approval, the four commissioners came in with a 2-2 vote. Tie vote? Request denied. No reason given.

Commissioners told her they could not grant her organic certification, which, of course, was not what she was asking.

"It had nothing to do with that. Did they think I was so stupid I didn't know that?"

Baldwin County has not been welcoming to Nogueira's entrepreneurial spirit. Mosquito sprayers wiped out her bee hives. Somebody called the cops when she showed up for service at the church next door.

A neighbor admitted to stealing important letters from her mailbox about emigration hearings that got her parents deported. She's just this spring back from Brazil after several months straightening it all out and bringing her mom and dad back home.

So now Nogueira is a weekend farmer as she is required to hold down a full-time job as a nurse for her parents, 90 and 85, to stay here with her.

Nevertheless. The house and grounds at "Farm Sweet Farm" are handsomely groomed, herbs and potted plants adding color to neat rows of ripening blueberries.

"I'd rather share them with the children and the community than let them go to waste," she said.

So Nogueira now welcomes the community to pick sweet organic blueberries.

She will provide parking inside the property, and she asks visitors not block the neighbors next to the main gate, Kee Ave. at 7th street.

Open June 1. hours are 5 p.m. to 7:30 p. m. Monday to Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations, smiles, and kind words appreciated.



#### PARK FUN ON TAP

Is there no limit to the fun you can have at the park? In the month of June?

Well, we are excited to offer the 1<sup>st</sup> Interactive Culinary Experience on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m to 9 p.m. Check out Chef Shane's website www.bbocados.com. This veteran owned and operated business will be offering a variety of classes going forward, but this particular night the menu will feature "Dinner in Portugal". Chef Shane Bright has 23 years of experience in the food industry. You will be cooking alongside novices and foodies in this culinary adventure. No need to bring anything but your enthusiasm, well, and an appetite! Future classes may include basic knife

skills to learning new flavors from around the world. Let us know if you would like to have date night classes, kids cooking classes, girls' night out fun or just make it a family affair.

The Bay Blues (American Legion) baseball team will start their season June 1 with the games starting at 11 a.m. Then again, June 15, and 29. On June 4, 13 and 18 they will have night games starting at 6 p.m. The park's concession stand will be open during the games.

Movie and Music in the Park on Friday June 7 will feature the movie, Barbie! So, get your pink on for the Barbie and Ken look alike contest. Music by T-Bone and Jo Montgomery begins at 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk. The park's concession stand will be open.

Art classes are back with artist Janice Anderson, "That Crafty Mermaid" on June 13 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for teenagers and any age adult. On June 21 art class will be in the evening from 6 p.m to 8 p.m. All supplies are included for creating an acrylic and chalk Blue Crab on a boxed canvas. Introductory price of \$25 for June classes. Coming soon, children's art classes and kids' camp. Janice will be offering more ongoing classes during the coming months. She not only paints but also crafts frames, unique trays and is planning additional fun projects.

June's Market in the Park is on June 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You just might find something there for Father's Day! Come out and support the variety of incredible local vendors, crafters, along with food

items, and produce tents. The concession stand will be open at 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Contact Nickie at lillianrecreational-park@yahoo.com for an application or more information.

Use this same email to get a head start on Park Fun at Kids Camp July 15 to 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids Camp is open to 7 to 12 years of age.

Some folks might not know that the Park is a nonprofit organization that receives no government funding or tax dollars

We are a donation, volunteer driven entity. Businesses in and around the Lillian area sponsor some of the events.

Please consider donating your time and/or money to help make the Park even more enjoyable. A destination for fun!

#### St. Alban: First Martyr Killed for Refusing to Deny Jesus

Saint Alban lived in Great Britain, sometime during the 4th century. He lived during the period of time when much of present-day Britain was under the control of the Roman Empire. Little is known about Alban's background apart from the fact that he originally was not a Christian. As often happened during this time period, Christians were put under a large amount of persecution. In Britain, this did not change much as, being at the most remote and volatile frontier of the Roman Empire. Christianity (and most other foreign ideas) had not yet spread that far.

For one person, however, it did have a life changing impact. One night, Alban met a Christian priest fleeing from Roman soldiers who sought to kill him. Alban sheltered the Christian priest in his home for a number of days. During this time, the priest and Alban had long conversations, grew to be friends and, inspired by the faith, piety and charity of the priest, Alban decided to convert to Christianity.

Eventually, those who were hunting the priest found that he was sheltering in Alban's house. So, to give the priest time to escape, Alban asked to be dressed in the priest's cloak and clothing and gave himself over to them.

When the judge heard that Alban had offered himself up in place of the priest, the judge became enraged that Alban would shelter a person who "despised and blasphemed the (pagan) gods." Additionally, as Alban had given himself up in this Christian's place, he was sentenced to endure all the punishments that were to be inflicted upon the priest, unless he would comply with the pagan rites of their religion. Alban refused, and declared "I worship and adore the true and living God who cre-

ated all things."

The enraged judge ordered Alban to be scourged, thinking that a whipping would shake the constancy of Alban's heart, but he bore these torments patiently and even joyfully. When the judge realized that these tortures would not shake Alban's faith, the judge ordered that Alban be beheaded. There is more to Saint Alban's story, and various miracles surrounding his death in particular. However, most were written many years after



his death and have very probably been embellished in the telling. One surprising detail, however, that is both consistent and can be traced back furthest is the drying up of a river so that Saint Alban could get to where he was to be martyred. This story is said to have such an impact on Alban's executioner that he was converted on the spot. A second executioner had to be found to behead the two of them.

Alban was the first person, thus the first martyr, to be killed for their refusal to deny their faith in Jesus as Lord over all pagan gods in British history. Alban is now the patron saint of converts, refugees, and torture victims. He has a major shrine and abbey dedicated to him in the city of St. Albans on

the place where he was martyred.

Twenty -two years ago my ordination was held



Forward
By Rev.
Tina Lockett

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on June 22 which is the day the church observes as St. Alban's Day. I like that my ordination was on this particular saint's day. I love the simplicity of St. Alban's story. He was no great warrior or theologian or leader; he was just a normal person who cared for others. St. Alban's journey to become a saint began purely because he chose to show love to a complete stranger and did not close his heart to the beauty that others could show him, even when it threatened his own previous beliefs and life.

Saint Alban's story has practical life and death lessons. When Alban came to know God personally, neither death nor torture held any threat for him. The miracle of him drying up a river so he could get to his execution at first seemed crazy until I realized it was not because he wanted death but rather to show how much he wanted union with God.

From Alban I have learned that God is with me so I should not be afraid and a relationship with God truly does bring intense joy. As St. Alban said to the judge when asked to recant and return to the pagan gods, he refused, and declared "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things."

If you want to know about St. Alban, and how to worship a true and living God who loves you just for being you, come visit us at Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.





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## Cabbage Looper; Not Exactly the Veggie Gardeners Best Friend

Did you know that California is the leading cabbage producing state in the U.S.A.? And that Russia eats more cabbage than any country in the world, including China, even though China grows the most cabbage worldwide? It's a weird, old world out there. The cabbage looper, *Trichoplusia ni*, is a North American native insect found across the U.S., as far south as Florida and Mexico, and as far north as British Columbia and Canada. What do you call a Chinese cabbage that composes music? "Bach" choy!

The larva of the cabbage looper is a small, about one to two inches long,

light green caterpillar. They have thin white or yellowish stripes on each side of their bodies and two darker stripes down the center of their backs. These are some tricky caterpillars because at first glance, they appear to have five to seven pairs of legs! What they do have are three pairs of true legs and *at least* three pairs of "false legs" or "prolegs".

A proleg is a small, fleshy, stubby protuberance that is basically a useless leg. Prolegs are mostly found on the larvae of moths and butterflies in the Order Lepidoptera. These prolegs are not jointed and have very limited muscles so they can't help with moving the body very much. Science currently thinks that the prolegs have come from "ancient inactive genes" that have become active again. Evolution is an ongoing process, y'all!

When crawling along a branch, the larvae will thrust the area between the true legs and the fake legs into a loop, giving the insect its name - looper. This movement is pretty much identical to how an inchworm moves along. The only way to tell a looper from an inchworm is to check the arrangement of their fake legs — each species has prolegs attached to different body segments.

The cabbage looper larva is a minor vegetable pest, especially for "crucifers". Crucifers is the group name given to a broad spectrum of leafy greens specifically in the cabbage family including: arugula, kale, rutaba-

ga, broccoli, cabbage (shocking, yes), cauliflower, wasabi, horseradish, mustard, collards, turnips, and Bok choy. If you didn't get the joke in the first paragraph, go back and re-read it now and see if it makes better sense. It also attacks lettuce, spinach, beets, peas, celery, parsley, potatoes, and some flower varieties.

The cabbage looper is one of the most common and problematic cabbage pests. While it is not destructive in a commercially significant way, it is becoming difficult to manage due to its broad distribution and resistance to

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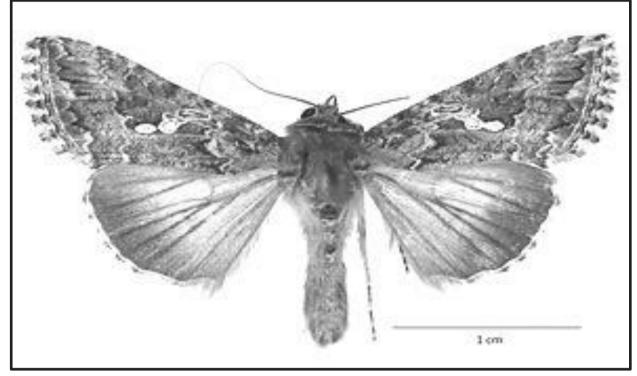
many insecticides.

Most plant seedlings can endure the cabbage looper. However, this critter becomes more problematic once the plant begins heading. The larvae use their chewing mouthparts to eat large holes in the underside of leaves and dayour daysloping cobbage heads. That



Know Your Critters By Celeste Hadley-Champion

devour developing cabbage heads. They leave behind sticky frass, also known



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as bug poop, contaminating the plants. They can eat up to three times their body weight in one day! While that may not seem like a lot of damage, this one little dude has 300 to 600 brothers and sisters from one mom! The problem becomes exponentially larger if not dealt with swiftly.

The cabbage looper ADULT is a medium-sized moth. The adults are about one inch long and gray-brown in color with a 1½" wing span. The middle of the front of each wing has a silvery spot that resembles a figure eight. Adults have straw-like mouth parts that they use to pierce the vein of the plant and drink up that planty-goodness.

When the adult moths are ready to mate, male cabbage loopers make a display by elevating their abdomen and fanning their wings. They spread out their abdominal hairs, open their genital claspers, and partially stick out their spermatophores (kind of like a turtle sticking it's neck out but with reproductive material). Males gradually expose more of their spermatophores as they wait for a mate, probably to try to release more mating pheromones. When a female moth investigates his package (HA!), they will each examine the other's abdomen with their antennae. Mating only occurs if both moths agree!

Cabbage loopers moths engage in multiple matings, as well. Once upon a time, science thought that the rate of reproduction may increase with the number of matings. More encounters equals to more eggs, right? New evidence shows that only one mating is needed to fertilize almost all her eggs. So now, science now thinks it is more likely that a female moth seeks multiple partners for the spermatophore, which may provide nutrients for the female moth's benefit. Which only goes to prove how much science has yet to learn!

What do priests and cabbage looper perfumes have in common? Lettuce spray



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## Post 48 Lists New Officers, Student Awards

The following individuals were elected and installed as Officers for the American Legion, Post 48 for the 2023-2024 year: Commander, Rebecca Youngs; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Gay Pyle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Bill Youngs; Adjutant, Wayne Lavallee; Finance Officer, Lee Hoffman; Chaplain, Michael Kovacs; and SGT at Arms, David Youngs. Congratulations to all.

Post 48 has sponsored to boys from Elberta High School this year, to boys state their names are David Stryon and Aiden Jones

Post 48 awarded two awards to JROTC cadets in Robertsdale at the annual JROTC awards ceremony held at Robertsdale High School MILATARY EXCELLENCE went to HALEY WHEELES and the SCHOLASTIC AWARD to MOLLY KRAJEWSKI.

#### THE AMERICAN LEGION WHY SHOULD YOU BELONG

The American Legion has existed for nearly 100 years and will continue to exist to serve veterans, service members, their families and communities. It is the largest veterans service organization and works with the VA to improve services and reduce backlog.

They help protect the benefits that our veterans have earned, and members fulfill the sacred duty by honoring the memories of U.S. military veterans after their death. Legion members also volunteer for over one million hours of service a year. They conduct numerous family and community programs so that they make a difference in their community, state, and nation. Legion members are very patriotic, they respect and honor our first responders,

and they honor and respect the flag of this great nation and are



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee Adjutant



very passionate about what they do. They have a strong camaraderie, help with (benefits) claims and programs, and they are there to just simply talk and let veterans know they are not alone.

MEDICAL CLOSET: Post 48 would like to remind the Lillian Community that the Medical Closet is for ALL Lillian citizens at absolutely no charge. Many items include hospital beds, toilet items, wheel chairs, and walkers. 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 Darrel Ochs at 251 961-1291.

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June 2: Moon near Mars

•• Close approach time: 22:04 GMT (6:04 p.m. EDT)

•• Close approach distance: 2°10'

•• Conjunction time: 23:37 GMT (7:37 p.m. EDT)

Conjunction distance: 2°24'

**On June 2,** the 24%-illuminated Moon will be close to Mars (mag 1.1). Both objects will be in the constellation Pisces. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars.

June 4: Jupiter near Mercury

•• Close approach time: 10:23 GMT (6:23 a.m. EDT)

Close approach distance: 0°07'

**On June 4, Jupiter** (mag -2.0) will meet Mercury (mag -1.1) in the constellation Taurus. The planets will be clearly visible to the naked eye, but you can also observe them closer with a telescope or a pair of binoculars.

June 6: New Moon

The New Moon will occur on June 6, at 12:38 GMT (8:38 a.m. EDT). At this point, our natural satellite will stay between the Earth and the Sun, so its bright side will be facing away from the Earth. It's the best time for stargazing because the Moon's light won't hinder the view.

June 20: 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 2024, it will happen on June 20, at 20:51 GMT (4:51 p.m. EDT). 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.

June 22: Full Moon

The Full Strawberry Moon will occur on June 22, at 01:08 GMT (9:08 p.m. EDT). Our natural satellite will be in the constellation Sagittarius. Technically, the Full Moon lasts only for a moment when the Moon is on the opposite side of the Earth from the Sun, but the lunar disk will appear full for one day before and after it.

June 27: Moon near Saturn, lunar occultation of Saturn

•• Conjunction time: 14:52 GMT (10:52 a.m. EDT)

•• Conjunction distance: 0°06'

•• Close approach time: 14:57 GMT (10:57 a.m. EDT)

Close approach distance: 0°04'

On June 27, the 72.2%-illuminated Moon will be close to Saturn (mag 1.1). Both objects will be in the constellation Aquarius. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars. Observers from eastern Australia, north-eastern New Zealand, Fiji, and New Caledonia will also see the lunar occultation of Saturn.

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# Optimists Host Fishing Rodeo; List Winners of Annual Lillian Event

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**2024 Overall Winners:** Longest, Madison Graf 74 cm; Shortest, Alden and Austin Cummings 9 cm; Most Caught, Sawyer Metz, 11 fish. **Age Level Winners** 

**2 and 3 year olds:** Longest, Tie -Carter Metz and Corwin Lawhorn 27 cm; Shortest, Austin Cummings, 9 cm; Most Caught, Beckett Moore, 10 fish.

**4 and 5 year olds:** Longest, Madison Graf, 74 cm; Shortest, Andrew Cummings, 9 cm; Most Caught: Maddison Graff, 4 fish.

**6 and 7 year olds:** Longest, Grady Mikkelsen, 73 cm; Shortest, Sawyer Metz, 10 1/2 cm; Most Caught: Sawyer Metz, 11 fish.

**8 &. 9 year olds:** Longest, Kameron Crawford, 36 cm; Shortest, Alden Cummings, 9 cm; Most Caught, Tie - Miles Prater and Alicia Perez, 6 fish.

10 and 11 year olds: Longest, Tie - MJ Deaton and Korbin Brooks, 33 cm; Shortest, Payton Green, 20 cm; Most Caught, MJ Deaton, 5 fish. 12 year olds: Longest, Joey Green, 73 cm; Shortest. Trenton Klein, 13 cm; Most Caught: Evan Ramirez, 6 fish.

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Ann Cox, Candy Reed, and Waynette Brown received patriotic hand towels and kitchen tools. Everyone enjoyed the lively conversation as we all



got to know each other better. We are starting our summer break. Our next gathering will be 0 $\cot$  8.

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Other nominees for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year are Trooper Steve Wilson, Alabama State Troopers; Trooper Nick Thompson, Alabama State Troopers; Deputy Kristopher Horn, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Corporal Dakota Parker, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

And Deputy Ryan Delmore, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Corporal Richard Gingras, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Officer John Erdlitz, Daphne Police Department; Sgt. Shane Leiser, Fairhope Police Department; Sgt. Craig Sawyer, Fairhope Police Department; Sgt. Mitch Nelson, Foley Police Department and Bob Fennell, Foley Police Department.

Scholarships of \$1,000 were also given to children, step-children or grand children of police officers. They are John Davis who will attend Belhaven University; Analise Godwin, Troy University; Peyton Loftis, Coastal Community College; Kailey Money, University of Alabama current student; Gavin Rehorn, Stillman College; Lauren Robinson, Auburn University; Courtland Scott, Coastal Community College; Landen Walker, University of Montevallo and Aliyah Williams, Troy University.

In addition, two Baldwin County students received scholarships to the University of South Alabama, given in partnership with the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and the university. They are Jacob Alford and Shelby Stewart.

#### **Library Boasts Flowers From Showers**

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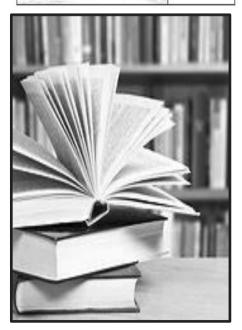
It was 80 years ago on that day when Allies overcame the Germans, we have many books about that war, also about others wars. Other items of interest are Biographies of many important people, Classics in regular and large print, Short Stories, Young Adults and the Fiction area with regular and large print books.

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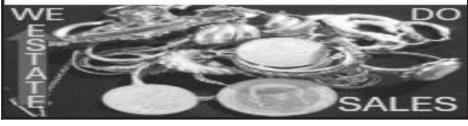
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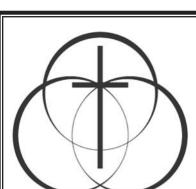
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The Methodist Message
By Rev. Daniel Randall

the Church on the day of Pentecost, must first be of one accord! When the day of Pentecost came the apostles were all together in one place. It was the day that Christ had promised. Beginning with Easter, the resurrected Christ had appeared at various intervals to the disciples. They knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus was the eternal living, Lord. Jesus had ascended to the Father, and they waited in expectation of what they knew not. How could they possibly have known that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, was about to descend upon them? The result would be the beginning of the church. They received God's power on a day when they were in one accord. They shared all things in common; we learn later. Sadly, it would not be that way forever. But, in the early days, they were of one accord. It was to that setting that the Holy Spirit came. Unfortunately, sometimes even people in churches love their ideas, opinions and positions more than they love Jesus. Nothing takes the place of community. If we expect great things to happen, then we must be of one accord. Everyone who claims salvation in Christ Jesus are to do all within our power to strive for unity in the Body of Christ – the Church!

Secondly, we like the church on the day of Pentecost must be Joined together by constant fervent prayer. So many Christians have lost their desire to dedicate themselves to prayer expecting the Holy Spirit to move in their presence and change lives. We need to pray for God to order our lives. But there is another reason, and I think it is the greater reason. Abraham Lincoln said these words proclaiming a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer on April 30, 1863 "We have been the recipients of the greatest blessings of heaven. We have been preserved in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with success, we have become too selfsufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God who made us. We should be moved then to humble ourselves before God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." Our need for prayer has not changed. Nations as well as individual people stand in need of prayer. Prayer for guidance. Prayer for deliverance. Prayer to shape us into people of integrity. Prayer to God to forgive us of our sins.

Finally, we like the church on the day of Pentecost must repent of our sins! Spirit-led life is possible only where sin is adequately dealt with! In Peter's very first sermon of the church, Peter reminded them of their most egregious error: God was at work through Jesus, Peter proclaimed to them, but you handed Him over, put Him to death nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to the right hand of God. He repeated the accusation one more time in verse 36: "Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When he finished giving his sermon, the people asked him; "What shall we do?" His response: REPENT. We cannot experience the blessings of God or revival if we do not first repent and turn from sin and to our savior. It is the basic requirement for entrance into Heaven. To experience the continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, we must each strive for Unity in the Body of Christ, humble ourselves in prayer, surrender to the will of God and repent of our sin acknowledging our complete dependence of Jesus! It is by this act that we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and can live a life led by the Holy Spirit!

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Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

cincts put the entire police department in a bad light. After the initial disappointment, we realized that the good Lord really does look out for us.

During succeeding years I would do as many others, slow down whenever I'd see a police car. I'd try to remember to never park near a fire hydrant. I'd never speed again on Bauer Road after an encounter with Escambia County men in blue. That's about all I really ever thought about regarding the police department, just traffic misdemeanors.

However, being a long-time member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, I've learned that our law enforcement men and women of our cities, county, state and waterways do much more than worry about whether we are following traffic rules. Police personnel do more than issue tickets.

Each year the club works with District Attorney Bob Wilters to honor those who protect us no matter where or how we travel in the state. We call it Law Day and serve the famous Optimist breakfast to nominees for Law Enforcement Officers of the Year and their families.

While off duty Alabama Senior Trooper Alec Peek was traveling through Spanish Fort with his wife and child when he noticed a vehicle directly ahead of him stop in the roadway and begin to reverse and eventually stop. When he arrived at the car, he found a woman screaming and a man holding a two-year -old child in his arms.

The couple was trying to explain the situation in Spanish. Fortunately, Trooper Peek was fluent in Spanish and found that the child was choking on a piece of candy. Peek took the child to the rear of his vehicle so he would have room to work. He began delivering back blows as he had been trained and eventually the child coughed up the candy. Due to Senior Trooper Peek's quick delivery of the childhood Heimlich Maneuver, the child was saved.

Last summer Fairhope Sergeant Shane Leiser quickly responded to a rollover accident where the driver was trapped in a vehicle engulfed in flames. Sgt. Leiser bravely assisted in extinguishing the fire and called for backup.

Fortunately, Sgt. Craig Sawyer was at a nearby school and rushed to the scene. He found the driver suspended by her seatbelt, unable to help herself. He entered the burning vehicle and stabilized the driver's head until emergency services could extricate her. Meanwhile Sgt. Leiser managed the fire in support of the driver and Sgt. Sawyer.

I'm sure none of those involved had any idea their lives would be so affected when they awoke that morning. Due to the bravery of those three officers, a child and a woman lived to see another day. I say none of them, but I am sure that the officers always know that there is a chance for such drama. It's what they are prepared for. It's what they do. Thank God for our men and women who dedicate their lives to saving ours.

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# June Highlights Optimist International Programs

The success of any club or organization is dictated by the efforts of its members and the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 is blessed to have a great number of committed volunteers.

For the first time the Junior Golf Alabama Mississippi Optimist Championship and International Qualifier will be held in Baldwin County. The event is set for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Glenlakes Golf Course in Foley. The event has two guaranteed bids for the top scoring youth per age group that also meets or exceeds the qualifying score. The entry fee is \$75 for the four boy age groups and three girl divisions. The deadline to register is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Corporate sponsorships for the event start at \$125 for a hole sponsor. To register for the event please visit www.amoptimist.org.

Governor Keener said, "Our goal is to do such a good job that Baldwin County hosts this tournament for years to come. We are one of the few events where financial support is provided to those that qualify for the international event".

Improving the lives of young people is one of the three pillars for an Optimist club. Optimist International offers several signature programs. The first scholarship program of the year was the Essay contest. The winner of this Scholarship program was announced at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District meeting in Pearl, Mississippi. Hannah Gardner, from the Huntsville Club was this year's winner of the \$2,500 college scholarship. Overall, fourteen clubs took part in the Essay contest.

The local Essay contest in Baldwin County saw each of the four Optimist Clubs participate. The Pleasure Island Club received 65 entries which might be a record for the number of submissions by a club. The Fairhope Eastern Shore Optimist Club contestants has won four of the past ten years.

The second scholarship program of the year, the Oratorical contest, is the oldest of Optimist International programs. Optimist International and its member Clubs have successfully conducted the Oratorical Contest since 1928. Over the years, Optimist International has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships, and thousands of youths participate in the Oratorical Contest each year at the Club, Zone, and District levels. The Optimist International Foundation annually awards scholarships of \$250,000 to District winners. In addition, many local Optimist Clubs provide additional scholarships to participants.

The topic this year was "How to Change the World with Optimism". Elberta High School contestant Allie Hollinsworth won the club and zone contest to advance to the Regionals held in Mobile. The Regional and District Oratorical winner was Lemuel De Los Angeles from the Optimist Club of Mobile. He earned the \$2,500 scholarship and advances to the World Optimist International Competition at St. Louis University this summer.

The third quarter meeting also saw the district Conduct the Hard of Hearing and the Oratorical contest. Over the years, Optimist members and Clubs have made individual and club contributions to the OIF. Although Alabama and Mississippi rank as two of the poorer states in the country, Optimist giving from the district ranks annually in the top ten for its charitable efforts. The district ranks second among OI clubs through the end of the April with \$20,976.50 raised in unrestricted funds and stands in first place for its \$21.47 per member in raised funds.

The President's Club is where an individual or company gifts \$250. Last year, the AL MS District had 35 donors at this level, more than any other District in the country and this year it has increased to 37.

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#### **Optimist Club**

By Jeff Keener, Optimist District Governor

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## Lillian Volunteer Firefighters Hike Ranks, Acquire Fire Truck

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 80 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in April: 53 Medical Assistance; 5 Public Assists; 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 2 Brush Fire; 2 Structure Fire; 5 Cancelled en route; 7 False Alarm/Miscellaneous and 4 Aircraft standby.

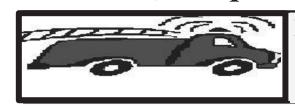
We have seen some growth in the department. Recently, we added two new recruits to the department with two more waiting to be added next month. It's an exciting time to be part of LVFD. So many are coming in with little training but with a major, willing spirit. This allows us to provide the necessary training to get volunteers totally committed to the Lillian community. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is for everyone to ensure coverage 24 hours a day,

seven days a week - we can never have too many volunteers.

We were hoping to get possession of our new fire engine this month, but unfortunately, we are looking now to the end of June or early July. However, in the meantime, we have officially acquired a fire truck from the Baldwin County Board of Education.

Once a vital part of their fire service program, it's now set to become a key training tool for our department, and we are very excited about putting it through its paces.

We would like to thank eve-



#### Lillian Volunteer **Fire Department**

By Goretti Lysek

ryone who has sent in their annual donations for 2023/2024. Around October/ November we usually see the vast volume of donations; however, we are pleased to say we are still seeing checks being sent in weekly.

> At this time, we will keep up the donation solicitation form below for this month and remove it for the rest of the financial year then replace it in October for the new fiscal year 2024/2025.

> In the meantime, if you still would like to contribute to the fire department, you can contribute on our Facebook page: "Lillian Fire Rescue" or cut out the solicitation form below and mail in your dona-

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"Preserving our wetlands and streams is crucial not only for our environment, but the health and safety of our communities." she said.

One commissioner said that, in considering zoning requests, the commission's job is not to consider factors like traffic, public services or fire and police services. Those are issues to be brought up in subdivision application hearings.

A spokesperson for Hamm Development argued that the parcel had been wrongly zoned in the early 2000's as it is in county planning District 33, instead of in district 23, which is the rest of Spanish Cove.

Commissioner McKenzie said he was moved to vote no on the testimony of the residents who turned out to speak at the May 21 meeting and at a Planning Commission meeting in April. He repeated their concerns about "safety, drainage and protecting Perdido Bay."

Spanish Cove citizens refuted claims by Spanish Cove management, which favored the zoning request, that residents had been polled or consulted on whether or not they want the rezoning to move forward.

"I listened to what the citizens want," McKenzie said. "The (Spanish Cove) POA is not here, the board is not here. For all you here, I'd say look to your board. They look at us. Look to your board"

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#### **CHIT CHAT**

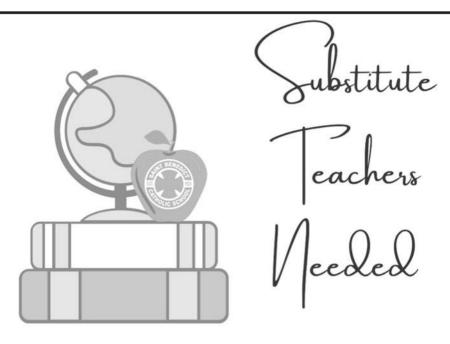
Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren, and family visits.

Happy birthday wishes in June go to James Maloney, Dan Hayden, June Dahlman, 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, Lorraine Standish, 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 Eliane 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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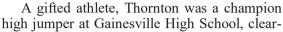
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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Jonathan Thornton Garth: Teacher, Explorer, Woodworking Mystic

Jonathan Thornton Garth - teacher, explorer, brother, father, husband, son, gardener, waterman, and woodworking mystic - passed on to his next epic adventure on April 16, 2024. He was 79 years old. Born in Huntsville, Alabama on March 2, 1945, Thornton and his family moved to Gainesville, Georgia in 1950 where he narrowly graduated from Gainesville High School. Ironically, he became a celebrated high school science teacher for more than 30 years in Fairhope, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida



ing six feet, two inches. He also won the discus and javelin events in numerous track meets. College and his adventurous lifestyle did not gel well. After several attempts at higher education, Thornton joined the Army, spending five years in Chatellerault, France from 1963-1968. He achieved the rank of E5 Sergeant and was awarded with the Sharpshooter medal.

The military experience sharpened his academic focus and after an honorable discharge he began pursuing a degree in medicine at the University of Georgia in 1969. Soon, he became engrossed in the peace, love, long hair and rock and roll culture. This experience altered Thornton's desire to become a doctor. Instead, he and his girlfriend (and future wife, MaryAnn) loaded up the VW microbus camper and headed to Ashland, Oregon to immerse themselves into the mountain lifestyle and attend Southern Oregon State College.

After graduating with a degree in education, Thornton and Mary Ann moved to Fairhope, Alabama to teach at the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education. While working there, Thornton persuaded the school to give him their 100-year-old library building that was due to be demolished. He and several students dismantled the entire structure and moved the lumber to Thornton's acreage in Silverhill. He used the wood to build a redesigned house that still stands today.

His career path eventually led him to Escambia High School in Pensacola where he taught advanced sciences for 20 years until his retirement in 2007. Rarely did he go to Pensacola without running into one of his many admiring students.

In 1997, Thornton married the love of his life, Sharon Wright and the two remained married until his death. Sharon was a balancing force in Thornton's

life and the couple pursued their many common interests such as travel, art, sailing and being with family. Together they built, with their own hands, an A-Frame cabin in Altamont, Tennessee using the wood from trees on his property that Thornton cut at a local sawmill.

Thornton and Sharon's children, Jonathan and Kelly, became integral parts of his life, participating in his ubiquitous projects whether it was working on

of his life, participating in his ubiquitous projects whether it was working on his boat, splitting wood, shucking oysters or sitting on his boat sipping cocktails.

While he was extraordinarily passionate about teaching and frequently knew more about the science of the body than his doctors, he was also a master woodworker, expert sailor and boater, scuba diver, skier, custom builder, dedicated Christian and a friend to everyone he met.

Sailing was a major aspect of his life and his expeditions became legendary. He circumnavigated the Caribbean, sailed the southern coast of Cuba, explored the remote reefs of the Yucatan and took his family along on several of the excursions.

As a 15-year-old youngster, he built a hydroplane skiff out of plywood and continued his woodworking craft until his last day of life. There are many fine pieces of furniture made by his skillful hands that he has given to friends and family. His home in Lillian is, in itself, a sprawling and awe-inspiring piece of structural art.

A man of myriad talents and great intellect, Thornton had an uncanny ability to predict the real estate and stock markets. He invested well and was able to retire comfortably, in spite of his school teacher's small pension.

Anyone who met Thornton quickly recognized his extreme zest for life. He traveled extensively, loved entertaining guests and was always either on the move or building something. Even as Parkinsons diminished his ability to walk and use his hands effectively, he continued to push ahead with seemingly unstoppable power. Seeing a man in his condition never giving up was inspirational to everyone in his circle of influence.

He loved deeply and was loved and admired by many.

Thornton is preceded in death by his parents, Winston Fearn Garth II and Emily Thornton Garth, his brother and wife, Winston Fearn Garth III and Deborah Sexson Garth, brother-in-law Allen Campbell Brown (Emily) and nephew Winston Fearn Garth IV (Kelly). Thornton is survived by his wife Sharon Wright Garth, his son Jonathan Winston Garth (Jamie), his daughter Kelly Louise McCall (Chris), his grandchildren Peyton Angelo Garth, Harlan Winston Garth, Micah Charles McCall, Kenley Louise McCall, Mila Avery McCall and his siblings Robert Dodsworth Garth (Shirley), Thomas Fearn Garth (Susan), Emily Garth Brown (Allen), John Felder Garth (Rhoda) and Frederick Dandridge Garth (Blair) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Any gifts in his name can be given to the Lillian Fellowship Church. https://lillianfellowship.org/

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## Phyllis Mae Green, 89, Lillian

Phyllis Mae Green passed away on Wednesday, April 24. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa, sons-in-law Rick and Jan, brother and sister-in-law Joe and Diann Timberman, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She and her husband, Don, were great adventurers both on motorcycles, RV and four-wheeler. At the age of 89, she still maintained her motorcycle endorsement on her driver's license. She was a fierce pet lover, sheltering dogs, training feral cats, once rehabilitating an orphaned squirrel and she



even tried to rehabilitate a garter snake that she accidentally hit with the lawn mower.

She was a lover of music and a talented musician, playing both piano and accordion. She was a faithful member of the Lillian Methodist Church choir. She was a long-time member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and a dear friend to all.

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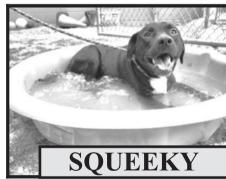


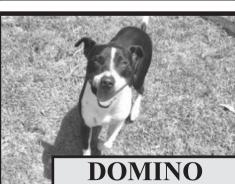










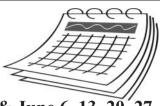




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#### Lillian Calendar



June 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:00 AM & June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

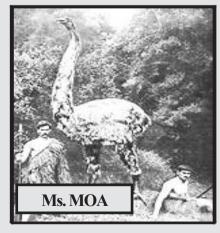
June 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at the Lillian Methodist Church located at 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Discover more about ALANON at https://al-anon.org/.

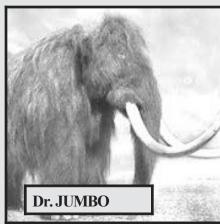
June 8 & 24 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave., Lillian AL 36549. Discover more about the Perdido Bay Optimist Club at www.OptimistClubPB.org.

June 10-14 from 5:30 - 8:15 PM: VBS for children 5 -12 years old, at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. You may register your child at www.LillianMC.org.

June 20 at 1:00 PM: Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

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## All That Matters is That Moment Self-Growth Emerges

When do people feel most happy? According to (Csikszentmihalyi, 2004), in his book *Flow The Psychology of Optimal Experience*, happiness is not something that just happens but is a condition that each person must cultivate. This experience is felt when a person is immersed in an activity and the world around seems to fade away along with time. I was struck by what experiences in life contributed to this state of flow and how it contributed to happiness.

Flow is considered to be something that is within the control of each of us, and occurs when a person's mind and body are engaged voluntarily in an activity that stretches us to accomplish something uniquely important and worthwhile. An optimal experience occurs when each moment is controlled by a person's consciousness to accomplish his or her goal whether it is pursuing an athletic sport, playing an instrument, or painting a picture. It is not so much about the activity, but how much the person enjoys and learns to master the activity with focused attention. The activity can also include mundane everyday tasks. Some people can be in a state of flow just from cutting the grass or clearing the

house. The key point is that a person learns to enjoy the activity because they are creating a path towards focused attention in developing skills in the way the activity or the outcome will be achieved for personal fulfillment. The reward is not necessarily monetary but it is an internal reward

The problem is that we live in a world that creates passive experiences of happiness and doesn't put much value on helping people understand the importance of creating flow as a path toward internal happiness despite external circumstances such as boredom and anxiety. Society teaches us to look outside ourselves for sources of fulfillment. If the goal is to improve the quality of life, the flow theory can set the course to finding inner harmony.

To describe flow as an optimal experience it will include a few key factors. A person must be so involved in the activity that nothing else seems to matter. The activity is so enjoyable the person will strive to attain it for the sheer sake of doing it. This doesn't mean the activity is not without challenges. The challenge is part of the optimal experience where the challenge is pointed inward and not

outward toward an opponent. The ability to meet the challenge head-on and develop the skills necessary to master the activity facilitates growth in a person.

So how does it apply to improving our quality of life? We are all searching for ways to make our lives more rewarding personally or professionally. Sometimes we get complacent or let the outside circumstances direct our lives without feeling genuine happiness. We lose our sense of self through mental energy disorder letting our thoughts take us wherever they will lead us. Once we learn and rediscover that we can control our attention and thoughts to something that creates an inner happiness we can move towards achieving a meaningful goal. It takes discipline and practice to reach a state of flow but the rewards contribute to a healthier and happier sense of self.

Take a moment and ask yourself. What makes you genuinely happy? What takes you to a place where external circumstances are non-existent and all you have is that moment of focused and intentional energy toward a goal? What challenges you in a way that ignites inner growth? It doesn't necessarily have to be enjoy-



## Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

able as you are learning. All that matters is that moment of mastery where self-growth emerges. - What makes you flow?

"No great improvements in the lot of mankind are possible until a great change takes place in the fundamental constitution of their modes of thought." J.S. Mill

Stay Healthy & Happy,

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Reference: Csikszentmihalyi, M. (2004). Flow: The psychology of optimal experience. Hanulim Publishing.

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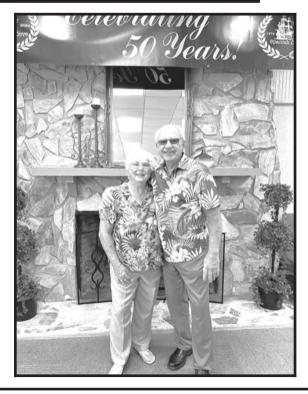
Lillian and surrounding areas to join us at Scuba for Vacation Bible School.

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#### **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

Susie and Jim Harrison and friends and family gathered in the **Cove Clubhouse** on May 19 to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple moved from the Dayton, Ohio area 22 years ago. They said they appreciate the beautiful Cove 50 Year Jubilee Banner that they were able to use for their celebration.



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## In This Case, Snake's Not So Tempting

I think I got turned off of hamburgers. A new trend is python farming and snake meat could slither into your next burger. The reasoning being, the 'hissers' are cheaper to raise than the 'mooers' and snake is supposed to be healthier than beef. Guess what? I don't care. I'm not eating it.



# Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

My husband used to belong to a

sportsman club and every-so-often they'd have a dinner that consisted of all kinds of wildlife. Sometimes, even snake, which he said was good. Maybe he was just trying to gross me out or maybe he was telling the truth, but I'm still not trying python burgers.

**Darn, the heat is** finally here and I had to shut my windows. I get a beautiful breeze that blows up the southeast side of my house and when the temperatures are perfect it is wonderful. Even though it was suggested, because of the pollen we should keep our windows shut, I couldn't help myself, even with the sneezing and coughing.

Besides, my other favorite thing is listening to the birds singing. There was one particular male house finch who crooned to his lady love while she sat on the nest. I could see why she fell for him if he sang to her while courting.

In 2004 after Hurricane Ivan hit this area, much of our wildlife disappeared. Local wildlife numbers have gradually increased, but I don't see as many cardinals and mourning doves as I used to. Fox and coyotes came through the neighborhoods and thinned out the rabbit population, which we are beginning to see again, but not in the numbers we did before.

After our surprise hit by Sally, many residents decided to cut down all of their trees. Such a shame for the birds and squirrels, but also for humans too because we have a partnership of sorts with these green, leafy giants; we give them our carbon dioxide and they give us back oxygen. Isn't nature great?

The kids in Finland start school at the age of seven. At that age they study five languages, their native language Finnish, Swedish, English, French, and Russian. Finnish students are also way ahead of the U. S. in math, reading and science. Finland always ranks within the top 10 of best educated countries every year.

For gobs of years, we've been told to use less electricity. Within the past 20 years we've been warned that our electric grids are in horrible shape and it would only take one small disaster to shut the grids down, leaving us in the dark for a very long time.

Nothing has changed so why is the government pushing us to use more electricity? Forcing electric vehicles on us and now talking about taking away all gas cooking stoves and anything else that I suppose runs on natural or propane gas and oil. Many northern states use oil for heating.

But that's not the only problem, what about the cost to replace everything with their regulations? Add that to the hefty rise of federal taxes next year. Just saying.

"In those vernal seasons of the year, when the air is calm and pleasant it were an injury and sullenness against Nature not to go out and see her riches and partake in her rejoicing with heaven and earth." John Milton.

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Without it, ADEM may not have decided to do additional testing on Peterson Branch.

"What Mike has done has been very helpful," Miller told Al.com in a recent article about water issues in Lillian. "It's been a key part of ADEM taking a deeper look at this area."

But it's not only scientists who are taking interest in likely contamination from Peterson Branch. The study is literally going to the dogs.

Alabama Water Watch is launching a new program that uses scent dogs trained at sniffing out human waste. One of the pilot projects, to start in just a few weeks, will be putting the dogs to work to track human fecal matter in the creek flowing through Spanish Cove and into Perdido Bay.

#### A Lillian Native Son, & Author, Fred Garth, Debuts New His Column

I have always traveled a lot. It's in my blood. Growing up in north Georgia, I made the brutal ten-hour car trek to Perdido Bay every summer of my life, beginning when I was literally in the womb. At nine, my parents took me and my siblings on a two-month European adventure. Sadly, I was too young to sample the wine. In my early 20s, my brother and I sailed all over the Caribbean in our funky home-built boat named *Home Brew*. Shortly thereafter, I became a bona fide travel writer. Magazines actually paid me to hop around the world and write silly stories. All told, I've had my passport stamped in more than 80 countries and have only been thrown in jail twice. I was innocent both times. I swear.

Without revealing my age, I'll just say I'm enjoying the benefits of Medicare. And still, the travel bug bites hard. I just returned from Spain where I fly fished in the Pyrenees (you can read about it in *Sport Fishing* magazine later this summer) and then linked up with my wife and 28-year-old daughter. They had just completed a 550-mile walk across northern Spain on the Camino de Santiago.

If you're unfamiliar with the Camino, you can google it or watch the movie called, *The Way*, with Martin Sheen. I give it five stars. Thousands of folks walk the Camino pathway each year and have done so for more than a thousand years. It began as a religious pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a

town in northwest Spain where it is believed that the body of the apostle Saint James is interred. Without his head. I guess they never found his *cabeza*.

When my lovely wife of 30-plus years told me she wanted to walk 500 miles across Spain, I secretly checked her prescriptions. Truth is, I asked her if it was okay if I went fishing instead of torturing my knees. We reached an accord.



Fred
Garth
Adventures worth
writing about

- Writer, conservationist

For me, traveling has always been fuel for the soul. I can also achieve a state of blissfulness just by hanging out around Perdido Bay, going to restaurants in the boat, fishing our waters, and watching the sunset and moonrise over the bay.

My bucket list still beacons but coming home to this special place always makes me smile.

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