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## Elberta Students Named National Art Contest Winners

Elberta Middle School art students have been named winners of the national Wyland Foundation 'Water is Life' art challenge for the second year in a row.

According to Linda Hill, a second year art teacher at the school, students have been recognized for murals and for individual pieces. Shown are this year's mural, the students who participated in painting the mural including individual winner, Alexandra Wood, an 8th grader.

The Wyland Foundation, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to promoting, protecting and preserving the world's ocean, waterways and marine life. The foundation encourages environmental awareness through education programs, public arts projects and community events.

The theme was environmental and water conservation and categories were classroom mural, individual art and photography.

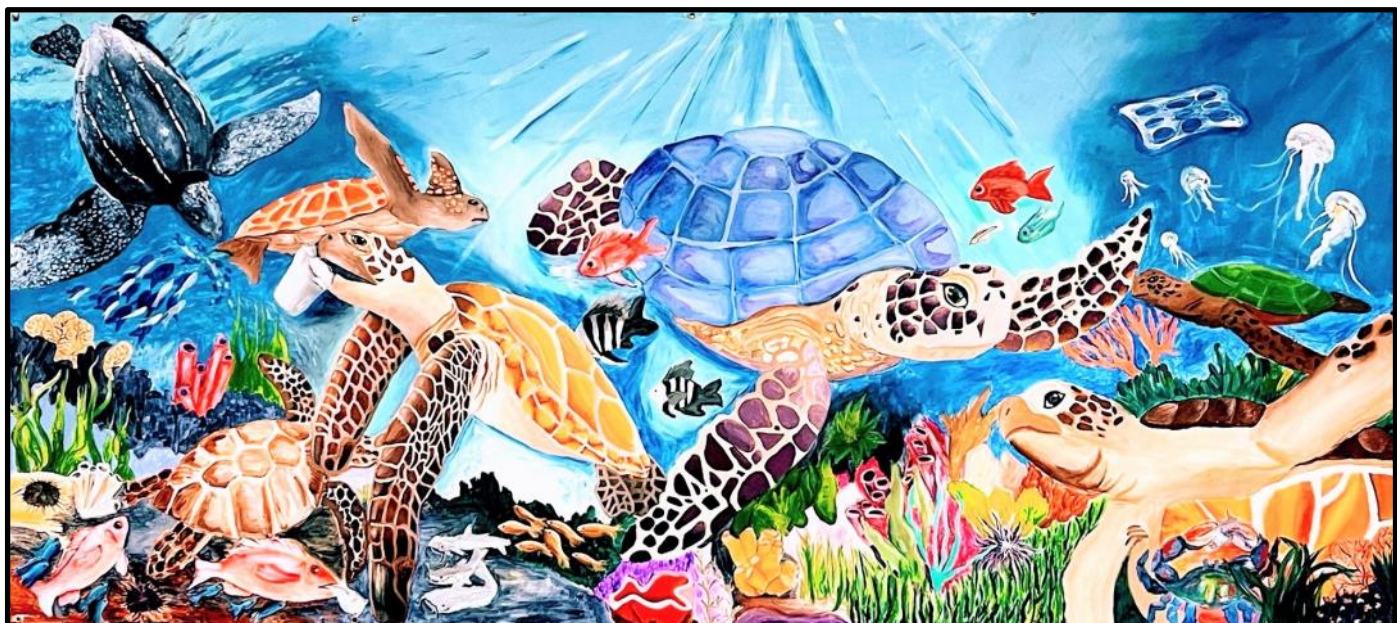
For the mural category, students worked together to create a 4-foot by 8-foot (or larger) mural. Three classrooms won \$250 for art supplies.

Individual pieces of art in any medium were also judged. Winners from each grade level received a \$50 gift card for art supplies.

Every year between Oct. 1- Dec. 1, the Wyland National Art Challenge encourages students across the nation to think about the thousands of conservation issues we face around the world and interpret them through art.

Students can choose to work collaboratively on mural projects or create individual works of art and earn a chance to win classroom prizes and scholarships.

Winning entries are included each year in a full-color calendar presented by Toro Irrigation.



*Art students at Elberta Middle School worked together to create a mural which was recently named the winner of a national art contest. Sponsored by the Wyland Foundation, the theme was "Water is Life." Participating students are shown below and include, front from left, Ryan Propst, Mercedes Nicely, Jayden Smith, Peyton Roberts, Kennedy Cooper, Alexandra Wood, Jackson Wagner, Zana Waters, Alydrea Cruz, Chloe Russo and Jadon Mitchell. In back are Saylor Morrow, Ethan Mitchell, Isabel Green, Alyssa Morrow, Naomi Senn, Evan Carroll, Ashlyn Brown, Kylie Chumney, Emma Williams, Anthony Johnson, Connie Johnson, Brett Crawford, Lily Hill and Kayden Palmer. Alexandra Wood was also named a winner for an individual piece she submitted.*



## Optimist Club Offering Five Scholarships to Local Students

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be awarding five scholarships this year to local graduating seniors living in the Elberta, Lillian and Josephine communities.

Awards include two scholarships for students attending college/university, two attending trade/technical school and one for qualifying seniors who have served and volunteered with Optimist Club service projects

over the past years.

Each scholarship will be for \$1,000 and sent to the school of attendance.

To request an application, email your name, phone number, address and the high school you are enrolled in to DanielWRandall@gmail.com as soon as possible. The deadline for applications to be returned is Feb. 28, 2022.



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## Valentine Fundraiser to Benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast

By Sally McKinney

The second annual "Be My Valentine" event to benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church Parish Hall, 308 E. 22nd Ave., Gulf Shores. Mary's Shelter is a home for homeless, pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child.

The in-person draw down extravaganza will also include silent and live auctions, lunch and entertainment by Gulf Coast's very own Elvis. Tickets are \$100 each. Registration ends on Feb. 12. To purchase tickets, go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/2abmv/> or the Mary's Shelter website, [maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://maryssheltergulfcoast.org), and click on the picture of the baby. Tickets may also be purchased by calling Judie Flanigan, 251-554-4889, or email [judithnflanigan@gmail.com](mailto:judithnflanigan@gmail.com)

Businesses and individuals are invited to become sponsors and to donate auction items. Sponsorship levels are platinum, \$2,500; gold, \$1,000 to \$2,499; silver, \$500 to \$999 and bronze, \$250 to \$499. All sponsors will be honored in the new Mary's Shelter Thrift Store scheduled to open in early 2022 as well as on the Mary's Shelter website. All attendees will receive "calling cards" with sponsors listed and the names will appear on the event tickets. To become a sponsor or donate auction items, contact Judie Flanigan at the number listed above.

Opened in 2006, Mary's Shelter has housed dozens of moms, their new babies and older children. The 24-hour facility provides a safe home as well as counseling to help the residents set goals for their future.

Volunteers help with transportation to doctor visits, jobs



*Proceeds from the second annual "Be My Valentine" draw down will help moms and babies at Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast plan for a bright future.*

and classes to provide better job opportunities. Others help with babysitting and upkeep of the facility.

The goal this year is to raise \$75,000 to continue this mission. To learn more about the home, visit the website at [maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://maryssheltergulfcoast.org).

## Bayside Baptist Hosting Band



*The Sandspur Band will be performing at Bayside Baptist Church in Lillian at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. The bluegrass gospel band is part of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church ministry. The group started in 2002 with two musicians and now features five members, including from left, Clarence Bauer (banjo), Tommy Salter (bass), Susie Hewitt (vocals), Larry Davis (harmonica) and Mel Middlebrooks (guitar). They perform for a variety of church and community events as well as nursing homes, assisted living facilities and shut-ins. The public is invited to attend.*

## Park Offering Free Pickleball Clinic

Easy to learn and easy to play, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America.

Come see what all the excitement is about at a free pickleball clinic at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell, from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Participants will learn the fundamentals and then have a chance to play. Paddles and balls will be provided. Pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping pong. The lower net and design of the ball make the game accessible to all ages and abilities.

Additional clinics may be offered later in the month. Check the park's Facebook page for an up-to-date schedule. Register for the clinic on the park's Facebook page or by calling 962-2129.



## Optimist Club Donation



*Optimist Club of Perdido Bay President Daniel Randall recently presented a check for \$500 to High Hopes 4 Autism representatives Harley Barrett and Jessica Frank. The Optimist Club donates funds raised each year at the annual Mullet Festival on Labor Day to several local organizations. High Hopes is a not-for-profit organization that specializes in applied behavior analysis-based therapy concentrating on language development and social behavior. All sessions are one-on-one. High Hope is located on the campus of St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta.*

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## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

## Check Out Annual February Book Sale

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We offer hardback books at 2 for \$1 or a paper bag full for \$3; paperbacks are 2 for 50 cents or 10 for \$1; children's books are 25 cents and audio CDs are 50 cents. You do not need a library card to purchase items.

Our open hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon.

January was our membership drive month and we hope you received your postcard. As we do not receive any federal, county or state

funds, we rely on your membership dues. The Lillian library is fully staffed with volunteers.

New residents that might like a free library card may come in. The library also has a computer lab, available for public use for a donation of your choosing.

We take book donations, but have some restrictions. The copyright must not be over 7 years and books must be clean. If anyone has books that we can't use, call the Waterfront Mission and they will pick them up from you.

The library also has restaurant coupon books for Baldwin and Escambia counties for sale for \$20 a book. The Crazy Horse Cafe also sells them for the library.

## American Legion HAM DINNER

**Sunday, Feb. 27**

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*Next dinner on March 27*

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## LVFD Has Record Call Numbers For 2021

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 77 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in December which included 48 medical assistance, 8 public assists, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, 1 brush fire, 3 alarms/investigations, 7 cancelled calls, 1 false alarm and 4 aircraft standbys.

We ended 2021 returning to a normal call volume for December. Our final total for 2021, however, came in at 1,137 incidents, our highest call volume to date. We are always looking for new recruits. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

In October, we mailed out 4,982 of our annual solicitation letters requesting a \$75 donation from each household to support your local fire department. As of Jan. 15, we have

received donations from only 773 households (16%). We want to thank all those who donated, and would like to remind everyone who has not yet donated to please consider supporting one of the most valuable assets of the Lillian community. The hard-working volunteers receive no compensation, and all monies donated go directly to purchase medical supplies, equipment training and upkeep for the department. Your donations will help continue the high level of response and professionalism the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department provides to this community. If you have not received or discarded your solicitation letter, please see a donation form provided at right.

LVFD is happy to announce Mark Beyerl is again active at the fire department. He joined LVFD in 2017, became a registered EMT, and then went on to become a lieutenant. When

## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

Jerry Langford stepped down as president of the board, Beyerl took on the responsibilities. After a couple of years, he wanted to hone his skills on the medical side so he joined Medstar ambulance service. During his time at

Medstar, he was promoted to supervisor and helped organize the crews and ambulance service. At the start of Covid 19 pandemic, he and a couple of other Medstar staff made their way to New York and stayed a couple of months to help on medical calls. He has returned to the Lillian department as a volunteer. He will be instrumental to the department in taking medical calls, plus sharing his expertise during medical training for the department.

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Fundraising letters have been mailed out with addresses provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

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## Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

When we think of Valentine's Day, we don't think of an ancient pagan fertility festival called Luperclea. Nor do we think of the death of St. Valentine.

In 1375 English poet Geoffrey Chaucer wrote of this February day, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day/ When every fool cometh ther to choose his mate."

It was Esther A. Howland who probably started the card-sending tradition when she mass-produced Valentine's cards. She became known as the "mother of the Valentine."

Now when we think of Valentine's Day, we may think of cupids, chocolates, roses, romance along with a card filled with romantic verses and most important, love.

Henry Drummond wrote "The Greatest Thing in the World" in 1884 with many reprints over the years. So, what is the greatest thing? Love. Drummond bases his premise on I Corinthians 13: Paul says, "Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love." He follows this with, "The greatest of these is Love." Neither man thought of February or Valentine but is it any wonder that we would have a day dedicat-

ed to that most important emotion?

I'm often fascinated with facts most people don't ever think about. The information can be about any subject and often it includes outer space or very ancient history.

If you have ever looked at a world map and thought that all of the land masses look like jigsaw puzzle pieces that would fit together, you'd be right.

There was a time when there was only one land mass on Earth. It was called the Pangea period and it lasted from 299 to 180 million years ago. After this time the land broke apart and formed five continents or five separate land masses.

Did you know that only 10% of the ancient world has been discovered? With technology called Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), this may change. The geographical method uses radar pulses to bring outlines of sub-surface images.

Archeologists have several tools available to them to utilize GPR: satellites, drones and portable x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy measures (pXRF) to name a few.

Unfortunately, many suspected ancient sites are denied access to archeologists because of hostile governments. Power is more important than fascination and knowledge.

"Love doesn't make the world go around, love is what makes the ride worthwhile." - Franklin P. Jones



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In Alabama, Arbor Day is celebrated the last full week in February, the perfect time for planting trees in lower Alabama. At Lillian Recreational Park, we will be planting 15 new trees, making our total number of varieties almost 50. The new trees will be mostly native varieties since they will grow better and stand the weather better. The clump of banana trees looks very sad at this time of year since the cold kills the leaves but the dead leaves hanging down protect the



trunks, which are water filled, from freezing. Some of the non-natives are on the invasive aliens list of the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service and we are working to remove them.

Here are some interesting and encouraging facts about trees:

According to the US Forest Service, just one tree can generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, recycle \$37,500 worth of water and control \$31,250 worth of soil erosion over a 50-year lifespan. Planting more native trees and other vegetation in a sustainable landscape can protect and enhance environmental quality.

According to the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horti-

culture, a mature tree canopy can reduce air temperature by five to ten degrees. The evaporation from one large tree can produce the same cooling effect of 10 room-size air conditioners operating 24 hours a day.

As climate change brings hotter temperatures and more unpredictable weather events, the importance of trees and their cooling effects become even more pronounced. In addition,

trees have the capacity to remove pollutants like sulfur dioxide and nitrogen from the air, thus reducing the incidences of asthma and other respiratory diseases.

Many cities in Baldwin county sponsor tree give-away events on Arbor Day. As the dates and times are announced, the information will be posted on the Lillian Recreational Park Facebook page.

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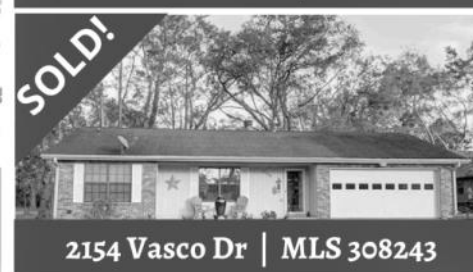
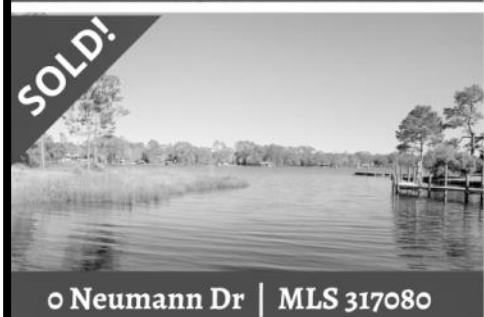
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## Ham Dinner Raising Funds on Feb. 27

A big thank you to everyone who attended the ham dinner on Jan. 23. Don't forget to place a reminder on your calendars for additional dinners on Sunday, Feb. 27, and March 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club hall.

These dinners are our fundraisers for the year and enable us to provide services to the community through veteran's assistance.

It looks like Legion baseball will be finally coming back to our area with the team playing their home games in Lillian.

The process is in the beginning stages and Post 48 will be sponsoring this endeavor.

At the January meeting, the post presented longevity award pins and certificates to Legionnaires who have attained at least five years of continuous membership in American Legion. We were honored to present a Legionnaire with a pin for 60 years of continuous service.

Post 48 belongs to the District 33 in Alabama and for the first time Post 48 is sponsoring a district meeting in Lillian on Feb. 20.

Legion members from Baldwin

## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley,  
Adjutant

and Mobile counties will be attending. A lunch will be served by Post 48's wives and friends.

We continue to increase our involvement in community activities with an emphasis on supporting the schools, the educational process and staying healthy through team building activities.

Efforts include refurbishing donated computers and providing them to local schools and sponsoring attendees at the Alabama Boys' State program.

Every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. many of our members drop by the American Legion building next to the Lillian Community Club, where the POW/MIA flag is flying.

This is a time when volunteers may be building ramps, re-working computers, helping with the landscape or cleaning and restocking the medical closet.

Why not drop by and join us? All veterans who have served since Dec. 7, 1941, are eligible to become American Legion Members.

## Lodge Gearing Up for Successful 2022

Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 began the year with a planning session led by Worshipful Master Joe Taylor that ensures it will be very busy.

Each year the lodge honors its past leadership at the Widows & Past Masters Night. This year the group is planning a dinner at Wolf Bay Lodge on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. "This is a special night for us to recognize our fallen leaders and their wives," said Taylor. "We also will recognize our past masters for their service. The focus of this special event is on fellowship and simply enjoying everyone's company."

The Masonic Lodge plans to host a community breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. March 5 at the Lillian Community Club. The breakfast will be offered without charge. The group will accept donations.

In April, the group will conduct a Boston butt sale. Orders will be taken in March and April with the meat

## Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

delivered April 16. The price is yet to be determined but should not exceed \$40.

On the pickup day, BBQ sandwiches will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The lodge meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 building located at 12600 Perdido St.

The group normally meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, but until repairs are made to the lodge, no meal will be offered.

The membership meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Joe Taylor at 251-751-6225 or 251-962-4301. The Lillian Masonic Lodge website is <https://www.lillianmasoniclodge925.org>.

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## Surviving the Challenges of Holiday Travel

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Charles Dickens' opening paragraph for "A Tale of Two Cities" was apropos of my recent holiday experiences.

Christmas began a week early at my home in Lillian. My two daughters arrived in time to help out at the "Breakfast with Santa" event sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. They love to help out when they are here, just as I help at my daughter's school when I visit in the fall.

We visited our favorite restaurants, the shops on the beach and everywhere else. It was a great week. We headed north on a flight out of Pensacola on Christmas Eve and all went

well. The Chicago suburbs were a bit chilly and we had about six inches of snow, but we managed to get together with grands and great-grands and it was a wonderful treat.

And now comes "The rest of the story, the worst of times." My flight was booked for 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday after New Year's. That meant we had to leave at 5:40 to get to O'Hare in time. We made it in plenty of time, but when I got to the counter to check in, I found my flight had been cancelled.

Not to worry, I was rebooked for the 5:55 p.m. flight, however that flight was delayed three times. I finally went up to the counter only to find out that there was a mechanical problem and the flight had been cancelled. They gave me a voucher and I got a ride to the hotel with my booking for the next day.

However, during the night that 8:40 flight was cancelled, but I was booked on a flight at 3:10. You



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

guessed it, cancelled, BUT, rebooked the next day, yep, at 8:40 a.m. Well, I wasn't about to ask my daughter to pick me up only to bring me back again at the same ungodly hour. I went back to the hotel on my own dime.

Long story short, all flights the next day were cancelled, so I got picked up and back to McHenry I went until the next morning. Got to the gate, still on schedule, but there were other flights being discussed so I went up to ask what was going on.

The young lady looked up and was astonished to see me. She had checked me in on the first day, had given me the voucher and had expected I had gotten on my way the next day. Wrong! She was so apologetic. She checked my flight status to

find the gate had been changed and insisted on walking me there, just a couple of gates away. We hugged as she left to go back to her station. What a wonderful experience for me after all the nonsense.

Yes, I wrote a letter to the airline to let them know how a young employee of theirs brought sunshine to a very dreary experience. In all my years of flying all over the world, I had never experienced delays like this.

I eventually made it to Dallas on Friday, and I had to hotfoot it from Gate 1 to Gate 20. Dr. Mom decided she has a pretty good heart since I was still on my feet without a heart attack after my sprint. By the way, I had a total of 12 rebookings/cancellations from Tuesday to Friday.

As always, it was great to be back in Lillian. Will I do it again? Yep, it's on the schedule for May. At least I won't have to deal with winter, will I? Oops, I forgot. Summer doesn't start in Chicago until at least June. Well, keep your fingers crossed, please.

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## Setting Goals in a Healthy, Smart Way

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Maybe you tried to lose weight or exercise consistently only to wind up feeling defeated because you didn't meet your goal.

The problem may not be your willpower or self-discipline but rather how you set and achieve your goals.

Goal achievement can present a few challenges.

Some of these include not knowing your "why," failing to make specific goals, setting too many goals or failing to adjust goals.

Every goal should have a purpose, whether it is clothing fitting better or wanting to be healthier for your family. The important thing is that it matters enough to you to make a commitment.



### Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

ment.

Secondly, a goal has to be specific and measurable. For example, start walking three times a week for 20 minutes for two weeks.

You can measure your progress

objectively and it entails specific action steps. Setting too many goals at once when attempting behavior change can also lead to goal fatigue.

Achieving goals is not always easy, and it requires directed attention in the initial stages. Setting too many goals at one time splits focus and attention, leading to little or no progress.

Once the goal is achieved the new behavior becomes easier to integrate into habit then another goal can be set.

Failing to adjust goals is another pitfall. Life happens and sometimes goals have to be re-evaluated and adjusted. This doesn't mean you change the goal, but maybe adjust the time frame and make minor adjustments to the action steps.

The ideal goal is a balance between setting oneself up for failure and pushing oneself to strive for success.

Whatever your goals might be for the new year, you can achieve through effective goal setting.



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*Friends of Dave and Terry Danson gathered recently to thank them for their many contributions to the Lillian community and to wish them well on their new adventure as they move to North Carolina.*

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## Grande Dames Kick Off 2022



*The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Ladies started 2022 with 15 members attending a Jan. 11 gathering at Sonny's BBQ. The hostesses were Mary Margaret Ayres and Kay Lett. Diane Gilbert and Melissa Scott celebrated January birthdays with gifts and song. Attending were Mary Margaret Ayres, Lorraine Standish, Diane Gilbert, Ann Cox, Este Donnenwerth, Dottie Mau, Kathy Brown, Inge Petit, Kay Rose Stovall, Lorri Roit, Kay Lett, Judy Wargo, Karen Brady, Priscilla Westgate and Melissa Scott.*

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## Check Out Some Key Tax Changes for 2021

I must confess I was wrong about 2021 tax changes. I would have bet that a Democratic Congress would make major changes. So far, however, only a few major changes have been made. Here is a list of key changes for 2021:

**The Standard Deduction:** It will be \$25,100 for those Married Filing Jointly (MFJ), \$18,800 for Heads of Household (HOH) and \$12,550 for Single or those Married Filing Separately (MFS). Seniors (age 65) will get an extra \$1,700 if single and \$1,350 for all others over 65 or blind. The standard deduction for dependents who file a tax return is a minimum of \$1,100 or up to the amount earned if less than \$12,550, plus \$350.

**Personal Exemptions:** These are suspended for all taxpayers until TY

2026, however, the income level to claim a dependent is \$4,300 for 2021.

**Tax Rates:** There are still 7 tax brackets in effect until 2025. Percentages are 10, 12, 22, 24, 32, 35 and 37. Dollar limits are singles – less than \$9,950, greater than \$9,950, greater than \$40,525, greater than \$86,375, greater than \$164,925, greater than \$209,475 and greater than \$523,600 respectively. MFJ limits are less than \$19,900, greater than \$19,900, greater than \$81,050, greater than \$172,750, greater than \$329,850, greater than \$418,850 and greater than \$628,300 and for HOH it is less than \$14,200, greater than \$14,200, greater than \$54,200, greater than \$86,350, greater than \$164,900, greater than \$209,400 and greater than \$523,600. MFS have the same limits as singles except the



### Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs  
CPA, EA

37% rate applies to income over \$314,150.

**Charitable Contributions:** Even if you do not itemize deductions, you will be able to deduct an "above-the-line" deduction for up to \$600 of charitable cash, check or credit card contributions if MFJ, or \$300 for all others.

**Dependent Tax Credit:** The Child Tax Credit increases to \$3,000 for each child aged 6-17 and \$3,600 for each child under age 6. These amounts will be refundable if your earned income is less than \$2,500, meaning you will get up to these amounts as a refund even if you do not owe or pay any tax. You may also claim a \$500 credit for each qualifying dependent not eligible for the Child

Tax Credit. The income for phase out of these credits is \$400,000 for MFJ and \$200,000 for any other filing status. For those who received advance payments, there will be a reconciliation process using Schedule 8812.

**Child and Dependent Care Credit:** This credit increases to \$8,000 for one and \$16,000 for two or more dependents for childcare while you work. If your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is below \$125,000 - 50% credit on expense, over \$125,000 but less than \$400,000 varies between 50% and 20% credit and AGI greater than \$440,000 = 0 credit.

**Earned Income Credit (EIC):** The maximum EIC is \$6,728 for taxpayers who have 3 or more qualifying children with earned income and (AGI) less than \$19,520 or \$25,470 (MFJ). The phaseout range is \$25,470 - \$57,414 for MFJ and \$19,520 - \$51,464 for any other filing status. The EIC amounts and AGI limitations decrease with fewer or no children.

■ Taxes, Continued on Page 13

## Community Calendar



- Feb. 1 & 15 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge
- Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room
- Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10 a.m., meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 8 & 22 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month
- Feb. 10 - Optimist Night Out, 5 p.m., Crazy Horse Café, call Linda Warren at 847-651-5762 by Feb. 7 for a reservation
- Feb. 12 - Optimist Club breakfast, 8 a.m., Lillian Community Club, speaker is Jessica Ware from Baldwin County Child Advocacy
- Feb. 14 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- Feb. 15 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Feb. 20 - Sandspur Band performing at Bayside Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 21 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 26 - Optimist Club breakfast, 8 a.m., Lillian Community Club, speakers will be this year's essay contest winners
- Feb. 27 - American Legion ham dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club, see ad on Page 3

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The review of eligibility for EIC continues to be stringent, requiring tax preparers to review documents as proof of taxpayer's eligibility. You cannot claim EIC if your filing status is MFS.

**Medical Expense Deduction:** The expense threshold for deducting medical expenses as an itemized deduction is still 7.5% of AGI for 2021. Real Estate, State Income & Sales Tax: The deduction for all three combined remains capped at \$10,000. You still have the choice of either state income or sales tax as a deduction, but the cap applies. Congress is currently considering raising the cap to \$80,000.

**Home Mortgage Interest:** New acquisition debt is still limited to \$750,000 but debt incurred before 12/15/17 is grandfathered at \$1,000,000. Home equity loans not specifically related to the purchase, construction or substantial improvement of a qualified home are not de-

ductible.

**Casualty & Theft Losses:** These are longer deductible unless a federally declared disaster. In that event, they are deductible even if you take the standard deduction.

**Mileage Rates for Deductions:** Use of your vehicle for business decreases to 56 cents per mile, for charitable work stays at 14 cents, and for travel for medical treatment or to pick up prescriptions decreases to 16 cents.

**Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and IRA Contributions:** For those of you who are not yet taking an RMD from your retirement or Individual Retirement Account (IRA), the age requirement changed from 70-1/2 to 72 in 2020. This change does not apply to those already taking RMD's. The 70-1/2 age limitation for contributing to an IRA has been eliminated.

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## Breakfast With Santa

*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 18 at the Lillian Community Club. The January issue of The Lillian had gone to press before this date so we are happy to include some photos from the event in this edition. Additional photos on Page 15.*



*Addalee Kane and Sky Kaiser*

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*Photos by Sally McKinney*



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"I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too."

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, verse 1* by Lesbia Scott

As those who have read my articles may have noted, I love stories about saints. Saints from hundreds of years ago and saints from our lifetime. Saints are men and women who as the first verse of the hymn above says "lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew."

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" is a Christian hymn written by Lesbia Scott, a British citizen, and first published in 1929. The hymn is little-known in Britain, but gained



### Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

some familiarity in the United States – particularly in the Episcopal Church, where it was published in the Episcopal Hymnal of 1940.

Scott, born in 1898 and died in 1986, composed many children's hymns which she sang to her own children as a young mother. She wrote both the words and the tunes and in 1929 published them in a collection titled *Everyday Hymns For Little Children*, which she also illustrated. Each hymn was for a different occasion, and one of them, "Saints' Days," found its way to the United States and was set to a new tune ("Grand Isle") composed especially for it by a retired Episcopal priest, John H. Hopkins Jr. The "Grand Isle" tune was written in

1940 and named for the community on the island of the same name in Lake Champlain in Vermont where Hopkins lived in his retirement.

The hymn has been retained in the next Episcopal Church Hymnal of 1982. The hymn also appears in the United Methodist 1989 Hymnal, the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal and a few other Protestant hymnals. A few people proposed removing the hymn from the Episcopal Hymnal for "lack of theological profundity" and that prompted a large letter-writing campaign to keep the hymn. Admittedly it does not have the theological depth of many hymns. It is not the same as "Amazing Grace." But I believe it is worthy of our hymns and has a message for today.

As a child I grew up in the church singing this hymn and it remains a favorite of mine. I believe Scott is a saint of the church because she achieved through her words and music to children and to all of us a message to hold in times of trouble and joy. She taught us that we can seek to live lives of saints.

"They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too."

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, verse 3* by Lesbia Scott

## Community Breakfast Set for March 5

The Lillian Community Club will be the site for a community breakfast on March 5 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 will prepare and serve the breakfast at no charge. Donations will be accepted.

Worshipful Master Joseph Taylor will present a certificate of appreciation to the LCC board of directors during the event to recognize their service to the community, and will share many examples of how the club has made a difference in Lillian.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice.

In early December, the lodge had a pipe burst and the building suffered water damage. Although the building

is now useable for meetings, the kitchen area will remain idle until repairs and improvements have been completed. LCC allowed the lodge to hold its annual Christmas party at the club and offered its meeting space through this time.

The beginnings of the Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 can be traced back to planning meetings held at the LCC. The facility also hosted some of the early lodge meetings prior to the current building being erected in 1985-86. The list of involvement by the LCC is extensive.

For more information, please contact Jeff Keener at 251-210-9081 or 859-991-4619 or email [jeffreyakeener@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyakeener@gmail.com).

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Now that most churches have resumed normal services, we would like to print information as space permits. Local churches can submit their information by emailing it to us at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) or dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay library.

## CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in February go out to Jennifer Canaday, Trisha Gingras, Joyce Sheldon, Doris Green, Ed Dowd, Bob Taylor, Nicole Fehn, Evelyn Duckworth, Tom Ryborski, Ken Robinson, Lois Mitchell, John Flynn, Melodye Barnhart, MJ Rooks, James Covert, Barbara Jennings, Jim Baxter, Char Kuhr and Lindsay Sherwin.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in February are Ken and Diane Robinson, Marvin and Judy Cain (1968) and Sam and Josephine Roberts (1975).

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email to us at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com), mail it to *The Lillian*, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549 or place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the March issue of *The Lillian* is Feb. 16.

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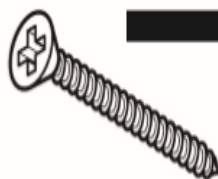
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## Choosing To Be Yoked with Christ

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

What kind of yoke are you wearing? You may not get up in the morning and put on a wooden harness like oxen wear but we are daily yoking ourselves in some way or the other to something. And that can be good or bad, it can be helpful or hurtful, it can be a delight or destroy us completely. For many, our yokes become more burdens than blessings. That yoke that once seemed like a life giver now feels like iron chains. That yoke always contains two animals, two oxen. And one will always be stronger than the other, intentionally so. The idea is



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

to yoke a weaker ox to a strong ox who knows the field and the direction to go. And the weaker ox will follow. Through walking side by side, the weaker will learn the ways of the stronger until he too becomes like his harness mate and go that direction.

Who or what we are willing to yoke ourselves to is the direction we will go and the identity we will become. The world is filled with yokes that are deceptively pretty but can pull our lives in directions away from Jesus. But we all choose our yokes. Even if we believe ourselves to be leaders, we still all follow someone or something - power, money, career, marriage, prestige, position or a life filled with Jesus.

The yoke you choose will in some

way or another define your direction in life, and will affect the well-being of your mind, body, heart and soul. Your private life, your public life, your spending habits, your relationships, your addictions.... your yoke becomes your identity. And the yoke you choose will either strengthen or weaken your authentic self. Some yokes have stronger pulls than others. Some pull you in a direction you may not want to go. Others may guide you into good or not so good directions - and their resulting consequences.

Jesus offers us a yoke that will lead us in paths of righteousness on a road to peace. But it starts with repentance. Repentance is not just something you do when you've done something wrong. Repentance is burning the yoke you are bearing, sacrificing your life and livelihood to God, putting on the yoke of discipleship and following God instead.

Throughout the scriptures, we read that Jesus has come to set us free

from the burdens we are carrying from the yokes we are bearing, from the slavery to sin and death we have ascribed to.

Jesus' way is the yoke He offers - a way of life in which we follow Him and He leads us into green pastures and by still waters, a way of life filled with adventure but also the promises of peace, love and eternal life. Jesus offers us the yoke of discipleship with Him and the cloak of righteousness that will usher us into the kingdom of heaven.

In the Jewish rabbinic tradition, the rabbi's 'yoke' is the way of learning that transforms the student into a teacher, disciple into friend. It is the ultimate gift - the offer to walk side by side through life with your mentor and teacher, learning as you go. We are all learners. We are all followers. We all choose yokes. Which will you choose? The yoke that destroys? Or the yoke that saves?

The yoke that saves has a name: that name is Jesus.



### First Baptist Church

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12

#### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

##### **Adult Men & Women 18 years & up:**

Monday 6pm: Dinner and Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday 5:30pm: Dinner All Ages

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##### **Children Grades K-5:**

##### **Youth Grades 6-12:**

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#### Sunday Worship Opportunities

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Children's Director: Debbie Sweppenhiser

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## BALDWIN COUNTY BLOTTER

■ Baldwin County officers responded to a report of assault at 10:12 a.m. Jan. 16 in the 13000 block of Seventh Street, Lillian.

■ Assault was also reported at 8:17 p.m. Jan. 20 in the 32000 block of West Carrier Drive, Lillian.

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## OBITUARIES

## Virginia Doughery

Virginia A. Doughery, 69, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 9, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Joann Allen; a brother, Harry Allen; and her husband, James Earl Doughery.

She is survived by her children, Joanna (Howard) Larinan of Lillian, James C. Miller of Fort Collins, Colo., and John P. Miller of Lillian; grandchildren, Logan, Christian and Ethan; and many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, is in charge of arrangements.

## Shirley Hultin

Shirley Hultin, of Lillian, passed away Dec. 14, 2021.

She was an Avon lady for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Carl Hultin; daughters, Karen Sharp of Alabama, Diana Shanon of Florida, Kathy Bardis of New York and Char Green of Maryland; and stepchildren, Laura Ann of Texas, Carl Hultin III of Virginia, David Hultin of Texas, John Hultin of Texas and Diane of Idaho. She was preceded in death by two sons, Mark Beuchert and Donald Beuchert; and a daughter, Dona Minkie.

A celebration of life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Lillian on Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

## Tracy Len Brown

Tracy Len Brown, 62, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 21, 2022. He was a 17-year survivor of a heart transplant.

Surviving are his wife, Waynette Marie Brown; children, Scott Wayt of Sapulpa, Okla., Amber (Leon) Cilliers of Sapulpa, Brandy (Travis) Wingo of Edmund, Okla., Justin (Miranda) Brown of Ada, Okla., Ryan (Brittini) Brown of Norfolk, Va., and Tyler (Natasha) Haggard of Sapulpa; 16 grandchildren; a sister, Sheila (John) Biles of Aberdeen, Md.; and many other relatives and friends.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.



Brown

## Jim Lindt

Jim Lindt, 88, of Lillian, passed away Dec. 24, 2021 at his home surrounded by his wife and family.

He was a family man, wonderful husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and dedicated Mason and Shriner. He was part of the Hadji Shrine Temple, Pensacola Scottish Rite, Myrtle Grove Masonic Lodge #352 and the Wesco Senior Center. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Belle; father, Jacob L. Lindt; sister, Mary June Bertrand; son, Thomas Lindt; and stepson, Lewis Ward. Survivors include his wife, Lois A. Lindt; daughter, Linda June Middleton; son, Ted Lindt; daughter, Shelly (Rochelle) Duke; stepson, Walter Goff; stepdaughter, Kimberly Parker; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services were held Dec. 29 at Faith Chapel Funeral Home South, Pensacola, with Rev. Nick Dewhurst officiating. Interment was at Barrancas National Cemetery.

## Marilyn Risher

Marilyn M. Risher passed away Jan. 12, 2022.

Marilyn was a true southern lady who loved her family, her country and Jesus. She and Ronnie were married for 59 years. She had a servant's heart and used her many talents to serve others and the Lord. Marilyn was a gifted singer and loved to sing southern gospel. Her favorite song was "It is Well With My Soul." Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Olivia Magness; and brother, Donnie Magness. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie; daughters, Robyn and Regina; sisters Priscilla and Linda; and grandkids, Jeffery Pettigrew, Julie Pettigrew, Thomas Moore, Lillian Harkin and Samuel Moore.

Services were held at Pensacola Memorial Gardens on Jan. 20. Pallbearers were Thomas Moore, Danny Taylor, Randall Taylor, Michael Ingram, Samuel Moore and James Harkin.

## Wilda Alliene Meldrum

Wilda Alliene (Lewman) Meldrum, 86, passed away at home on Oct. 19, 2020.

Services will be held Feb. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Barrancas National Cemetery at Committal Shelter B. Given security procedures on the military base, contact her son, Douglas Meldrum, at 763.568.8120 or douglas.Integrity@gmail.com for instructions.



Lindt

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*Optimist Club of Perdido Bay President Daniel Randall welcomed two new members, Garnet Eubanks, left, and Melissa Harris. The club meets at 8 a.m. in the Lillian Community Club on the second and fourth Saturdays for breakfast, fellowship and an informative program. Guests are always welcome.*

## Arrest Made in Area Golf Cart Thefts

Adam Matthew Ross, 33, of Pensacola, was arrested Jan. 15 by Baldwin County authorities for felony first degree theft of property.

He is facing three charges of theft in connection with golf carts thefts in Lillian last October.



Ross

Homeowner surveillance footage showed the suspect and additional traffic cameras showed golf carts on a trailer as they were being hauled away.

Authorities also indicated other tips they received helped to identify the suspect.

According to the Baldwin County arrest web site, Ross was released on \$7,500 bond the evening of Jan.15.

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